

# ECE 341 - Homework #11

## Markov Chains.

Problem 1 & 2) Two teams, A and B, are playing a match made up of N games. For each game

- Team A has a 45% chance of winning
- There is a 15% chance of a tie, and
- Team B has a 40% chance of winning

In order to win the match, a team must be **up** by 2 games.

1) Determine the probability that team A wins the match after k games for  $k = \{0 \dots 10\}$  using matrix multiplication.

The state-transition matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_2 \\ A_1 \\ A_0 \\ A_{-1} \\ A_{-2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.45 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.15 & 0.45 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.4 & 0.15 & 0.45 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.4 & 0.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_2 \\ A_1 \\ A_0 \\ A_{-1} \\ A_{-2} \end{bmatrix}$$

In Matlab

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>> A=[1,0.45,0,0,0;0,0.15,0.45,0,0;0,0.4,0.15,0.45,0;0,0,0.4,0.15,0;0,0,0,0.4,1]
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1.0000    0.4500         0         0         0
         0    0.1500    0.4500         0         0
         0    0.4000    0.1500    0.4500         0
         0         0    0.4000    0.1500         0
         0         0         0    0.4000    1.0000
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>> X0 = [0,0,1,0,0]'
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0
0
1
0
0
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>> G0 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^0 * X0
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G0 =    0
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>> G1 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^1 * X0
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G1 =    0
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>> G2 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^2 * X0
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G2 =    0.2025
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>> G3 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^3 * X0
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G3 = 0.2633
>> G4 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^4 * X0
G4 = 0.3498
>> G5 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^5 * X0
G5 = 0.3963
>> G6 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^6 * X0
G6 = 0.4395
>> G7 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^7 * X0
G7 = 0.4681
>> G8 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^8 * X0
G8 = 0.4912
>> G9 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^9 * X0
G9 = 0.5079
>> G10 = [1,0,0,0,0] * A^10 * X0
G10 = 0.5206
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- 2) Determine the z-transform for the probability that A wins the match after k games
- From the z transforms, determine the explicit function for p(A) wins after game k.

Find the z-transform

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>> X0 = [0;0;1;0;0];
>> C = [1,0,0,0,0];
>> G = ss(A, X0, C, 0, 1);
>> zpk(G)

Zero/pole/gain:
      0.2025 (z-0.15)
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(z-1) (z-0.75) (z+0.45) (z-0.15)

Sampling time (seconds): 1
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Multiply by z to get the z-transform for p(k)

$$P = \left( \frac{0.2025z}{(z-1)(z-0.75)(z+0.45)} \right)$$

Taking the inverse z-transform...

Find the partial fraction expansion

$$P = \left( \frac{0.2025}{(z-1)(z-0.75)(z+0.45)} \right) z$$

$$P = \left( \left( \frac{0.5586}{z-1} \right) + \left( \frac{-0.6750}{z-0.75} \right) + \left( \frac{0.1164}{z+0.45} \right) \right) z$$

$$P = \left( \frac{0.5586z}{z-1} \right) + \left( \frac{-0.6750z}{z-0.75} \right) + \left( \frac{0.1164z}{z+0.45} \right)$$

$$p(k) = \left( 0.5586 - 0.6750(0.75)^k + 0.1164(-0.45)^k \right) u(k)$$

Solving in Matlab

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for k=1:10
    p = 0.5586 - 0.6750*(0.75^k) + 0.1164*(-0.45)^k;
    disp([k,p])
end
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| k       | p(k)    | problem 1 |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1.0000  | -0.0000 | 0         |
| 2.0000  | 0.2025  | 0.2025    |
| 3.0000  | 0.2632  | 0.2633    |
| 4.0000  | 0.3498  | 0.3498    |
| 5.0000  | 0.3963  | 0.3963    |
| 6.0000  | 0.4394  | 0.4395    |
| 7.0000  | 0.4681  | 0.4681    |
| 8.0000  | 0.4912  | 0.4819    |
| 9.0000  | 0.5078  | 0.5079    |
| 10.0000 | 0.5206  | 0.5206    |

- 3) Two players are playing a game of tennis. To win a game, a player must win 4 points *and* be up by 2 points.
- If player A reaches 4 points and player B has less than 3 points, the game is over and player A wins.
  - If player A reaches 4 points and player B has 3 points, then the game reverts to 'win by 2' rules. Both players keep playing until one of them is up by 2 games.

Suppose:

- Player A has a 55% chance of winning any given point
- Player B has a 45% chance of winning any given point.

What is the probability that player A wins the game (first to 4 games, win by 2)?

- Note: This is a combination of a binomial distribution (A has 4 points while B has 0, 1, or 2 points) along with a Markov chain (A and B both have 3 points, at which point it becomes a win-by-2 series)

The ways A can win are

- a) A wins 3 of first 3 games then A wins game 4 (A up 3-0 then wins)
- b) A wins 3 of first 4 games then game 5 (A up 3-1 then A wins)
- c) A wins 3 of first 5 games then game 6 (A up 3-2 then A wins)
- d) A and B are tied (3,3) then A wins a best-of-2 series (Markov chain)

This is a conditional probability

a) A wins first 3 of 3 games then A wins game 4

$$p(a) = \binom{3}{3} (0.55)^3 (0.45)^0 = 0.16638$$

$$p(A|a)p(a) = (0.55)(0.16638) = 0.09151$$

b) A wins 3 of first 4 games then wins game 5

$$p(b) = \binom{4}{3} (0.55)^3 (0.45)^1 = 0.29948$$

$$p(A|b)p(b) = (0.55)(0.29948) = 0.16471$$

c) A wins 3 of first 5 games then wins game 6

$$p(c) = \binom{5}{3} (0.55)^3 (0.45)^2 = 0.33691$$

$$p(A|c)p(c) = 0.18530$$

d) A wins best-of-two series starting at tied: 3-3 (d)

$$p(d) = \binom{6}{3} (0.55)^3 (0.45)^3 = 0.30322$$

p(A) winning from here comes from a Markov chain

$$z \begin{bmatrix} p2 \\ p1 \\ p0 \\ m1 \\ m2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.55 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.55 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.45 & 0 & 0.55 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.45 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.45 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p2 \\ p1 \\ p0 \\ m1 \\ m2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding the result after 100 matches in Matlab

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>> A = [1, 0.55, 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0.55, 0, 0; 0, 0.45, 0, 0.55, 0; 0, 0, 0.45, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0, 0.45, 1]
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```
1.0000    0.5500         0         0         0
         0         0    0.5500         0         0
         0    0.4500         0    0.5500         0
         0         0    0.4500         0         0
         0         0         0    0.4500    1.0000
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>> A^100
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1.0000    0.8196    0.5990    0.3295         0
         0    0.0000         0    0.0000         0
         0         0    0.0000         0         0
         0    0.0000         0    0.0000         0
         0    0.1804    0.4010    0.6705    1.0000
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>>
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If you start out 0-0 (column #3), A wins (row #1) 59.90% of the time

$$p(A|d) = 0.5990$$

and

$$p(A|d)p(d) = 0.18163$$

The total chances of A winning are then

$$p(A) = p(A|a)p(a) + p(A|b)p(b) + p(A|c)p(c) + p(A|d)p(d)$$

$$p(A) = 0.62315$$

**With this format, player A has a 62.315% chance of winning the match**