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CHAP. 2 COMBINATION OF EVENTS Example 1. In throwing a pair of dice, let A, be the event that "the total number of spots is even" and A2 the event that "both dice turn up even or both dice turn up odd."1 Then Al == A2. Example 2. In throwing three dice, let A, again be the event that "the total number of spots is even" and A2 the event that "all three dice have either an even number of spots or an odd number of spots." Then A, = A2. Two events A, and A2 are said to be mutually exclusive or incompatible if the occurrence of one event precludes the occurrence of the other, i.e., if A, and A2 cannot occur simultaneously. By the union of two events A, and A2, denoted by A, U A21 we mean the event consisting of the occurrence of at least one of the events A, and A2. The union of several events A,, A2, ... is defined in the same way, and is denoted by U A, k By the intersection of two events A, and A2, denoted by A, n A2 or simply by A,A2, we mean the event consisting of the occurrence of both events A, and A2. By the intersection of several events A,, A2, ... , denoted by n Ak, k we mean the event consisting of the occurrence of all the events A,, A2, ... Given two events A, and A2, by the difference A, - A2 we mean the event in which A, occurs but not A2. By the complementary event of an event A2 denoted by A, we mean the event "A does not occur." Clearly, A=S2--A. Example 3. In throwing a pair of dice, let A be the event that "the total number of spots is even," A, the event that "both dice turn up even," and A2 the event that "both dice turn up odd." Then A, and A2 are mutually exclusive, and clearly A=A, UA2i A,=A--A2, A2=A-A,. Let A, Al and A2 be the events complementary to A, A, and A2, respectively. Then f is the event that "the total number of spots is odd," A, the event that "at least one die turns up odd," and A2 the event that "at least one die turns up even." It is easy to see that A,-A=A, nA=A2i A2-A=A2 nA=A,. The meaning of concepts like the union of two events, the intersection of two events, etc., is particularly clear if we think of events as sets of elementary events w, in the way described above. With this interpretation, I To "turn up even" means to show an even number of spots, and similarly for "turn up odd." 2 Synonymously, the "complement of A" or the "event complementary to A." SEC. 3 COMBINATION OF EVENTS 15 given events Al, A2 and A, At U A2 is the union of the sets A, and A2, A, n A2 is the intersection of the sets A, and A2, A = 0 - A is the complement of the set A relative to the whole space 0, and so on. Thus the symbols U, n, etc. have their customary set-theoretic meaning. Moreover, the statement that "the occurrence of the event A, implies that of the event A2" (or simply, "A, implies A2") means that A, c A2, i.e., that the set A, is a subset of the set A2.3 (a) (d) (b) (e) (c) (f) (a) The events A, and A, are mutually exclusive; (b) The unshaded figure represents the union A, U A2; (c) The unshaded figure represents the intersection A, n A2; (d) The unshaded figure represents the difference A, - A2; (e) The shaded and unshaded events (A, and A2) are complements of each other; FIGURE 2. (f) Event A, implies event A2. To visualize relations between events, it is convenient to represent the sample space S2 schematically by some plane region and the elementary events w by points in this region. Then events, i.e., sets of points co, become various plane figures. Thus Figure 2 shows various relations between two events A, and A2, represented by circular disks lying inside a rectangle 0, schematically representing the whole sample space. In turn, this way of representing events in terms of plane figures can be used to deduce general relations between events, e.g., a) If A, c A2, then Al - A2; b) If A = A, U A2, then A = A, n A2; c) IfA=A, nA2,then A=A,VA2. 'The symbol c means "is contained in," while means "contains." 16 CHAP. 2 COMBINATION OF EVENTS Quite generally, given a relation between various events, we can get an equivalent relation by changing events to their complements and the symbols 0, U and - to n, U and - (the sign = is left alone). Example 4. The following relations are equivalent: UA,=BC nCk, k k f1Ak=BD IICk, k k UAk=BC Uek. k k Remark. It will henceforth be assumed that all events under consideration have well-defined probabilities. Moreover, it will be assumed that all events obtained from a given sequence of events A1, A2, ... by taking unions, intersections, differences and complements also have well-defined probabilities. 4. The Addition Law for Probabilities Consider two mutually exclusive events Al and A2 associated with the outcomes of some random experiment, and let A = Al U A2 be the union of the two events. Suppose we repeat the experiment a large number of times, thereby producing a whole series of "independent trials under identical conditions." Let n be the total number of trials, and let n(A1), n(A2) and n(A) be the numbers of trials leading to the events A1, A2 and A, respectively. If A occurs in a trial, then either Al occurs or A2 occurs, but not both (since Al and A2 are mutually exclusive). Therefore n(A) = n(A1) + n(A2), and hence n(A) n = n(A1) n + n(A2) n But for sufficiently large n, the relative frequencies n(A)/n, n(A1)ln and n(A2)/n virtually coincide with the corresponding probabilities P(A), P(A,) and P(A2), as discussed on p. 3. It follows that P(A) = P(A1) + P(A2). (2.1) Similarly, if the events A1, A2 and A3 are mutually exclusive, then so are Al U A2 and A3, and hence, by two applications of (2.1), P(A1 V Al U Al) = P(A, U AZ) + P(A3) = P(A1) + P(A2) + P(A3) SEC. 4 COMBINATION OF EVENTS 17 More generally, given n mutually exclusive events A,, A2, ... , A,,, we have the formula P (U Ak) _ k=1 = P(Ak), (2.2) k=1 obtained by applying (2.1) n - 1 times. Equation (2.2) is called the addition law for probabilities. Next we prove some key relations involving probabilities: THEOREM 2.1. The formulas 0 < P(A) < 1, P(A, - A2) = P(A,) - P(A1 n A2), P(A2 - Al) = P(A2) - P(A, n A2), (2.3) P(A, U A2) = P(AI) + P(A2) - P(A1 n A2) (2.6) (2.4) (2.5) hold for arbitrary events A, A1 and A2. Moreover, if A, c A2. P(A1) < P(A2) Proof. (2.7) Formula (2.3) follows at once from the interpretation of probability as the limiting value of relative frequency, since obviously 0< n(A) n < 1, where n(A) is the number of occurrences of an event A in n trials.' Given any two events A1 and A2, we have A, = (A, - A2) U (A1 n A2), A2 = (A2 - A1) U (A1 A2), A, U A2 = (A1 - A2) U (A2 - A1) u (A1 n A2), where the events A, - A2, A2 - A, and A, n A2 are mutually exclusive. Therefore, by (2.2), P(AI) = P(A1 - A2) + P(A, n A2), P(A2) = P(A2 - A,) + P(A1 n A2), P(A1 U A2) = P(A1 - A2) + P(A2 - A,) + P(A, n A2). (2.8) (2.9) (2.10) Formulas (2.8) and (2.9) are equivalent to (2.4) and (2.5). Then, using (2.4) and (2.5), we can write (2.10) in the form P(A1 v A2) = P(A,) - P(A1 n A2) + P(A2) -P(A, n A2) + P(A1 n A2) = P(A1) + P(A2) - P(A1 n A2), 4 Note that P(Q) = 0, P(fl) = 1, since n(0) = 0, n(t) = n for all n. Thus the impossible event has probability zero, while the certain event has probability one. 18 CHAP. 2 COMBINATION OF EVENTS thereby proving (2.6). Finally to prove (2.7), we note that if Al - A2, then Al n A2 = A1, and hence (2.9) implies P(A1) = P(A2) - P(A2 - A1) < P(A2), since P(A2 - A1) > 0 by (2.3). 1 The addition law (2.2) becomes much more complicated if we drop the requirement that the events be mutually exclusive: Given any n events A1i A2, ... An, 1et5 THEOREM 2.2 P1 = P(A). i=1 P(AZA,) P2 = 15i 0. 2. Let E1..... E. be n independent identically distributed random variables, with common mean a = E Sk and variance E2 = D k. Suppose a is known. Can the quantity 1L I n k Gk - a)2 / G 1 be used to estimate a2? 3. A random variable has probability density8 Xm PE(x) = I"! " if x 0, otherwise, 0 where m is a positive integer. Prove that P{0< Hint. m m+l' Use Chebyshev's inequality. 4. The probability of an event A occurring in one trial is -1. Is it true that the probability of A occurring between 400 and 600 times in 1000 independent trials exceeds 0.97 ? Ans. Yes. 5. Let be the number of spots obtained in throwing an unbiasbd die. What is the generating function of ? 8 It follows by repeated integration by parts that f o- xme_s dx = m! SOME LIMIT THEOREMS PROBLEMS 81 6. Use (6.6) and the result of the preceding problem to solve Problem 16, p. 52. 7. Let f; be a random variable with the Poisson distribution ak k =0, 1,2,... Pg(k) =k a ', (6.27) Use (6.6) to show that E = D = a. 8. Find the generating function of the random variable ak = k} P{ with distribution (a > 0). (1 + a)k+i Use (6.6) to find E and 9. Let 7) be the sum of two independent random variables El and 21 one with the Poisson distribution (6.27), the other with the Poisson distribution obtained by changing the parameter a to a' in (6.27). Show that -q also has a Poisson distribution, with parameter a + a'. 10. Let S. be the number of successes in a series of n independent trials, where the probability of success at the kth trial ispk. Supposept, . . . , p depend on n in such a way that pl+...+pn=a while max {pl, .. 0 , as n -. oo. Prove that S. has a Poisson distribution with parameter a in the limit as n --+ oo. Hint. Use Theorem 6.2.8 11. Find the characteristic function f (t) of the random variable with probability density PE(x) = 2 e 1x1 (- ao < x < oo). 1 Ans. A(t) = 1 + t2 . 12. Use (6.23) and the result of the preceding problem to solve Problem 13, p. 52. 13. Find the characteristic function of a random variable uniformly distributed in the interval [a, b]. 14. A continuous random variable fi(t) = edItI has characteristic function (a > 0). Find the probability density of . For the details, see W. Feller, op. cit., p. 282. 82 CHAP. 6 SOME LIMIT THEOREMS a Ans. pt(x) = 7r(a2 + x2) 15. The derivatives f'(0) and f (0) do not exist in the preceding problem. Why does this make sense? Hint. Cf. Problem 24, p. 53. 16. Let v be the total number of spots which are obtained in 1000 independent throws of an unbiased die. Then Ev = 3500, because of Problem 16, p. 52. Estimate the probability that v is a number between 3450 and 3550. 17. Let S be the same as in Problem 10, and suppose I pkgk = oo. Prove that k=1 P x' G pk CCk-1 = : x" Sn I1 as n pkgk oo. Hint. Apply Theorem 6.3. _e 1 2>< X. x212 dx MARKOV CHAINS 15. Transition Probabilities Consider a physical system with the following properties: a) The system can occupy any of a finite or countably infinite number of states ell e2, ... b) Starting from some initial state at time t = 0, the system changes its state randomly at the times t = 1, 2.... Thus, if the random variable i;(t) is the state of the system at time t,' the evolution of the system in time is described by the consecutive transitions (or "steps") (0) -> E(1) - E(2) ---> ... . c) At time t = 0, the system occupies the state e; with initial probability (7.1) d) Suppose the system is in the state ei at any time n. Then the probability that the system goes into the state e; at the next step is given by i,j=1,2,..., (7.2) regardless of its behavior before the time n. The numbers pi;, called the transition probabilities, do not depend on the time n. 1 In calling fi(t) a random variable, we are tacitly assuming that the states e,, e,, .. . are numbers (random variables are numerical functions). This can always be achieved by the simple expedient of replacing e,, e,, . . . by the integers 1, 2.... (see W. Feller, op. cit., p. 419). 83 84 CHAP. 7 MARKOV CHAINS A "random process" described by this model is called a Markov chain.2 Now let p,(n) == P {fi(n) = ef} (7.3) be the probability that the system will be in the state ei "after n steps." To find p1(n), we argue as follows: After n - 1 steps, the system must be in 1) = ek}, k = one of the states ek, k = 1, 2, . . . , i.e., the events 1, 2, . . . form a full set of mutually exclusive events in the sense of p. 26. Hence, by formula (3.6), P {fi(n) = ;} = I P {i;(n) = e; I (n - 1) = ek} P {E(n - 1) = ek}. (7.4) k Writing (7.4) in terms of the notation (7.1)-(7.3), we get the recursion formulas p;(0) = p°> pi(n) _ k n = 1, 2.... Pk(n --- 1)pk;, (7.5) If the system is in a definite state e,; at time t = 0, the initial probability distribution reduces to p°=1, if pkk==0 (7.6) The probability p,(n) is then the same. as the probability Pi,(n)=P{fi(n) =.ejI (0)=si}, i,j= 1,2,... that the system will go from state e, to state ei in n steps. Hence, for the initial distribution (7.6), the formulas, (7.5) become pi,(()) -- I if j==i, 0 if f i, (7.7) n = 1, 2, .. . pi3(n) _ I Pik(n --- 1)Pk k The form of the sum in (7.7) suggests introducing the transition probability matrix 1711 P = Ilpi; II P12 P21 P22 =_ 2 More exactly, a Markov chain with stationary transition probabilities, where we allude to the fact that the numbers (7.2) do not depend on n. For an abstract definition of a Markov chain, without reference to an underlying physical system, see W. Feller, op. cit., p. 374. SEC. 15 MARKOV CHAINS 85 and the "n-step transition probability matrix" P11(n) P12(n) P(n) = IIPt3(n) II = P21(n) P22(n) ... ... Then, because of the rule for matrix multiplication,3 (7.7) implies P(O)= I, P(I)=P, P(2)=p(l)p= p2_, where I is the unit matrix (with ones along the main diagonal and zeros everywhere else). It follows that P(n) = P", n = 1, 2, ... (7.8) Example 1 (The book pile problem). Consider a pile of m books lying on a desk. If the books are numbered from I to m, the order of the books from the top of the pile down is described by some permutation (i1, i2, ... i,,,) of the integers 1, 2, ... , m, where it is the number of the book on top of the pile, i2 the number of the next book down, etc., and im is the number of the book at the bottom of the pile. Suppose each of the books is chosen with a definite probability, and then returned to the top of the pile. Let pk be the probability of choosing the kth book (k = 1 , 2, ... , m), and suppose the book pile is in the state (i1, i2, ... , im). Then, at the next step, the state either remains unchanged, which happens with probability p,1 when the top book (numbered 11) is chosen, or else changes to one of the m - 1 states of the form (13, i1, ...), which happens with probability pi,: when a book other than the top book is chosen. Thus we are dealing with a Markov chain, with states described by the permutations (i1, i2, . . . , im) and the indicated transition probabilities. For example, if m = 2, there are only two states el = (1, 2) and e2 = (2, 1), and the transition probabilities are Pll = P21 = Pl, P12 = P22 = P2 The corresponding transition probability matrix is P= PI P2 II PI P2 II The "two-step transition probabilities" are p11(2) = P21(2) = PIP, + PIP2 = PI(PI + P2) = P1, P12(2) = P22(2) = Pipe + P2P2 = P2(P1 + P2) = P23 Suitably generalized to the case of infinite matrices, if there are infinitely many states el, C3 ... 86 CHAP. 7 MARKOV CHAINS Hence Pz = P, and more generally F' = P. Given any initial probability distribution pi, pz, we have Pi(n) = Pip11(n) + P°P21(n) = Pl(p + ps) = Pl' P2(n) = PPlz(n) + PzPzz(n) = MP? + P02) = P21 Example 2 (The optimal choice problem). Returning to Example 2, p. 28, concerning the choice of the best object among m objects all of different quality, let ek (k = 1, 2, . . . , m) be the state characterized by the fact that the kth inspected object is the best of the first k objects inspected, and let em+l be the state characterized by the fact that the best of all m objects has already been examined and rejected. As the m objects are examined one by one at random, there are various times at which the last object examined turns out to be better than all previous objects examined. Denote these times in order of occurrence by t = 0, 1, . . . , v, with t = 0 corresponding to inspection of the first object and t == v being the time at which the best of all m objects is examined (v = 0 if the best object is examined first). Imagine a system with possible states F-1.... , e e,,,+1, and let fi(t) be the state of the system at the time t, so that in particular l;(0) =e1. To make the "random into a Markov chain, we must define process" (0) E(l) E(2) E(n) for n > v. This is done by the simple artifice of setting E(n) = em}1 for all. n > v. The transition probabilities of this Markov chain are easily found. Obviously pm+l.m+1 = 1 and pt; _ = 0 if i > j, j < m. To calculate p,,; for i < j < m, we write (7.2) in the form Pt, = P(E; I F;2) = P(EjE,) (7.9) P(Ez) in terms of the events Ez = {E(n) e:i} and E; = {E(n + 1) = e;}. Clearly, P(E;) is the probability that the best object will occupy the last place in a randomly selected permutation of j objects, all of different quality. Since the total number of distinct permutations of j objects is j!, while the number of such permutations with a fixed element in the last (jth) place is (j - 1)!, we have P(E,)=(j-1)_=1, j! j=1,...,m: I (7.10) Similarly, P(E;E,) is the probability that the best object occupies the jth place, while a definite object (namely, the second best object) occupies the ith place. Clearly, there are (j - 2) ! permutations of j objects with fixed elements in two places, and hence P(E,E,)= (j-2)! ==--j! 1 (j - 1)j i q (say), then the particle will gradually work its way out along the x axis in the positive direction, and sooner or later permanently abandon any given state i. However, if p = q = J, we have 00 2: Pii(2 n) = oo, n=O and the particle will return to each state infinitely often, a fact apparent from the symmetry of the problem in this case. Example 4. Next consider the one-dimensional random walk with transition probabilities (7.13). Obviously, if 0 < pi < 1 for all i = 0, 1, ... , every state is accessible from every other state, and hence the states are either all persistent or all transient. Suppose the system is initially in the state i = 0. Then the probability that it does not return to the state i = 0 after n steps equals the product pop, ' ' ' pn-,, the: probability of the system making the consecutive transitions 0 - - 1 -> - -* n. It is easy to see that the probability that the system never returns to its initial state i = 0 as n - oo equals the infinite product oo IT P. n=O aim POP1 ' ' n-m . P.- If this infinite product converges to zero, i.e., if aim POP,Pn=0, n-co then the state i = 0 is persistent, and hence so are all the other states. Otherwise, the probability of return to the initial state is V=1-limPoP,"'Pn - n - 1 in the first n - 1 steps and then returning to the state i = 0 in the nth step. Therefore, since the transi- tion i - 1 -> i has probability pi-t, v1 = 1 - Po' V. = PoPi ... Pn-a(1 - Pn-1), n = 2, 3, . .. By definition, the probability of eventually returning to the initial state i = 0 is v, v= n=o Therefore V = 1 - PO + Po(1 - P1) + POP1(1 - Pz) + .. = 1 - lim POP" ... Pn, n-m in keeping with (7.19). 17.. Limiting Probabilities. Stationary Distributions As before, let pi(n) be the probability of the system occupying the state of after n steps. Then, under certain conditions, the numbers pi(n), j = 1, 2.... approach definite limits as n - co : THEOREM 7.4. Given a Markov chain with a finite number of states El, . .. , each accessible from every other state, suppose min pii(N) = 8 > 0 for some N.7 Then (7.20) i,i lim p,(n) p*, n-oo where the numbers p,*, j = 1, . . . , m, called the limiting probabilities,8 do not depend on the initial probability distribution and satisfy the inequalities max 1&(n) - p !J < Ce Dn, I P5(n) - P* 1 < Ce Dn i (7.21) for suitable positive constants C and D. Proof. Let r,(n) - min pi,(n), i R,(n) = max pii(n). i ? In other words, suppose the probability of the system going from any state ei to any other state ei in some (fixed) number of steps N is positive. Clearly, the numbersp* are nonnegative and have the sum 1 (why?). Hence they are candidates for the probabilities of a discrete probability distribution, as implicit in the term "limiting probabilities." 94 CHAP. 7 MARKOV CHAINS Then m r,(n + 1) = min pi;(n + 1) = min { m p{kPk,(n) > min I p{kr,(n) = r;(n), { { k==1 k=1 m R,(n + 1) = max p{;(n + 1) = mnax i { and hence pikPk,(n) < max p{kR;(n) = R,(n), i k=1 k==1 r,(1) 0, (7.30) so that the states are all transient (see p. 92). Then as n --> oo, the particle "moves off to infinity" in the positive direction with probability 1, and there is obviously no stationary distribution. If there is a stationary distribution, it must satisfy the system of equations (7.26), which in the present case take the form j = 1, 2, ... Pi = Pi-iPj--1, It follows from (7.31) that (7.31) Ps = PoPoP1. , P° = PoPoPI ' ' ' Pn-1, Pi = APO, Clearly a stationary distribution exists if and only if the series IPop, ...Pn= 1 +Po+PoPI+ -0 (7.32) converges.9 The stationary distribution is then 0 Po - 1 1+Po+pop, PoPi o --+. ' Pn_ n = 1, 1+Po+PoPi+"' PROBLEMS 1. A number from 1 to m is chosen at random, at each of the times t = 1, 2, .. . A system is said to be in the state co if no number has yet been chosen, and in the state e; if the largest number so far chosen is i. Show that the random process described by this model is a Markov chain. Find the corresponding transition probabilities p;; (i, j = 0, 1, . . . , ni). Ans. i 1 pit = - , p=t = 0 if i > j, ptf = - if i < j. 2. In the preceding problem, which. states are persistent and which transient? 3. Suppose m = 4 in Problem 1. Find the matrix P(2) = Ilptf(2)II, where ptj(2) is the probability that the system will go from state e; to state e; in 2 steps. Note that (7.32) automatically diverges it (7.30) holds. PROBLEMS MARKOV CHAINS 99 4. An urn contains a total of N balls, some black and some white. Samples are drawn from the urn, m balls at a time (m < N). After drawing each sample, the black balls are returned to the urn, while the white balls are replaced by black balls and then returned to the urn. If the number of white balls in the urn is i, we say that the "system" is in the state Ei. Prove that the random process described by this model is a Markov chain (imagine that samples are drawn at the times t = 1, 2, . . . and that the system has some initial probability distribution). Find the corresponding transition probabilities p;t (i, j _0, 1, ... , N). Which states are persistent and which transient? Ans. pi l = 0 if i, j > N - m, p.f = C!ii-tCN-' m-i+! if 1 > j, j < N - m. CZ The state co is persistent, but the others are transient. 5. In the preceding problems, let N = 8, m = 4, and suppose there are initially 5 white balls in the urn. What is the probability that no white balls are left after 2 drawings (of 4 balls each)? 6. A particle moves randomly along the interval [1, ml, coming to rest only at the points with coordinates x = 1, ... , m. The particle's motion is described by a Markov chain such that P12 - 1, Pm,m-]L (j = 2, ... , m - 1), Pj,j+i = P, Pr,a-1 = 9 with all other transition probabilities equal to zero. Which states are persistent and which transient? 7. In the preceding problem, show that the limiting probabilities defined in Theorem 7.4 do not exist. In particular, show that the condition (7.20) does not hold for any N. Hint. p11(n) = 0 if n is odd, while p12(n) = 0 if n is even. 8. Consider the same kind of random walk as in Problem 6, but now suppose the nonzero transition probabilities are PII = q, Pmm = P, (j Pi,i+l =P, Pr,i-1 = q permitting the particle to stay at the points x = 1 and x = m. Which states are persistent and which transient? Show that the limiting probabilities pi , ... , P* defined in Theorem 7.4 now exist. 9. In the preceding problem, calculate the limiting probabilities pl , ... , p,*,. Ans. Solving the system of equations Pi = 9Pi + 9Pz, Pi = PP1 1 + 9P +1 P+*,. = PP*-1 + PP,*n, (j = 2, ... , m - 1), 100 CHAP. 7 MARKOV CHAINS we get Therefore 1 P.. m if p = q, while P* (plf-1 (Plq) 1 - (p/q)m \ ql if p 0 q (impose the condition that p* = 1). 10. Two marksmen A and B take turns shooting at a target. It is agreed that A will shoot after each hit, while B hill shoot after each miss. Suppose A hits the target with probability « > 0, while B hits the target with probability p > 0, and let n be the number of shots fired. What is the limiting probability of hitting the target as n = oo ? P Ans. 11. Suppose the condition (7.20) holds for a transition probability matrix whose column sums (as well as row sums) all equal unity. Find the limiting probabilities pi , ... , p*n. Ans. 12. Suppose m white balls and m black balls are mixed together and divided equally between two urns. A ball is then drawn at random from each urn and put into the other urn. Suppose this is done n times. If the number of white balls in a given urn is j, we say that the "system" is in the state e; (the number of white balls in the other urn is then m - j). Prove that the limiting prob, p* defined in Theorem 7.4 exist, and calculate them. abilities po , pi , Hint. The only nonzero transition probabilities are Pij = Ans. 2j(m -j) P1,+1 = m2 (m -j)2 m2 , P1,1-i = j2 In2 Solving the system p* = P* 1PI-1,1 + P*Pii 4- P +iPi+i,a we get p* = (Cm)2po*, and hence * (CS)2 / P7 = m (Cjm)2 1=0 (recall Problem 17, p. 12). (Cm)2 l Cbs (j=0,1,. ,m), (j=0,1,.. m) MARKOV CHAINS PROBLEMS 13. Find the stationary distribution nonzero transition probabilities are Pil=j+l Ans. o pi (e 101 for the Markov chain whose only Pi,i+1=j.1 (j=1,2,... 1)j! 14. Two gamblers A and B repeatedly play a game such that A's probability of winning is p, while B's probability of winning is q = 1 - p. Each bet is a dollar, and the total capital of both players is m dollars. Find the probability of each player being ruined, given that A's initial capital is j dollars. Hint. Let ei denote the state in which A has j dollars. Then the situation is described by a Markov chain whose only nonzero transition probabilities are Poo=1, Pi,i+1 = p, Ans. Pmm1, pi,i-1 = q (j = 1, ... , m - 1). Let J31 = lim pio(n) be the probability of A's ruin, starting with an n- ao initial capital of j dollars. Then t' 1 = PY2 + q, qq P.-1 = qpm-2, (j = 2, fti = qfi-1 + PI9s+1 (why?). Solving this system of equations, we get fi = 1 -Mi ... , m - 2) (7.33) if p = q (as in Example 3, p. 29), and 1 - (p/q)m-i >8 = 1 - (p/q)m if p (7.34) q. The probability of B's ruin is 1 - pi. 15. In the preceding problem, prove that if p > q, then A's probability of ruin increases if the stakes are doubled. 16. Prove that a gambler playing against an adversary with unlimited capital is certain to be ruined unless his probability of winning in each play of the game exceeds 1. Hint. Let m -. oo in (7.33) and (7.34). s CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES 18. Definitions. The Sojourn Time Consider a physical system with the following properties, which are the exact analogues of those given on p. 83 for a Markov chain, except that now the time t varies continuously: a) The system can occupy any of a. finite or countably infinite number of states EI, E2, .. . b) Starting from some initial state at time t = 0, the system changes its state randomly at subsequent times. Thus, the evolution of the system in time is described by the "random function" E(t), equal to the state of the system at time t.' c) At time t = 0, the system occupies the state e, with initial probability i=1,2,... d) Suppose the system is in the state z, at any time s. Then the probability that the system goes into the state E; after a time t is given by Pa(t) = P {E(s + t) = ee I a(s) = E,}, i,J = 1, 2, ... , (8.1) regardless of its behavior before the time s. The numbersp,;(t), called the transition probabilities, do not depend on the time s. A random process described by this model is called a continuous Markov 1 Recall footnote 1, p. 83. Note that ig(t) is a random variable for any fixed t. 102 SEC. 18 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES 103 process2 or simply a Markov process (as opposed to a Markov chain, which might be called a "discrete Markov process"). Let j= 1,2,... pi(t) = P{fi(t)= ej}, be the probability that the system will be in the state of at time t. Then, by arguments which hardly differ from those given on p. 84, we have pj(t) = 1, 2, ... , pf(0) = p°O°, Pr(s + t) _ and k P:f (0) j = 1, 2.... Pk(s)Pki(t), (1 if {l0 if Pii(s + t) = I P;k(S)Pks(t), k j j (8.2) (8.3) i, j = 1, 2.... (8.4) for arbitrary s and t [cf. (7.5) and (7.7)]. THEOREM 8.1. Given a Markov process in the state a at time t = to, let r be the (random) time it takes the process to leave a by going to some other state.' Then P{T>t}=ez, t>0, (8.5) where), is a nonnegative constant. Proof. Clearly P {T > t} is some function of t, say cp(t) = P {T > t}, t > 0. If r > s, then the process will be in the same state at time to + s as at time to, and hence its subsequent behavior will be the same as if s = 0. In particular, P{T>s+tIT>S}= p(t) is the probability of the event {T > s + t} given that T > s. It follows that P{T>s+t}=P{T>s+tIT>s}P{T>s}= p(t)p(s), and hence cp(s + t) = cp(s)cp(t) or equivalently In p(s+t)= in p(s)+ln cp(t) ' More exactly, a continuous Markov process with stationary transition probabilities. where we allude to the fact that the numbers (8.1) do not depend on s (cf. footnote 2, p. 84). ' Here we prefer to talk about states of the process rather than states of the system (as in Chap. 7). 104 CHAP. 8 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES for arbitrary s and t. Therefore In p(t) is proportional to t (recall footnote 4, p. 40), say In cp(t) ==_ --),t, t > 0, (8.6) where a is some nonnegative constant (why nonnegative?). But (8.6) implies (8.5). 1 The parameter A figuring in (8.4, is called the density of the transition out of the state e. If a = 0, the process remains forever in e. If a > 0, the probability of the process undergoing a change of state in a small time internal At is clearly 1 - (?(At), = n At + o(Ot), where o(At) denotes an infinitesimal of higher order than At. It follows from (8.5) that P{t10, SEC. 19 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES 105 where A is the density of the transition Ra --> Rn. Recalling (8.7), we see that A is the constant such that the probability of the transition Ra -* Rn in a small time interval At equals At + o(Ot). The number of (undisintegrated) radium atoms left after time t is clearly no - E(t), with mean value n(t) = E[no - E(t)] = no - nop(t) = noe At, t > 0. (8.10) Let T be the half-life of radium, i.e., the amount of time required for half the radium to disappear (on the average). Then n(T) = 2 no, (8.11) and hence, comparing (8.10) and (8.11), we find that T is related to the density A of the transition Ra -> Rn by the formula T = In 2 A 19. The Kolmogorov Equations Next we find differential equations satisfied by the transition probabilities of a Markov process: THEOREM 8.2. Given a Markov process with a finite number of states, suppose the transition probabilities p,, (t) are such that4 1 -p,1(At)=A;Ot+o(Ot), pii(Ot)=AiiAt+o(At), and let A,, = -A,, i 1,2,..., jai, i,j= 1,2,..., i= 1, 2, ... (8.12) (8.13) Then the transition probabilities satisfy two systems of linear differential equations, for forward Kolmogorov equations P.,(t) =1 Pik(t)Aks, i, j = 1, 2, ... (8.14) i, j = 1, 2, ... , (8.15) k and the backward Kolmogorov equations A's(t) _ k Aikpk9\t), subject to the initial conditions (8.3). 4 We might call Ai the "density of the transition out of the state ei," and A,i the "density of the transition from the state ei to the state ei." ' The prime denotes differentiation with respect to t. 106 CHAP. 8 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES Proof. It follows from (8.4) that I Pik(t)Pkf(4t) _ Pii(t + At) k k Pik(At)Pkf(t)' Hence, using (8.12) and (8.13), we have Pif(t + At) - Pif(t) = At o(At) k Pik(t) l Akf + as Both sums have definite limits li m At Pik(t)[)'ki + _ L1t] = [Xik + o(At) At]Pkf(t)' 0. In fact, a(- tl = I Pik(t))kf9 lim I [AlIc + o(ar)] Pkf(t) = I) ikPkf(t)' At (8.16) (8.17) k Therefore limP:i(t + At) Lit Pii(t) = P:f(t) also exists, and equals (8.16) and (8.17). 1 Remark 1. It follows from (8.12.) and the condition that I)", = Xi. (8.18) f#i Remark 2. The Kolmogorov equations hold not only in the case of a finite number of states, but also in the case of a countably infinite number of states cl, e2, ... if we make certain additional assumptions. In fact, suppose the error terms o(At) in (8.12) are such that o(At)_>0 At as Ot-+0 uniformly in all i and j. Then the forward equations (8.14) hold if for any fixed j, there is a constant C < a) such that X, t}=e L' (8.20) (the case of "exponential holding times"). Then the service system has two states, a state so if the server is "free" and a state el if the server is "busy." It will be assumed that a call is rejected (and is no longer a candidate for service) if it arrives when the server is.busy. Suppose the system is in the state so at time to. Then its subsequent behavior does not depend on its previous history, since the calls arrive independently. The probability p, (At) of the system going from the state so to the state el during a small time :interval At is just the probability X At + o(At) of at least one call arriving during At. Hence the density of the transition from so to el equals X. On the other hand, suppose the system is in the state el at time t1.

Then the probability plo(t) of the system going from the state el to the state so after a time t is just the probability that service will fail to last another t seconds.6 Suppose that at the time t1, service has already been in progress for exactly s seconds. Then P{T>s-+ -t} Plo(t)=1-P{T>s+tlT>s}=1- P{-r>s} Using (8.20), we find that P10(t) e -u.(3+c) =1 - e µ8 = 1 - e (8.21) regardless of the time s, i.e., regardless of the system's behavior before the time t1.7 Hence the system can be described by a Markov process, with two states so and el. The transition probabilities of this Markov process obviously satisfy the conditions Pol(t) = 1 -pou(t), P10(t) = 1 - plo(t). (8.22) Moreover, aoo = -A, A01=T, Alo = l.t, A11 = -EL, For simplicity, we choose seconds as the time units. It is important to note that this is true only for exponential holding times (see W. Feller, op. cit., p. 458). SEC. 20 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES 109 where we use the fact that plo(Ot) = 1 - e-µet = At + o(Ot). EA Hence in this case the forward Kolmogorov equations (8.14) becomee Poo(t) = aooPoo(t) + X10Pot(t) = -XPOO(t) + 1t[1 - Poo(t)). Pit(t) = Aotpto(t) + at1Pit(t) = a[1 - Poo(t)] - lLPtt(t), Pw(1) + (A + V400(t) = ia, (8.23) Pit(t) + (A + OPtt(t) = X. Solving (8.23) subject to the initial conditions Poo(0) =pit(0) = 1, we get P00(t) = 1 Pit(t) 1- ' A+µ µ)e-(x+'L)t + +µ (8.24) A A +µ X+µ 20. More on Limiting Probabilities. Erlang's Formula We now prove the continuous analogue of Theorem 7.4: THEOREM 8.3. Let fi(t) be a Markov process with a finite number of states, et, ... , Cr;, each accessible from every other state. Then lim p,(t) = pJ, where p,(t) is the probability of fi(t) being in the state et at time t. The numbers p' , j = 1, ... , called the limiting probabilities, do not depend on the initial probability distribution and satisfy the inequalities max J &(t) - Pi I < Ce D` I Pi(t) - p* 1 < Ce D` (8.25) for suitable positive constants C and D. Proof. The proof is virtually the same as that of Theorem 7.4 for Markov chains, once we verify that the continuous analogue of the condition (7.20), p. 93 is automatically satisfied. In fact, we now have min ptt(t) = 8(t) > 0 t.t Because of (8.22), there is no need to write equations forp,1(t) and pin(t). (8.26) 110 CHAP. 8 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES for all t > 0. To show this, we :first observe that is positive for sufficiently small t, i.e., Pic(s ~ t) > pt;(s)Pat(t) for arbitrary s and t, and hence p;,(t) is positive for all t. To show that p (t), i j is also positive for all t, thereby proving (8.26) and the theorem, we note that 'Fue'ls) > 0 for some s, since e, is accessible from e,. But P=e(t) > p=e(u)P"e(t - u), u < t, u) is always positive. again by (8.4), where, as just shown, 0 for some u < t. Consider a Hence it suffices to show that Markov chain with the same states el, ... em and transition probabilities Piels), P; where n is an integer such that n;3 m -S t Since S \ n p2 > 0, n! the state e, is accessible from e,. But it is easy to see that e, is accessible from e, not only in n steps, but also in a number of steps no greater than the total number of states m (think this through). Therefore A, no - ` > 0, n/ S) where no s n =u t. The limiting probabilities p*, j = 1, ... , m form a stationary distribution in the same sense as on p. 96. More exactly, if we choose the initial distribution P"=Pf then J=1, ,m, Pe(t)--P*, j=1,...,m, i.e., the probability of the system teeing in the state e, remains unchanged SEC. 20 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES I II for all t > 0. In fact, taking the limit as s - co in (8.2), we get Pi = I P'P:r(t), j = 1, ... , M. ($.27) But the right-hand side is just p,(t), as we see by choosing s = 0 in (8.2). Suppose the transition probabilities satisfy the conditions (8.12). Then differentiating (8.27) and setting t = 0, we find that P'a:a=0, j=1,...,m, (8.28) where A is the density of the transition from the state e= to the state et. Example (A service system with m servers). Consider a service system which can handle up to m incoming calls at once, i.e., suppose there are m servers and an incoming call can be handled if at least one server is free. As in Example 2, p. 108, we assume that the incoming traffic is of the Poisson type with density A, and that the time it takes each server to service a call is exponentially distributed with parameter µ (this is again a case of "exponential holding times"). Moreover, it will be assumed that a call is rejected (and is no longer a candidate for service) if it arrives when all m servers are busy, and that the "holding times" of the m servers are independent random variables. If precisely j servers are busy, we say that the service system is in the state of (j = 0, 1, . . . , m). In particular, eo means that the whole system is free and em that the system is completely busy. For almost the same reasons as on p. 108, the evolution of the system in time from state to state is described by a Markov process. The only nonzero transition probabilities of this process are A00 = -),, ?ot = A, "mm = -mµ, (8.29) at.t-t = jµ, At; = -(A +jµ), as.s+t = A (j = 1, ... , m - 1). In fact, suppose the system is in the state ef. Then a transition from of to e;+t takes place if a single call arrives, which happens in a small time interval At with probability AAt + o(At).9 Moreover, the probability that none of the j busy servers becomes free in time At is just [1 - µAt + o(At)]', since the holding times are independent, and hence the probability of at least one server becoming free in time At equals 1 - [1 - At + o(At)]" = jµ.At + o(At). 9 For small At, this is also the probability of at least one call arriving in At. 112 CHAP. 8 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES But for small At, this is also the probability of a single server becoming free in time At, i.e., of a transition from ei to ei_. The transitions to new states other than ei_, or ei+, have small probabilities of order o(Ot).. These considerations, together with (8.12) and the formula X 0 implied by (8.12) and (8.13), lead at once to (8.29). In the case m = 1, it is clear from the formulas (8.24) that the transition probabilities p2,(t) approach their limiting values "exponentially fast" as t -* oo. It follows from the general formula (8.25) that the same is true in the case m > 1 (more than 1 server) To find these limiting probabilities p,*, we use (8.28) and (8.29), obtaining the following system of linear equations: APo = 1'Pi, (, + JIL)Pf = 47-1 + (j + 0ltP+1 (j = 1, ... , m - 1), Xp. I = mirPm Solving this system, we get i (-l Po, Pi = j=0,1,...,m). Using the "normalization condition" P*=1 i=o to determine po , we finally obtain Erlang's formula li 1 (1 ! \µ/ - , P, i j!,j j = 0, 1, ... , m (8.30) for the limiting probabilities. PROBLEMS 1. Suppose each alpha particle emitted by a sample of radium has probability p of being recorded by a Geiger counter. What is the probability of exactly n particles being recorded in t seconds? Ans. at" ni a age, where a is the same as in the example on p. 104. PROBLEMS CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES 113 2. A man has two telephones on his desk, one receiving calls with density AI, the other with density x2.1° What is the probability of exactly n calls being received in t seconds? Hint. Recall Problem 9, p. 81. Neglect the effect of the lines being found busy. Ans. 1011 +'a2)tl" e_U,+a,)t n. 3. Given a Poisson process with density a, let E(t) be the number of events occurring in time t. Find the correlation coefficient of the random variables fi(t) and (t + T), where r > 0. Ans. t + T 4. Show that (8.24) leads to Erlang's formula (8.30) for m = 1. 5. The arrival of customers at the complaint desk of a department store is described by a Poisson process with density X. Suppose each clerk takes a random time T to handle a complaint, where T has an exponential distribution with parameter µ, and suppose a customer leaves whenever he finds all the clerks busy. How many clerks are needed to make the probability of customers leaving unserved less than 0.015 if a = µ? Hint. Use Erlang's formula (8.30). Ans. Four. 6. A single repairman services m automatic machines, which normally do not require his attention. Each machine. has probability)At + o(At) of breaking down in a small time interval At. The time required to repair each machine is exponentially distributed with parameter µ. Find the limiting probability of exactly j machines being out of order. Hint. Solve the system of equations mapo = µp1, [(m-j)a+µ]p* _(m-j+1)Ap*l+ti.pi+, µPm = m! Ans. p* = (m - j) ! 0(p.*, j = 0, 1, ... , m, where p0* is determined from the condition j-0 p* = 1, Comment. Note the similarity between this result and formula (8.30). 7. In the preceding problem, find the average number of machines awaiting the repairman's attention. Ans. m - a + µ (1 - p0*). 10 It is assumed that the incoming calls on each line form a Poisson process. 114 CHAP. 8 CONTINUOUS MARKOV PROCESSES 8. Solve Problem 6 for the case of r repairmen, where 1 < r < m. 9. An electric power line serves m identical machines, each operating independently of the others. Suppose that in a small interval of time At each machine has probability ALt + o(At) of being turned on and probability µ0t + o(Lt) of being turned off. Find the limiting probability pf of exactly j machines being on. Hint. Solve the system of equations mAPO = 1-1Pi, Ans. p;` = Cr I- + I 11 (--) , j = 0, 1, ... , m. El 10. Show that the answer to the preceding problem is just what one would expect by an elementary argument if). = µ. Appendix 1 INFORMATION THEORY Given a random experiment with N equiprobable outcomes AI, ... , AN, how much "information" is conveyed on the average by a message .# telling us which of the outcomes A,, ... , AN has actually occurred? As a reasonable measure of this information, we might take the average length of the message ..df, provided .# is written in an "economical way." For example, suppose we use a "binary code," representing each of the possible outcomes A,, ... , AN by a "code word" of length 1, i.e., by a sequence where each "digit" a1, is either a 0 or a 1. Obviously there are 21 such words (all of the same length 1), and hence to be capable of uniquely designating the N possible outcomes, we must choose a value of 1 such that N< 2'. (1) The smallest value of 1 satisfying (1) is just the integer such that 0 0. Among z these integral curves, the curve x0(t) shown in the figure, corresponding to a the value r = 0, has the property of lying below all the other integral curves, i.e., x0(t) < xT(t), 133 t o FIGURE 13 0 < t < co. This is explained by the fact that the solution of our differential equation is unique in the region 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < oo, so that the integral curves do not intersect in this region. It is also easy to see that the integral curve xo(t) is the limit of the integral curves x(t, z) lying below it and passing through points (0, z) such that 0 < z < 1. In other words,6 xo(t) = lim x(t, z). .--I (17) The above analysis of the differential equation (9) has some interesting implications for the corresponding branching process fi(t). In general, there is a positive probability that no particles at all are present at a given time t. Naturally, this cannot happen if ao = 0, since then particles can only be "created" but not "annihilated." Clearly, the probability of all particles having disappeared after time t is po(t) = F(t, 0) if there is only one particle/ originally present at time t = 0, and pkO(t) = [F(t, 0)]k = [Po(t)]k if there are k particles at time t = 0. The function po(t) is the solution of the differential equation (9) corresponding to the parameter z = 0: dpo(t) =.f [Po(t)], dt PO(0) = 0. As already shown, this solution asymptotically approaches some valuepo = a as t --- oo, where a is the smaller root of the equationf(x) = 0 [recall (13)]. Thus po = a is the extinction probability of the branching process E(t), i.e., the probability that all the particles will eventually disappear. If the function f(x) is positive in the whole interval 0 < x < 1, the extinction probability equals 1. 6 Note that x(t, z) = F(t, z) for t > 0, 0 < z < 1. 134 APP. 3 BRANCHING PROCESSES There is also the possibility of an "explosion" in which infinitely many particles are created. The probability of an explosion occurring by time t is just W p.(t) = 1 - P {i;(t) oo} = 1 - P {E(t) = n} n=o W = 1 - I pn(t) = 1 - lim F(t, z). z-1 n=o In the case where x(t) - 1 is the unique integral curve of (9) passing through the point (0, 1), we clearly have lim F(t, z) = 1. z-.1 Therefore p. (t) = 0 for arbitrary t if (14) holds, and the probability of an explosion ever occurring is 0. However, if (16) holds, we have (17) where x0(t) is the limiting integral curve described above and shown in Figure 13. In this case, p(t) := 1 - xa(t) > 0 and there is a positive probability of an explosion occurring. PROBLEMS 1. A cosmic ray shower is initiated by a single particle entering the earth's atmosphere. Find the probability p, (t) of n particles being present after time t if the probability of each particle producing a new particle in a small time interval At is ALlt + o(At). Hint. Ans. a1 = -A, A`2 = A. pn(t) = e-at(1 - e-at)n-1, n > 1. 2. Solve Problem 1 if each particle has probability At + o(At) of producing a new particle and probability At + o(At) of being annihilated in a small time interval At. Hint. A0=µ,Al= -(), +µ),a2=a. Ans. po(t) = ILl, pn(t) AY)(1 - µY)(),YY`-1 where 1 - e(X--Wt µ - iec?-µ>t Y = t 1+ if APP. 3 BRANCHING PROCESSES 135 3. Find the extinction probabilitypo of the branching process in the preceding problem. W Ans. po = A 1 if µ < a, if µ>A. Appendix `T PROBLEMS OF OPTIMAL CONTROL As in Sec. 15, consider a physical system which randomly changes its state at the times t = 1, 2, ... , starting from some initial state at time t = 0. Let ell e2i ... be the possible states of the system, and fi(t) the state of the system at time t, so that the evolution of the system in time is described by the consecutive transitions (0) - (1) .- (2) ... . We will assume that fi(t) is a Markov chain, whose transition probabilities p;;, i,j = 1, 2.... depend on a "control parameter" chosen step by step by an external "operator." More exactly, if the system is in state e; at any time n and if d is the value of the control parameter chosen by the operator, then p00 _° p,j(d) is the probability of the system going into the state e, at the next step. The set of all possible values of the control parameter d will be denoted by D. We now pose the problem of controlling this "guided random process" by bringing the system into a definite state, or more generally into one of a given set of states E, after a given number of steps n. Since the evolution of the process fi(t) depends not only on the control exerted by the operator, but also on chance, there is usually only a definite probability P of bringing the system into one of the states of the set E, where P depends on the "control program" adopted by the operator. We will assume that every such control program consists in specifying in advance, for all e; and t = 0, . . . , n - 1, the parameter d:= d(e;, t) 136 PROBLEMS OF OPTIMAL CONTROL APP. 4 137 to be chosen if the system is in the state e= at the time t. In other words, the whole control program is described by a decision rule, i.e., a function of two variables d = d(x, t), where x ranges over the states el, e2, ... and t over the times 0, ... , n - 1. Thus the probability of the system going into the state e, at time k + 1, given that it is in the state et at time k, is given by d = d(e,, k). p,1 = p;5(d), By the same token, the probability of the system being guided into one of the states in E depends on the choice of the control program, i.e., on the decision rule d = d(x, t), so that P = P(d). Control with a decision rule d° = d°(x, t) will be called optimal if P(d°) = max P(d), a where the maximum is taken with respect to all possible control programs, i.e., all possible decision rules d = d(x, t). Our problem will be to find this optimal decision rule d°, thereby maximizing the probability P(d) = P {fi(n) e E} of the system ending up in one of the states of E after n steps. We now describe a multistage procedure for finding d°. Let P(k, i, d) = P {E(n) e E I E(k) = e;} be the probability that after occupying the state e; at the kth step, the system will end up in one of the states of the set E after the remaining n - k steps (it is assumed that some original choice of the decision rule d = d(x, t) has been made). Then clearly P(k, i, d) _ p23(d)P(k + 1, j, d). (1) This is a simple consequence of the total probability formula, since at the (k + 1)st step the system goes into the state of with probability pt,(d), d = d(e;, k), whence with probability P(k + 1, j, d) it moves on (n - k - 1 steps later) to one of the states in the set E. For k = n - 1, formula (1) involves the probability P(n, j, d) _ 1 if ei a E, 0 otherwise, (2) and hence P(n - 1, i, d) I:E5EE p21(d), (3) 138 PROBLEMS OF OPTIMAL CONTROL APP. 4 where the summation is over all j such that the state e, belongs to the given set E. Obviously, P(n - 1, i, d) does not depend on values of the control parameter other than the values dl e,, n - 1) chosen at the time n - 1. Letting d° denote the value of the control parameter at which the function (3) takes its maximum,' we have P°(n - 1, i) = P(n - 1, i, d°) = max P(n - 1, i, d). (4) dED Clearly, there is a value d° = d°(et, n - 1) corresponding to every pair (Ez,n-1),i=1,2,... For k = n - 2, formula (1) becomes P(n - 2, i, d) p 5(d)P(n - 1, j, d). Here the probabilities p,,(d) depend only on the values d = d(c,, n - 2) of the decision rule d = d(x, t) chosen at time n - 2, while the probabilities P(n - 1, j, d) depend only on the values d = d(e;, n - 1) chosen at time n - 1. Suppose we "correct" the decision rule d = d(x, t) by replacing the original values d(e,, n - 1) by the values d°(E5, n - 1) just found. Then the corresponding probabilities P(n - 1, j, d) increase to their maximum values P°(n - 1, j), thereby increasing the probability P(n - 2, i, d) to the value P(n - 2, i, d) p:s(d)P°(n - 1, j). (5) Clearly, (5) depends on the decision rule d = d(t, x) only through the dependence of the transition probabilities p;;(d) on the values d = d(ei, n - 2) of the control parameter at time n -- 2. Again letting d° denote the value of the control parameter at which the function (5) takes its maximum, we have P°(n-2,i)=P(n-2,1,d°)= max P(n - 2, i, d). dED n - 2) corresponding to every pair As before, there is a value d° = (e;, n - 2), i = 1, 2.... Suppose we "correct" the decision rule d(x, t) by setting d(x, t) _= d°(x, t) (6) for t = n - 2, n - 1 and all x = el, E2, ... Then clearly the probabilities P(k, i, d) take their maximum valuesP°(k, i) for i = 1, 2.... and k = n - 2, n - 1. Correspondingly, formula (I) becomes P(n - 3, i, d) _ p12(d)P(n -- 2,j, d) _ P,3(d)P°(n - 2,j), and this function of the control parameter d takes its maximum for some d° = d°(ei, n - 3). We can then, once again, "correct" the decision rule ' It will be assumed that this maximum and the others considered below exist. PROBLEMS OF OPTIMAL CONTROL APP. 4 139 d = d(x, t) by requiring (6) to hold for t = n - 3 and all x = e, e2, ... , as well as fort=n-2,n-l andallx=e1,e2,... Continuing this step-by-step procedure, after n - 1 steps we eventually get the optimal decision rule d = d°(x, t), defined for t = 0, ... , n - 1 and all x = el, e2, ... , such that the probability P(d) = P(0, i, d) satisfying the initial condition (0) = e, achieves its maximum value. At the (n - k)th step of this procedure of "successive corrections," we find the value d° _ d°(e;, k) maximizing the function P(k, i, d) _ p21(d)P°(k + 1, j), where P°(k + 1, j) is the maximum value of the probability P(k + 1, j, d). Carrying out this maximization, we get Bellman's equation2 P°(k, i) = max deD I p;l(d)P°(k + 1, j), which summarizes the whole procedure just described. Example 1. Suppose there are just two states el and e2, and suppose the transition probabilities are continuous functions of the control parameter in the intervals a2 < p21(d) < P2al < P11(d) < Pl, What is the optimal decision rule maximizing the probability of the system, initially in the state e, going into the state el two steps later? Solution. In this case, P°(1, 2) = (32, P°(1, 1) = Pl, P°(0, 1) = max [p11(d)P1 + p12(d)P2] = max [p11(d)(P1 - P2) + P21a d If the system is initially in the state c1, then clearly we should maximize the transition probability p11 (by choosingp11 = Pl) if P, > P21 while maximizing the transition probability P12 = 1 - p' (by choosing p11 = a1) if Pl < P2.3 There is an analogous optimal decision rule for the case where the initial state of the system is e2. Example 2 (The optimal choice problem). Once again we consider the optimal choice problem studied on pp. 28-29 and 86-87, corresponding to ' In keeping with (2)-(4), we have P°(n,j) = 1 if elEE, 0 otherwise. ' Clearly, any choice ofp1, in the interval a1 ma which is better than all previously inspected objects. According to (12), mo is the largest positive integer such that 1+ ma 1 .+ ... + ma+1 m-1 > 1 1. (13) PROBLEMS 1. In Example 2, prove that m ,mo Ps e (14) if m is large, where e = 2.718... is the base of the natural logarithms. Hint. Use an integral to estimate the left-hand side of (13). 2. Find the exact value of mo for m == 50. Compare the result with (14). 3. Consider a Markov chain with two states eI and e2 and transition probabilities pt;(d) depending on a control parameter d taking only two values 0 and 1. Suppose I, P11(l) = xs, P2i(1) = a. p11(0) P2I(0) What is the optimal decision rule maximizing the probability of the system initially in the state c , going into the state e2 three steps later? What is this maximum probability? BIBLIOGRAPHY Chung, K. L., Markov Chains with Stationary Transition Probabilities, SpringerVerlag, Berlin (1960). Chung, K. 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