

# L22: Markov Chains

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(Ergodic)

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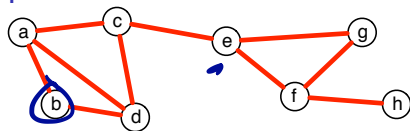
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# Graphs



**Mathematically:**  $G = (V, E)$  where

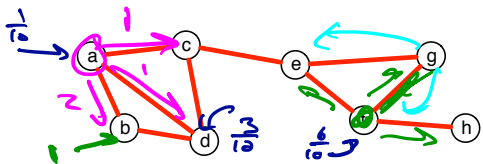
$V = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$  and

$E = \left\{ \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{a, d\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, d\}, \{c, e\}, \{e, f\}, \{e, g\}, \{f, g\}, \{f, h\} \right\}$ .

**Matrix-Style:** As a matrix with 1 if there is an edge, and 0 otherwise.  
(For a directed graph, it may not be symmetric).

$$G = \begin{array}{c|cccccccc} & a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h \\ \hline a & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ e & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ f & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ h & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Markov Chain



$(V, P, q)$ :  $V$  node set,  $P$  probability transition matrix,  $q$  initial state.

e.g.  $q^T = [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$  or  $q^T = [0.1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0.3 \ 0 \ 0.6 \ 0 \ 0]$ .

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$a$        $d$        $f$

$e$   
 $g$   
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# Transitions

prob  
transitions

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state

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times 3

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Markov

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# Two ways to think about MC

(1) Random Walk.

Metropolis  
Algorithm

$\rho$  always  $[0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, 0]$   
exactly on one vertex

maintain  
1 state

(2) Probability Distributions

$\rho$  can be dense.

maintain  
dense  
 $\rho$

$n$  states (2) takes  $O(n)$  space

(1) takes  $O(\log n)$  space

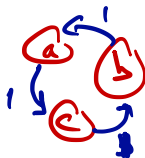
# Cyclic Examples

: MC alternate between states  
at fixed epoch of size  $p \geq 2$

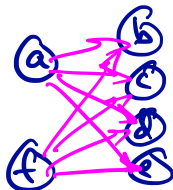
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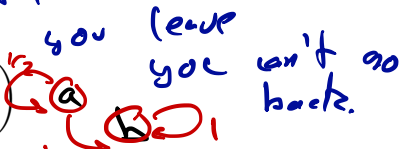
bipartite  
graph

# Absorbing and Transient Examples

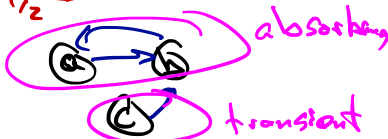
Set of states that you can never leave

set of states that if you leave you can't go back.

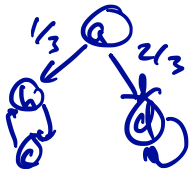
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	a	b	c	d	e	f
transient	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	0
	1/2	49/100	0	0	0	0
	0	1/100	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
	0	0	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
	0	0	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4
	0	0	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4



absorbing

## Unconnected Examples

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/2 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/2 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



## Limiting State

MC is ergodic if it  
is not ① cyclic, ② having  
absorbing and transient  
states, and ③ <sup>un</sup>connected.

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Let  $q_* = P^*q$ .

↖ independent of  $q$   
↳ for any initial  $q$

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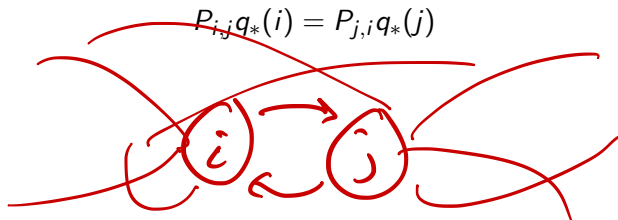
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$$P_{i,j}q_*(i) = P_{j,i}q_*(j)$$

**[L3]** *In the limit, everyone has perfect karma.*

How  $g^*$  relates to  $P$

has 1st eigenvector of  $P$ .

$$[V, L] = \text{eig}(P) \quad \leftarrow \text{matlab}$$

↑  
eigen  
vectors

↑  
values

$$\frac{V_i}{\sum(v_i)} = g^*$$

2nd eigenvalue  $\lambda_2$  (set  $\lambda_1 = 1$ )

Tells how fast converg.

Smaller  $\lambda_2 \rightarrow$  faster convergence.

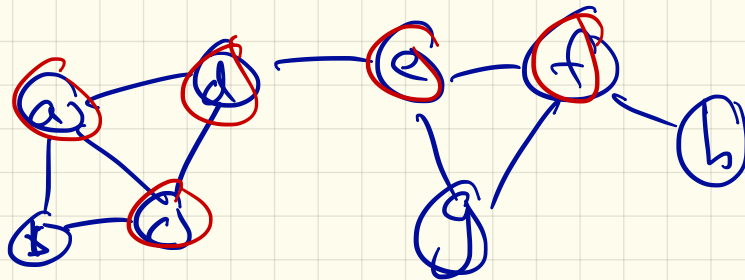
$$\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$$

Example  $\lambda_2 = 0.875$  fast  
 $\lambda_2 = 0.99$  slow

# Example Graph

$$g_x = (0.15, 0.1, 0.15, 0.15, 0.15, 0.15, 0.1, 0.05)$$

a                      c    d            e            f



# Metropolis Algorithm

Metropolis, Rosenbluth, Rosenbluth, Teller, and Teller in 1953

Set of states  $V = \{[v], \mathbb{R}^d, [0,1]^d\}$

→ can evaluate  $w(v)$  for  $v \in V$

↑ one state.

$$e^{-\text{Energ}(v)} = w(v) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{v \in V} w(v) \text{ or } \int_{v \in V} w(v) dv = \mathcal{Z}$$

Don't know  $\mathcal{Z}$

$$\text{Prob}[v \in V] \approx w(v)$$

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Metropolis on  $V$  and  $w$

Initialize  $\underline{v_0} = [0\ 0\ 0\ \dots\ \underline{1}\ \dots\ 0\ 0]^T$ .

repeat

Generate  $u \sim K(v, \cdot)$

if  $(w(u) \geq w(v_i))$  then

Set  $v_{i+1} = u$

else

With probability  $w(u)/w(v)$  set  $v_{i+1} = u$

else

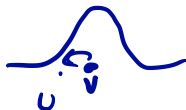
Set  $v_{i+1} = v_i$

until "converged"

return  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, \}$

*exactly  
(st)  $\tau$*

$$= e^{-\beta U(v, u)}$$



*average*

~~$v_1 \dots v_{1000}$~~ ,  $v_{1001} \dots v_{6000}$

*burnin  
phase*

$V_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$P_c[V_n] = \frac{w(V_n)}{\mathcal{Z}}$$



