

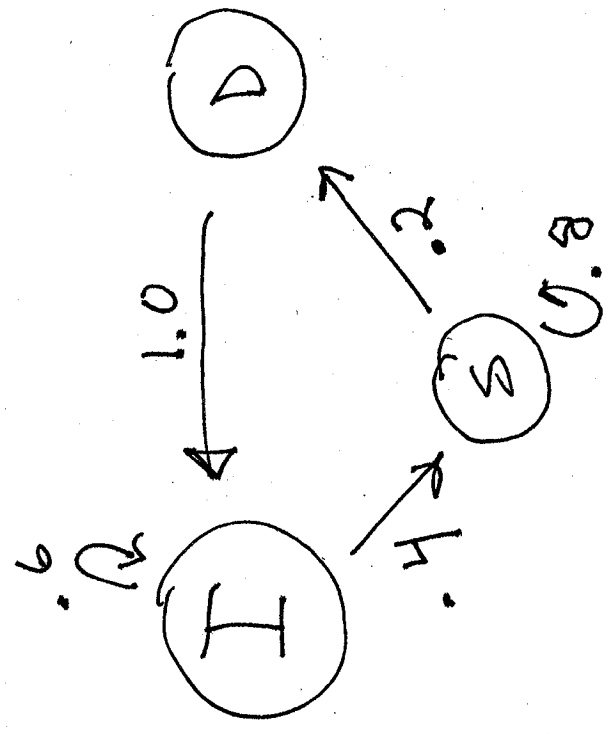
Markov chains and measures cont.

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Fig. 3 compartment disease

D = Diseased

I = Immune S = Susceptible



	I	S	D
I	0.6	0.4	0
S	0	0.8	0.2
D	0	0	0

Step size = 1 week

Notes: Recovery from disease yields immunity

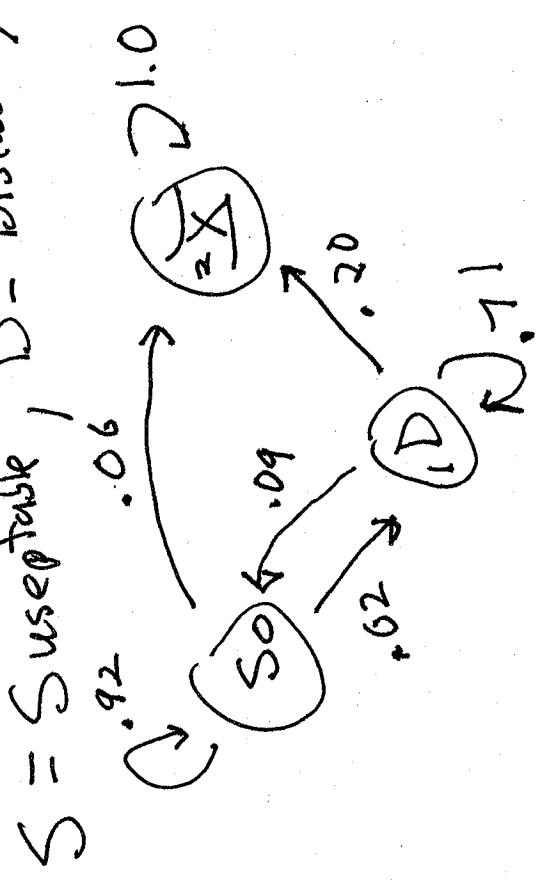
Immunity not permanent

(Numbers are made up.)

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E.G. Disease with death, no immunity chains to  
"A primer in the application of Markov Chains to  
wildlife disease dynamics"; Methods in Ecology and Evolution,  
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House fink # PA Mogen, 1/2-week time step  
S = Susceptible, D = Disease, X = Death



$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} S & D & X \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} S \\ D \\ X \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} .92 & .02 & .06 \\ .09 & .71 & .20 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

~~S~~ is an absorbing state.

DEF:  $A$  is a stochastic matrix if  $A_{ij} \geq 0$  for all  $i, j$  and Row sums are all 1, or  $\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} = 1$  for all  $i$ .

FACT: Given a stochastic matrix  $A$ , there always exists at least one left eigenvector with

eigenvalue 1, so  $\vec{p}A = \vec{p}$  (see below)  
eigenvalue 1, so  $\sum p_i = 1$  and  $\sum p_i = 1$

addition  $p_i \geq 0$  and  $\sum p_i = 1$  as above

DEF: Given an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with  $\vec{p}$  as above  
the corresponding cylinder sets  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  by  
is defined on

$$\mu \left( \left[ b_0 b_1 \dots b_k \right] \right) = \vec{p}_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} A_{b_1 b_2} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k}$$

NOTE: We index  $\vec{p}$  and  $A$  with  $0, \dots, n-1$  since  
 $\sum_n = \sum_{0, \dots, n-1}$

FACT:  $A(\vec{P}, A)$  Markov measure defines a  $\sigma$ -invariant Borel measure on  $\Sigma^n$

PROOF: We first check basic additivity on cylinder sets

$$(1) \mu \left[ \bigcup_{j=0}^{n-1} [b_0 b_1 \dots b_k] \right] = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mu [b_0 b_1 \dots b_k j]$$

disjoint union

This requires  $\mu \left( \bigcup_{j=0}^{n-1} \mu [b_0 \dots b_k j] \right) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mu [b_0 \dots b_k j]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } P_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} P_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} A_{b_k j} \\ &= P_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} A_{b_k j} \\ &= P_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since Row Sums are one.

eg  ${}_2 [01] = {}_2 [010] \cup {}_2 [011]$  in  $\Sigma_2$ .

$$(2) \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} [b_0 \dots b_k] = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \prod_{m=1} [j b_0 \dots b_k]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } P_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} P_j A_{j b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} P_j A_{j b_0} \right) A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} \\ &= P_{b_0} A_{b_0 b_1} \dots A_{b_{k-1} b_k} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\vec{P} A = \vec{P}$

eg: in  $\Sigma_2$ ,  $[10] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\perp$   $[110]$

(3)  $M$  then extends to the Borels as in earlier lectures  
 eg: in  $\Sigma_2$ ,  $[10]$  is independent

(4) Since the definition of  $\mu(\sum_{b_0 \dots b_k})$  is independent of  $m$  and  $\vec{P}(\sum_{b_0 \dots b_k}) = \sum_{b_0 \dots b_k}$ , the

Markov measure is  $\vec{P}$ -invariant.

- A matrix  $A$  is non-negative,  $A \geq 0$ , if  $A_{ij} \geq 0 \forall i, j$

• A non-negative matrix is irreducible if  $\forall i, j$

$\exists n$  so that  $(A^n)_{ij} > 0$

matrix

- if  $A$  is the incidence

Interpretation - if  $A_{ij} > 0 \iff$  there is an edge for

of a graph  $G$  (so  $A_{ij} > 0$  means

from  $i$  to  $j$ ). Then irreducibility means there is some

every pair of vertices  $i$  and  $j$  there is some  $n$ -path from  $i$  to  $j$

$n$  so that there is a length  $n$ -path from  $i$  to  $j$   
 $n \rightarrow 0$  needs  $n=2$  length path  
all others length one.

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

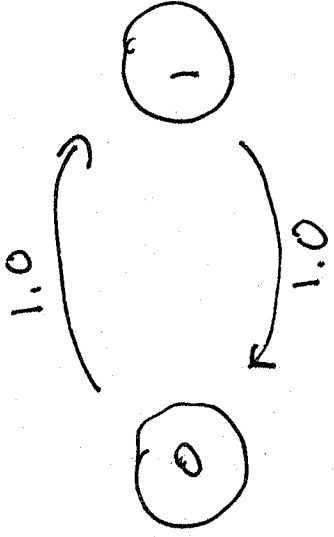


• A non-negative matrix is primitive if  $\exists N$  with  $A^N > 0$  (this is also called irreducible and  $\alpha$ -periodic)

• previous examp  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/4 & 3/4 \end{bmatrix} > 0$

so  $N=2$

- Interpretation:  $\exists$  a uni form  $N$  so that every pair  $i$  and  $j$  have a length  $N$  path from  $i$  to  $j$  in the graph.
- The central theorem about non-negative matrices is Perron-Frobenius which provides the key to understanding Markov measures.



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \dots$$

A is irreducible not primitive

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A is irreducible with immunity is primitive  $A^3 > 0$

- 3 stage disease with immunity is not irreducible since
- disease with death is out of  $\mathbb{X}$ .  
no transitions



Theorem (P.F.)  $A$  is non-negative  $n \times n$  matrix

so that for every

(1)  $\exists$  eigen value  $\lambda \geq 0$  so that for every other eigen value  $\mu, |\mu| \leq \lambda$

There is a left eigenvector  $\vec{v} \geq 0$

(2)  $\vec{u}$  with  $\vec{u} \geq 0$  and a right eigen vector  $\vec{v} \geq 0$  corresponding to  $\lambda$  is a simple

(3) If  $A$  is irreducible  $\Rightarrow \lambda$  is the only eigenvalue and  $\vec{u} > 0$  and  $\vec{v} > 0$

(4) If  $A$  is irreducible  $\Rightarrow \lambda$  is the only eigenvalue of  $A$  with a non-negative eigenvector.

(5) If  $A$  is primitive  $\Rightarrow$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(A^k)_{ij}}{\lambda^k} = u_j v_i$$

Application to Stochastic matrices

Assume now  $A \geq 0$  is stochastic, thus it has row sums = 1

It follows that  $A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , so  $\mathbf{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

for the eigen value 1.

is a right eigenvector (induced by the  $\infty$ -norm of a matrix (when  $A \geq 0$ ) is the maximum row sum)

Now recall the  $\infty$ -norm of a matrix (when  $A \geq 0$ ) is the maximum row sum (when  $A \geq 0$ )

Thus  $\|A\|_{\infty} = 1$  and so  $\|A\vec{v}\|_{\infty} \leq \|A\|_{\infty} \|\vec{v}\|_{\infty} = \|\vec{v}\|_{\infty}$

Thus if  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \Rightarrow |\lambda| \leq 1$

Thus 1 is the P.F. eigenvalue of A

Now assume A is irreducible, then by PF

there is a unique left eigen vector  $\vec{p} > 0$  for the eigenvalue 1, or  $\vec{p} A = \vec{p}$

Given an irreducible, stochastic  $A$ , this unique  $\vec{p}$  is the one we choose to build the Markov measure on  $\Sigma^n$ .

If  $A$  is also primitive, since  $\lambda = 1$  and the left eigenvector is  $[p_0 \ p_1 \ \dots \ p_{n-1}]$  and the right eigenvector is  $\vec{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

By part (5) of PF

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (A^k)_{ij} = v_j v_i$$

So  $A^k \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1A & 1A & \dots & 1A \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem: Given an irreducible, stochastic matrix  $A$  and its unique left eigen vector  $\vec{p}$  with  $\vec{p} > 0$  and  $\sum p_i = 1$  the Markov measure constructed from  $(\vec{p}, A)$

is ergodic.  $\Rightarrow$  primitive  $\Rightarrow$  the

Markov measure is mixing.