

Lec 4

Galton-Watson Process

evolution of Y-chromosome / family name.

G_t : # of males at t -th generation.

X_{ti} : # of sons of i -th father in t -th generation.

$$G_0 = 1, \quad G_{t+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{G_t} X_{ti}$$

X_{ti} : iid with $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$. $\Pr[X_{ti} = k] = f(k)$.

$\{G_t\}$ - Markov chain.

Assume $f(0) > 0$, $f(0) + f(1) < 1$.

$$p \triangleq \Pr[\text{extinction}] = \Pr[G_t = 0 \text{ for some finite } t]$$

$$p = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pr[G_1 = k] \cdot \Pr[\text{extinction} \mid G_1 = k]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(k) \cdot p^k \triangleq \psi(p).$$

$\psi(z) = \sum f(k) z^k$
is the probability generating function

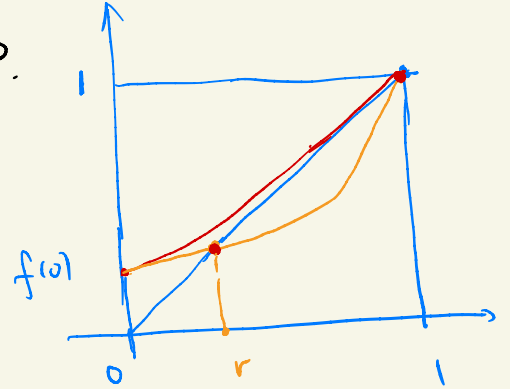
$p = \psi(p)$ is a fix point

Property of ψ on $[0, 1]$

$$* \quad \psi' = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k f(k) \cdot z^{k-1} \geq 0.$$

$$* \quad \psi(1) = 1. \quad \psi(0) = f(0) > 0.$$

$$* \quad \psi'' = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) f(k) z^{k-2} \geq 0.$$



Which fix point is p ?

ψ convex

$$\text{Case 1: } \psi'(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k f(k) = E[Y] \leq 1.$$

$$p = 1.$$

$$\text{Case 2: } E[Y] > 1. \quad p=1 \text{ or } p=r?$$

$$P_t \stackrel{\Delta}{=} P_r[G_t=0]$$

$$\text{Then } P_t \rightarrow p.$$

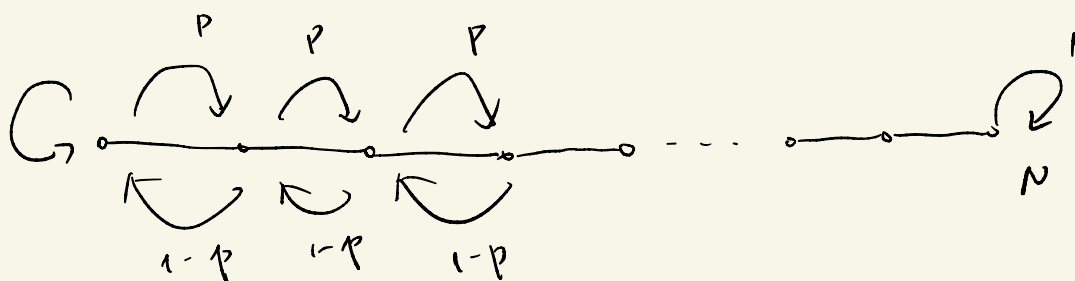
Now prove $P_t \leq r.$

Induction on t :

$$P_1 = f(0) < 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{t+1} &= P_r[G_{t+1} = 0] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P[G_1 = k] \cdot P_r[G_{t+1} = 0 | G_1 = k] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(k) \cdot P_t^k = \psi(P_t). \\ &\leq \psi(r) = r. \end{aligned}$$

Gambler's Ruin



$X_0 = i$. What is the prob. of ending at N ?

$$P_0 = 0, \quad P_N = 1.$$

$$\forall i > 0: \quad P_i = (1-p)P_{i-1} + pP_{i+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{i+1} = \frac{1}{p} P_i - \frac{1-p}{p} P_{i-1}.$$

Second-order recurrence,

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{i+1} \\ P_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{p} & \frac{p-1}{p} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_i \\ P_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{p} & \frac{p-1}{p} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^i \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{p} & \frac{p-1}{p} \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |A - \lambda I| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{p} - \lambda & \frac{p-1}{p} \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda^2 - \frac{1}{p}\lambda + \frac{1-p}{p} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p\lambda^2 - \lambda + (1-p) = 0$$

$$(\lambda-1)(p\lambda + p-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1-p}{p}$$

If $p \neq \frac{1}{2}$ $A^i = \Lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & (\frac{1-p}{p})^i \end{bmatrix} \Lambda^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = a + b \cdot \left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^i$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} P_0 = 0 \\ P_N = 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} a+b=0 \\ a+b \cdot \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N = 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow 1 = b \left[\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N - 1 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N - 1}$$

$q \triangleq 1-p$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N} \left(1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i \right) \quad a = -b$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i}{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N} & \text{if } p \neq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{i}{N} & \text{if } p = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

if $p = \frac{1}{2}$

Induction $P_i = i P_1$

$$P_{i+1} = 2P_i - P_{i-1} \quad P_{i+1} = 2 \cdot i P_1 - (i-1) P_1$$

$$= (i+1) P_1$$

$$P_N = N P_1 = 1 \Rightarrow P_1 = \frac{1}{N}$$

Drug Testing

New Drug. Cure rate P_1 .

Decide whether $P_1 > P_2$ or $P_1 < P_2$

$(X_1, Y_1), \dots, (X_j, Y_j)$.

X_i - drug 1

Y_i → drug 2.

$$Z_j = X_j - Y_j \quad S_n = \sum_{j=1}^n Z_j$$

Test $S_n = M$ or $S_n = -M$ first.

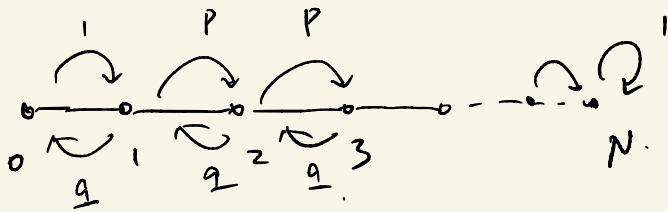
$$Z_j = \begin{cases} 1 & P_1(1-P_2) \\ -1 & P_2(1-P_1) \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{q}{p} = \frac{P_2(1-P_1)}{P_1(1-P_2)}$$

$$p = \frac{P_1(1-P_2)}{P_1(1-P_2) + P_2(1-P_1)} \quad q = 1-p$$

$$\begin{aligned} P[P_2 > P_1] &= 1 - \frac{1 - (q/p)^M}{1 - (q/p)^{2M}} = \frac{(q/p)^M - (q/p)^{2M}}{1 - (q/p)^{2M}} \\ &= \frac{(q/p)^M}{1 + (q/p)^M} = \frac{1}{(p/q)^M + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Another random walk as N



$$h_i = E_i(N).$$

$$\begin{cases} h_0 = 1 + h_1 \\ h_N = 0 \\ h_i = q h_{i-1} + p h_{i+1} + 1, \quad i \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

$Y_i \equiv$ # of steps from i to $i+1$.

$$N_{0,N} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} Y_i$$

$$y_i \equiv E[Y_i] \Rightarrow \forall i \geq 1, \quad y_i = 1 + q(y_{i-1} + y_i).$$

$$\Rightarrow y_i = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{q}{p} y_{i-1}.$$

$$y_0 = 1.$$

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$$y_1 = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{q}{p} = \frac{1}{p} + \alpha$$

$$y_2 = \frac{1}{p} + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{p} + \alpha \right) = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p} \alpha + \alpha^2$$

$$y_3 = \frac{1}{p} + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p} \alpha + \alpha^2 \right) = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p} \alpha + \frac{1}{p} \alpha^2 + \alpha^3$$

$$y_i = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \alpha^j + \alpha^i$$

$$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow y_i = 2i + 1.$$

2SAT.

Random walk on solution space.

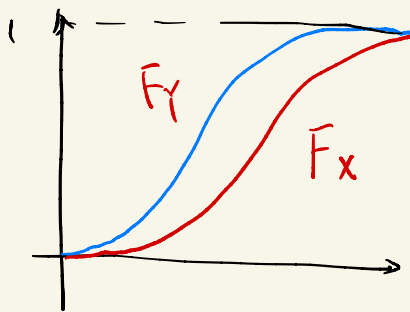
Stochastic dominance.

$$X \sim \mu,$$

$$Y \sim \nu.$$

$\mu \succeq \nu$ if $\forall a \in \mathbb{R},$

$$\mu[(a, +\infty)] \geq \nu[(a, +\infty)]$$



Ex. RW on $\mathcal{N} \succeq$ 2SAT algo.

Ex. $p \geq q \Rightarrow \text{Ber}(n, p) \succeq \text{Ber}(n, q)$.

Ex. Connectedness in Erdős-Rényi.

Coupling. two distributions μ, ν on Ω .

C joint of μ, ν such that

$$H(X, Y) \sim (\mu, \nu).$$

$$X \sim \mu.$$

$$Y \sim \nu.$$

Example. $\text{Ber}(n, p), \text{Ber}(n, q)$.

Thm. $X \geq Y$ iff \exists coupling C .

$$P_{(X, Y) \sim C} [X \geq Y] = 1.$$

pf. "if"

$$P [Y > a] = P_{(X, Y) \sim C} [Y > a]$$

$$= P_{(X, Y) \sim C} [X \geq Y > a]$$

$$\leq P_{(X, Y) \sim C} [X \geq a] = P [X > a].$$

"only if"

Exercises.