

MATH50010 - Probability for Statistics

Unseen Problem 8

The transition matrix P of a Markov chain $\{X_n\}$ is:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Derive the transition diagram from the transition matrix P .
2. Find the absorbing probabilities for the recurrent states.
3. Find the stationary distributions of the chain. Decide if there is a limit distribution.