

Lecture 3

Chapter 3 and Review

- ① Homework Problems from Chapter 3 #2, 3, 5, 6, 7
- ② Additional Notes on Probability of Absorption for RW on $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, N\}$ and Mean Time until Absorption
- ③ Review Topics for EXAM I.
- Review Lectures and Homework Problems.

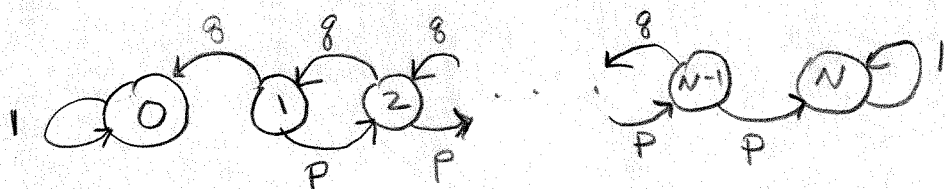
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Biomathematics II

EXAM #1, Thursday, February 19, Chapters 1, 2, 3 upto 3.5 skip
Homework Problems, February 17, Chapter 3 #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 3.4, 3

Chapter 3 Biological Applications of DTMC

Gambler's Ruin Problem or Random Walk model
on $\{0, 1, \dots, N\}$, $p+q=1$, $p>0, q>0$



$\{0\}$, $\{N\}$, $\{1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$

positive
recurrent
aperiodic

transient
period = 2

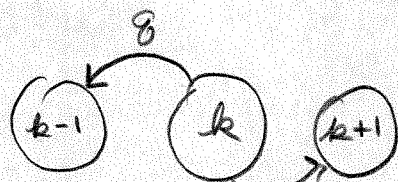
We used the theory of difference equations with constant coefficients to calculate the probability of absorption into states 0 or N

a_k = prob. absorption into state 0
beginning at state k , $k=1, \dots, N-1$

b_k = prob. absorption into state N
beginning at state k , $k=1, \dots, N-1$

\bar{t}_k = expected time until absorption into states 0 or N beginning at state k
 $k=1, \dots, N-1$.

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$$a_k = p a_{k+1} + g a_{k-1}, \quad a_0 = 1, a_N = 0$$

$$b_k = p b_{k+1} + g b_{k-1}, \quad b_0 = 0, b_N = 1$$

$$\tau_k = p(1 + \tau_{k+1}) + g(1 + \tau_{k-1}), \quad \tau_0 = 0, \tau_N = 1$$

"Backward" equations Boundary conditions

(1) $p a_{k+1} - a_k + g a_{k-1} = 0, \quad a_0 = 1, a_N = 0$

(2) $p b_{k+1} - b_k + g a_{k-1} = 0, \quad b_0 = 0, b_N = 1$

(3) $p \tau_{k+1} - \tau_k + g \tau_{k-1} = -1, \quad \tau_0 = 0, \tau_N = 1$

These second-order difference equations can be solved by writing the characteristic equation for the homogeneous equation, for (1), (2), (3):

$$p \lambda^2 - \lambda + g = 0 \quad (\text{assume } \lambda^k \text{ is a solution})$$

$$(p \lambda - g)(\lambda - 1) = 0$$

Homog sol: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 (1)^k + c_2 \left(\frac{g}{p}\right)^k \quad g \neq p \\ c_1 + c_2 k \quad g = p \end{array} \right\}$

Particular solution to nonhomog. in (3)

p. 115 $\longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c k \quad g \neq p \\ c k^2 \quad g = p \end{array} \right\}$ Find C by substituting into the eq in (3)

③ Summary of Solutions

$$a_k = \begin{cases} \frac{\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^k}{\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N - 1}, & p \neq q \\ 1 - \frac{k}{N}, & p = q = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

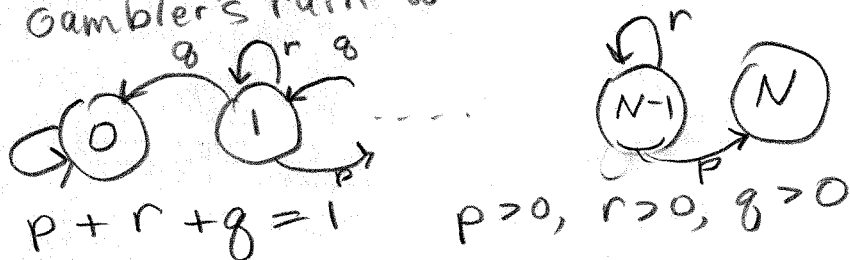
$$b_k = \begin{cases} \frac{\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^k - 1}{\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N - 1}, & p \neq q \\ \frac{k}{N}, & p = q = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$a_k + b_k = 1$$

$$T_k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q-p} \left[k - N \left(\frac{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^k}{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N} \right) \right], & p \neq q \\ k(N-k), & p = q = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Homework Problems

⑥ Repeat this same procedure for gambler's ruin with "ties".



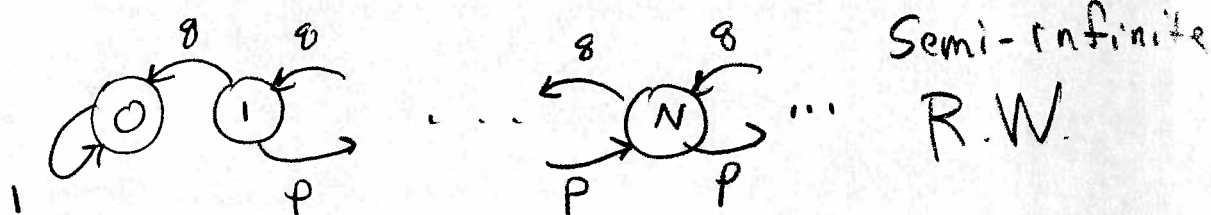
4 Hint:

$$a_k = p a_{k+1} + r a_k + q a_{k-1}, \quad a_0 = 1, a_N = 0$$

$$\tau_k = p(1 + \tau_{k+1}) + r(1 + \tau_k) + q(1 + \tau_{k-1})$$

$$\tau_0 = 0, \tau_N = 0$$

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$$N \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(3.4), (3.5), (3.8), (3.9)$$

Use the formulas in the text for a_k , b_k and τ_k and let $N \rightarrow \infty$ to get the formulas for the semi-infinite random walk.

(We talked about this case in class.)

Homework Problems #2, 3, 4, 5 are related to the molecular evolution problem, Example 2.1, p. 49.

#2 N virus strains

$\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ is one comm. class.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & \frac{a}{N-1} & \dots & \frac{a}{N-1} \\ \frac{a}{N-1} & 1-a & \dots & \frac{a}{N-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{a}{N-1} & \frac{a}{N-1} & \dots & 1-a \end{pmatrix}$$

a = probability of a mutation to some virus strain
symmetric matrix

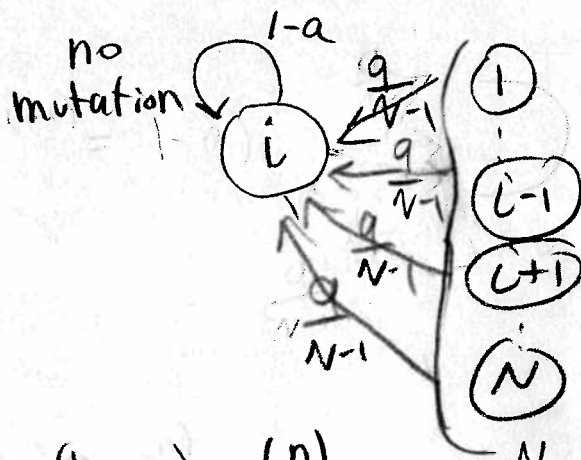
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Note: P^2 is symmetric and $P_{ii}^{(2)}$ have the same value for all i and $P_{ij}^{(2)}$ have the same value for all $i \neq j$, i.e.,

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{(2)} & P_{12}^{(2)} & \dots & P_{1N}^{(2)} \\ P_{12}^{(2)} & P_{11}^{(2)} & \dots & P_{12}^{(2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_{12}^{(2)} & P_{12}^{(2)} & \dots & P_{11}^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$$

In general $P^n = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{(n)} & P_{12}^{(n)} & \dots & P_{1N}^{(n)} \\ P_{12}^{(n)} & P_{11}^{(n)} & \dots & P_{12}^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_{12}^{(n)} & P_{12}^{(n)} & \dots & P_{11}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$

There is only two elements to compute in P^n , namely $P_{11}^{(n)}$ and $P_{12}^{(n)}$.



$$P_{ii}^{(n+1)} = (1-a)P_{ii}^{(n)} + \frac{a}{N-1} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N P_{ij}^{(n)}$$

$$P_{11}^{(n+1)} = (1-a)P_{11}^{(n)} + aP_{12}^{(n)}$$

See hints in Appendix

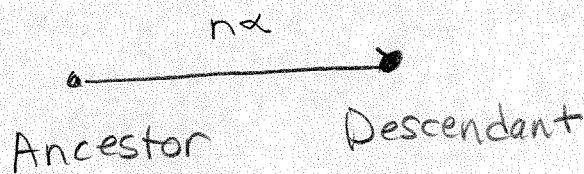
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#3

Special case of #2 with $N=3$
Example 2.1 - Molecular evolution
Jukes-Cantor Model

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Use #3 to compute the # generations for a particular mutation sequence to appear



$\alpha = 3a =$ mutation rate = probability of a base (ATGC) substitution per site per generation

$q =$ probability a base substitution has occurred in n generations

$$q = 1 - P_{ii}^{(n)}$$

10	G	T	A	A	T	G	G	C	C	Ancestor	
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓		
10	G	T	T	T	A	T	G	G	C	C	Descendant

$$\frac{2}{10} = 0.2 = q$$

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Another molecular evolution model

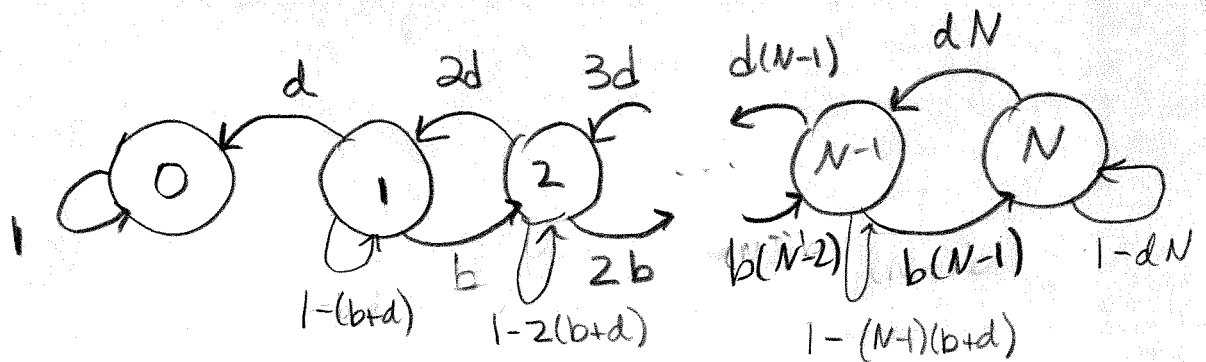
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} & A & G & C & T \\ P_{11} & a & b & b \\ a & P_{22} & b & b \\ b & b & P_{33} & a \\ b & b & a & P_{44} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 0 < a < \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \leq b < \frac{1}{3} \end{matrix}$$

Base substitution rates are not equally likely.

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Simple Birth and Death Process

This is a generalization of the Gambler's Ruin Problem, where the transition probabilities between states depend on the particular state!



{0} - absorbing state

{1, 2, ..., N} - transient states

The method from RW model with constant coeff do NOT work transitions are not the same!!

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$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & N \\ 1 & d & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1-(b+d) & 2d & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1-2(b+d) & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2b & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & dN \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1-dN \end{pmatrix}$$

For example,

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1-(b+d) & 2d & 0 \\ 0 & b & 1-2(b+d) & 3d \\ 0 & 0 & 2b & 1-3d \end{pmatrix}$$

Assume $(N-1)(b+d) \leq 1$ and $Nd \leq 1 \Rightarrow$ to ensure P is a stochastic matrix. This assumption puts a restriction on b and d . The generation time $n \rightarrow n+1$ is short so that the probability of a birth or a death is small.

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#16 The simple birth and death process from #12 is considered. Let $p_i(n) = \text{Prob}\{X(n)=i\}$. $\{X(n)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is the stochastic process for the size $X(n)$ of the population at generation.

$$p(n) = \begin{pmatrix} p_0(n) \\ p_1(n) \\ \vdots \\ p_N(n) \end{pmatrix}. \text{ We use the transition}$$

matrix P to compute $p(n+1)$: $Pp(n) = p(n+1)$

We move "forward" in time $n \rightarrow n+1$

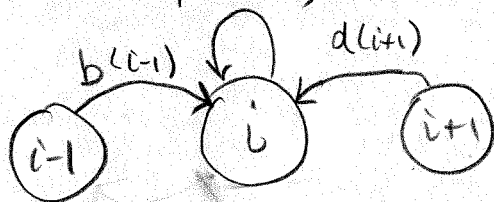
$$p_i(n+1) = p_{i-1}(n) \cdot b(i-1) + p_i(n) (1 - i(b+d)) + p_{i+1}(n) \cdot d(i+1), \quad i=1, \dots, N-1$$

This is distinct from the first step analysis, where we are considering the

end! Note when $i=0$, $p_0(n)=1$,

$$i=1, \quad p_1(n+1) = p_1(n) (1 - b - d) + p_2(n) d$$

$$i=N, \quad p_N(n+1) = p_{N-1}(n) b(N-1) + p_N(n) d$$



The mean population size at generation n is $\mu(n)$. How do you define it?

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$$u(n) = \sum_{i=0}^N i p_i(n)$$

$$p_i(n+1) = p_{i-1}(n)b(i-1) + p_i(n)(1-i(b+d)) + p_{i+1}(n)d(i+1)$$

$$i p_i(n+1) = p_{i-1}(n) b i(i-1) + p_i(n) i(1-i(b+d)) + p_{i+1}(n) d i(i+1)$$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^N i p_i(n+1)}_{u(n+1)} = \sum_{i=2}^N p_{i-1}(n) b(i-1)i + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} p_i(n) (i(1-i(b+d))) + p_N(n) N(1-dN) + \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} p_{i+1}(n) d i(i+1)$$

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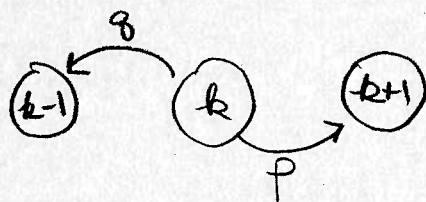
$$u(n+1) = (1+b-d)u(n) - bNp_N(n)$$

We will add # 12, #16 to the next homework assignment after the exam!!!

Additional Notes

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First-Step analysis's:



$$(*) \quad a_k = p a_{k+1} + q a_{k-1}, \quad a_0 = 1, \quad a_N = 0$$

$$(**) \quad b_k = p b_{k+1} + q b_{k-1}, \quad b_0 = 0, \quad b_N = 1$$

We solved the boundary value problem for a_k .
The boundary value problem for b_k is similar. But it is unnecessary to solve for b_k since $a_k + b_k = 1$ - probability of absorption, hitting 0 or N , is one (beginning from any state k).

Equations (*) and (**) are called "backward equations" rather than "forward equations" because equations (*) and (**) are derived from what happens at the end of the games.

We can write equations (*) and (**) as matrix equations:

$$(\psi) \quad q a_{k-1} - a_k + p a_{k+1} = 0.$$
$$\vec{a} D = \vec{c}, \quad \vec{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N)$$
$$\vec{c} = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

(2) Matrix D is given on p. 113, equation (3.6)

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & g & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & g & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & -1 & g & \dots & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & p & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A & 0 \\ 0 & T-I & 0 \\ 0 & B & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$D\vec{a} = \vec{c}$, matrix D is invertible! Why?
 (See Definition 2.20 p. 75) $\Rightarrow \det(D) = \det(T-I)$
 $T-I$ is irreducibly diagonally dominant.
 (See Definition 2.20 p. 75) $T-I$ is irreducible
 and $M = T-I$

$$|m_{ii}| \geq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{N-1} |m_{ij}|, \quad i=1, \dots, N-1$$

with strict inequality for one i .
 Matrix $T-I$ is referred to as
irreducibly diagonally dominant.

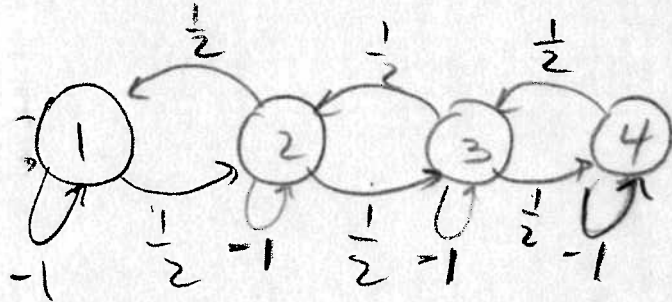
Examples! $M = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ is irreducibly diagonally dominant

Row 1: $|-1| > |\frac{1}{2}| + |-\frac{1}{3}|$
 Row 2: $|-1| = |1|$
 Row 3: $|-2| = |2|$

strict inequality for row 1 !!

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Example: $T-I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{pmatrix}$



$T-I$ is irreducible

Row 1: $| -1 | > | \frac{1}{2} |$

Row 2: $| -1 | = | \frac{1}{2} | + | \frac{1}{2} |$ strict inequality

Row 3: $| -1 | = | \frac{1}{2} | + | \frac{1}{2} |$ for 2 rows

Row 4: $| -1 | > | \frac{1}{2} |$

Therefore, $T-I$ irreducibly diagonally dominant means $T-I$ is invertible (Ortega, 1987).
 means $\det(T-I) \neq 0$ means D is invertible

$$D^{-1} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} I & -A(T-I)^{-1} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & (T-I)^{-1} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & -B(T-I)^{-1} & I \end{array} \right)$$

Recall the fundamental matrix $F = (I-T)^{-1}$
 so $-A(T-I)^{-1} = AF$ and $-B(T-I)^{-1} = BF$.

(14) The probability of absorption into state 0 (ruin) is the solution of $\vec{a}D = \vec{c}$ or $\vec{a} = \vec{c}D^{-1}$

$$(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}, a_N) = (1, 0, \dots, 0, 0) \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} 1 & AF & 0 \\ \hline 0 & (I-D)^{-1} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & BF & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$a_0 = 1, a_N = 0$$

$$(a_1, \dots, a_{N-1}) = AF$$

The probability of absorption into state N (win) is the solution of $\vec{b}D = \vec{c}$, where $\vec{c} = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$

$$(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{N-1}, b_N) = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) \left(\begin{array}{c|c|c} 1 & AF & 0 \\ \hline 0 & (I-D)^{-1} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & BF & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$b_0 = 0$$

$$b_N = 1$$

$$(b_1, \dots, b_{N-1}) = BF$$

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Alternately the "forward equations" can be used to find the probability of absorption

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & N \\ 1 & q & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & p & 0 & q & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & p & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Reorder states to put 0 and N first

$$\tilde{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & N & 1 & 2 & \dots & N-1 \\ \hline I & A & B \\ \hline 0 & T \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = (q, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$B = (0, 0, \dots, p)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{P}^n = \begin{pmatrix} I & A(I-T)^{-1} \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & AF \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

probability of absorption into state 0 from 1, 2, ..., N-1 is AF.

probability of absorption into state N from 1, 2, ..., N-1 is BF.

Review for Exam #1

Chapter 1: Discrete vs Continuous random variables X -random variable

Examples of Discrete prob. distributions: { Uniform, Geometric, Binomial, Negative Binomial, Poisson }

Examples of Continuous prob. distributions: { Uniform, Gamma, Exponential, Normal }

Expectation $E(X) = \mu_X = \text{mean}$
 $E(u(X))$
 $E((X - \mu_X)^2) = \sigma_X^2 = \text{variance}$

Probability Generating Function

$$P_X(t) = E(t^X) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j t^j$$

X -discrete state $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ space

Moment Generating Function

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j e^{tj}$$

X discrete state $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ space

Prob $\{X=j\} = p_j, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
 $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j = 1$

Discrete Distributions

Discrete Uniform: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & x = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$\mu = \frac{1+n}{2}, \sigma^2 = \frac{n^2-1}{12}, M(t) = \frac{e^{(n+1)t} - e^t}{n(e^t - 1)}, t \neq 0.$$

Geometric: $f(x) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^x, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ where $0 < p < 1$.

$$\mu = \frac{1-p}{p}, \sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}, M(t) = \frac{p}{1 - (1-p)e^t}.$$

Binomial $b(n, p)$: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ where n is a positive integer and $0 <$

$p < 1$. The notation $\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$. $\mu = np, \sigma^2 = np(1-p), M(t) = (1-p + pe^t)^n$.

Negative Binomial: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \binom{x+n-1}{n-1} p^n (1-p)^x, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ where n is a positive integer and

$0 < p < 1$. $\mu = \frac{n(1-p)}{p}, \sigma^2 = \frac{n(1-p)}{p^2}, M(t) = \frac{p^n}{[1 - (1-p)e^t]^n}$.

Poisson, $Po(\lambda)$: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, & x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ where λ is a positive constant.

$$\mu = \lambda, \sigma^2 = \lambda, M(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}.$$

Continuous Distributions

Uniform $U(a, b)$: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & a \leq x \leq b, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ where $a < b$ are constants.

$$\mu = \frac{a+b}{2}, \sigma^2 = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}, M(t) = \frac{e^{bt} - e^{at}}{t(b-a)}, t \neq 0.$$

Gamma: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}, & x \geq 0, \\ 0, & x < 0, \end{cases}$ where α and β are positive and $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx$.

For a positive integer n , $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$. $\mu = \alpha\beta, \sigma^2 = \alpha\beta^2, M(t) = \frac{1}{(1-\beta t)^\alpha}, t < 1/\beta$.

Exponential: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0, \\ 0, & x < 0, \end{cases}$ where λ is a positive constant.

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}, M(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}, t < \lambda.$$

Normal, $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$: $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$, $-\infty < x < \infty$, where μ and σ are constants.

$$E(X) = \mu, \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2, M(t) = e^{\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2}.$$

The probability generating function (p.g.f.) is $\mathcal{P}_X(t) = E(t^X)$, moment generating function (m.g.f.) is $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$ and cumulant generating function (c.g.f.) is $K_X(t) = \ln(M_X(t))$.

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Cumulant Generating Function

$$K_X(t) = \ln(M_X(t))$$

Formulas, bottom p. 21

$$\mu_X = P'_X(1) = M'_X(0) = K'_X(0)$$

$$\sigma^2_X = \begin{cases} P''_X(1) - [P'_X(1)]^2 \\ M''_X(0) - [M'_X(0)]^2 \\ K''_X(0) \end{cases}$$

What is a Stochastic Process?

Collection of random variables defined on two sets - Sample space and time

$$\{X(t, s) \mid t \in T, s \in S\}$$

Often the sample space S is omitted

$$\{X(t)\}_{t \in T}$$

$$T = [0, \infty)$$

cont.

$$X(t)$$

cont

$$T = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

discrete

$$X(t)$$

discrete

Chapters 2, 3, 4

$$\{X(n)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$$

$X(n)$ - discrete
 $T = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ discrete

Chapters 5, 6, 7

$$\{X(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$$

$X(t)$ - discrete
 $T = [0, \infty)$ cont.

Chapters 8, 9

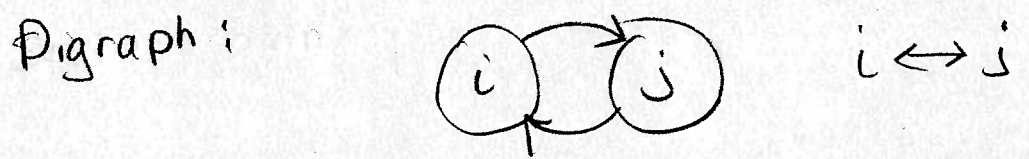
$$\{X(t)\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$$

$X(t)$ - cont
 $T = [0, \infty)$ - cont

Chapter 2 DTMC

$\{X(n)\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ State Space $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, N\}$
 $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$
 $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
 etc

Transition Matrix P is a stochastic matrix



Communicating class: \exists path $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow i$
 $\forall i, j$ in the class

Reducible vs Irreducible Chain-
Periodic vs Aperiodic Class

Recurrent vs Transient Class

Positive or Null Recurrent

A finite DTMC can either have positive recurrent or transient classes. Only infinite DTMC can have null recurrent or positive recurrent or transient classes

ergodic $\Rightarrow \exists$ stationary distribution $\Rightarrow P\pi = \pi$

Basic Limit Theorems for Recurrent Classes:

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Aperiodic} \\ \text{Periodic} \\ \text{period } d \end{array} \right.$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{\mu_{ii}}$	$\mu_{ii} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i f_{ii}^{(i)}$ mean recurrence time
	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ii}^{(nd)} = \frac{d}{\mu_{ii}}$	

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Chapter 3 Applications

Proliferating Epithelial Cells

Gambler's Ruin or RW model on $\{0, 1, \dots, N\}$

RW Model on $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Probability of Absorption: a_k, b_k
First Step Analysis

Mean Time Until Absorption: \hat{t}_k

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a_{kn} = probability of absorption into state 0 from state k at n th step.

b_{kn} = probability of absorption into state N from state k at n th step

$$A_k(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{kn} t^n, \quad A_0(t) = 1 \quad A_N(t) = 0$$

$$B_k(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{kn} t^n, \quad B_0(t) = 0 \quad B_N(t) = 1$$

$$A_k(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{kn} = a_k$$

$$B_k(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{kn} = b_k$$

$A_k(t), B_k(t)$ - closed form expressions by solving difference equations!