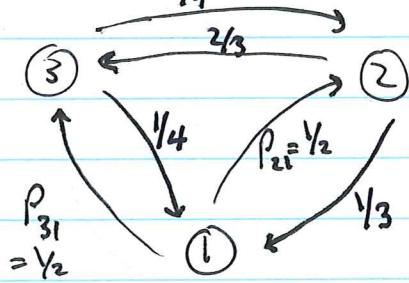


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# Math 152 Lecture 14

Recall: random walks around a "state space":

Ex:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/3 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 3/4 \\ 1/2 & 2/3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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transition probabilities

$x_i^{(n)}$ : probability of being in state  $i$  at time  $n$

$\vec{x}^{(n)}$ : vector of state probabilities

$P_{ij}$ : probability of leaving state  $j$  going to state  $i$



Model:  $\vec{x}^{(n+1)} = P \vec{x}^{(n)}$

E.g.  $\vec{x}^{(1)} = P \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{x}^{(2)} = P \vec{x}^{(1)} = P \left( P \vec{x}^{(0)} \right) = P^2 \vec{x}^{(0)}$

$$\approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.2917 \\ 0.375 \\ 0.3333 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example from  
1st day

(C) What is the probability of being in state 2 after a long time

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vec{x}^{(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n \vec{x}^{(0)}$$

For now, numerical evidence... (math later)  
(matlab/octave)

$$\vec{x}^{(n)} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.2264 \\ 0.3962 \\ 0.3774 \end{bmatrix}$$

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(d) How much does the "initial condition"  $\vec{x}^{(0)}$  matter? (experimentally)

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_2^{(n)}$  seems to be 0.3962 for many different  $\vec{x}^{(0)}$ .

"stable process"

Example

notes.pdf : "specific but somewhat nerdy example" 4.1

Ydnew vs Xavier } See notes.pdf

- ↳ spell works
- ↳ goes first
- ↳ spell works
- ↳  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the time.

long duel: play until someone wins (other knocked out)  
 (Experimentally, each wins half the time).

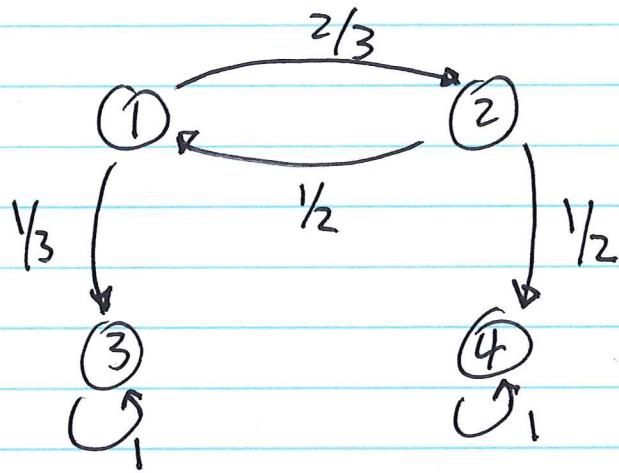
Short duel: Xavier as 3 attempts. After which  
 Ydnew wins by default.

(a) describe duels as random walks.

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4 possible states:

- (1) Xavier's turn (no winner)
- (2) Ydnew's turn (" " "
- (3) X has won
- (4) Y has won.



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) analyze probability that Y will win the short duel. (X has 3 attempts: XYXYX)

$$\vec{x}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}^{(5)} = P^5 \vec{x}^{(0)} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 7.4\% \\ 48.1\% \\ 44.4\% \end{bmatrix}$$

Y wins

52% of the time

c) long duel: matlab experiments confirm

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n \vec{x}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ Y_2 \\ 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↙  
experiments

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Ex What if  $X$  and  $Y$  have a shield which blocks one ~~successful~~ successful spell ~~cost~~. cost.

States:

- (1) no winner, Xavier's turn,  $X$  shield,  $Y$  shield
- (2) " "  $X$  no shield, "
- (3) " " " ,  $Y$  no shield
- (4) " "  $X$  shield, "
- (5)-(8) repeat but Ydnew's turn
- (9) Xavier has won,
- (10) Ydnew " "

$P =$	0	0	0	$0 \mid \frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	$0 \mid \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	$0 \mid 0$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
	0	0	0	$0 \mid 0$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	$0 \mid 0$	0	0	0	0	0
	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$0 \mid 0$	0	0	0	0	0
	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$0 \mid 0$	0	0	0	0	0
$X$ spell breaks $Y$ shield	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3} \mid 0$	0	0	0	0	0
$X$ can't win on 1st round	0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3} \mid 0$	0	0	0	1	0
	0	0	0	$0 \mid 0$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1

... matlab experiment suggests  $Y$  wins the short duel 77.8% of the time.  
(Xavier ~~lost~~ or didn't win)  
... lim  $n \rightarrow \infty$  seems to have  $Y$  winning 62.5% of the time.

## Transpose

Ex  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$   $A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

def'n: if  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix entries  $a_{ij}$  then  $A^T$  (the transpose of  $A$ ) is an  $n \times m$  matrix with entries  $a_{ij}^T = a_{ji}$ .

- columns of  $A$  become rows of  $A^T$ .  
rows " " " " columns " " ;
- $(A^T)^T = A$  for every matrix
- save vertical space when writing  
 $[1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$
- If  $A$  is square ( $n \times n$ ) and  $A^T = A$  we say  $A$  is symmetric.
- If  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are column vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  then  
 $\vec{x}^T \vec{y} = \boxed{\quad \quad \quad} = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \text{scalar}$
- $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$  (order switches),

## Operations on $\vec{e}_j$ vectors

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vector of all zeros, but  $j^{\text{th}}$  position is 1.

Say  $A$  is  $m \times n$  matrix.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad A\vec{e}_j = \boxed{\begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} x \\ x \\ x \\ x \end{matrix} \\ \hline & \vdots \end{array}} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \\ \hline & j \end{array}} = j^{\text{th}} \text{ column of } A$$

*j<sup>th</sup> column*

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \vec{e}_i^T A = \boxed{\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} x & x & x & \dots & x & x \end{matrix} \\ \hline i & \text{row} \end{array}} = i^{\text{th}} \text{ row of } A$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \vec{e}_i^T A \vec{e}_j = a_{ij}$$

Note: transpose requires no arithmetic.  
 ↪ computer can even use the same memory  
 ↪ cheap to do an ~~inverse~~. transpose.  
 contrast that fact with...

## Matrix Inverse

Square  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ . Suppose  $A$  has rank  $n$  so  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  has a unique sol'n.  $\vec{x}$   
 (recall  $\rightarrow$  GE on Augmented matrix...)

$\uparrow$   
 told us rank

$\uparrow$   
 gave us  $\vec{x}$

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The operation of finding  $\vec{x}$  from given  $\vec{b}$  turns out to be a linear transform

Thus there is a matrix  $B$  such that

$$\vec{x} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{transform}}}{B} \vec{b} \quad (*)$$

But  $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$  so multiply (\*) by  $A$ :

$$\cancel{A} \vec{x} = A B \vec{b}$$

Therefore  $AB = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{identity matrix.}}}{I}$  (because  $\vec{b} = A B \vec{b}$ )

We say  $B$  is the inverse matrix of  $A$  and we write  $B = A^{-1}$ .