

1. Let $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ be a Markov chain on state space $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ with transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

and initial distribution μ .

- (a) Draw a graph that represents the above Markov chain.
(b) Find p_{11}^n

2. Let \mathbb{T}^2 be the rooted binary tree. That is, it is an infinite graph with ρ as the distinguished vertex, which comes with a single edge; at every other vertex there are three edges; and there are no closed loops. Place natural weights μ , on the edges. Show that the random walk on \mathbb{T}^2, μ is transient.

3. Let X_n be a Markov chain on $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ with the transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) Find the set of transient states, and the irreducible closed set(s) of recurrent states. (ii) Find the probability of eventual absorption in the irreducible closed set(s) of recurrent states