

HW 5.1 Let $n = 100$ and $X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } i\text{-th passenger can [not] swim} \\ 0, & \text{if he/she can.} \end{cases}$
for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

So $S_n := X_1 + \dots + X_n$ is the number of non-swimmers, and the question is $\mathbb{P}(S_n \geq 76)$.

To use the Hoeffding inequality, we use that

- the X_i are independent (by assumption of the exercise)
- $\mathbb{P}(X_i = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$, so $\mathbb{E}X_i = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\mathbb{E}S_n = n \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 50$
- $a_i \leq X_i \leq b_i$, where $a_i = 0$ and $b_i = 1$ work for every i .

So $\mathbb{P}(S_n \geq 76) = \mathbb{P}(S_n \geq \mathbb{E}S_n + t)$ with the choice $t := 26$,

and the Hoeffding inequality says

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(S_n \geq \mathbb{E}S_n + t) &\leq \exp\left\{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}\right\} = \exp\left\{-\frac{2 \cdot 26^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{100} (1-0)^2}\right\} = \\ &= \exp\left\{-\frac{2 \cdot 26^2}{100 \cdot 1}\right\} = e^{-13.52} \approx \underline{\underline{1.34 \cdot 10^{-6}}} \end{aligned}$$

HW 5.2 a) With the notation 0 = "rain", 1 = "shower" and 2 = "cloudburst", the transition probabilities given in the text are

$$P_{00} = \frac{1}{10}; \quad P_{02} = \frac{6}{10}; \quad P_{20} = \frac{2}{10}; \quad P_{22} = \frac{4}{10}; \quad P_{12} = \frac{5}{10}; \quad P_{11} = \frac{4}{10}.$$

Putting these in the 3×3 transition matrix P , we get

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & ? & \frac{6}{10} \\ ? & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{5}{10} \\ \frac{2}{10} & ? & \frac{4}{10} \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The missing 3 matrix elements can be found out because the sum in every row has to be 1, so

HW 5.2 continued (2/3)

$$a.) P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} & \frac{6}{10} \\ \frac{1}{10} & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{5}{10} \\ \frac{2}{10} & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{4}{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

b.) ~~P~~ Let X_i denote the "state" of the weather on the i -th day (of April), so

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_1=0, X_2=0, X_3=0, X_4=1, X_5=2 | X_1=0) &= P_{00} \cdot P_{00} \cdot P_{01} \cdot P_{12} = \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{5}{10} = \frac{15}{10000} = \underline{\underline{0.0015}} \end{aligned}$$

c.) Solution 1 - by hand: Starting from state 0 on the 1st of April, we can reach state 1 in 2 days via the following 3 paths:

~~$$P(X_3=1 | X_1=0) = P_{00} \cdot P_{01} + P_{01} \cdot P_{11} + P_{02} \cdot P_{21}$$~~

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The probabilities of these (assuming that we start from 0) are $P_{00} \cdot P_{01}$; $P_{01} \cdot P_{11}$; $P_{02} \cdot P_{21}$, respectively, so

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_3=1 | X_1=0) &= P_{00} \cdot P_{01} + P_{01} \cdot P_{11} + P_{02} \cdot P_{21} = \\ &= \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{10} + \frac{3}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10} + \frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{4}{10} = \frac{3+12+24}{100} = \underline{\underline{0.39}} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 - using the theory:

$P(X_3=1 | X_1=0)$ is the $(0,1)$ element of the 2-step

transition matrix $P^{(2)}$, meaning $P(X_3=1 | X_1=0) = P_{01}^{(2)}$,

but we know that $P^{(2)} = P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} & \frac{6}{10} \\ \frac{1}{10} & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{5}{10} \\ \frac{2}{10} & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{4}{10} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{10} & \frac{3}{10} & \frac{6}{10} \\ \frac{1}{10} & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{5}{10} \\ \frac{2}{10} & \frac{4}{10} & \frac{4}{10} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \dots & \frac{39}{100} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}$

so $\boxed{P(X_3=1 | X_1=0) = P_{01}^{(2)} = \frac{39}{100}}$

(We don't need to calculate the other 8 elements of P^2 .)

HW 5.2 continued (3/3)

d.) Similarly to question c.), we have

$\mathbb{P}(X_{30}=1 | X_1=0)$ is the $(0;1)$ element of the 29-step transition matrix $P^{(29)} = P^{29}$, so

$$\boxed{\mathbb{P}(X_{30}=1 | X_1=0) = (P^{29})_{01}}$$

Bonus:

An explicit computer calculation gives

$$P^{29} \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.14649 & 0.38532 & 0.46789 \\ 0.14649 & 0.38532 & 0.46789 \\ 0.14649 & 0.38532 & 0.46789 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{P}(X_{30}=1 | X_1=0) \approx \underline{\underline{0.38532}}$$