

**Exercise 01.** Consider a discrete-time homogeneous Markov chain with transition probability matrix  $P$

$$P = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{2} \\ \mathbf{3} \\ \mathbf{4} \\ \mathbf{5} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 & 0.2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

i) Plot all possible paths of length 4 that start from initial state  $\mathbf{1}$ ; ii) Compute the probabilities of being in each of the states  $\{\mathbf{1}, \dots, \mathbf{5}\}$  four time steps after starting from state  $\mathbf{1}$ .

**Exercise 02.** Consider a discrete-time homogeneous Markov chain with transition probability matrix  $P$

$$P = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.4 & 0.6 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the following probabilities

- i)  $\text{Prob}\{X_4 = \mathbf{c}, X_3 = \mathbf{c}, X_2 = \mathbf{c}, X_1 = \mathbf{c} | X_0 = \mathbf{a}\}$ ;
- ii)  $\text{Prob}\{X_6 = \mathbf{d}, X_5 = \mathbf{c}, X_4 = \mathbf{b} | X_3 = \mathbf{a}\}$ ;
- iii)  $\text{Prob}\{X_5 = \mathbf{c}, X_6 = \mathbf{a}, X_7 = \mathbf{c}, X_8 = \mathbf{c} | X_4 = \mathbf{b}\}, X_3 = \mathbf{d}$ .

**Exercise 03.** Consider a discrete-time Markov chain with transition probability matrix  $P(n)$  at times  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$P(n) = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 \\ 0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5(0.5)^n & [1 - 0.5(0.5)^n] \\ 0 & 0 & 0.8(0.8)^n & [1 - 0.8(0.8)^n] \end{pmatrix}.$$

Compute the probability distribution after two steps if the chain starts from i) state  $\mathbf{a}$ ; ii) state  $\mathbf{d}$ .

**Exercise 04.** Classify the states of the following discrete-time homogeneous Markov chain with transition probability matrix  $P$

$$P = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{c} \\ \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{g} \\ \mathbf{h} \\ \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{j} \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$