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Tutorial 5

- Proposed Solution -

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Solution of Problem 1

$\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2)$ be the stationary distribution for a two state homogeneous Markov chain with states $\{0, 1\}$ and transition matrix $\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \alpha & 1 - \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$.

We know, for a stationary distribution $\mathbf{p}\Pi = \mathbf{p}$. We also know $p_1 + p_2 = 1$ i.e., $p_1 = 1 - p_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} (p_1, p_2)\Pi &= (p_1, p_2) \\ (p_1, p_2) \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \alpha & 1 - \beta \\ \beta & \alpha \end{pmatrix} &= (p_1, p_2) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

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We get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha)p_1 + \beta p_2 &= p_1 \\ (1 - \beta)p_1 + \alpha p_2 &= p_2 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

. substituting $p_1 = 1 - p_2$ in one of the above equations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha)p_1 + \beta(1 - p_1) &= p_1 \\ p_1 &= \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} p_2 &= 1 - p_1 \\ p_2 &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Hence the stationary distribution $\mathbf{p} = \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}, \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}\right)$.

Solution of Problem 2

Let $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ are drawn i.i.d $\sim p(x), x \in \mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$, and the waiting time to the next occurrence of X_0 has a geometric distribution with probability of success $p(x_0)$.

a) Given $X_0 = i$. $P(X_n = i) = (1 - p(i))^{n-1}p(i)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
E[N|X_0 = i] &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(1-p(i))^{n-1}p(i) \\
&= \sum_{\bar{n}=0}^{\infty} (\bar{n}+1)(1-p(i))^{\bar{n}}p(i) \quad (\text{when } \bar{n} = n-1) \\
&= p(i) \sum_{\bar{n}=0}^{\infty} (\bar{n})(1-p(i))^{\bar{n}} + p(i) \sum_{\bar{n}=0}^{\infty} (1-p(i))^{\bar{n}}
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Using the given hint, For $0 < r < 1$ we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{1}{1-r}, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nr^n = \frac{r}{(1-r)^2}.$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
E[N|X_0 = i] &= p(i) \frac{(1-p(i))}{(p(i))^2} + p(i) \frac{1}{p(i)} \\
&= \frac{(1-p(i))}{p(i)} + 1 = \frac{1}{p(i)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Therefore,

$$EN = E[E[N|X_0 = i]] = \sum_{i=1}^m P(X_0 = i)E[N|X_0 = i] = \sum_{i=1}^m p(i) \frac{1}{p(i)} = m. \tag{7}$$

b) From (a), we know, $E[N|X_0 = i] = \frac{1}{p(i)}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
E \log N &= \sum_{i=1}^m P(X_0 = i)E[\log N|X_0 = i] \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^m P(X_0 = i) \log E[N|X_0 = i] \quad (\text{Jensen's Inequality}) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m p(i) \log \frac{1}{p(i)} \\
&= H(X).
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Hence, we get $E \log N \leq H(X)$.

Solution of Problem 3

a) By the chain rule, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
H(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) &= \sum_{i=0}^n H(X_i|X_{i-1}, \dots, X_0) \\
&= H(X_0) + H(X_1|X_0) + \sum_{i=2}^n H(X_i|X_{i-1}, X_{i-2})
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Since for $i > 1$, the next position depends only on the previous two .i.e., the dog's walk is 2nd order Markov, if the dog's position is the state.

Since $X_0 = 0$ deterministically, $H(X_0) = 0$.

For the first step, it is equally likely to be positive or negative, $H(X_1|X_0) = -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2} = 1$.

Furthermore, for $i > 1$,

$$H(X_i|X_{i-1}, X_{i-2}) = H(0.1, 0.9). \quad (10)$$

So,

$$H(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = 1 + (n-1)H(0.1, 0.9). \quad (11)$$

b) The entropy rate of the dog:

$$\frac{1}{n+1}H(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{1 + (n-1)H(0.1, 0.9)}{n+1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} H(0.1, 0.9) \quad (12)$$

c) The dog must take at least one step to establish the direction of travel from which it ultimately reverses. Letting S be the number of steps taken between reversals, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(S) &= \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s(0.9)^{s-1}(0.1) \\ &= 10. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Starting at time 0, the expected number of steps to the first reversal is 11.

Solution of Problem 4

Given:

X_i be i.i.d $\sim p(x)$, $x \in \mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$.

$\mu = EX$ and $H = -\sum p(x) \log p(x)$.

The typical set $A_\epsilon^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{X}^n : |-\frac{1}{n} \log p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) - H| \leq \epsilon\}$.

$B_\epsilon^n = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{X}^n : |\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \mu| \leq \epsilon\}$.

a) Yes, By the definition of AEP for discrete random variables, the probability (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) belongs to a typical set goes to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$

b) Yes, by the strong law of large numbers $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in B_\epsilon^n) \rightarrow 1$.

For any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists N_1 such that $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n) > 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $n > N_1$. Similarly, we can say that there exists N_2 such that $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in B_\epsilon^n) > 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $n > N_2$.

So for all $n > \max(N_1, N_2)$:

$$\begin{aligned} P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n) &= P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n) + P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in B_\epsilon^n) \\ &\quad - P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cup B_\epsilon^n) \\ &> 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} - 1 \\ &= 1 - \epsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

So for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N = \max(N_1, N_2)$ such that $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n) > 1 - \epsilon$ for all $n > N$, therefore $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n) \rightarrow 1$.

c) By the law of total probability, we get $\sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq 1$.

For $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n$, from Theorem 2.4.4, we get $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 2^{-n(H+\epsilon)}$.

Using these two equations, we can write

$$1 \geq \sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq \sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n} 2^{-n(H+\epsilon)} = |A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n| 2^{-n(H+\epsilon)}. \quad (15)$$

Multiplying through $2^{n(H+\epsilon)}$, we get $|A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n| \leq 2^{n(H+\epsilon)}$.

d) From (b), we know $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n) \rightarrow 1$, there exists N such that $P((X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ for all $n > N$.

For $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n$, from Theorem 2.4.4, we get $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq 2^{-n(H-\epsilon)}$.

Using these two equations, we can write

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n} p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq \sum_{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n} 2^{-n(H-\epsilon)} = |A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n| 2^{-n(H-\epsilon)}. \quad (16)$$

Multiplying through $2^{n(H-\epsilon)}$, we get $|A_\epsilon^n \cap B_\epsilon^n| \geq (\frac{1}{2})2^{n(H-\epsilon)}$ for sufficiently large n .

Solution of Problem 5

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} \log \frac{p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)p(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)}{p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)} &= \frac{1}{n} \log \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{p(X_i)p(Y_i)}{p(X_i, Y_i)} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{p(X_i)p(Y_i)}{p(X_i, Y_i)} \\ &\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{E} \log \frac{p(X_i)p(Y_i)}{p(X_i, Y_i)} \\ &= -I(X; Y) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Hence, we get $\frac{p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)p(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)}{p(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)} = 2^{-nI(X; Y)}$, which will converge to 1 if X and Y are independent.