

Answer the following questions:

Q1: [3+6]

a) A Markov chain X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots has the transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0.6 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0.1 & 0.5 \end{vmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

If the process starts in state $X_0 = 1$, determine the probability $\Pr\{X_0 = 1, X_1 = 0, X_2 = 2\}$

b) Consider a spare parts inventory model in which either 0, 1, or 2 repair parts are demanded in any period, with $\Pr\{\xi_n = 0\} = 0.4$, $\Pr\{\xi_n = 1\} = 0.3$, $\Pr\{\xi_n = 2\} = 0.3$ and suppose $s=0$ and $S=3$. Determine the transition probability matrix for the Markov chain $\{X_n\}$, where X_n is defined to be the quantity on hand at the end of period n .

Q2: [3+6]

a) A particle moves among the states 0, 1, 2 according to a Markov process whose transition probability matrix is

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Let X_n denote the position of the particle at the n th move. Calculate $\Pr\{X_n = 0 | X_0 = 0\}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2$

b) Determine whether the transition matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.1 & 0.6 & 0.3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

represents an absorbing Markov chain or not, sketch Markov chain diagram and then find each of the following:

- i) Starting in state 1, determine the probability that the Markov chain ends in state 0.
- ii) Determine the mean time to absorption.

Q3: [7]

Let $\{X_n\}$, $n=1,2,\dots$ be a Markov chain with transition probability matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} O & D & R \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} O \\ D \\ R \end{matrix} & \begin{vmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Where X_n denote the condition of a machine of n th period with $X_n = 1$ means "operating", $X_n = 2$ means "deterioration" and $X_n = 3$ means "repairing". Find each of the following:

- a) $\Pr\{X_1 = 1\}$, knowing that the process starts in state $X_0 = 1$
- b) The limiting distribution
- c) The long run rate of repairs per unit time.

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Q1 a) $Pr \{X_0=1, X_1=0, X_2=2\}$

$= P_{10} P_{01} P_{12}$

$= P_{10} P_{01} P_{02}$

$= 1(0.3)(0.1) = 0.03$

when the process starts in state $X_0=1$ i.e. $P_{11} = P_{10} = 1$

$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.6 & 0.3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$u = Pr \{X_T=0 | X_0=1\}$

$u = P_{10} + P_{11} u$

$u = 0.1 + 0.6 u$

$\Rightarrow u = 1/4$

$\therefore u_{10} = 1/4$

prob. that M. chain ends in state 0

$V = E [T | X_0=1]$

$V = 1 + P_{11} V$

$V = 1 + 0.6 V$

$\Rightarrow V = 1/0.4$

$\therefore V = 5/2$ (MTTA) (3)

It's an absorbing Markov chain



(3)

b)

$P = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$

(6)

where $P_{ij} = \begin{cases} Pr \{Z_n = 3-j\}, & i < 0 \rightarrow \text{neg} \\ Pr \{Z_n = i-j\}, & 0 < i < 3 \rightarrow \text{pos} \end{cases}$

Q2 a) $P_{00}^0 = Pr \{X_0=0 | X_0=0\} = 1$

$P_{00}^1 = Pr \{X_1=0 | X_0=0\} = 0$

$P_{00}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$

(3) = 0.5

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Q3

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$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} O & D & R \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} O \\ D \\ R \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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 $\pi_1 \quad \pi_2 \quad \pi_3$

a) $pr\{X_3 = 1\} = pr\{X_3 = 1 | X_0 = 1\}$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) $P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.81 & 0.18 & 0.01 \\ 0.1 & 0.81 & 0.09 \\ 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$P^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.81 & 0.18 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \boxed{0.739}$$

b) The limiting distn is $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3)$

$$\pi_1 = 0.9\pi_1 + \pi_3 \Rightarrow 0.1\pi_1 = \pi_3 \Rightarrow \boxed{\pi_3 = 0.1\pi_1}$$

(3) $\pi_2 = 0.1\pi_1 + 0.9\pi_2 \Rightarrow \boxed{\pi_1 = \pi_2}$

$$\therefore \pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = 1 \Rightarrow \pi_1 = 1/21, \pi_2 = 1/21, \pi_3 = 1/21$$

$$\therefore \pi = (1/21, 1/21, 1/21)$$

c) The long run rate of repairs per unit time is

(2) $\pi_3 = \frac{1}{21}$

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