

Stats 325      Mock 3 Solutions

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$$\begin{aligned}
 1a) \quad P(A|B \cap C)P(B|C) &= \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(B \cap C)} \cdot \frac{P(B \cap C)}{P(C)} \\
 &= \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} \quad (\text{by definitions}) \\
 &= \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} \quad \text{as required.}
 \end{aligned}$$

b) Clearly,  $(A \cap B)$  is a subset of both  $A$  and  $B$ , so  
 $P(A \cap B) \leq P(A) = \frac{3}{4}$   
 and  $P(A \cap B) \leq P(B) = \frac{1}{3}$

Thus  $\frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(C)} \leq \frac{1}{3}$  as required. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now consider } P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3} - P(A \cap B) \\
 &= \frac{13}{12} - P(A \cap B).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } 1 \geq P(A \cup B) &\Rightarrow 1 \geq \frac{13}{12} - P(A \cap B) \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(C)} \geq \frac{13}{12} - 1 = \frac{1}{12}. \quad (b)
 \end{aligned}$$

(a) and (b) together give  $\frac{1}{12} \leq \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(C)} \leq \frac{1}{3}$  as required.

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2) a)  $G_X(s) = \left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right)^2$

Then  $P(X=r) = \frac{1}{r!} G_X^{(r)}(0)$  (see Attachment).

So  $P(X=0) = G_X(0) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$

Next,  $G_X'(s) = 2 \left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{s+1}{2}$

$G_X''(s) = \frac{1}{2}$

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2a cont.) and  $G_X^{(r)}(s) = 0$  for  $r > 2$ .

So we have:  $P(X=0) = \frac{1}{4}$

$P(X=1) = \frac{1}{1!} G_X'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

$P(X=2) = \frac{1}{2!} G_X''(0) = \frac{1}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$

$P(X=r) = 0$  for  $r > 2$ .

$x$	0	1	2
$P(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

b)  $T = X_1 + \dots + X_N$  where  $N$  is random.

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_T(s) = E(s^T) &= E_N \{ E(s^T | N) \} \\
 &= E_N \{ E(s^{X_1 + \dots + X_N} | N) \} \\
 &= E_N \{ E(s^{X_1})^N \}
 \end{aligned}$$

(because the  $X_i$ 's are independent, identically distributed (as  $X_1$ ) and independent of  $N$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } G_T(s) &= E_N \{ G_X(s)^N \} \\
 &= E_N \{ G_X(s) \} \quad \text{by definitions} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2 - G_X(s)} \quad \text{by def. of } G_N \\
 G_T(s) &= \frac{1}{2 - \left(\frac{s+1}{2}\right)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

3) a)  $Q(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^Y)$

$$= \frac{1}{4}s^0 + \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{8}s^2 + \frac{1}{8}s^3$$

$$Q(s) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{8}s^2 + \frac{1}{8}s^3$$

b)  $\mathbb{P}(Z_2=0) = Q_2(0) = Q(Q(0))$

Now  $Q(0) = \frac{1}{4}$

so  $Q(Q(0)) = Q(\frac{1}{4}) = 0.385$   $(\frac{177}{312})$

So  $\mathbb{P}(Z_2=0) = 0.385$

c)  $\gamma$  is the smallest non-negative solution to  $Q(s) = s$ .  
Thus

$$0 = Q(s) - s$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{1}{8}s^2 + \frac{1}{8}s^3 - s$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 2 - 4s + s^2 + s^3 \quad (\text{multiplying by 8}) \quad \textcircled{*}$$

Know  $(s-1)$  must be a factor (checked  $s=1$  satisfies  $\textcircled{*}$ ).

$$\text{So } (s-1)(s^2 + 2s - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow s=1, \quad s = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4+4*2}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{1+2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

The smallest solution  $\geq 0$  is  $s = -1 + \sqrt{3} = 0.732$ .

So  $\gamma = \mathbb{P}(\text{extinction}) = \sqrt{3} - 1 = 0.732$ .

4)  $J_n(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^{M^{(n)}})$

But  $M^{(n)} = Z_0 + Z_1 + \dots + Z_n$   
 $= Z_0 + \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{descendants to generation } n-1 \text{ of the} \\ Z_1 \text{ individuals in generation 1} \end{array} \right)$

$$= Z_0 + \{ M_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + M_{Z_1}^{(n-1)} \}$$

where each  $M_i^{(n-1)}$  has the same distribution as  $M^{(n-1)}$ .

So  $M^{(n)} = 1 + M_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + M_{Z_1}^{(n-1)}$

Thus  $J_n(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^{M^{(n)}})$

$$= \mathbb{E}(s^{1 + M_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + M_{Z_1}^{(n-1)}})$$

$$= s \mathbb{E}(s^{M_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + M_{Z_1}^{(n-1)}})$$

$$= s \mathbb{E}_{Z_1} \left\{ \mathbb{E}(s^{M_1^{(n-1)} + \dots + M_{Z_1}^{(n-1)}} | Z_1) \right\}$$

$$= s \mathbb{E}_{Z_1} \left\{ \mathbb{E}(s^{M_1^{(n-1)}}) \right\}$$

conditional expectation

because each  $M_i^{(n-1)}$  is independent of the others and of  $Z_1$ , and  $\mathbb{E}(s^{M_i^{(n-1)}}) = \mathbb{E}(s^{M_1^{(n-1)}})$  for all  $i$ .

Thus  $J_n(s) = s \mathbb{E}_{Z_1}(J_{n-1}(s)^{Z_1})$

because  $\mathbb{E}(s^{M_i^{(n-1)}}) = J_{n-1}(s)$  by definition

$\therefore J_n(s) = s Q(J_{n-1}(s))$  by definition of  $Q(r)$ .

as stated.

b)  $\mathbb{P}(M^{(n)}=0) = J_n(0)$

$$= 0 \neq Q(J_{n-1}(0))$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(M^{(n)}=0) = 0 \quad \text{for any } n$$

(because there is always an individual at time 0, so  $M^{(n)} > 0 \quad \forall n$ .)

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4c)  $Q(s) = \frac{p}{1-qs}$

$\Rightarrow \underline{J_n(s) = s \cdot \frac{p}{1-qJ_{n-1}(s)} = \frac{ps}{1-qJ_{n-1}(s)}}$  for  $n=1,2,\dots$

d)  $E(M^{(n)}) = J'_n(1)$

Now  $J_n(s) = ps(1-qJ_{n-1}(s))^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow J'_n(s) = ps(-1)(1-qJ_{n-1}(s))^{-2} \cdot (-qJ'_{n-1}(s)) + p(1-qJ_{n-1}(s))^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow J'_n(1) = pqJ'_{n-1}(1)(1-qJ_{n-1}(1))^{-2} + p(1-qJ_{n-1}(1))^{-1}$

But  $J'_n(1) = E(M^{(n)})$ , and  $J'_{n-1}(1) = E(M^{(n-1)})$

Also,  $J'_{n-1}(1) = 1$  because this is true for any non-defective random variable.

So from  $\oplus$ ,  $E(M^{(n)}) = pq E(M^{(n-1)}) (1-q)^{-2} + p(1-q)^{-1}$   
 $= pq E(M^{(n-1)}) p^{-2} + p \cdot p^{-1}$   
 $= \frac{q}{p} E(M^{(n-1)}) + 1$

So the recurrence relationship is:

$E(M^{(n)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} E(M^{(n-1)})$

Solving the recurrence:  $M^{(0)} = 1$ , so  $E(M^{(0)}) = 1$ .

$E(M^{(1)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} E(M^{(0)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p}$   
 $E(M^{(2)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} E(M^{(1)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} \left(1 + \frac{q}{p}\right)$   
 $= 1 + \frac{q}{p} + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^2$

4d cont.) Continuing, claim that  $E(M^{(n)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} + \dots + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^n$

Prove by induction: it is true for  $n=1, 2$ ; suppose it is true for  $n$ . Then

$E(M^{(n+1)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} \left\{ 1 + \frac{q}{p} + \dots + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^n \right\}$   
 $= 1 + \frac{q}{p} + \dots + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{n+1} \Rightarrow$  true for  $n+1$  too.

So it follows that

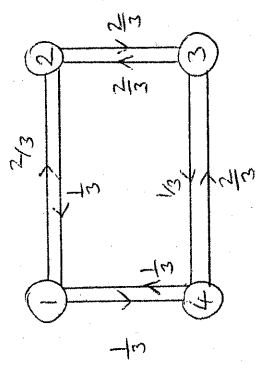
$E(M^{(n)}) = 1 + \frac{q}{p} + \dots + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^n$

$E(M^{(n)}) = 1 + \mu + \dots + \mu^n$  in terms of  $\mu = q/p$ .

Using the information in the Attachment, this gives:

$E(M^{(n)}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\mu^{n+1}}{1-\mu} & \text{if } \mu \neq 1 \\ n+1 & \text{if } \mu = 1. \end{cases}$

5) a)



b) If  $\Pi$  is an equilibrium distribution, then  $\Pi$  satisfies

$\Pi^T P = \Pi^T$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^4 \pi_i = 1$

5b cont.) Solving:

$$\pi^T P = \pi^T \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}(\pi_2 + \pi_4) = \pi_1 \quad ①$$

$$\frac{2}{3}(\pi_1 + \pi_3) = \pi_2 \quad ②$$

$$\frac{2}{3}(\pi_2 + \pi_4) = \pi_3 \quad ③$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(\pi_1 + \pi_3) = \pi_4 \quad ④$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \pi_i = 1 \Rightarrow \pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 + \pi_4 = 1 \quad ⑤$$

$$\text{Now } ①, ③ \Rightarrow \pi_2 + \pi_4 = 3\pi_1 = \frac{3}{2}\pi_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}\pi_3$$

$$\text{In eqn } ② \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi_3 + \pi_3\right) = \pi_2$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2}\pi_3 = \pi_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_3 = \pi_2$$

$$\text{Also, } ②, ④ \Rightarrow \pi_1 + \pi_3 = \frac{2}{3}\pi_2 = 3\pi_4 \Rightarrow \pi_4 = \frac{1}{3}\pi_2$$

$$\text{So } \pi = \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi_3, \pi_3, \pi_3, \frac{1}{2}\pi_3\right) \quad (\text{putting all together})$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{i=1}^4 \pi_i = 1 \Rightarrow \pi_3 \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_3 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{The equilibrium distribution is } \underline{\underline{\pi}} = \left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6}\right).$$

5c) The chain is irreducible, but every state has period 2, so it is not aperiodic.

Thus  $X_t$  does not converge to  $\pi$  (or any distribution) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

6) a)  $X_0 \sim (0.2, 0.8)^T$

$$X_1 \sim (0.2, 0.8) \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_1 \sim (0.2(1-\alpha) + 0.8\beta, 0.2\alpha + 0.8(1-\beta))$$

b)  $P(X_1=1, X_2=1, X_3=2 | X_0=2)$

$$= P(X_1=1 | X_0=2) P(X_2=1 | X_1=1) P(X_3=2 | X_2=1)$$

by Markov Property

$$= p_{21} * p_{11} * p_{12}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\beta(1-\alpha)\alpha}}$$

c) If  $P$  has distinct eigenvalues,  $\lambda_1=1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , then a general formula for  $P^t$  is:

$$P^t = C_1 + C_2 \lambda_2^t, \quad \text{where } C_1 \text{ and } C_2 \text{ are } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices to be determined.}$$

$$\text{Find eigenvalues: } \det(P - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha-\lambda & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta-\lambda \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (1-\alpha-\lambda)(1-\beta-\lambda) - \alpha\beta$$

$$= (1-\alpha)(1-\beta) - \lambda(1-\alpha+1-\beta) + \lambda^2 - \alpha\beta$$

$$= (1-\alpha-\beta) - \lambda(2-\alpha-\beta) + \lambda^2$$

$$= (\lambda-1)(\lambda-(1-\alpha-\beta))$$

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7a) State 2 can be reached after 2, 4, 6, ... steps.  
Period =  $\gcd\{2, 4, 6, \dots\} = 2$ .

b)  $M_A$  is the minimal non-negative solution to the equations:

$$M_{1A} = M_{5A} = 0$$

$$M_{iA} = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^5 p_{ij} M_{jA} \text{ for } i=2, 3, 4.$$

$$\text{So } M_{2A} = 1 + \frac{3}{5} * 0 + \frac{2}{5} M_{3A} \Rightarrow M_{2A} = 1 + \frac{2}{5} M_{3A} \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Also } M_{3A} = 1 + \frac{3}{5} M_{2A} + \frac{2}{5} M_{4A}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{5} (1 + \frac{2}{5} M_{3A}) + \frac{2}{5} M_{4A} \text{ from } (*)$$

$$\frac{19}{25} M_{3A} = \frac{8}{5} + \frac{2}{5} M_{4A} \quad (**)$$

$$\text{Also } M_{4A} = 1 + \frac{3}{5} M_{3A} + \frac{2}{5} * 0$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{25}{19} \cdot (\frac{8}{5} + \frac{2}{5} M_{4A})$$

$$\frac{13}{19} M_{4A} = \frac{43}{19}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{4A} = \frac{43}{13} \quad (3.31 \text{ steps}).$$

$$\text{Thus } M_{3A} = \frac{25}{19} (\frac{8}{5} + \frac{2}{5} (\frac{43}{13})) = \frac{50}{13} \text{ from } (**)$$

$$\text{and } M_{2A} = \frac{33}{13} \text{ from } (*).$$

$$\text{So } M_A = (0, \frac{33}{13}, \frac{50}{13}, \frac{43}{13}, 0).$$

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6c) cont) Thus  $\lambda = 1$  or  $\lambda = 1 - \alpha - \beta$ .  
The eigenvalues are distinct (for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$ ),  
so general solution is

$$P^t = C_1 + C_2 (1 - \alpha - \beta)^t.$$

Initial conditions:  $P^0 = I \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 = I \quad (1)$

$$P^1 = P \Rightarrow C_1 + C_2 (1 - \alpha - \beta) = P \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow C_2 (\alpha + \beta) = I - P$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} (I - P)$$

$$\text{In } (1): C_1 = I - C_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} ((\alpha + \beta)I - I + P)$$

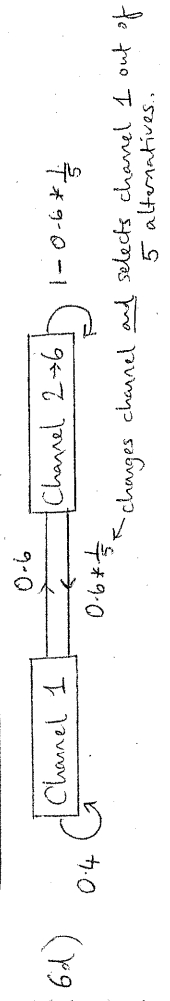
$$C_1 = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} ((\alpha + \beta - 1)I + P)$$

This gives finally:

$$P^t = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \left\{ (\alpha + \beta - 1)I + P \right\} + (I - P) (1 - \alpha - \beta)^t$$

$$= \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + \beta - 1 + 1 - \alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & \alpha + \beta - 1 + 1 - \beta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \\ -\beta & \beta \end{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha - \beta)^t \right\}$$

$$P^t = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \beta & \alpha \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \\ -\beta & \beta \end{pmatrix} (1 - \alpha - \beta)^t \right\}$$



Put  $\alpha = 0.6$ ,  $\beta = 0.6 * \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $t = 10$  in the formula from (c):

$$\text{we want } (P^{10})_{11} = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} (\beta + \alpha (1 - \alpha - \beta)^{10}) = 0.167 \quad (\approx \frac{1}{6}).$$

8) a)  $G_{ij}(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{ij}})$ .

Case (i):  $j > i$ . Then  $T_{ij} = T_{i,i+1} + T_{i,i+2} + \dots + T_{j-1,j}$

The sum of  $(j-i)$  independent random variables, all with the same distribution as  $T_{01}$ .

So  $G_{ij}(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{ij}}) = \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{01} + \dots + T_{01}^{(j-i)}})$   
 $= \{ \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{01}}) \}^{j-i}$  by independence

$G_{ij}(s) = \{H(s)\}^{j-i}$  when  $j > i$

Case (ii):  $j < i$ . Then  $T_{ij} = T_{i,i-1} + T_{i-1,i-2} + \dots + T_{j+1,j}$

The sum of  $(i-j)$  independent r.v.s, each with the same dist. as  $T_{10}$ .

But  $T_{10} \sim T_{01}$  by symmetry:  $\mathbb{P}(\text{take step up}) = \mathbb{P}(\text{take step down})$

So  $G_{ij}(s) = \{H(s)\}^{i-j}$  when  $i > j$ .

Case (iii):  $j = i$ . Then  $T_{ii} = \begin{cases} 1 + T_{i,i} & \text{with prob. } \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 + T_{i-1,i} & \text{with prob. } \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$

(by conditioning on the first step)

So  $G_{ii}(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{ii}}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(s^{1+T_{i,i}}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(s^{1+T_{i-1,i}})$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} s \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{ii}}) + \frac{1}{2} s \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{01}})$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} s H(s) + \frac{1}{2} s H(s)$ .

So  $G_{ii}(s) = s H(s)$

8b)  $H(s) = \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{01}})$ .

Condition on the first step taken:

$$T_{01} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if first step moves to 1 (prob} = \frac{1}{2}) \\ 1 + T_{-1,1} & \text{if first step moves to -1. (prob} = \frac{1}{2}) \end{cases}$$

Thus  $\mathbb{E}(s^{T_{01}}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(s^1) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}(s^{1+T_{-1,1}})$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} s + \frac{1}{2} s \mathbb{E}(s^{T_{-1,1}})$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} s (1 + G_{-1,1}(s))$  by definition  
 $= \frac{1}{2} s (1 + \{H(s)\}^2)$  from part (a).

Thus  $H(s) = \frac{1}{2} s + \frac{1}{2} s \{H(s)\}^2$

$\Rightarrow s H(s)^2 - 2 H(s) + s = 0$

$\Rightarrow H(s) = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4s^2}}{2s}$

$H(s) = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-s^2}}{s}$

Need to determine whether to use the + root or the - root:

consider  $H(0) = \mathbb{P}(T_{01} = 0) = 0$ , because it is not possible to reach state 1 from state 0 in 0 steps.

+ root  $\Rightarrow H(0) = \frac{1+1}{0} = \infty$  ~~not possible~~

- root  $\Rightarrow H(0) = \frac{1-1}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$  which can converge to 0 in the limit

(prove by L'Hospital's Rule but not necessary here)

Thus the - root is required, so  $H(s) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-s^2}}{s}$  as stated

The radius of convergence is  $s = 1$

(it is always  $> 1$  for a PGF, and here  $H(s) \notin \mathbb{R}$  if  $s > 1$ .)