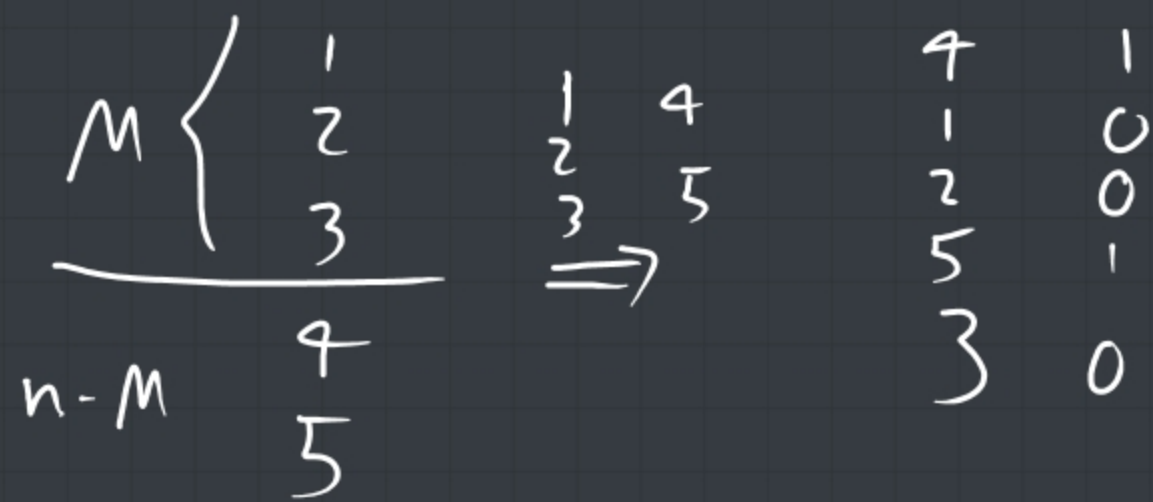


GSR Riffle Shuffle



$$M \sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{1}{2})$$

M cards from left stack

Occupy uniform choice

among $\binom{n}{M}$ possibilities

Aldous (1983)

Bayer-Diaconis (1992)

After riffle shuffle,

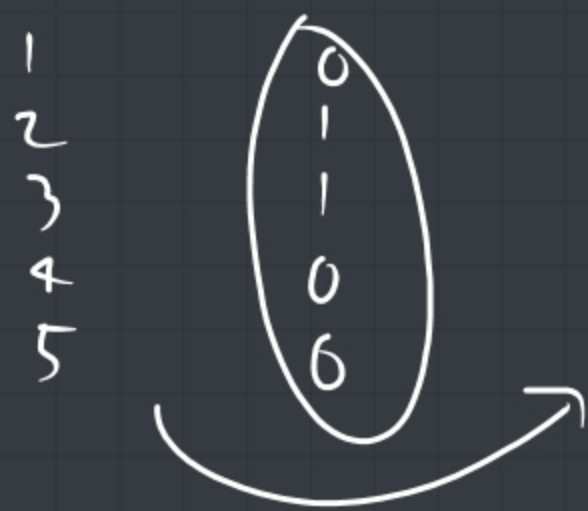
label locations with 0 left stack
 1 right stack

$$P \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} = \binom{n}{m} 2^{-n} \frac{1}{\binom{n}{m}} = 2^{-n}$$

$m = \# 0$
 in b_1, \dots, b_n

Reverse riffle shuffle

Given n cards



mark location by uniformly chosen random bits
then move cards marked 0 to top
move " " " 1 to bottom

1
4
5
2
3

Theorem: For transitive Markov chain (in particular for RM on a group) the chain and its time-reversal have same $d(t)$ function and same $t_{mix}(c)$

1	1	5	5
2	4	3	3
3	5	1	2
4	2	4	1
5	3	2	4
	0	1	0
	1	1	0
	1	0	1
	0	1	1
	0	0	0

Claim: The reverse riffle shuffle has a strong stationary time

First time τ where all rows of bit array are distinct

Given $\tau = t$, the rows are n bit vectors, in $\{0,1\}^t$ all distinct,

any such config. have same probab.

Dist. of τ :

$$t = \theta \log_2 n + c$$

Take $\theta = 2$

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau > t) \leq \binom{n}{2} 2^{-t} \leq \frac{n^2}{2} n^{-\theta} 2^{-c} = 2^{-1-c}$$

$$t_{\text{mix}}(\varepsilon) \leq 2 \log_2(n) + \log_2\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

$$\Delta = 2^n$$

$$|V| = n!$$

$$t_{\text{mix}}(\varepsilon) \geq \frac{\log(n!(1-\varepsilon))}{\log(2^n)}$$

$$\sim \log_2 n$$

$$t_{\text{mix}}(\varepsilon) \sim \frac{3}{2} \log_2 n$$

1
2
3
4

1
2
2
0
1

RW and electrical Networks

Setting:

irreducible reversible Markov chain \iff

connected weighted graph, weights $c_{(xy)} > 0$

called edge-conductance,



Given weights $c_{(xy)}$

where $c_x = \sum_{\{x,y\}} c_{xy}$

$$c_{tot} = 2 \sum_{\{x,y\}} c_{xy}$$

define $p(x,y) = \frac{c_{xy}}{c_x}$

$$\pi(x) = \frac{c_x}{\sum_{z \in E} c_z} = \frac{c_x}{c_{tot}}$$

$$\pi(x) p(x,y) = \frac{c_{xy}}{c_{tot}} = \pi(y) p(y,x)$$

$$c_{xy} = Q(x,y) = \pi(x) p(x,y) \implies p(x,y) = \frac{c_{xy}}{c_x}$$

Conversely \implies Given π, p let

Given nodes a, z in V call a source
 z sink

Voltage function W is harmonic at all nodes $\neq a, z$

$\forall x \notin \{a, z\}$

$$\sum P(x, y) W(y) = W(x)$$

$$\sum C_{xy} W(y) = W(x) C_x$$

We also require
 $W(a) \geq W(z)$.

Given such W we define

a flow

$$\underline{I}(x, y) = \frac{W(x) - W(y)}{v_{xy}} =$$

$$C_{xy} (W(x) - W(y))$$

Note $v_{xy} = \frac{1}{C_{xy}}$

\underline{I} current flow that corresponds to W

More generally a flow from a to z

is a function $\theta: \vec{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

antisymmetric $\theta(\vec{xy}) = -\theta(yx)$

$$(\operatorname{div} \theta)(x) = \sum_{\vec{xy} \in \vec{E}} \theta(\vec{xy}) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \notin \{a, z\} \\ \geq 0 & x = a \\ \leq 0 & x = z \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{x \in V} (\operatorname{div} \theta)(x) = \sum_x \sum_{\substack{y \\ \vec{xy} \in \vec{E}}} \theta(\vec{xy}) = 0$$

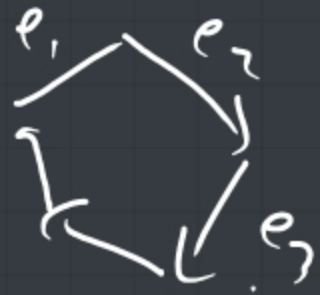
$$\sum_{\substack{y \\ \vec{xy} \in \vec{E}}} I_{xy} = \sum_y \frac{w(x) - w(y)}{v_{xy}} = \sum_{y \sim x} (c_{xy} w(y) - c_x w(x)) = 0 \quad x \neq a, z$$

$$(\operatorname{div} \theta)(z) = -(\operatorname{div} \theta)(a)$$

$$\boxed{\|\theta\| = \operatorname{div} \theta(a)}$$

Current flow \underline{I} satisfies cycle law:

$$0 = \sum_{\substack{\vec{xy} \\ \text{in cycle}}} I_{xy} r_{xy} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} I_{x_{j-1}x_j} r_{x_{j-1}x_j} = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \frac{w(x_{j-1}) - w(x_j)}{r_{x_{j-1}x_j}} r_{x_{j-1}x_j} = 0$$



cycle $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{\ell-1}, x_0 = x_{\ell}$

Fact: If $\|\theta\| = \|\underline{I}\|$ both θ, \underline{I} flows

that satisfy cycle law, then $\theta = \underline{I}$.

$\tilde{\theta} = \theta - \underline{I}$ has $\text{div } \tilde{\theta} = 0$ everywhere and cycle law holds.

Then $\tilde{\theta} = 0$. Why? Define $h(x)$ where $\frac{h(x) - h(y)}{r_{xy}} = \tilde{\theta}(x, y)$





$$h(x) = \sum \tilde{\Theta}(x_{j-1}, x_j) \cdot r_{x_{j-1}, x_j}$$

h is well defined (indep of choice of path $x_0 \dots x$)
 because $\tilde{\Theta}$ satisfies cycle law.
 h is harmonic at all x because $\text{div } \tilde{\Theta} = 0$.

More direct:

Given $\tilde{\Theta}$, suppose $\tilde{\Theta}(\vec{x,y}) > 0$



$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Theta}(\vec{x_0, x_1}) &> 0 \\ \tilde{\Theta}(\vec{x_1, x_2}) &> 0 \\ \tilde{\Theta}(\vec{x_2, x_3}) &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Def: Given $G = (V, E)$ connected with conductances $\{C_{xy}\}$

let w be a voltage function from a to z

(Example $w(x) = \mathbb{P}_x(\tau_a < \tau_z)$)

$$R(a \leftrightarrow z) = R(a \leftrightarrow z)_{\text{eff}} = \frac{w(a) - w(z)}{\|I\|}$$

I flow corresp. to w (current flow)

Same for all volt. functions.

\Rightarrow unique volt func. with $w(a) = 1$, $w(z) = 0$.

$$R\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ \text{---} r_1 \text{---} r_2 \text{---} z \end{array}\right) = R\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ \text{---} r_1+r_2 \text{---} z \end{array}\right)$$

$$R\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ \text{---} c_1 \text{---} c_2 \text{---} z \end{array}\right) = R\left(\begin{array}{c} a \\ \text{---} c_1+c_2 \text{---} z \end{array}\right)$$

We took $W(z) = 0$
 $W(a) = R(a \leftrightarrow z) \|I\|$

Escape prob: $\mathbb{P}_a(T_z < T_a^+) = \sum_{x \sim a} p(a, x) \mathbb{P}_x(T_z < T_a) =$

$$\sum_{x \sim a} \frac{c_{ax}}{c_a} \frac{W(a) - W(x)}{W(a)} = \frac{1}{c_a R(a \leftrightarrow z) \|I\|} \sum_{x \sim a} I(ax) = \frac{1}{c_a R(a \leftrightarrow z)}$$

$$= \frac{C(a \leftrightarrow z)}{c_a}$$