

Ch(2): Markov chain.

① Definition:

Ω = Sample space.

$X: \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ random variable.

I : time interval

S : state space, $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

* $X: \Omega \times I \longrightarrow S$ is called a stochastic process.
 $(\omega, t) \longrightarrow X_t(\omega)$

* $I = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

the stochastic process X is called discrete time stochastic process.

we denote $X = (X_n)_{n=0,1,2,\dots}$

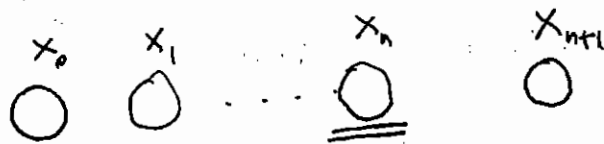
* The state space of X is countable.

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

* A discrete time stochastic process X is called a Markov chain if:

$$P(X_{n+1} = i \mid X_0 = i_0, X_1 = i_1, \dots, X_n = i_n) = P(X_{n+1} = i \mid X_n = i_n)$$

for $i, i_0, \dots, i_n \in S$.



$$P_{ij} = P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i)$$

$P = (P_{ij})_{i,j=0,1,\dots}$ is called a one step transition matrix.

Example: $x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if it rains in day } n. \\ 1 & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{00} & p_{01} \\ p_{10} & p_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

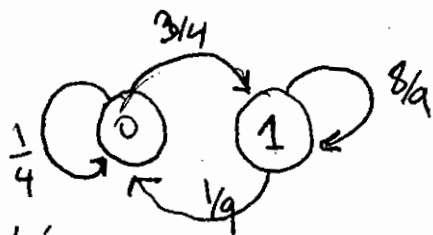
$$p_{00} = P(X_{n+1} = 0 \mid X_n = 0) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$p_{10} = P(X_{n+1} = 0 \mid X_n = 1) = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$p_{01} = P(X_{n+1} = 1 \mid X_n = 0) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$p_{11} = P(X_{n+1} = 1 \mid X_n = 1) = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 3/4 \\ 1/9 & 8/9 \end{pmatrix}$$



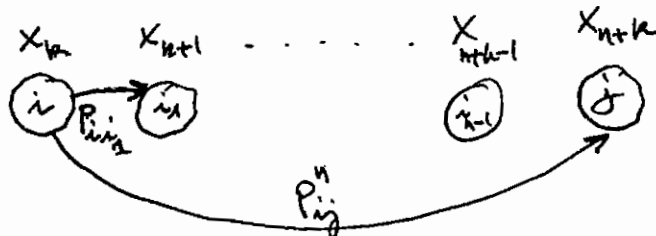
② Properties:

②.1 The one step transition matrix P is a stochastic matrix:

$$\forall i: \sum_{j \in S} p_{ij} = 1.$$

②.2 n -step transition matrix:

$$P_{ij}^n = P(X_{n+k} = j \mid X_k = i)$$



Example: $X^n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if it rains on day } n. \\ 1 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$

$$P_{01}^2 = P(X_{k+2}=1 \mid X_k=0)$$



$P^{(n)} = (P_{ij}^{(n)})$ is called the n -step transition matrix.

Chapman-Kolmogorov equation:

$$P^{(n+m)} = P^{(n)} \cdot P^{(m)}$$

~~Proof~~ Proof:

$$P_{ij}^{(n+m)} = P(X_{n+m}=j \mid X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_{n+m}=j; X_n=k \mid X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \underbrace{P(X_{n+m}=j \mid X_n=k; X_0=i)}_{P_{kj}^{(m)}} \cdot P(X_n=k \mid X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_{n+m}=j \mid X_n=k) P(X_n=k \mid X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_{kj}^{(m)} P_{ik}^{(n)} = (P^{(n)} \cdot P^{(m)})_{ij}$$

Example: $X_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{--- rains} \\ 0 & \text{if not.} \end{cases}$

$$P^{(1)} = P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 3/4 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$* P(X_{n+2} = 0 \mid X_n = 1) = ? = P_{10}^2$$

we need to compute the 2-step transition matrix $P^{(2)}$.

$$P^{(2)} = P^{(1+1)} = P^{(1)} \cdot P^{(1)} = P \cdot P = P^2$$

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 3/4 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 3/4 \\ 1/6 & 5/6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3/16 & 13/16 \\ 13/72 & 59/72 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{10}^2 = \frac{13}{72}$$

$$P_{01}^2 = \frac{13}{16} = P(X_{n+2} = 1 \mid X_n = 0)$$

Example: let a Markov chain $(X_n)_{n=0,1,\dots}$ with transition matrix: $S = \{0,1\}$.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Compute: $P(X_4=1 | X_3=0) = ?$

$P(X_4=0 | X_2=1) = ?$

* $P(X_4=1 | X_3=0) = P_{01} = 0.8$.

* $P(X_4=0 | X_2=1) = P_{10}^2$.

$$P^{(2)} = P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.36 & 0.64 \\ 0.32 & 0.68 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(X_4=0 | X_2=1) = 0.32$$

(2.3) Mass function of X_n :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_n=i) &= \sum_{j \in S} P(X_n=i, X_k=j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in S} \underbrace{P(X_n=i | X_k=j)}_{P_{ji}^{n-k}} P(X_k=j) \\ &= \sum_{j \in S} P_{ji}^{n-k} P(X_k=j) \end{aligned}$$

We denote $\mu = f_{X_0}$, the mass function of X_0 .

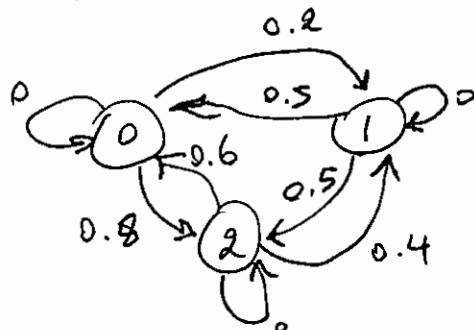
$$P(X_n=i) = \sum_j P_{ji}^n \mu(j) = (\mu \cdot P^{(n)})(i).$$

Ex: let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$. Compute $P(X_2=1), E(X_2)$.
and $\mu = (0.7, 0.3)$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_2=1) &= (\mu \cdot P^{(2)})(1) ; \mu \cdot P^{(2)} = (0.7 \ 0.3) \begin{pmatrix} 0.36 & 0.64 \\ 0.32 & 0.68 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 0.652. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_2=0) &= 0.348. \\ E(X_2) &= (1) \cdot 0.652 + (0) \cdot 0.348 = 0.652 \end{aligned}$$

Example: let the Markov chain X_n :



let $\mu = (0.1, 0.1, 0.8)$.

Compute: $E(X_1)$, $P(X_2 = i)$, $i=0,1,2$, $E(X_2)$,
 $P(X_1 \geq X_0)$, $P(X_2 < X_1)$.

$$P^{(1)} = P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$* \quad E(X_1) = (0)f_{X_1}(0) + (1)f_{X_1}(1) + (2)f_{X_1}(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_1} &= \mu P = (0.1 \ 0.1 \ 0.8) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (0.53 \ 0.34 \ 0.13). \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X_1) = (0)0.53 + (1)0.34 + (2)0.13 = 0.6.$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \quad f_{X_2} &= \mu \cdot P^{(2)} = f_{X_1} \cdot P = (0.53 \ 0.34 \ 0.13) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (0.248 \ 0.158 \ 0.594). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_2) &= (0)0.248 + (1)0.158 + (2)0.594 \\ &= 1.346. \end{aligned}$$

$$* P(X_1 \geq X_0) = ?$$

$$\cancel{f_{X_1, X_0}(i, j)} \quad f_{X_1|X_0=i}(j) = \frac{f_{X_0, X_1}(i, j)}{f_{X_0}(i)}$$

$$f_{X_0, X_1}(i, j) = f_{X_1|X_0=i}(j) \cdot f_{X_0}(i)$$

$$= p_{ij} \mu(i)$$

$$P(X_1 \geq X_0) = \sum_{i=0}^2 P(X_1 \geq X_0 | X_0=i) P(X_0=i)$$

X_1, Y 2 discrete r.v.s.

$$\frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$f_{X|Y=y}(x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i \in S} P(A|X=i) P(X=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^2 P(X_1 \geq i | X_0=i) P(X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=i}^2 P(X_1=j | X_0=i) P(X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=i}^2 p_{ij} \mu(i)$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^2 p_{0j} \mu(0) + \sum_{j=1}^2 p_{1j} \mu(1) + \sum_{j=2}^2 p_{2j} \mu(2)$$

$$= (p_{00} + p_{01} + p_{02}) \mu(0) + (p_{11} + p_{12}) \mu(1) + p_{22} \mu(2)$$

$$= (1)(0.1) + (0.5)(0.1) + (0)(0.8)$$

$$= 0.15$$

$$* P(X_2 < X_1) = 1 - P(X_2 \geq X_1)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=i}^2 p_{ij} f_{X_1}(i)$$

$$P(X_2 < X_0) = ? = 1 - \sum_{i=0}^2 \sum_{j=i}^2 p_{ij} \mu(i)$$

Exercise:

let the Markov chain $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ with transition matrix: $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.9 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$

and $\mu = f_{X_0} = (0.5; 0.5)$.

$$0.5 = P(X_0=0); \quad 0.5 = P(X_0=1).$$

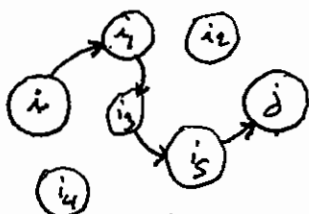
Compute f_{X_2} and $E(X_2)$?

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_2} &= \mu \cdot P^2 = (\mu \cdot P) \cdot P \\ &= (0.25 \quad 0.75) \cdot P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.325 & 0.675 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X_2) = (0)0.325 + (1)0.675 = 0.675$$

2.4 Classification of states:

* we say that state j is accessible from state i if $P_{ij}^n > 0$ for some $n \geq 0$.



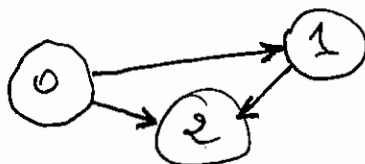
we write $i \rightarrow j$.

* we say that state i communicate with state j if $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow i$.

we write $i \leftrightarrow j$.

Example: $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{10} &= 0.5, \quad 1 \rightarrow 0 \\ P_{21} &= 0.6, \quad 2 \rightarrow 1 \\ P_{20} &= 0, \\ 2 &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} P_{01} &= 0.5 > 0, \quad 0 \rightarrow 1 \\ P_{02} &= 0 \\ P_{12} &= 0.25 > 0, \quad 1 \rightarrow 2 \\ 0 &\rightarrow 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leftrightarrow 1, \quad 1 \leftrightarrow 2, \quad 0 \leftrightarrow 2$$

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$$p_{01} > 0, p_{12} > 0 \Rightarrow \underline{p_{02}^2 > 0}$$

* Equivalence relation:

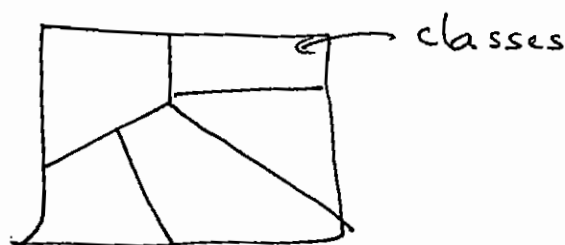
A set : $x, y \in A$,

$x \sim y$ is an equivalence relation if:

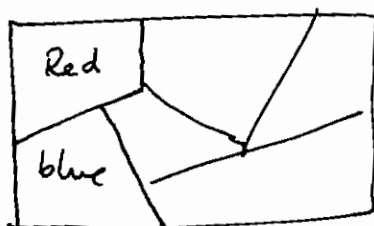
* $x \sim x$. (reflexive property).

* $x \sim y, y \sim z$, then $x \sim z$
(transitive property).

* \longleftrightarrow is an equivalence relation.



Ex: let A the set of colored items.
 $x \sim y$ if x and y have the same color.



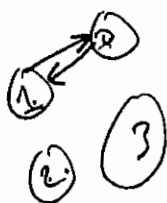
let the states $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$\{0, 1, 2\}; \{3, 4\}, \{5, 7, 9\}, \{\dots\}$.

$1 \not\leftrightarrow 4, 4 \not\leftrightarrow 5$.

* Example: let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Find the classes of this Markov chain?



$p_{01} > 0; 0 \rightarrow 1$

$0 \leftrightarrow 1$

$p_{10} > 0, 1 \rightarrow 0$

$1 \not\leftrightarrow 2$

$p_{02} = 0, 0 \not\leftrightarrow 2$

$2 \rightarrow 3$

$p_{12} = 0, 1 \not\leftrightarrow 2$

$3 \rightarrow 3$

$p_{03} = 0, 0 \not\leftrightarrow 3$

$p_{13} = 0, 1 \not\leftrightarrow 3$

classes are: $\{0, 1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

* state i is absorbing if $P_{ii} = 1$.

* state i is called recurrent if:

$$f_i := P(\text{Markov chain will ever enter } i | X_0 = i) = 1$$

* state i is called transient if:

$$f_i < 1.$$

Theorem:

state i is recurrent if $\sum_n P_{ii}^n = \infty$,

state i is transient if $\sum_n P_{ii}^n < \infty$.

Example: let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Determine the recurrent and transient states.

state ① is absorbing; ① is recurrent.

$$0 \longrightarrow 1$$

$$\sum_n P_{00}^n = ? \quad P^n = ?$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & & 0 \\ & a_2 & \\ 0 & \ddots & a_k \end{pmatrix}, \quad P^n = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^n & & 0 \\ & a_2^n & \\ 0 & \ddots & a_k^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$\varphi(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda + 1)^2 (\lambda + 2)^2$
 $1, -1, -2$
 $\psi(\lambda) = (\lambda - 1)^2 (\lambda + 1)^2$
 $1, -1$

$P = \begin{pmatrix} \text{grid} \end{pmatrix}$ eigenvalues are simple (order 1).
 $P = M D M^{-1}, \quad P^n = M D^n M^{-1}$

$$P^n = \begin{pmatrix} (0.2)^n & 1 - (0.2)^n \\ 0 & 1^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{00}^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (0.2)^n = \frac{1}{1-0.2} = \frac{1}{0.8} < \infty$$

state 0 is transient.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P^2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (0.2)^2 & 1 - (0.2)^2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 P^3 &= \dots, P^4 = \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

(2.5) limiting Probabilities:

$$(X_n)_{n=0,1,\dots}$$

Under which conditions, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^n$ exists.

Theorem: * For an irreducible (one class) ergodic (recurrent) Markov chain (X_n) ;
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^n$ exists and independent of i .

$$\pi_j = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^n$$

* $\pi = (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_n)$ is the solution of:
 $\pi = \pi \cdot P, \quad \sum_j \pi_j = 1$.

* π_j is the long-run proportion of the Markov chain at state i .

Example: let $P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.4 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$.

$$\pi = ? = (\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2)$$

$$\pi = \pi \cdot P \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 0.5\pi_0 + 0.3\pi_1 + 0.2\pi_2 = \pi_0 \\ 0.4\pi_0 + 0.4\pi_1 + 0.3\pi_2 = \pi_1 \\ 0.1\pi_0 + 0.3\pi_1 + 0.5\pi_2 = \pi_2 \\ \pi_0 + \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(\Rightarrow) \begin{cases} -0.5\pi_0 + 0.3\pi_1 + 0.2\pi_2 = 0 \\ 0.4\pi_0 - 0.6\pi_1 + 0.3\pi_2 = 0 \\ 0.1\pi_0 + 0.3\pi_1 - 0.5\pi_2 = 0 \\ \pi_0 + \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$\pi_0 = \frac{21}{62}, \quad \pi_1 = \frac{23}{62}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{18}{62}$$

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Mid: Joint random variables
 \longrightarrow limiting prob.