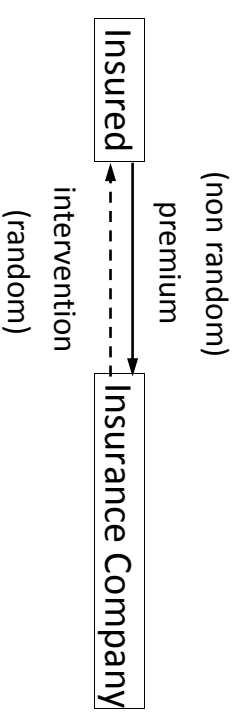


# Part III

## ACTUARIAL APPLICATIONS

- 7. Specific tools
- 8. Risk process
- 9. Various topics

a)



Sometimes,

- the premium is paid by a taker of insurance ( $\neq$  insured person)
- the intervention is paid to a beneficiary ( $\neq$  insured person)

- b) Randomness is present in any domain of management (e.g. in finance), and the manager try to eliminate it

Two domains where randomness is the basis of human activity

- gambling (consumer pays to play against the hazard)
- insurance (consumer pays to get rid off the hazard)

c) Classification life vs non-life

	Non-life	Life
Period	1 year	(very) long
Contract	standard	specific (function of age)
Intervention	unknown (claim amount)	generally known (in the contract)
Nb of claims	any positive integer	0 or 1

d) Here : non-life insurance, even if some topics are also adapted to life insurance

## Chapter 7

### Specific tools

- Convolution
- Random sums
- Counting process
- Markov chains

## Convolution

- Definition
- For the m.g.f.
- For discrete r.v.
  - Case of positive integer r.v.
  - Case of Poisson r.v.
- For the c.d.f.
- For continuous r.v.
- Generalization

## Definition

The problem is to determine the probability distribution of the sum of independent r.v.

### For the m.g.f.

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent r.v.,

$$m_{X+Y}(t) = m_X(t) \cdot m_Y(t)$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} E(e^{t(X+Y)}) &= E(e^{tX} \cdot e^{tY}) \\ &= E(e^{tX}) \cdot E(e^{tY}) \end{aligned}$$

### For discrete r.v.

**Case of positive integer r.v.**

Consider two independent r.v.

$$X \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & n & \dots \\ p_0 & p_1 & \dots & p_n & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \dots & n & \dots \\ q_0 & q_1 & \dots & q_n & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[X + Y = k] &= \sum_{j=0}^k \Pr([X = j] \cap [Y = k - j]) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k \Pr[X = j] \cdot \Pr[Y = k - j] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^k p_j q_{k-j} \end{aligned}$$

### **Case of Poisson r.v.**

Consider two independent Poisson r.v.

$$X_i \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda_i) \quad i = 1, 2$$

For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[X_1 + X_2 = k] &= \sum_{j=0}^k e^{-\lambda_1} \frac{\lambda_1^j}{j!} \cdot e^{-\lambda_2} \frac{\lambda_2^{k-j}}{(k-j)!} \\ &= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \lambda_1^j \lambda_2^{k-j} \\ &= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)} \frac{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^k}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

**For the c.d.f.**

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X+Y}(t) &= \Pr[X + Y \leq t] \\ &= E(\mathbf{1}_{[X+Y \leq t]}) \\ &= E(E(\mathbf{1}_{[X+Y \leq t]}|X)) \end{aligned}$$

But, by (R7),

$$E(\mathbf{1}_{[X+Y \leq t]}|X) = E(E_Y(\mathbf{1}_{[Y \leq t-X]}|X))$$

so that,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X+Y}(t) &= E(E_Y(\mathbf{1}_{[Y \leq t-X]})) \\ &= E(F_Y(t-X)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X+Y}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F_Y(t-x) dF_X(x) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F_X(t-y) dF_Y(y) \\ &= (F_X * F_Y)(t) \end{aligned}$$

**For continuous r.v.**

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X+Y}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F_Y(t-x) f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_X(x) \int_{-\infty}^{t-x} f_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

and, by derivation w.r.t.  $t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X+Y}(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(t-x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(t-y) f_Y(y) dy \\ &= (f_X * f_Y)(t) \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if the two r.v. are positive,

$$\begin{aligned} (f_X * f_Y)(t) &= \int_0^t f_X(x) f_Y(t-x) dx \\ &= \int_0^t f_X(t-y) f_Y(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

## Generalization

## Random sums

For more than two r.v.,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{X+Y+Z}(t) &= F_{(X+Y)+Z}(t) \\ &= F_{X+(Y+Z)}(t) \\ &= (F_X * F_Y * F_Z)(t) \end{aligned}$$

and, if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d., then

$$F_{X_1+\dots+X_n}(t) = (F_{X_1} * \dots * F_{X_n})(t) = F_X^{*n}(t)$$

- Definition
- Cumulative distribution function
- Moment generating function
- Moments
  - Expectation
  - Variance

## Definition

A random sum is a sum of r.v. with a random number of terms

Consider a sequence of i.i.d. r.v.  $X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots$  and a positive integer r.v.  $N$ , independent of the  $X_k$ 's

$$S = \sum_{k=1}^N X_k$$

Illustration : if the random situation has a finite number of possible outcomes  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3\}$  and if the probability law of  $N$  and the  $X_k$ 's is given by

	$N$	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$	...
$\omega_1$	1	$x_{11}$	$x_{21}$	$x_{31}$	$x_{41}$	...
$\omega_2$	2	$x_{12}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{32}$	$x_{42}$	...
$\omega_3$	3	$x_{13}$	$x_{23}$	$x_{33}$	$x_{43}$	...

$$S(\omega_1) = x_{11}$$

$$S(\omega_2) = x_{12} + x_{22}$$

$$S(\omega_3) = x_{13} + x_{23} + x_{33}$$

Example

- Tossing 2 coins ( $N$  = number of tails)
- Throwing  $N$  dice

→  $S$  = sum of the points of the dice

$$N \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \end{pmatrix} \quad X_k \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S[\Omega] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 12\}$$

$$\Pr[S = 0] = \Pr[N = 0] = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Pr[S = 1] = \Pr[(N = 1] \cap [X_1 = 1]) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[S = 2] &= \Pr[(N = 1] \cap [X_1 = 2]) \\ &+ \Pr[(N = 2] \cap [X_1 = 1] \cap [X_2 = 1]) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$S \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ \frac{36}{144} & \frac{12}{144} & \frac{13}{144} & \frac{14}{144} & \frac{15}{144} & \frac{16}{144} & \frac{17}{144} & \frac{6}{144} & \frac{5}{144} & \frac{4}{144} & \frac{3}{144} & \frac{2}{144} & \frac{1}{144} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E(S) = \frac{7}{2} \quad \text{var}(S) = \frac{217}{24}$$

## Cumulative distribution function

$$\begin{aligned} F_S(t) &= \Pr[X_1 + \dots + X_N \leq t] \\ &= E(\mathbf{1}_{[X_1 + \dots + X_N \leq t]}) \\ &= E(E(\mathbf{1}_{[X_1 + \dots + X_N \leq t]} | N)) \end{aligned}$$

But, by (R7),

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{1}_{[X_1 + \dots + X_N \leq t]} | N) &= E(E_X(\mathbf{1}_{[X_1 + \dots + X_N \leq t]} | N)) \\ &= F_X^{*N}(t) \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$F_S(t) = E(F_X^{*N}(t))$$

Then,

$$F_S(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F_X^{*k}(t) \cdot \Pr[N = k]$$

## Moment generating function

$$\begin{aligned} m_S(t) &= E(e^{t(X_1 + \dots + X_N)}) \\ &= E(E(e^{t(X_1 + \dots + X_N)} | N)) \\ &= E(m_{X_1 + \dots + X_N}(t)) \\ &= E(m_X^N(t)) \\ &= E(e^{N \cdot \ln m_X(t)}) \\ &= m_N(\ln m_X(t)) \end{aligned}$$



## Moments

## Counting process

### Expectation

$$\begin{aligned} E(S) &= E(E(X_1 + \dots + X_N | N)) \\ &= E(N \cdot E(X)) \\ &= E(N) \cdot E(X) \end{aligned}$$

- Counting process
- Poisson Process
  - Definition
  - Probability distribution
  - Time between 2 occurrences

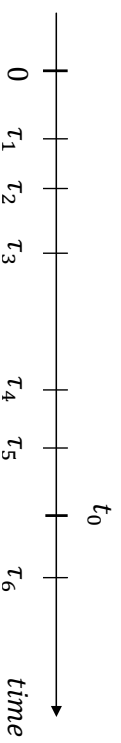
### Variance

$$\begin{aligned} var(S) &= E(var(S|N)) + var(E(S|N)) \\ &= E(N \cdot var(X)) + var(N \cdot E(X)) \\ &= E(N) \cdot var(X) + var(N) \cdot E^2(X) \end{aligned}$$

## Counting process

= "pure jump process"

Let us assume that "events" occur during time (accident claims for an insurance portfolio e.g.)

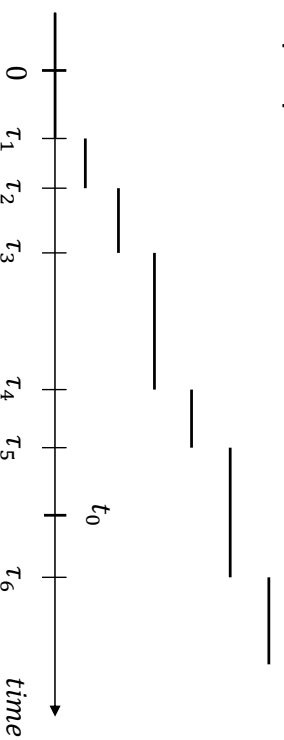


= representation of one outcome ( $\omega$ )

$\tau_k$  = epoch of the  $k$ -th event

Let  $N_t$  denote the number of occurred events up to time  $t$  (in the example,  $N_{t_0} = 5$ )

Sample path :



## Poisson process

Notation

$$f(h) = o(h) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h} = 0$$

( $f(h)$  tends to 0 more rapidly than  $h$  itself)

### Definition

Let us consider a counting process  $\{N_t : t \geq 0\}$  such that

- $N_0 = 0$
- $(N_t)$  has independent and stationary increments
- No multiple occurrences
  - $\Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t \geq 2] = o(h)$
- Occurring with rate  $\lambda$  ( $> 0$ )
  - $\Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t = 1] = \lambda h + o(h)$

Consequence :

$$\Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t = 0] = 1 - \lambda h + o(h)$$

## Probability distribution

For  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$p_n(t) = \Pr[N_t = n] = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}$$

Proof (by induction)

- $p_0(t+h) = p_0(t) \cdot \Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t = 0]$   
 $= p_0(t) \cdot (1 - \lambda h + o(h))$

$$\frac{p_0(t+h) - p_0(t)}{h} = -\lambda p_0(t) + \frac{o(h)}{h}$$

$$p_0'(t) = -\lambda p_0(t)$$

$$p_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \cdot C$$

$$p_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

- $p_n(t+h) = p_n(t) \cdot \Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t = 0]$   
 $+ p_{n-1}(t) \cdot \Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t = 1]$   
 $+ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_{n-k}(t) \cdot \Pr[N_{t+h} - N_t = k]$   
 $= p_n(t) \cdot (1 - \lambda h + o(h))$   
 $+ p_{n-1}(t) \cdot (\lambda h + o(h)) + o(h)$

$$\frac{p_n(t+h) - p_n(t)}{h} = -\lambda p_n(t) + \lambda p_{n-1}(t) + \frac{o(h)}{h}$$

$$p_n'(t) = -\lambda p_n(t) + \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

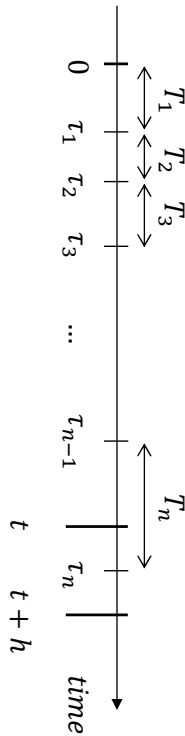
$$e^{\lambda t} \cdot (p_n'(t) + \lambda p_n(t)) = \lambda \cdot \frac{(\lambda t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

$$= \left( e^{\lambda t} p_n(t) \right)'$$

$$\int_0^t \left( e^{\lambda s} p_n(s) \right)' ds = \frac{\lambda^n}{(n-1)!} \int_0^t s^{n-1} ds$$

$$e^{\lambda t} p_n(t) - 0 = \frac{\lambda^n}{(n-1)!} \cdot \frac{t^n}{n} = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}$$

## Time between 2 occurrences



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr[t < \tau_n \leq t + h] &= F_{\tau_n}(t + h) - F_{\tau_n}(t) \\
 &= p_{n-1}(t) \cdot \Pr[N_t + n - N_t \geq 1] \\
 &= p_{n-1}(t) \cdot (\lambda h + o(h)) \\
 &= p_{n-1}(t) \cdot \lambda h + o(h)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{F_{\tau_n}(t + h) - F_{\tau_n}(t)}{h} = \lambda p_{n-1}(t) + \frac{o(h)}{h}$$

$$f_{\tau_n}(t) = \lambda p_{n-1}(t) = \lambda^n e^{-\lambda t} \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\tau_n}(t) &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{tx} f_{\tau_n}(x) dx \\
 &= \lambda^n \int_0^{+\infty} e^{(t-\lambda)x} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} dx \\
 &= \lambda^n \cdot I_{n-1} \quad (t < \lambda)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{n-1} &= \int_0^{+\infty} \left( \frac{e^{(t-\lambda)x}}{t-\lambda} \right)' \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} dx \\
 &= \left[ \frac{e^{(t-\lambda)x}}{t-\lambda} \cdot \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \right]_0^{+\infty} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{t-\lambda} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{(t-\lambda)x} \frac{x^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda-t} \cdot I_{n-2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\lambda-t)^2} \cdot I_{n-3} \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\lambda-t)^{n-1}} \cdot I_0 \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\lambda-t)^{n-1}} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{(t-\lambda)x} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\lambda-t)^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$m_{\tau_n}(t) = m_{T_1 + \dots + T_n}(t) = \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t} \right)^n$$

In particular,  $m_{T_1}(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}$  and

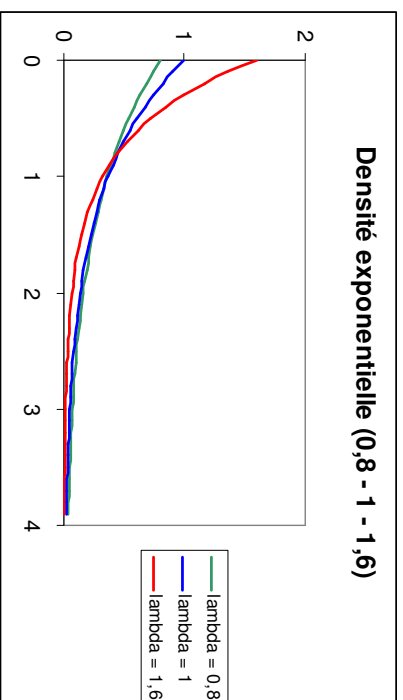
$$m_{T_1 + \dots + T_n}(t) = \left( m_{T_1}(t) \right)^n$$

Then,  $T_1, T_2, \dots$  are i.i.d. r.v. with

$$f_T(t) = f_{T_1}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \quad (t > 0)$$

= exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$

$$E(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{var}(T) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \quad \gamma_1 = 2 \quad \gamma_2 = 6$$



Note : a sequence of i.i.d. r.v. representing successive durations is a renewal process

A Poisson process generate an exponential renewal point process, and reciprocally

## Markov chains

- Stochastic matrices
- Homogeneous Markov chains
  - Definitions
  - Properties
  - Reachability
- Classification of states
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  - Definition
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## Stochastic matrices

- Definition : real square matrix  $P$  such that

$$\begin{cases} p_{ij} \geq 0 & \forall i, j \\ \sum_j p_{ij} = 1 & \forall i \end{cases}$$

- Property : the product of two stochastic matrices is a stochastic matrix

Proof : every  $(PQ)_{ij}$  are positive and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j (PQ)_{ij} &= \sum_j \sum_k p_{ik} q_{kj} \\ &= \sum_k p_{ik} \sum_j q_{kj} \\ &= \sum_k p_{ik} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- A stochastic matrix is *regular* if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that every elements of  $P^k$  are strictly positive (and then, that is true for  $P^l \ \forall l \geq k$ ).

- Example

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} . & 0,5 & 0,5 \\ 0,2 & 0,8 & . \\ 0,7 & . & 0,3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0,45 & 0,40 & 0,15 \\ 0,16 & 0,74 & 0,10 \\ 0,21 & 0,35 & 0,44 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P$  (and  $P^2$ ) is stochastic  
 $P$  is regular

## Homogeneous Markov chains

### Definitions

- Context

- Discrete time set :  $T = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$$(X_t) : X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots$$

- Finite state space :

$$S = \{i, j, \dots\} = \bigcup_{t=0}^{\infty} X_t[\Omega]$$

- At each time  $t \in T$ , the “system” is in one (and only one) state
- Between two successive times, the “system” moves from a state to a state

« At time  $n$ , the system is in state  $i$  » :  $[X_n = i]$

- Markov property :  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall i, j, k, l \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr([X_{n+1} = j] | [X_n = i] \cap [X_{n-1} = k] \cap \dots \cap [X_0 = l]) \\ = \Pr([X_{n+1} = j] | [X_n = i]) \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation : the probability of a future event, knowing the present and the past, does not depend on the past  $\rightarrow$  modelling a dependence phenomenon with a first order memory

- Homogeneity : the Markov property is independent of  $n$ .

- Definition : an homogeneous Markov chain is a stochastic process described by the previous « context » and
  - satisfying the Markov property ;
  - homogeneous

In the sequel, « MC » = homogeneous Markov chain

- Probabilities

- state probabilities :  $p_i(n) = \Pr[X_n = i]$
- initial probabilities :  $p_i(0) = \Pr[X_0 = i]$
- transition probabilities :

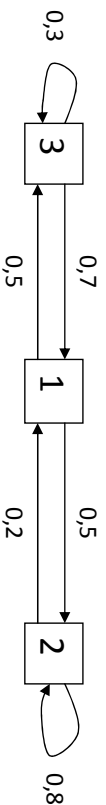
$$p_{ij} = \Pr([X_{n+1} = j] | [X_n = i])$$

→ vector  $p(n)$

→ matrix  $P$

- Example

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & 0,5 & 0,5 \\ 0,2 & 0,8 & \cdot \\ 0,7 & \cdot & 0,3 \end{bmatrix}$$



### Properties

a) The transition matrix is stochastic

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j p_{ij} &= \sum_j \Pr([X_{n+1} = j] | [X_n = i]) \\ &= \Pr([X_{n+1} \in S] | [X_n = i]) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

b) Evolution of the state probabilities :

$$p^t(n+1) = p^t(n) \cdot P$$

$$\begin{aligned} (p^t(n) \cdot P)_j &= \sum_i p_i(n) p_{ij} \\ &= \sum_i \Pr[X_n = i] \cdot \Pr([X_{n+1} = j] | [X_n = i]) \\ &= \Pr[X_{n+1} = j] \end{aligned}$$



c) The  $m$ -step transition matrix  $P^{(m)}$

$$p_{ij}^{(m)} = \Pr([X_{n+m} = j] | [X_n = i])$$

Is equal to  $P^m$ . Then, it is stochastic.

$$\begin{aligned} p_{ij}^{(2)} &= \Pr([X_{n+2} = j] | [X_n = i]) \\ &= \sum_k \Pr([X_{n+2} = j] \cap [X_{n+1} = k] | [X_n = i]) \\ &= \sum_k \frac{\Pr([X_{n+2} = j] \cap [X_{n+1} = k] \cap [X_n = i])}{\Pr[X_n = i]} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\Pr([X_{n+1} = k] \cap [X_n = i])}{\Pr([X_{n+1} = k] \cap [X_n = i])} \\ &= \sum_k \Pr([X_{n+1} = k] | [X_n = i]) \\ &\quad \cdot \Pr([X_{n+2} = j] | [X_{n+1} = k] \cap [X_n = i]) \\ &= \sum_k p_{ik} p_{kj} \\ &= (P^2)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

d) We have

$$p_{ij}^{(m+n)} = \sum_k p_{ik}^{(m)} p_{kj}^{(n)}$$

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

### Reachability

The state  $j$  is *reachable* from  $i$  if there exists  $n > 0$  such that  $p_{ij}^{(n)} > 0$

Notation :  $i \rightarrow j$

## Classification of states

### Definitions

Starting in state  $i$ , the probability that  $i$  is

« visited » at least once is denoted by  $f_i$

Starting in state  $i$ , the probability that there are infinitely many occurrences of  $i$  is denoted by  $f_i^{(\infty)}$

The state  $i$  is *recurrent* or *transient* according

whether  $f_i = 1$  or  $f_i < 1$

Note : the probability that, starting in state  $i$ , the event  $A$  occurs is denoted by

$$\Pr(A \mid X_0 = i) = p_i(A)$$

### Properties

a) If the state  $i$  is recurrent and  $i \rightarrow j$ , then  $j$  is recurrent

•  $p_j$  (we will eventually reach  $i$ ) = 1 for iff not,  $i$  would not be recurrent :  $f_i < 1$

In particular,  $j \rightarrow i$

• We define

$\alpha = p_i$  (we will return to  $i$  without ever hitting  $j$ )

$\alpha < 1$  because  $j \rightarrow i$

$p_i$  (we will make  $n$  return visits to  $i$  without ever hitting  $j$ ) =  $\alpha^n$

$p_i$  (we will eventually reach  $j$ )  
=  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \alpha^n) = 0$

- Summarizing, starting in  $j$ ,
  - we are certain to reach  $i$
  - we are certain to come back to  $j$

so,  $j$  is recurrent

b) Corollaries,

- $i$  is recurrent iff  $f_i^{(\infty)} = 1$
- Starting in a recurrent state, we must always remain in recurrent states

c) Starting in a transient state  $i$ , we must eventually reach a recurrent state

$$p_i(\text{we will never return to } i) = 1 - f_i$$

$$p_i(\text{we will return to } i \text{ exactly } n \text{ times}) = f_i^n (1 - f_i)$$

$$p_i(\text{there are only a finite return visits to } i) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_i^k (1 - f_i) = 1$$

So, starting in a transient state, the set of transient states is visited (with Pr 1) only a finite number of times. Then, we must eventually reach a recurrent state

d) Corollaries

- $i$  is transient iff  $f_i^{(\infty)} = 0$
- There are at least one recurrent state in a Markov chain

## Regular Markov chains

### Definition

A Markov chain is *regular* if its transition matrix is regular

### Properties

a) In a regular Markov chain, every states are recurrent and,  $\forall i, j \in S, i \rightarrow j$

b) For a regular Markov chain, we have

-  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P^{(m)} = \Pi$   
where the rows  $\pi^t$  of  $\Pi$  are identical and with strictly positive elements

-  $\pi$  is the stationary probability vector :  
independently of  $p(0)$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p^{(n)} = \pi$$

-  $\pi$  is the unique solution of the system  
 $\pi^t (P - I) = 0$  with strictly positive elements  
having a sum equal to 1

(without proof)

• Example

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & 0,5 & 0,5 \\ 0,2 & 0,8 & \cdot \\ 0,7 & \cdot & 0,3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0,45 & 0,40 & 0,15 \\ 0,16 & 0,74 & 0,10 \\ 0,21 & 0,35 & 0,44 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$P^{16} = \begin{bmatrix} 0,23373 & 0,5931 & 0,1696 \\ 0,23372 & 0,5934 & 0,1694 \\ 0,23374 & 0,5929 & 0,1697 \end{bmatrix}$$

Moreover, the solution of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \pi_1 & \pi_2 & \pi_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1,0 & 0,5 & 0,5 \\ 0,2 & -0,2 & \cdot \\ 0,7 & \cdot & -0,7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = 1$  is

$$\begin{cases} \pi_1 = \frac{14}{59} = 0,237288 \\ \pi_2 = \frac{35}{59} = 0,593220 \\ \pi_3 = \frac{10}{59} = 0,169492 \end{cases}$$