

Markov chains and the number of occurrences of a
word in a sequence
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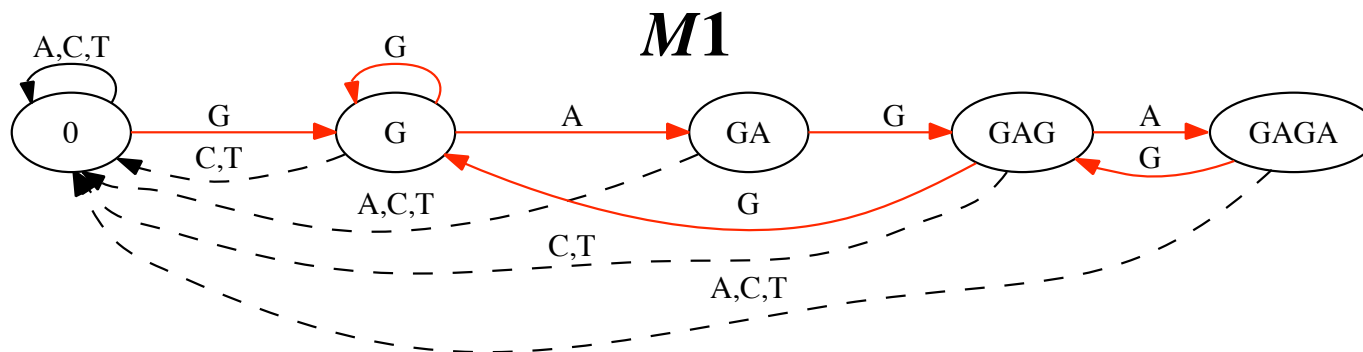
Locating overlapping occurrences of a word

- Consider a (long) single-stranded nucleotide sequence $\tau = \tau_1 \dots \tau_N$ and a (short) word $w = w_1 \dots w_k$, e.g., $w = \text{GAGA}$.

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for i = 1 to N-3 {  
    if ( $\tau_i\tau_{i+1}\tau_{i+2}\tau_{i+3} == \text{GAGA}$ ) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

- The above scan takes up to $\approx 4N$ comparisons to locate all occurrences of GAGA (kN comparisons for w of length k).
- A *finite state automaton* (FSA) is a “machine” that can locate all occurrences while only examining each letter of τ *once*.

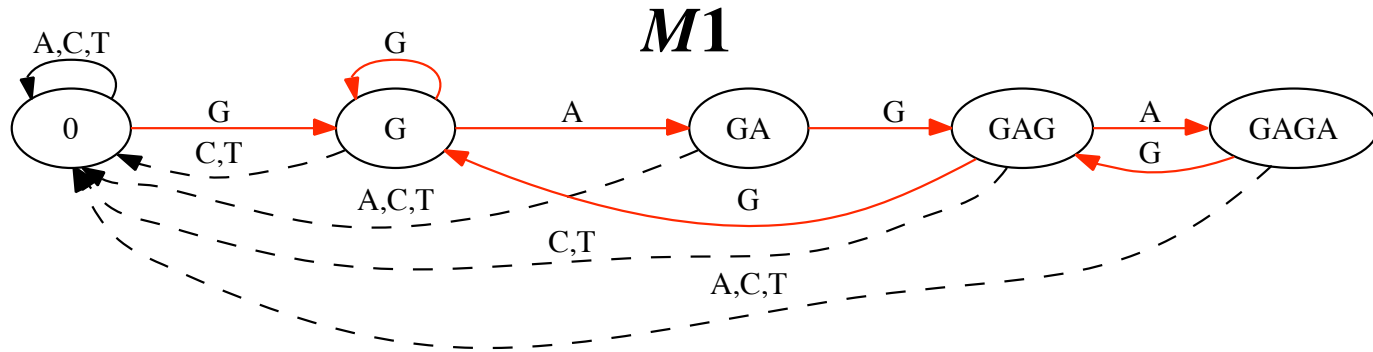
Overlapping occurrences of GAGA



- The **states** are the nodes \emptyset , G, GA, GAG, GAGA (prefixes of w). For $w = w_1 w_2 \cdots w_k$, there are $k + 1$ states (one for each prefix).
- Start in the state \emptyset (shown on figure as 0).
- Scan $\tau = \tau_1 \tau_2 \dots \tau_N$ one character at a time left to right.
- **Transition edges:** When examining τ_j , move from the current state to the next state according to which edge τ_j is on.
 - For each node $u = w_1 \cdots w_r$ and each letter $x = A, C, G, T$, determine the longest suffix s (possibly \emptyset) of $w_1 \cdots w_r x$ that's among the states.
 - Draw an edge $u \xrightarrow{x} s$
- The number of times we are in the state GAGA is the desired count of number of occurrences.

Overlapping occurrences of GAGA in

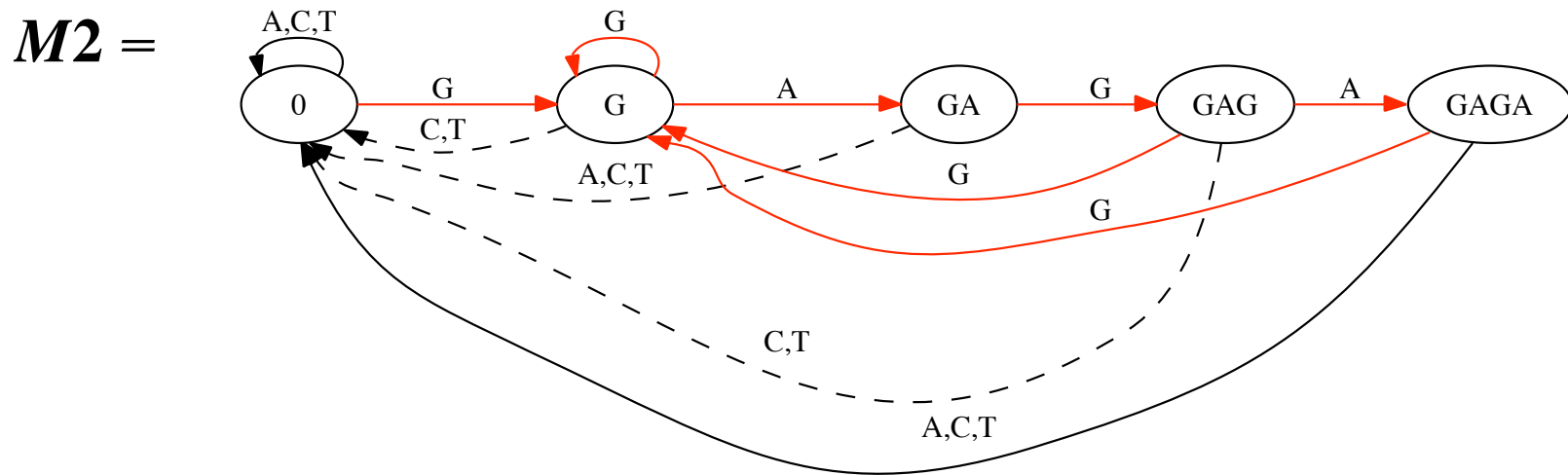
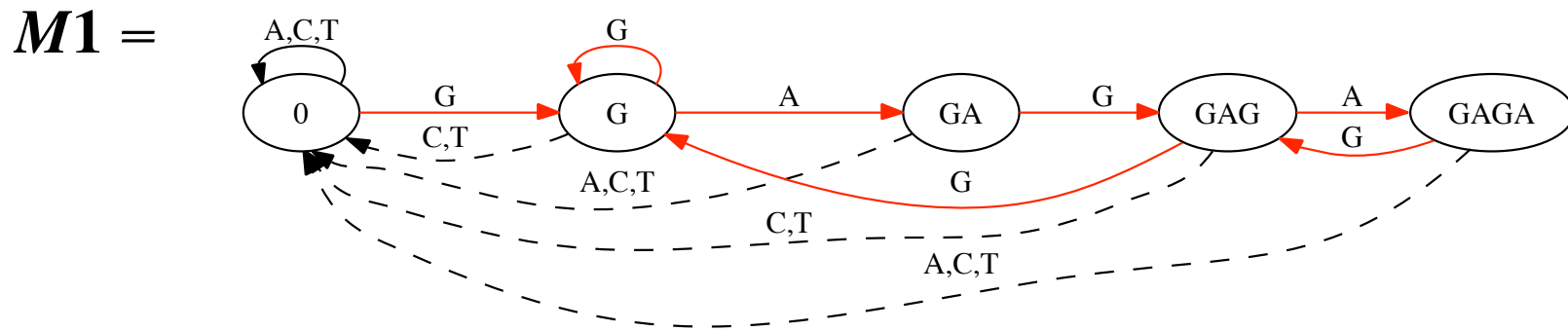
$\tau = \text{CAGAGGTCGAGAGT} \dots$



t 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
 τ_t C A G A G G T C G A G A G T ...

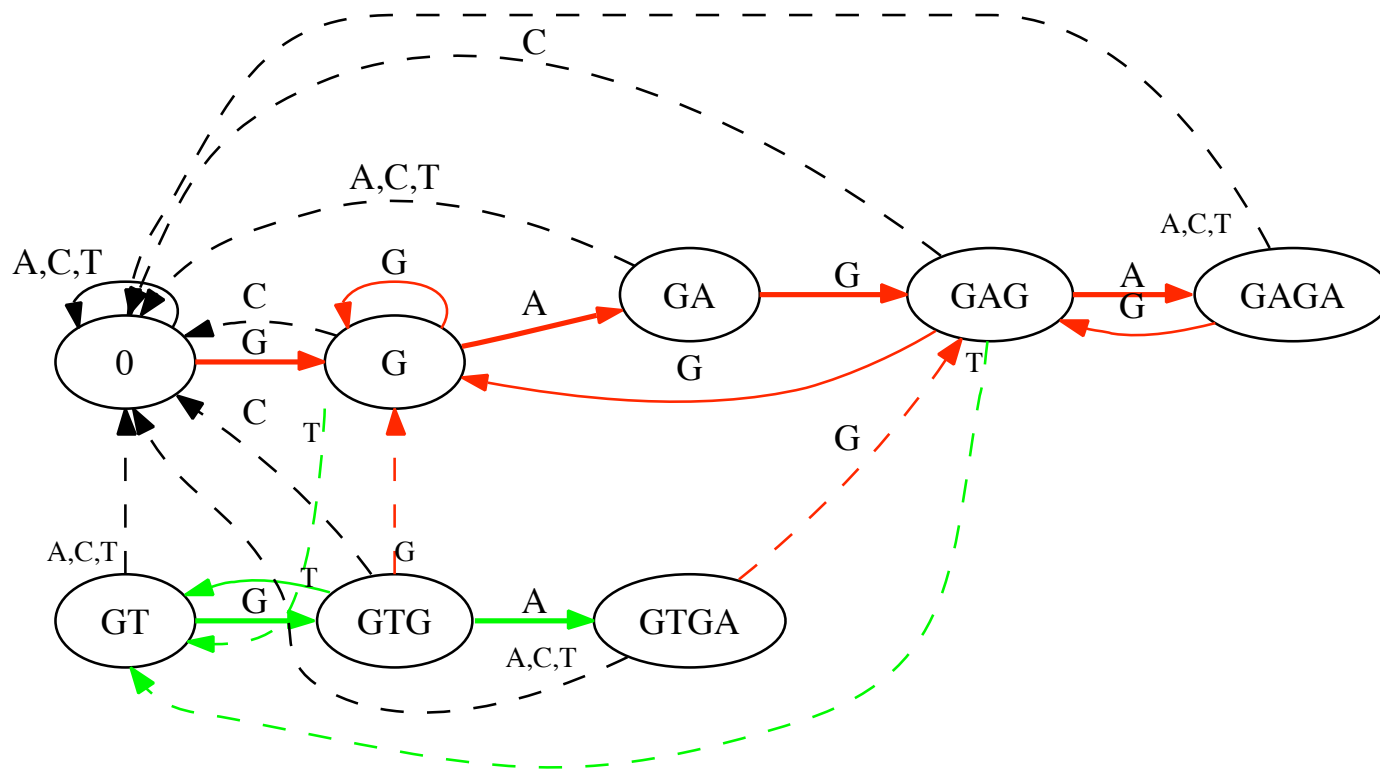
Time t	State at t	τ_t	Time t	State at t	τ_t
1	0	C	9	0	G
2	0	A	10	G	A
3	0	G	11	GA	G
4	G	A	12	GAG	A
5	GA	G	13	GAGA	G
6	GAG	G	14	GAG	T
7	G	T	15	0	...
8	0	C			

Non-overlapping occurrences of GAGA



- For non-overlapping occurrences of w :
 - Replace the outgoing edges from w by copies of the outgoing edges from \emptyset .
- On previous slide, the time $13 \rightarrow 14$ transition $GAGA \xrightarrow{G} GAG$ changes to $GAGA \xrightarrow{G} G$.

Motif {GAGA, GTGA}, overlaps permitted



- **States:** All prefixes of all words in the motif.
If a prefix occurs multiple times, only create one node for it.
- **Transition edges:** they may jump from one word of the motif to another.
 - $GTGA \xrightarrow{G} GAG$.
- Count the number of times we reach the states for any words in the motif (GAGA or GTGA).

Markov chains

- A Markov chain is similar to a finite state machine, but incorporates probabilities.
- Let S be a set of “states.”
We will take S to be a discrete finite set, such as $S = \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$.
- Let $t = 1, 2, \dots$ denote the “time.”
- Let X_1, X_2, \dots denote a sequence of random variables, values $\in S$.

The X_t 's form a (*first order*) Markov chain if they obey these rules

- 1 The probability of being in a certain state at time $t + 1$ only depends on the state at time t , not on any earlier states:
$$P(X_{t+1} = x_{t+1} | X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_t = x_t) = P(X_{t+1} = x_{t+1} | X_t = x_t)$$
- 2 The probability of transitioning from state i at time t to state j at time $t + 1$ only depends on i and j , *but not on the time t* :
$$P(X_{t+1} = j | X_t = i) = p_{ij} \text{ at all times } t$$

for some values p_{ij} , which form an $s \times s$ *transition matrix*.

Transition matrix

The *transition matrix*, P , of the Markov chain M is

From state	To state	1	2	3	4	5	
1: 0	$\left[\begin{array}{l} p_A + p_C + p_T \\ p_C + p_T \\ p_A + p_C + p_T \\ p_C + p_T \\ p_A + p_C + p_T \end{array} \right]$	p_G	0	0	0	0	=
2: G	$\left[\begin{array}{l} p_G \\ p_A \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$	p_G	p_A	0	0	0	
3: GA	$\left[\begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 0 \\ p_G \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$	0	0	p_G	0	0	
4: GAG	$\left[\begin{array}{l} p_A \\ p_G \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$	0	0	p_A	0	0	
5: GAGA	$\left[\begin{array}{l} p_G \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$	0	0	p_G	0	0	

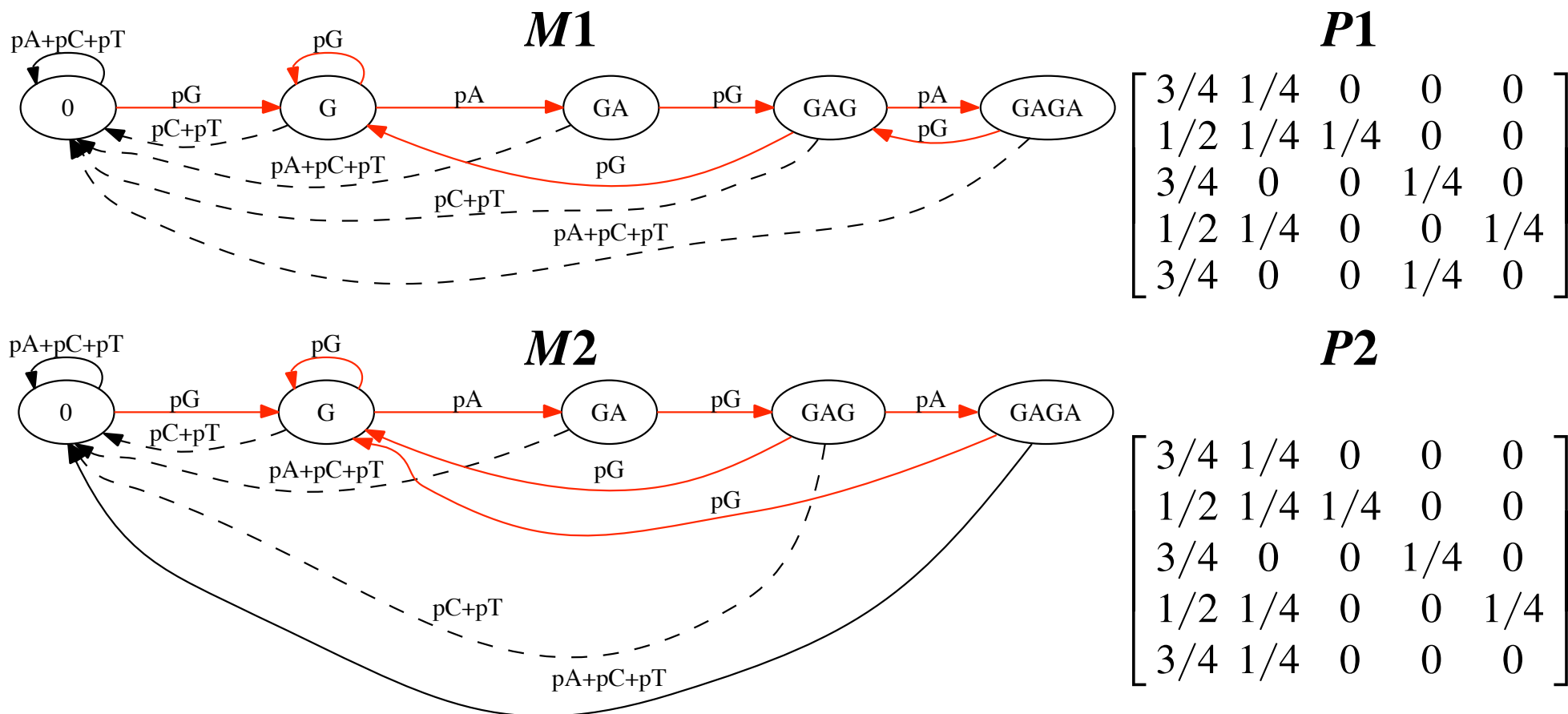
$$= \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} & P_{14} & P_{15} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} & P_{24} & P_{25} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} & P_{34} & P_{35} \\ P_{41} & P_{42} & P_{43} & P_{44} & P_{45} \\ P_{51} & P_{52} & P_{53} & P_{54} & P_{55} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Notice that the entries in each row sum up to $p_A + p_C + p_G + p_T = 1$.
- A matrix with all entries ≥ 0 and all row sums equal to 1 is called a *stochastic matrix*.
- The transition matrix of a Markov chain is always stochastic.
- All row sums = 1 can be written

$$P\vec{1} = \vec{1} \quad \text{where } \vec{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so $\vec{1}$ is a right eigenvector of P with eigenvalue 1.

Transition matrices for GAGA



- Edge labels are replaced by probabilities, e.g., $p_C + p_T$.
- The matrices are shown for the case that all nucleotides have equal probabilities $1/4$.
- $P2$ (no overlaps) is obtained from $P1$ (overlaps allowed) by replacing the last row with a copy of the first row.

Other applications of automata

- Automata / state machines are also used in other applications in Math and Computer Science. The transition weights may be defined differently, and the matrices usually aren't stochastic.
- **Combinatorics:** Count walks through the automaton (instead of getting their probabilities) by setting transition weights $u \xrightarrow{x} s$ to 1.
- **Computer Science (formal languages, classifiers, ...):**
Does the string τ contain GAGA? Output 1 if it does, 0 otherwise.
 - Modify $M1$: remove the outgoing edges on GAGA.
 - On reaching state GAGA, terminate with output 1.
 - If the end of τ is reached, terminate with output 0.
 - This is called a *deterministic finite acceptor* (DFA).
- **Markov chains:** Instead of considering a specific string τ , we'll compute probabilities, expected values, ... over the sample space of all strings of length n .

Other Markov chain examples

- A Markov chain is k th order if the probability of $X_t = i$ depends on the values of X_{t-1}, \dots, X_{t-k} . It can be converted to a first order Markov chain by making new states that record more history.
- **Positional independence**: Instead of a null hypothesis that a DNA sequence is generated by repeated rolls of a biased four-sided die, we could use a Markov chain. The simplest is a **one-step transition matrix**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{AA} & p_{AC} & p_{AG} & p_{AT} \\ p_{CA} & p_{CC} & p_{CG} & p_{CT} \\ p_{GA} & p_{GC} & p_{GG} & p_{GT} \\ p_{TA} & p_{TC} & p_{TG} & p_{TT} \end{bmatrix}$$

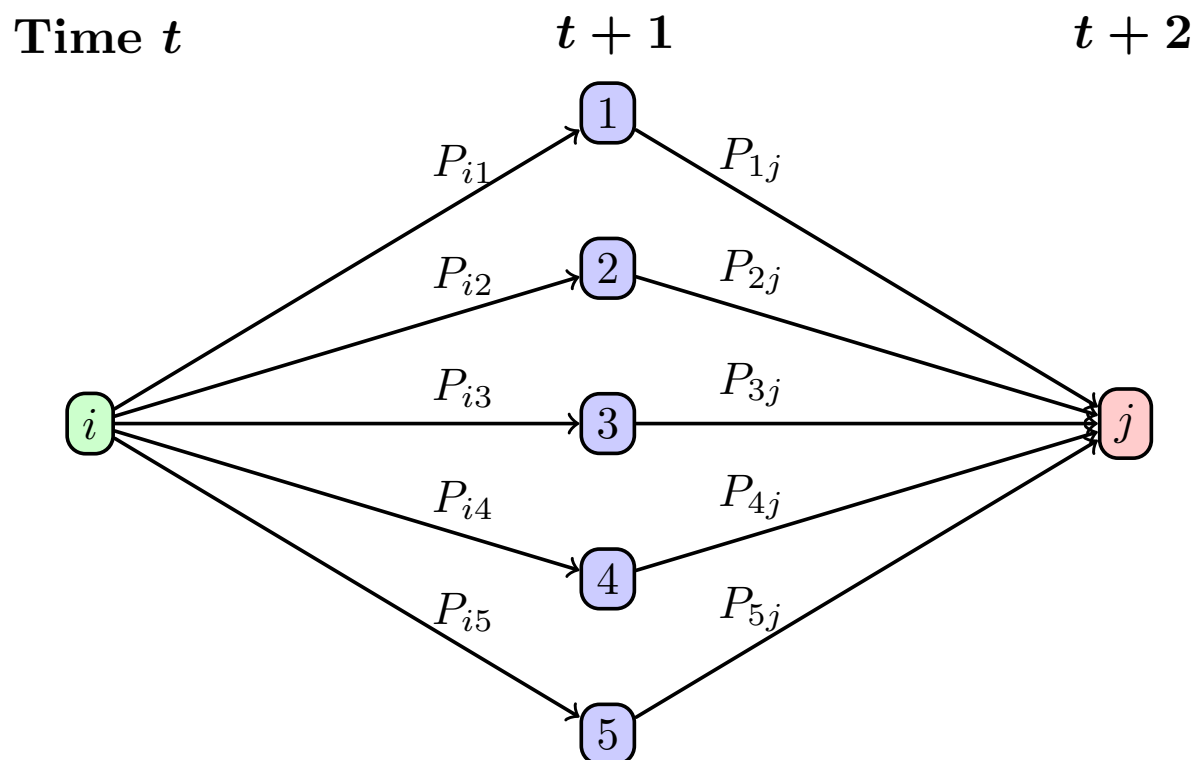
P could be the same at all positions. In a coding region, it could be different for the first, second, and third positions of codons.

- **Nucleotide evolution**: There are models of random point mutations over the course of evolution concerning Markov chains with the form P (same as above) in which X_t is the state A, C, G, T of the nucleotide at a given position in a sequence at time (generation) t .

Questions about Markov chains

- 1 What is the probability of being in a particular state after n steps?
- 2 What is the probability of being in a particular state as $n \rightarrow \infty$?
- 3 What is the “reverse” Markov chain?
- 4 If you are in state i , what is the expected number of time steps until the next time you are in state j ? What is the variance of this? What is the complete probability distribution?
- 5 Starting in state i , what is the expected number of visits to state j before reaching state k ?

Transition probabilities after two steps



To compute the probability for going from state i at time t to state j at time $t+2$, consider all the states it could go through at time $t+1$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{t+2} = j | X_t = i) &= \sum_r P(X_{t+1} = r | X_t = i) P(X_{t+2} = j | X_{t+1} = r, X_t = i) \\ &= \sum_r P(X_{t+1} = r | X_t = i) P(X_{t+2} = j | X_{t+1} = r) \\ &= \sum_r P_{ir} P_{rj} = (P^2)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Transition probabilities after n steps

For $n \geq 0$, the transition matrix from time t to time $t + n$ is P^n :

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{t+n} = j | X_t = i) &= \sum_{r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}} P(X_{t+1} = r_1 | X_t = i) P(X_{t+2} = r_2 | X_{t+1} = r_1) \cdots \\ &= \sum_{r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}} P_{i r_1} P_{r_1 r_2} \cdots P_{r_{n-1} j} = (P^n)_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

(sum over possible states r_1, \dots, r_{n-1} at times $t + 1, \dots, t + (n - 1)$)

State probability vector

- $\alpha_i(t) = P(X_t = i)$ is the probability of being in state i at time t .

- Column vector $\vec{\alpha}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_s(t) \end{pmatrix}$

or transpose it to get a row vector $\vec{\alpha}(t)' = (\alpha_1(t), \dots, \alpha_s(t))$

- The probabilities at time $t + n$ are

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_j(t+n) &= P(X_{t+n} = j | \vec{\alpha}(t)) = \sum_i P(X_{t+n} = j | X_t = i) P(X_t = i) \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i(t) (P^n)_{ij} = (\vec{\alpha}(t)' P^n)_j \end{aligned}$$

so $\vec{\alpha}(t+n)' = \vec{\alpha}(t)' P^n$ (row vector times matrix)

or equivalently, $(P')^n \vec{\alpha}(t) = \vec{\alpha}(t+n)$ (matrix times column vector).

State vector after n steps for GAGA; $P = P1$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{16} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{16} \end{bmatrix} \quad (P')^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{16} & \frac{11}{16} & \frac{11}{16} & \frac{11}{16} & \frac{11}{16} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{16} & 0 & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{16} & 0 & \frac{1}{16} \end{bmatrix}$$

- At $t = 10$, suppose $\frac{1}{3}$ chance of being in the 1st state; $\frac{2}{3}$ chance of being in the 2nd state; and no chance of other states:

$$\vec{\alpha}(10)' = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 0, 0, 0\right).$$

- Time $t = 12$ is $n = 12 - 10 = 2$ steps later:

$$\vec{\alpha}(12)' = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 0, 0, 0\right)P^2 = \left(\frac{11}{16}, \frac{5}{24}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{24}, 0\right)$$

- Alternately:

$$\vec{\alpha}(10) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ 2/3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{\alpha}(2) = (P')^2 \vec{\alpha}(10) = \begin{pmatrix} 11/16 \\ 5/24 \\ 1/16 \\ 1/24 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Transition probabilities after n steps for GAGA; $P = P1$

$$P^0 = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{16} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{3}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{16} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{64} & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{3}{64} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{64} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{64} & 0 \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{3}{64} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{64} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{64} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad P^4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{15}{256} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{256} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{15}{256} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{256} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{15}{256} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{256} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{15}{256} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{256} \\ \frac{11}{16} & \frac{15}{64} & \frac{15}{256} & \frac{1}{64} & \frac{1}{256} \end{bmatrix} \quad P^n = P^4 \text{ for } n \geq 5$$

- Regardless of the starting state, the probabilities of being in states 1, \dots , 5 at time t (when t is large enough) are $\frac{11}{16}, \frac{15}{64}, \frac{15}{256}, \frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{256}$.
- Usually P^n just approaches a limit asymptotically as n increases, rather than reaching it. We'll see other examples later (like $P2$).

Matrix powers in Matlab and R

Matlab

```
>> P1 = [  
  [ 3/4, 1/4, 0, 0, 0 ]; %  
  [ 2/4, 1/4, 1/4, 0, 0 ]; % G  
  [ 3/4, 0, 0, 1/4, 0 ]; % GA  
  [ 2/4, 1/4, 0, 0, 1/4 ]; % GAG  
  [ 3/4, 0, 0, 1/4, 0 ]; % GAGA  
 ]  
  
P1 =  
    0.7500    0.2500         0         0         0  
    0.5000    0.2500    0.2500         0         0  
    0.7500         0         0    0.2500         0  
    0.5000    0.2500         0         0    0.2500  
    0.7500         0         0    0.2500         0  
  
>> P1 * P1      % or      P1^2  
ans =  
    0.6875    0.2500    0.0625         0         0  
    0.6875    0.1875    0.0625    0.0625         0  
    0.6875    0.2500         0         0    0.0625  
    0.6875    0.1875    0.0625    0.0625         0  
    0.6875    0.2500         0         0    0.0625
```

R

```
> P1 = rbind(  
+   c(3/4,1/4, 0, 0, 0), #  
+   c(2/4,1/4,1/4, 0, 0), # G  
+   c(3/4, 0, 0,1/4, 0), # GA  
+   c(2/4,1/4, 0, 0,1/4), # GAG  
+   c(3/4, 0, 0,1/4, 0) # GAGA  
+ )  
  
> P1  
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]  
[1,] 0.75 0.25 0.00 0.00 0.00  
[2,] 0.50 0.25 0.25 0.00 0.00  
[3,] 0.75 0.00 0.00 0.25 0.00  
[4,] 0.50 0.25 0.00 0.00 0.25  
[5,] 0.75 0.00 0.00 0.25 0.00  
  
> P1 %*% P1  
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]  
[1,] 0.6875 0.2500 0.0625 0.0000 0.0000  
[2,] 0.6875 0.1875 0.0625 0.0625 0.0000  
[3,] 0.6875 0.2500 0.0000 0.0000 0.0625  
[4,] 0.6875 0.1875 0.0625 0.0625 0.0000  
[5,] 0.6875 0.2500 0.0000 0.0000 0.0625
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Note: R doesn't have a built-in matrix power function. The > and + symbols above are prompts, not something you enter.

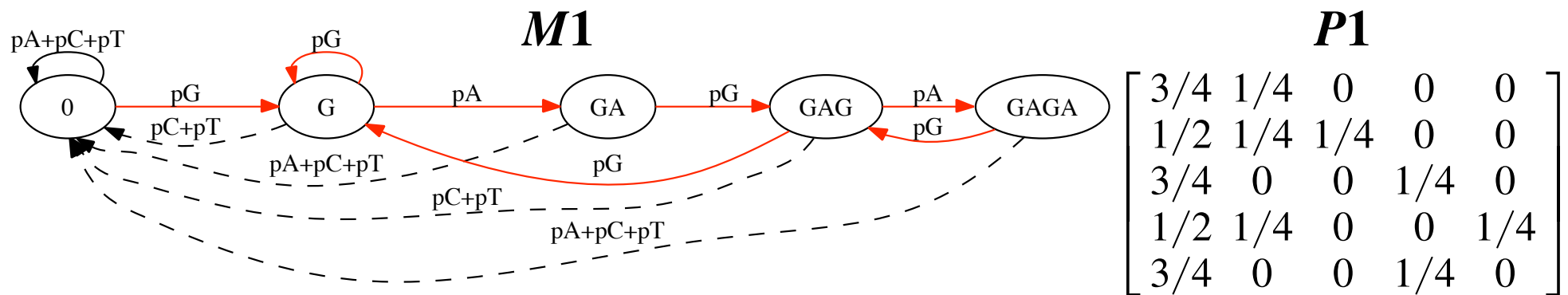
Stationary distribution, a.k.a. steady state distribution

- If P is irreducible and aperiodic (these will be defined soon) then P^n approaches a limit with this format as $n \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \cdots & \varphi_s \\ \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \cdots & \varphi_s \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \cdots & \varphi_s \end{bmatrix}$$

- In other words, no matter what the starting state, the probability of being in state j after n steps approaches φ_j .
- The row vector $\vec{\varphi}' = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_s)$ is called the *stationary distribution* of the Markov chain.
- It is “stationary” because these probabilities stay the same from one time to the next; in matrix notation, $\vec{\varphi}'P = \vec{\varphi}'$, or $P'\vec{\varphi} = \vec{\varphi}$.
- So $\vec{\varphi}'$ is a left eigenvector of P with eigenvalue 1.
- Since it represents probabilities of being in each state, the components of $\vec{\varphi}$ add up to 1.

Stationary distribution — computing it for example $M1$



- Solve $\vec{\varphi}' P = \vec{\varphi}'$, or $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_5) P = (\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_5)$:

$$\varphi_1 = \frac{3}{4}\varphi_1 + \frac{1}{2}\varphi_2 + \frac{3}{4}\varphi_3 + \frac{1}{2}\varphi_4 + \frac{3}{4}\varphi_5$$

$$\varphi_2 = \frac{1}{4}\varphi_1 + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_2 + 0\varphi_3 + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_4 + 0\varphi_5$$

$$\varphi_3 = 0\varphi_1 + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_2 + 0\varphi_3 + 0\varphi_4 + 0\varphi_5$$

$$\varphi_4 = 0\varphi_1 + 0\varphi_2 + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_3 + 0\varphi_4 + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_5$$

$$\varphi_5 = 0\varphi_1 + 0\varphi_2 + 0\varphi_3 + \frac{1}{4}\varphi_4 + 0\varphi_5$$

and the total probability equation $\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_3 + \varphi_4 + \varphi_5 = 1$.

- This is 6 equations in 5 unknowns, so it is overdetermined.
- Actually, the first 5 equations are underdetermined; they add up to

$$\varphi_1 + \dots + \varphi_5 = \varphi_1 + \dots + \varphi_5.$$

- Knock out the $\varphi_5 = \dots$ equation and solve the rest of them to get $\vec{\varphi}' = \left(\frac{11}{16}, \frac{15}{64}, \frac{15}{256}, \frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{256}\right) \approx (0.6875, 0.2344, 0.0586, 0.0156, 0.0039)$.

Solving equations in Matlab or R

(this method doesn't use the functions for eigenvectors)

Matlab

```
>> eye(5) # identity
    1     0     0     0     0
    0     1     0     0     0
    0     0     1     0     0
    0     0     0     1     0
    0     0     0     0     1
>> P1' - eye(5) # transpose minus identity
   -0.2500    0.5000    0.7500    0.5000    0.7500
    0.2500   -0.7500         0    0.2500         0
         0    0.2500   -1.0000         0         0
         0         0    0.2500   -1.0000    0.2500
         0         0         0    0.2500   -1.0000
>> [P1' - eye(5) ; 1 1 1 1 1]
   -0.2500    0.5000    0.7500    0.5000    0.7500
    0.2500   -0.7500         0    0.2500         0
         0    0.2500   -1.0000         0         0
         0         0    0.2500   -1.0000    0.2500
         0         0         0    0.2500   -1.0000
    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000    1.0000
>> sstate=[P1'-eye(5); 1 1 1 1 1] \ [0 0 0 0 0 1]
sstate =
    0.6875
    0.2344
    0.0586
    0.0156
    0.0039
```

R

```
> diag(1,5) % identity
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,]     1     0     0     0     0
[2,]     0     1     0     0     0
[3,]     0     0     1     0     0
[4,]     0     0     0     1     0
[5,]     0     0     0     0     1
> t(P1) - diag(1,5) % transpose minus identity
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,] -0.25  0.50  0.75  0.50  0.75
[2,]  0.25 -0.75  0.00  0.25  0.00
[3,]  0.00  0.25 -1.00  0.00  0.00
[4,]  0.00  0.00  0.25 -1.00  0.25
[5,]  0.00  0.00  0.00  0.25 -1.00
> rbind(t(P1) - diag(1,5), c(1,1,1,1,1))
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,] -0.25  0.50  0.75  0.50  0.75
[2,]  0.25 -0.75  0.00  0.25  0.00
[3,]  0.00  0.25 -1.00  0.00  0.00
[4,]  0.00  0.00  0.25 -1.00  0.25
[5,]  0.00  0.00  0.00  0.25 -1.00
[6,]  1.00  1.00  1.00  1.00  1.00
> sstate = qr.solve(rbind(t(P1) - diag(1,5),
+ c(1,1,1,1,1)),c(0,0,0,0,0,1))
> sstate
[1] 0.68750000 0.23437500 0.05859375 0.01562500
[5] 0.00390625
```

Eigenvalues of P

- A transition matrix is *stochastic*: all entries are ≥ 0 and its row sums are all 1. So

$$P\vec{1} = \vec{1} \quad \text{where } \vec{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Thus, $\lambda = 1$ is an eigenvalue of P and $\vec{1}$ is a *right eigenvector*. There is also a *left eigenvector* of P with eigenvalue 1:

$$\vec{w}P = 1\vec{w}$$

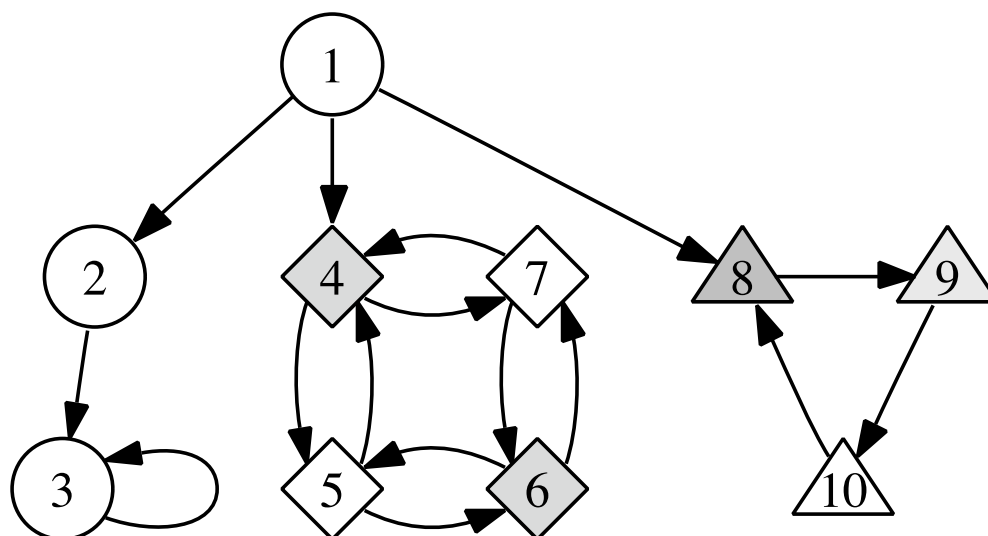
where \vec{w} is a row vector. Normalize it so its entries add up to 1, to get the *stationary distribution* $\vec{\varphi}'$.

- All eigenvalues λ of a stochastic matrix have $|\lambda| \leq 1$.
- An irreducible aperiodic Markov chain has just one eigenvalue $= 1$. The 2nd largest $|\lambda|$ determines how fast P^n converges. For example, if it's diagonalizable, the spectral decomposition is:

$$P^n = 1^n M_1 + \lambda_2^n M_2 + \lambda_3^n M_3 + \dots$$

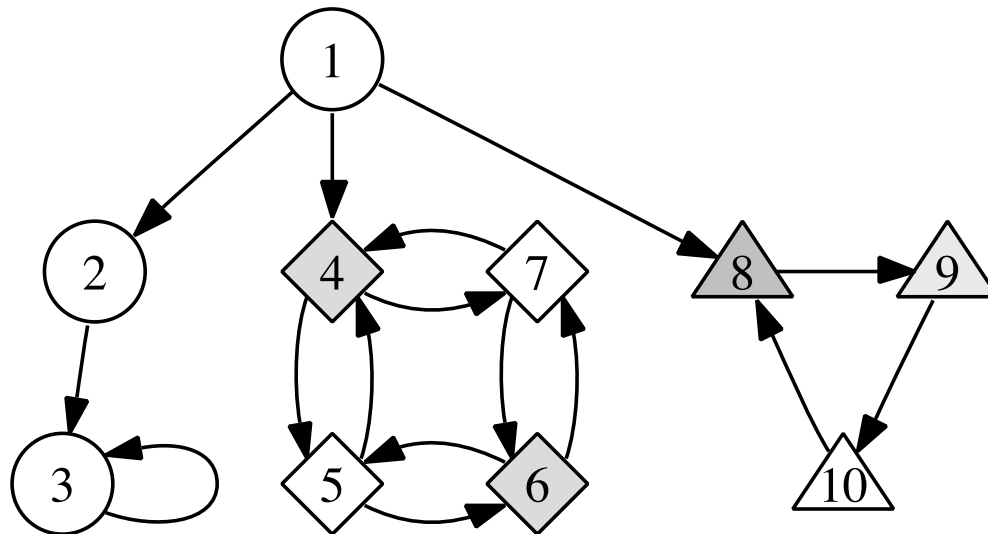
but there may be complications (periodic Markov chains, complex eigenvalues, ...).

Technicalities — reducibility



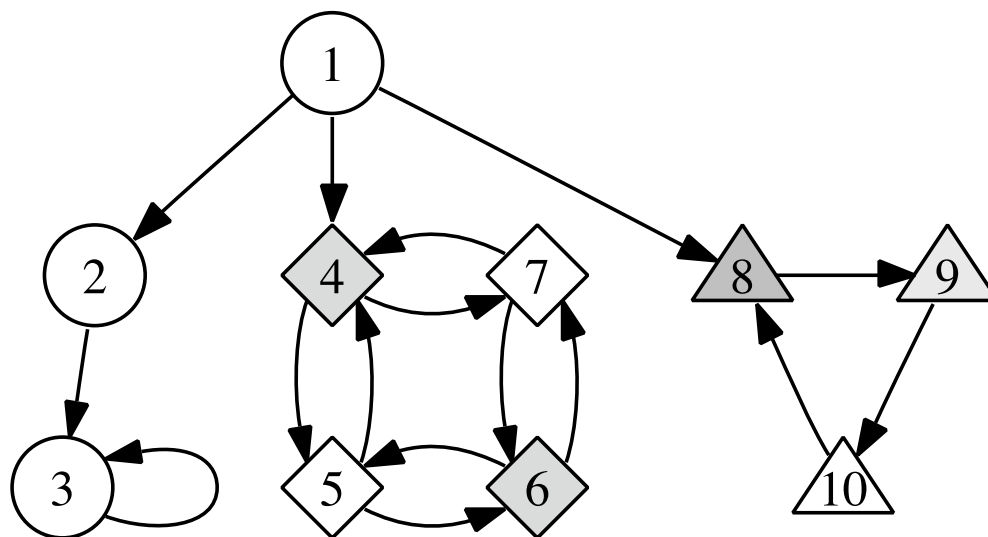
- A Markov chain is *irreducible* if every state can be reached from every other state after enough steps.
- The above example is *reducible* since there are states that cannot be reached from each other: after sufficient time, you are either stuck in state 3, the component $\{4, 5, 6, 7\}$, or the component $\{8, 9, 10\}$.

Technicalities — period



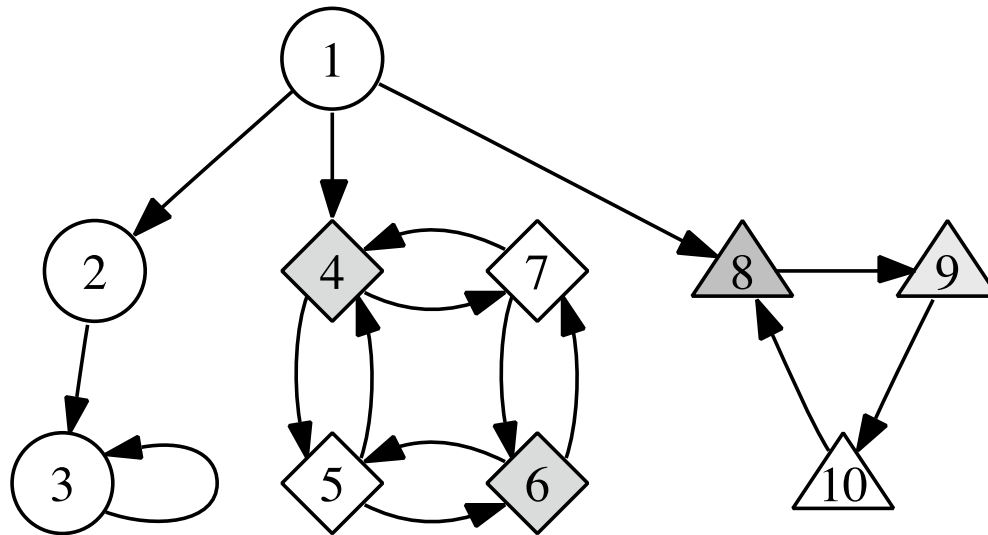
- State i has *period* d if the Markov chain can only go from state i to itself in multiples of d steps, where d is the maximum number that satisfies that.
- If $d > 1$ then state i is *periodic*.
- A Markov chain is *periodic* if at least one state is periodic and is *aperiodic* if no states are periodic.
- All states in a component have the same period.
- Component $\{4, 5, 6, 7\}$ has period 2 and component $\{8, 9, 10\}$ has period 3, so the Markov chain is periodic.

Technicalities — absorbing states



- An *absorbing state* has all its outgoing edges going to itself; e.g., state 3 above.
- An irreducible Markov chain with two or more states cannot have any absorbing states.

Technicalities — summary



- There are generalizations to infinite numbers of discrete or continuous states and to continuous time.
- We will work with Markov chains that are finite, discrete, irreducible, and aperiodic, unless otherwise stated.
- For a finite discrete Markov chain on two or more states:

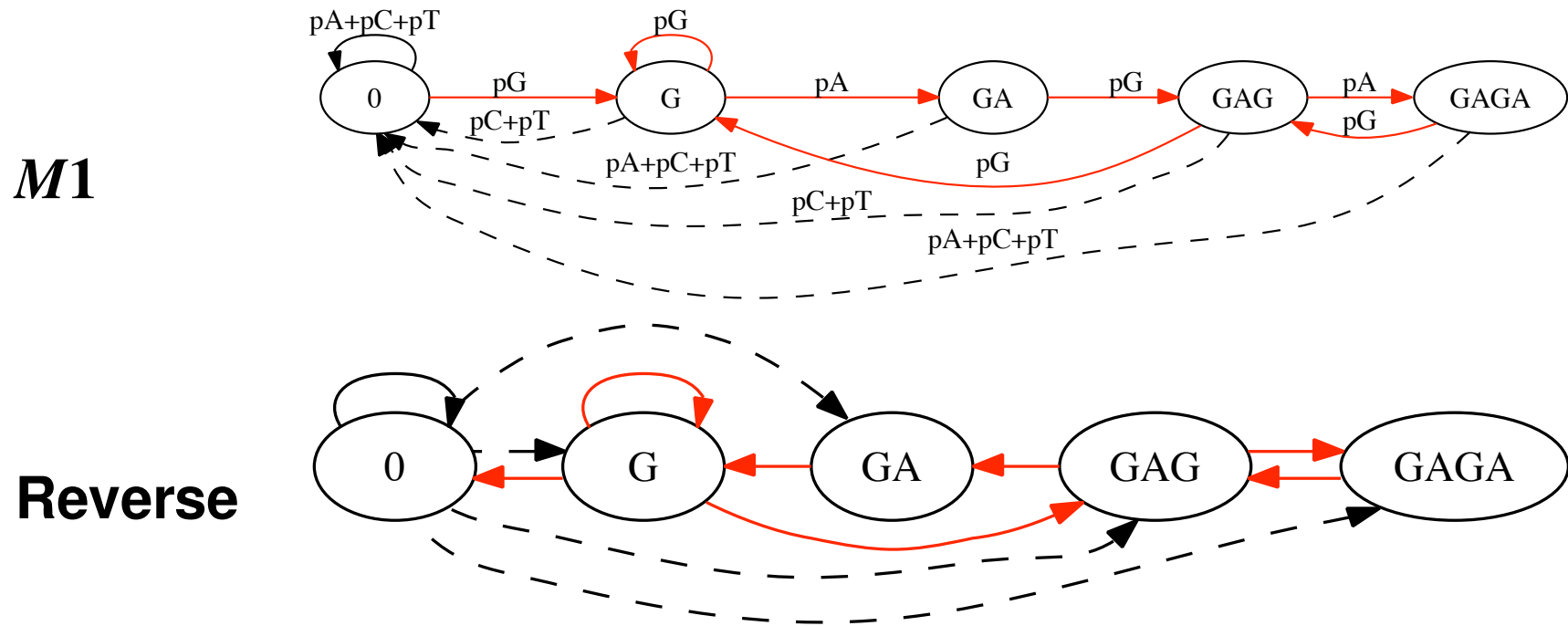
irreducible and aperiodic with no absorbing states

is equivalent to

P or a power of P has all entries greater than 0

and in this case, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n$ exists and all its rows are the stationary distribution.

Reverse Markov Chain



- A Markov chain modeling forwards progression of time can be “reversed” to make “predictions” about the past. For example, this is done in models of nucleotide evolution.
- The graph of the reverse Markov chain has
 - the same nodes as the forwards chain;
 - the same edges but reversed directions and new probabilities.

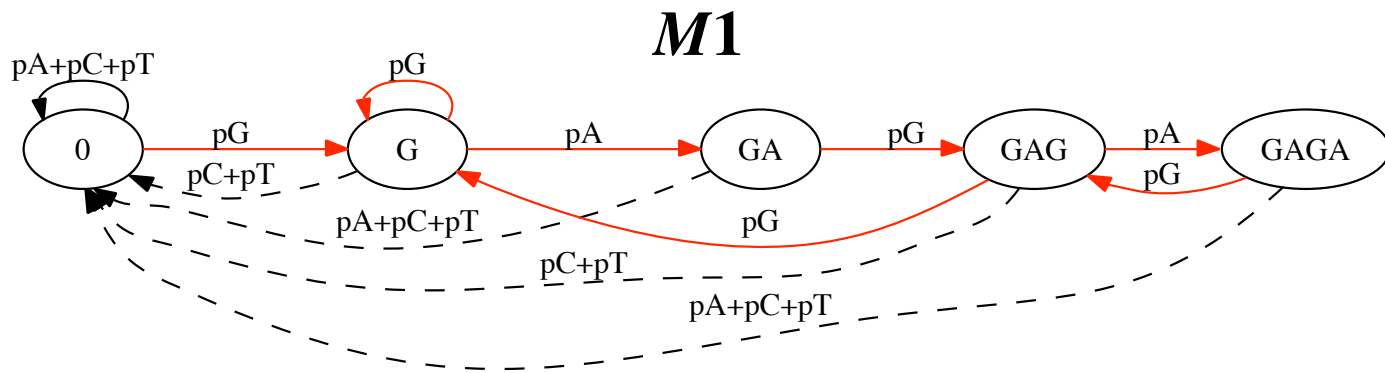
Reverse Markov Chain

- The transition matrix P of the forwards Markov chain was defined so that $P(X_{t+1} = j | X_t = i) = p_{ij}$ at all times t .
- Assume the forwards machine has run long enough to reach the stationary distribution, $P(X_t = i) = \varphi_i$.
- The reverse Markov chain has transition matrix Q , where

$$q_{ij} = P(X_t = j | X_{t+1} = i) = \frac{P(X_{t+1} = i | X_t = j)P(X_t = j)}{P(X_{t+1} = i)} = \frac{p_{ji}\varphi_j}{\varphi_i}$$

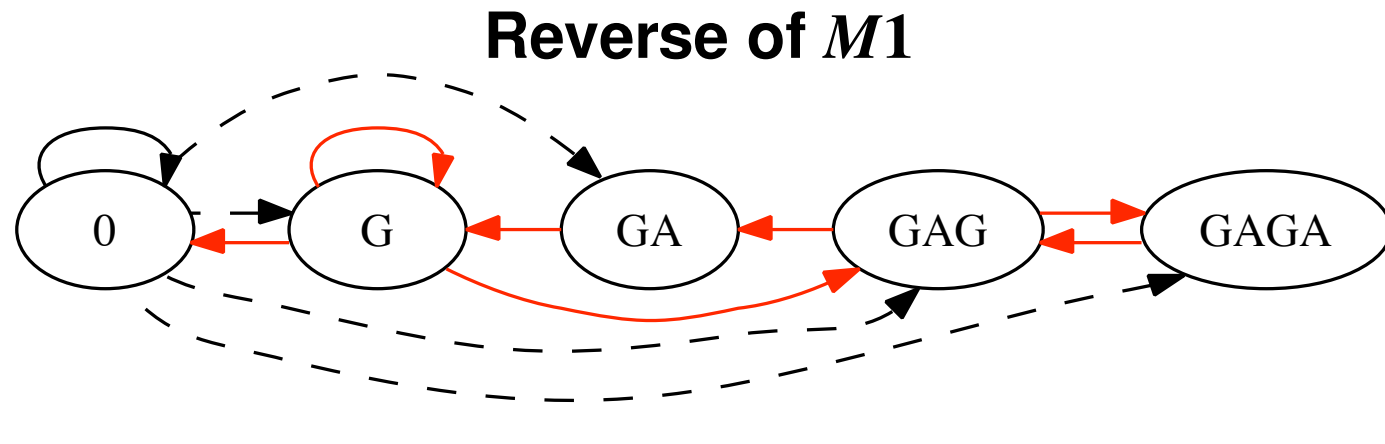
(Recall Bayes' Theorem: $P(B|A) = P(A|B)P(B)/P(A)$.)

Reverse Markov Chain of $M1$



$P1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$Q1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{15}{88} & \frac{45}{704} & \frac{1}{88} & \frac{3}{704} \\ \frac{11}{15} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{60} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{15}{16} & 0 & \frac{1}{16} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Stationary distribution of $P1$ is $\vec{\varphi}' = (\frac{11}{16}, \frac{15}{64}, \frac{15}{256}, \frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{256})$
- **Example of one entry:** The edge $0 \rightarrow GA$ in the reverse chain has $q_{13} = p_{31} \varphi_3 / \varphi_1 = (\frac{3}{4})(\frac{15}{256}) / (\frac{11}{16}) = \frac{45}{704}$.
- This means that in the steady state of the forwards chain, when 0 is entered, there is a probability $\frac{45}{704}$ that the previous state was GA.

Matlab and R

Matlab

```
>> d_sstate = diag(sstate)
```

```
d_sstate =
```

```
    0.6875         0         0         0         0
         0    0.2344         0         0         0
         0         0    0.0586         0         0
         0         0         0    0.0156         0
         0         0         0         0    0.0039
```

```
>> Q1 = inv(d_sstate) * P1' * d_sstate
```

```
Q1 =
```

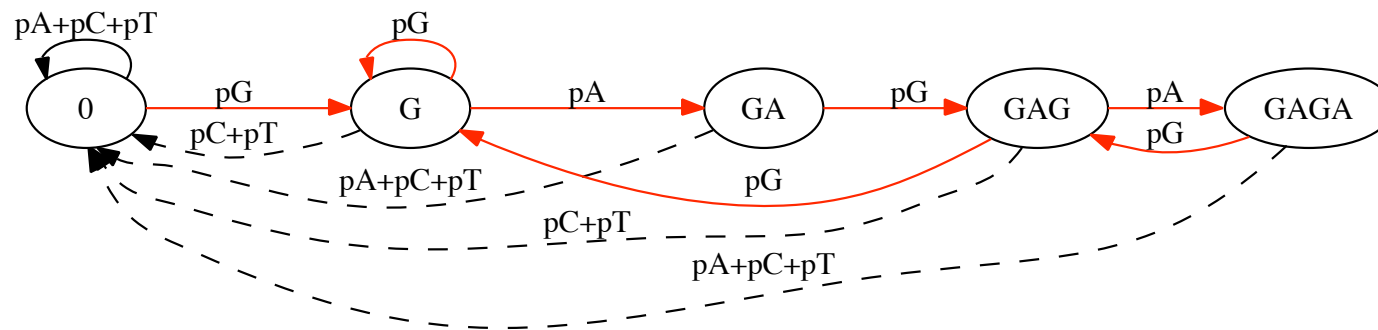
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    0.7500    0.1705    0.0639    0.0114    0.0043
    0.7333    0.2500         0    0.0167         0
         0    1.0000         0         0         0
         0         0    0.9375         0    0.0625
         0         0         0    1.0000         0
```

R

```
> d_sstate = diag(sstate)
```

```
> Q1 = solve(d_sstate) %*% t(P1) %*% d_sstate
```

Expected time from state i till next time in state j

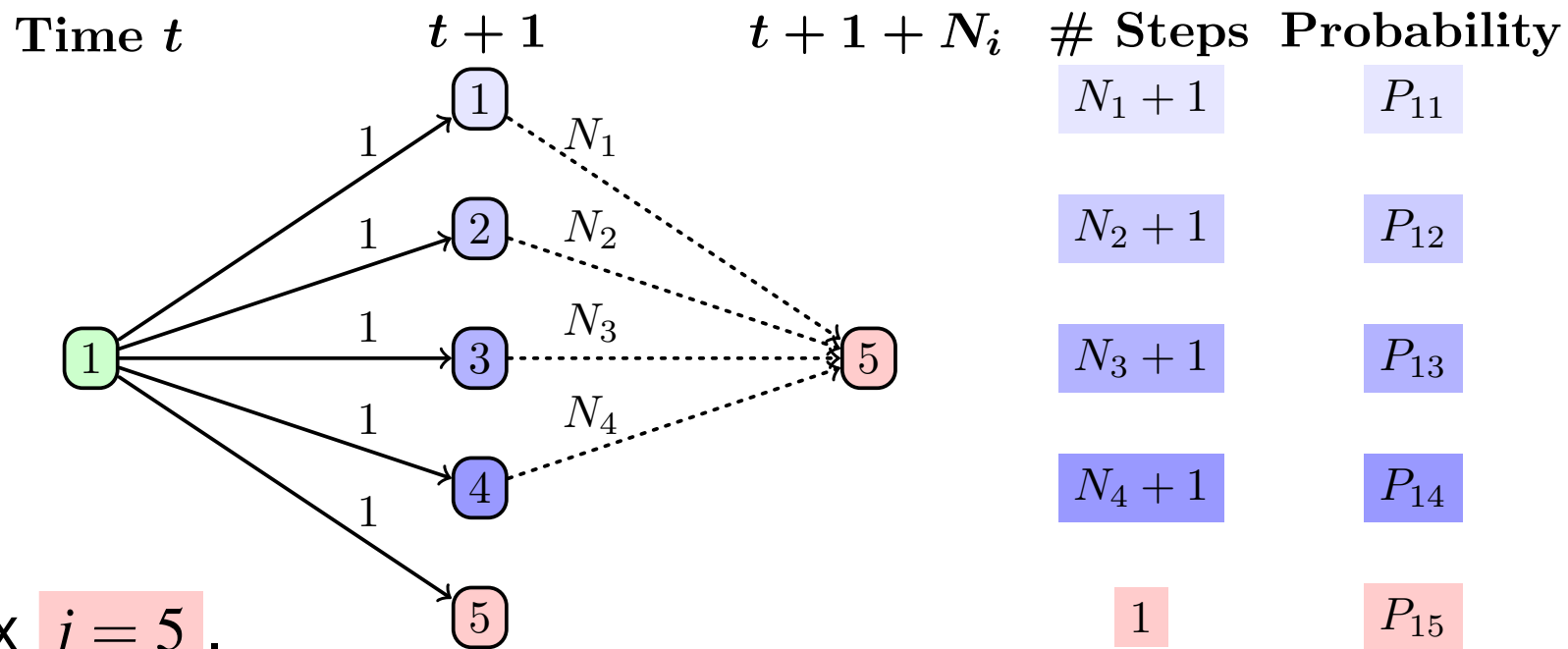


If $M1$ is in state \emptyset , what is the expected number of steps until the next time it is in state GAGA?

More generally, what's the expected # steps from state i to state j ?

- Fix the end state j once and for all. Simultaneously solve for expected # steps from all start states i .
- For $i = 1, \dots, s$, let N_i be a random variable for the number of steps from state i to the next time in state j .
- **Next time** means that if $i = j$, we count until the next time at state j , with $N_j \geq 1$; we don't count it as already there in 0 steps.
- We'll develop systems of equations for $E(N_i)$, $\text{Var}(N_i)$, and $\mathbb{P}_{N_i}(x)$.

Expected time from state i till next time in state j



- Fix $j = 5$.
- Random variable $N_r = \#$ steps from state r to next time in state j .
- Dotted paths have no occurrences of state j in the middle.
- Expected # steps from state $i = 1$ to $j = 5$ (repeat this for all i):

$$E(N_1^{(\text{time } t)}) = P_{11} E(N_1^{(\text{time } t+1)} + 1) + P_{12} E(N_2 + 1) \\ + P_{13} E(N_3 + 1) + P_{14} E(N_4 + 1) + P_{15} E(1)$$

Both N_1 's have same distribution, and we can expand $E()$'s:

$$E(N_1) = \sum_{r:r \neq j} P_{1r} E(N_r) + \sum_r P_{1r} = \left(\sum_{r:r \neq j} P_{1r} E(N_r) \right) + 1$$

Expected time from state i till next time in state j

- Recall we fixed j , and defined N_i relative to it.
- Start in state i .
- There is a probability P_{ir} of going one step to state r .
- If $r = j$, we are done in one step: $E(N_i | \text{1st step is } i \rightarrow j) = 1$
If $r \neq j$, the expected number of steps after the first step is $E(N_r)$:

$$E(N_i | \text{1st step is } i \rightarrow r) = E(N_r + 1) = E(N_r) + 1$$

- Combine with the probability of each value of r :

$$\begin{aligned} E(N_i) &= P_{ij} \cdot 1 + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir} E(N_r + 1) = P_{ij} + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir} \cdot (E(N_r) + 1) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^s P_{ir} + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir} \cdot E(N_r) = 1 + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir} \cdot E(N_r) \end{aligned}$$

- Doing this for all s states, $i = 1, \dots, s$, gives s equations in the s unknowns $E(N_1), \dots, E(N_s)$.

Expected times between states in $M1$: times to state 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(N_1) &= 0 + \frac{3}{4}(E(N_1) + 1) + \frac{1}{4}(E(N_2) + 1) &&= 1 + \frac{3}{4}E(N_1) + \frac{1}{4}E(N_2) \\
 E(N_2) &= 0 + \frac{1}{2}(E(N_1) + 1) + \frac{1}{4}(E(N_2) + 1) + \frac{1}{4}(E(N_3) + 1) &&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}E(N_1) + \frac{1}{4}E(N_2) + \frac{1}{4}E(N_3) \\
 E(N_3) &= 0 + \frac{3}{4}(E(N_1) + 1) + \frac{1}{4}(E(N_4) + 1) &&= 1 + \frac{3}{4}E(N_1) + \frac{1}{4}E(N_4) \\
 E(N_4) &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}(E(N_1) + 1) + \frac{1}{4}(E(N_2) + 1) &&= 1 + \frac{1}{2}E(N_1) + \frac{1}{4}E(N_2) \\
 E(N_5) &= 0 + \frac{3}{4}(E(N_1) + 1) + \frac{1}{4}(E(N_4) + 1) &&= 1 + \frac{3}{4}E(N_1) + \frac{1}{4}E(N_4)
 \end{aligned}$$

- This is 5 equations in 5 unknowns $E(N_1), \dots, E(N_5)$. Matrix format:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & -3/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3/4 & 0 & -1 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 3/4 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Zero out } j^{\text{th}} \text{ column of } P.} \begin{bmatrix} E(N_1) \\ E(N_2) \\ E(N_3) \\ E(N_4) \\ E(N_5) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{All } -1\text{'s}.}$$

Then subtract 1 from each diagonal entry.

- $E(N_1) = 272, E(N_2) = 268, E(N_3) = 256, E(N_4) = 204, E(N_5) = 256.$
- Matlab and R:** Enter matrix C and vector r . Solve $C\vec{x} = \vec{r}$ with
Matlab: $x=C \setminus r$ or $x=inv(C) * r$ **R:** $x=solve(C, r)$

Variance and PGF of number of steps between states

- We may compute $E(g(N_i))$ for any function g by setting up recurrences in the same way. For each $i = 1, \dots, s$:

$$E(g(N_i)) = P_{ij}g(1) + \sum_{r \neq j} P_{ir}E(g(N_r+1)) = \text{expansion depending on } g$$

- **Variance of N_i 's:** $\text{Var}(N_i) = E(N_i^2) - (E(N_i))^2$

$$E(N_i^2) = P_{ij} \cdot 1^2 + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir}E((N_r+1)^2) = 1 + 2 \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir}E(N_r) + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir}E(N_r^2)$$

Plug in the previous solution of $E(N_1), \dots, E(N_s)$.

Then solve the s equations for the s unknowns $E(N_1^2), \dots, E(N_s^2)$.

- **PGF:** $\mathbb{P}_{N_i}(x) = E(x^{N_i}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(N_i = n)x^n$

$$E(x^{N_i}) = P_{ij} \cdot x^1 + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir}E(x^{N_r+1}) = P_{ij} \cdot x + \sum_{r=1, r \neq j}^s P_{ir} \cdot x \cdot E(x^{N_r})$$

Solve the s equations for s unknowns $E(x^{N_1}), \dots, E(x^{N_s})$.

See the old handout for a worked out example.

Powers of matrices (see separate slides)

- **Sample matrix: Diagonalization:** $P = VDV^{-1}$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $P^n = (VDV^{-1})(VDV^{-1}) \cdots (VDV^{-1}) = VD^nV^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 6^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$

- When a square ($s \times s$) matrix P has distinct eigenvalues, it can be *diagonalized*

$$P = VDV^{-1}$$

where D is a diagonal matrix of the eigenvalues of P (any order);
the columns of V are right eigenvectors of P (in same order as D);
the rows of V^{-1} are left eigenvectors of P (in same order as D);

- If any eigenvalues are equal, it may or may not be diagonalizable, but there is a generalization called *Jordan Canonical Form*, $P = VJV^{-1}$ giving $P^n = VJ^nV^{-1}$.

J has eigenvalues on the diagonal and 1's and 0's just above it, and is also easy to raise to powers.

Matrix powers — spectral decomposition (distinct eigenvalues)

- **Powers of P :** $P^n = (VDV^{-1})(VDV^{-1}) \dots = VD^nV^{-1}$

$$P^n = VD^nV^{-1} = V \begin{bmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 6^n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} = V \begin{bmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} + V \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6^n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V \begin{bmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1.5 & -.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (1)(5^n)(-2) & (1)(5^n)(1) \\ (3)(5^n)(-2) & (3)(5^n)(1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 5^n \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1^n \vec{r}_1 \vec{\ell}'_1 = 5^n \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6^n \end{bmatrix} V^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1.5 & -.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(6^n)(1.5) & 2(6^n)(-.5) \\ 4(6^n)(1.5) & 4(6^n)(-.5) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= 6^n \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & -.5 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_2^n \vec{r}_2 \vec{\ell}'_2 = 6^n \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- **Spectral decomposition of P^n :**

$$P^n = VD^nV^{-1} = \lambda_1^n \vec{r}_1 \vec{\ell}'_1 + \lambda_2^n \vec{r}_2 \vec{\ell}'_2 = 5^n \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ -6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 6^n \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Jordan Canonical Form

- Matrices with two or more equal eigenvalues cannot necessarily be diagonalized. *Matlab and R do not give an error or warning.*
- The *Jordan Canonical Form* is a generalization that turns into diagonalization when possible, and still works otherwise:

$$P = VJV^{-1} \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & B_2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & B_3 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \quad B_i = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_i & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_i & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_i & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_i \end{bmatrix}$$

- $P^n = VJ^nV^{-1}$ where

$$J^n = \begin{bmatrix} B_1^n & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & B_2^n & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & B_3^n & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \quad B_i^n = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i^n & \binom{n}{1}\lambda_i^{n-1} & \binom{n}{2}\lambda_i^{n-2} & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \lambda_i^n & \binom{n}{1}\lambda_i^{n-1} & \cdots & \cdots \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_i^n & \binom{n}{1}\lambda_i^{n-1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \lambda_i^n \end{bmatrix}$$

- In applications when repeated eigenvalues are a possibility, it's best to use the Jordan Canonical Form.

Jordan Canonical Form for P_1 in Matlab

(R doesn't currently have JCF available either built-in or as an add-on)

```
» P1 = [  
  [ 3/4, 1/4, 0, 0, 0 ]; %  
  [ 2/4, 1/4, 1/4, 0, 0 ]; % G  
  [ 3/4, 0, 0, 1/4, 0 ]; % GA  
  [ 2/4, 1/4, 0, 0, 1/4 ]; % GAG  
  [ 3/4, 0, 0, 1/4, 0 ]; % GAGA  
]
```

```
P1 =  
  0.7500  0.2500  0  0  0  
  0.5000  0.2500  0.2500  0  0  
  0.7500  0  0  0.2500  0  
  0.5000  0.2500  0  0  0.2500  
  0.7500  0  0  0.2500  0
```

```
» [V1,J1] = jordan(P1)
```

```
V1 =  
 -0.0039 -0.0195 -0.0707 -0.2298 -0.0430  
  0.0117  0.0430  0.1339  0.4066 -0.0430  
 -0.0039  0.0430  0.1793  0.5884 -0.0430  
  0.0117  0.0430  0.3839  1.4066 -0.0430  
 -0.0039  0.0430  0.1793  1.5884 -0.0430
```

```
J1 =  
  0  1  0  0  0  
  0  0  1  0  0  
  0  0  0  1  0  
  0  0  0  0  0  
  0  0  0  0  1
```

```
» V1i = inv(V1)
```

```
V1i =  
  0  52.3636 -64.0000  11.6364  0  
 -16.0000  16.0000  13.0909 -16.0000  2.9091  
  0  -4.0000  4.0000  4.0000 -4.0000  
  0  0 -1.0000  0  1.0000  
 -16.0000 -5.4545 -1.3636 -0.3636 -0.0909
```

```
» V1 * J1 * V1i
```

```
ans =  
  0.7500  0.2500 -0.0000 -0.0000  0.0000  
  0.5000  0.2500  0.2500 -0.0000  0.0000  
  0.7500 -0.0000 -0.0000  0.2500 -0.0000  
  0.5000  0.2500  0.0000 -0.0000  0.2500  
  0.7500 -0.0000 -0.0000  0.2500 -0.0000
```

Powers of P_1 using JCF

- $P = VJV^{-1}$ gives $P^n = VJ^nV^{-1}$, and J^n is easy to compute:

```
» J1
J1 =
 0  1  0  0  0
 0  0  1  0  0
 0  0  0  1  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  1

» J1^2
ans =
 0  0  1  0  0
 0  0  0  1  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  1

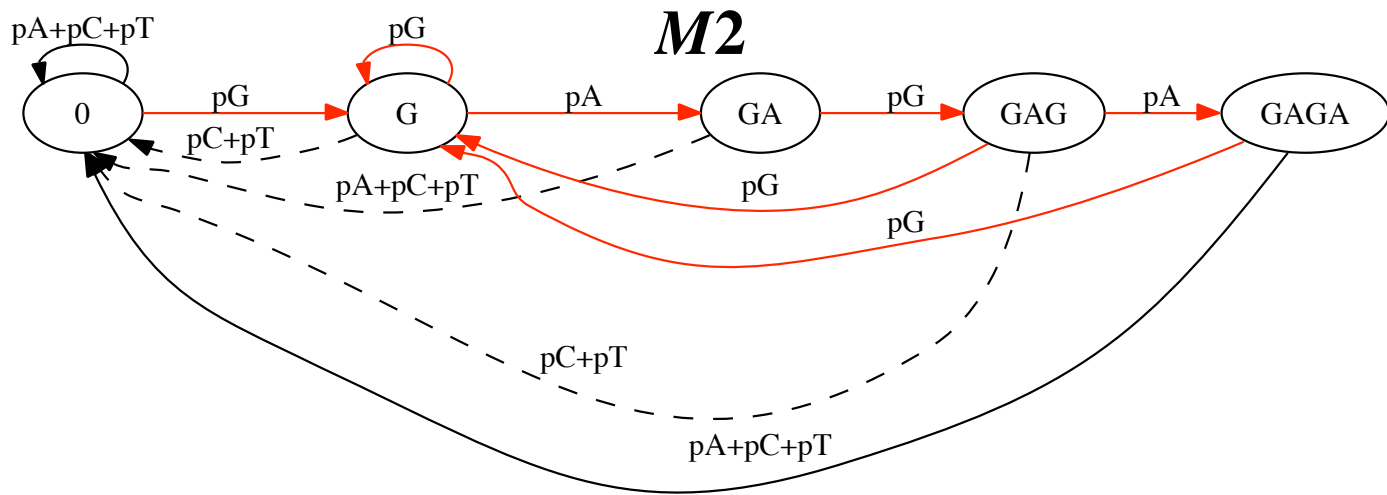
» J1^3
ans =
 0  0  0  1  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  1

» J1^4
ans =
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  1

» J1^5
ans =
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  0
 0  0  0  0  1
```

- For this matrix, $J^n = J^4$ when $n \geq 4$, so
 $P^n = VJ^nV^{-1} = VJ^4V^{-1} = P^4$ for $n \geq 4$.

Non-overlapping occurrences of GAGA



P2

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 \\ 3/4 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 3/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

» $[V2, J2] = \text{jordan}(P2)$

$V2 =$

-0.0625	-0.5170	-0.1728	$0.1176 + 0.0294i$	$0.1176 - 0.0294i$
0.1875	1.3011	-0.1728	$-0.3824 + 0.0294i$	$-0.3824 - 0.0294i$
-0.0625	0.4830	-0.1728	$0.1176 - 0.4706i$	$0.1176 + 0.4706i$
0.1875	1.3011	-0.1728	$0.1176 + 0.0294i$	$0.1176 - 0.0294i$
-0.0625	0.4830	-0.1728	$0.1176 + 0.0294i$	$0.1176 - 0.0294i$

$J2 =$

0	1.0000	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1.0000	0	0
0	0	0	$0 + 0.2500i$	0
0	0	0	0	$0 - 0.2500i$

» $V2i = \text{inv}(V2)$

$V2i =$

3.2727	0	-0.0000	4.0000	-7.2727
-1.0000	0	0.0000	0	1.0000
-3.9787	-1.3617	-0.3404	-0.0851	-0.0213
0	-1.0000	$0 + 1.0000i$	1.0000	$0 - 1.0000i$
0	-1.0000	$0 - 1.0000i$	1.0000	$0 + 1.0000i$

Non-overlapping occurrences of GAGA — JCF

$$(J2)^n = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n & & & \\ & 1^n & & \\ & & (i/4)^n & \\ & & & (-i/4)^n \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

- **One eigenvalue = 1.** It's the third one listed, so the stationary distribution is the third row of $(V2)^{-1}$ normalized:

```
» V2i(3,:) / sum(V2i(3,:))
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.6875    0.2353    0.0588    0.0147    0.0037
```

- **Two eigenvalues = 0.** The interpretation of one of them is that the first and last rows of $P2$ are equal, so $(1, 0, 0, 0, -1)'$ is a right eigenvector of $P2$ with eigenvalue 0.
- **Two complex eigenvalues, $0 \pm i/4$.** Since $P2$ is real, all complex eigenvalues must come in conjugate pairs. The eigenvectors also come in conjugate pairs (last 2 columns of $V2$; last 2 rows of $(V2)^{-1}$).

Spectral decomposition with JCF and complex eigenvalues

$$(J2)^n = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n & & & \\ & 1^n & & \\ & & (i/4)^n & \\ & & & (-i/4)^n \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$(P2)^n = (V2)(J2)^n(V2)^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{r}_1 & \vec{r}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\ell}'_1 \\ \vec{\ell}'_2 \end{bmatrix} + \vec{r}_3(1)^n \vec{\ell}'_3 + \vec{r}_4(i/4)^n \vec{\ell}'_4 + \vec{r}_5(-i/4)^n \vec{\ell}'_5$$

The first term vanishes when $n \geq 2$, so when $n \geq 2$ the format is

$$= 1^n S3 + (i/4)^n S4 + (-i/4)^n S5 = S3 + (i/4)^n S4 + (-i/4)^n S5$$

Spectral decomposition with JCF and complex eigenvalues

For $n \geq 2$, $(P^2)^n = S3 + (i/4)^n S4 + (-i/4)^n S5$ where

```
» S3 = V2(:,3) * V2i(3,:)
```

```
S3 =  
    0.6875    0.2353    0.0588    0.0147    0.0037  
    0.6875    0.2353    0.0588    0.0147    0.0037  
    0.6875    0.2353    0.0588    0.0147    0.0037  
    0.6875    0.2353    0.0588    0.0147    0.0037  
    0.6875    0.2353    0.0588    0.0147    0.0037
```

```
» S4 = V2(:,4) * V2i(4,:)
```

```
S4 =  
    0          -0.1176 - 0.0294i  -0.0294 + 0.1176i  0.1176 + 0.0294i  0.0294 - 0.1176i  
    0          0.3824 - 0.0294i  -0.0294 - 0.3824i  -0.3824 + 0.0294i  0.0294 + 0.3824i  
    0          -0.1176 + 0.4706i  0.4706 + 0.1176i  0.1176 - 0.4706i  -0.4706 - 0.1176i  
    0          -0.1176 - 0.0294i  -0.0294 + 0.1176i  0.1176 + 0.0294i  0.0294 - 0.1176i  
    0          -0.1176 - 0.0294i  -0.0294 + 0.1176i  0.1176 + 0.0294i  0.0294 - 0.1176i
```

```
» S5 = V2(:,5) * V2i(5,:)
```

```
S5 =  
    0          -0.1176 + 0.0294i  -0.0294 - 0.1176i  0.1176 - 0.0294i  0.0294 + 0.1176i  
    0          0.3824 + 0.0294i  -0.0294 + 0.3824i  -0.3824 - 0.0294i  0.0294 - 0.3824i  
    0          -0.1176 - 0.4706i  0.4706 - 0.1176i  0.1176 + 0.4706i  -0.4706 + 0.1176i  
    0          -0.1176 + 0.0294i  -0.0294 - 0.1176i  0.1176 - 0.0294i  0.0294 + 0.1176i  
    0          -0.1176 + 0.0294i  -0.0294 - 0.1176i  0.1176 - 0.0294i  0.0294 + 0.1176i
```

- S3 corresponds to the stationary distribution.
- S4 and S5 are complex conjugates, so $(i/4)^n S4 + (-i/4)^n S5$ is a sum of two complex conjugates; thus, it is real-valued, even though complex numbers are involved in the computation.