

Solutions to Chapter 9 Home Exercises

Problem 9.9

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(X_2 = 1, X_1 = 0) &= \Pr(X_2 = 1|X_1 = 0) \Pr(X_1 = 0) = p \cdot \Pr(X_1 = 0). \\ \Pr(X_1 = 0) &= \Pr(X_1 = 0|X_0 = 0) \Pr(X_0 = 0) + \Pr(X_1 = 0|X_0 = 1) \Pr(X_0 = 1) \\ &= (1-p)s + q(1-s). \\ \Rightarrow \Pr(X_2 = 1, X_1 = 0) &= p(1-p)s + pq(1-s).\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(X_1 = 1|X_0 = 0, X_2 = 0) &= \frac{\Pr(X_2 = 0|X_1 = 1, X_0 = 0) \Pr(X_1 = 1|X_0 = 0)}{\Pr(X_2 = 0|X_0 = 0)} \\ &= \frac{P_{1,0}^{(1)} P_{0,1}^{(1)}}{P_{0,0}^{(2)}} \\ &= \frac{qp}{(1-p)^2 + pq}.\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(X_2 = X_1) &= \Pr(X_2 = 0, X_1 = 0) + \Pr(X_2 = 1, X_1 = 1) \\ &= (1-p) \Pr(X_1 = 0) + (1-q) \Pr(X_1 = 1) \\ &= (1-p)[(1-p)s + q(1-s)] + (1-q)[ps + (1-q)(1-s)] \\ &= (1-p)^2 s + q(1-p)(1-s) + p(1-q)s + (1-q)^2(1-s). \\ \Pr(X_1 = X_0) &= \Pr(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) + \Pr(X_0 = 1, X_1 = 1) \\ &= (1-p)s + (1-q)(1-s).\end{aligned}$$

These expressions are not the same, so $\Pr(X_1 = X_0) \neq \Pr(X_2 = X_1)$.

Problem 9.23

(a)

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{array}{c} \text{go} \\ \text{skip} \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} \text{go} & \text{skip} \\ \left(\begin{array}{cc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

(b)

$$\Pr(\text{go Friday} | \text{went Wednesday}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(c)

$$\mathbf{P}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{16} & \frac{3}{16} \\ \frac{9}{16} & \frac{3}{16} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Pr(\text{go Friday} | \text{went Monday}) = P_{0,0}^{(2)} = \frac{5}{8}.$$

(d) $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}$ where

$$\mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{Q}^{-1} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The limiting form of the eigenvalue matrix is

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{\Lambda}^k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (-\frac{1}{4})^k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence, the limiting form of the k -step transition matrix is

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}^k = \frac{1}{20} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since both rows are equal, a steady state distribution does exist and it is given by

$$\pi = \left[\frac{3}{5} \quad \frac{2}{5} \right].$$

Problem 9.25

- (a) The first three states communicate with period 1.
- (b) All states communicate with period = 3.
- (c) All states communicate with period = 2.

Problem 9.19

- (a) Let N = number of transmissions.

$$\Pr(N = n) = q^{n-1}(1 - q) \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$E[N] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nq^{n-1}(1 - q) = \frac{1}{1 - q}.$$

- (b)

$$T = (T_t + T_a)N - T_a$$

$$E[T] = (T_t + T_a)E[N] - T_a = \frac{T_t + T_a}{1 - q} - T_a.$$

- (c)

$$T = (T_t + T_a)(N_1 + N_2) - 2T_a$$

$$E[T] = (T_t + T_a)(E[N_1] + E[N_2]) - 2T_a = \frac{2(T_t + T_a)}{1 - q} - 2T_a.$$