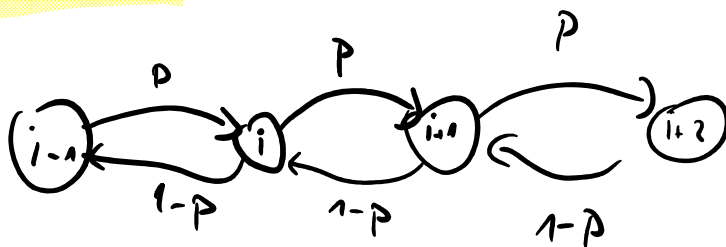


# MARKOV CHAINS II

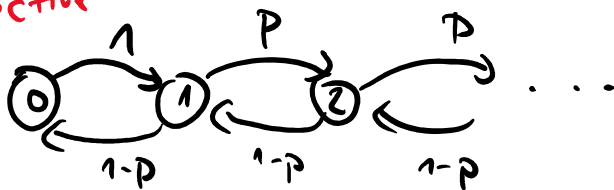
- Walks on a line
- 2-SAT
- Fair 2-colorability of 3-colorable graphs.

## Walks on a line

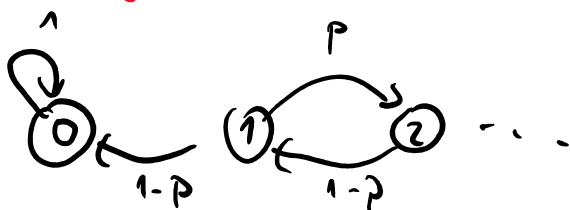


## Barriers and their types

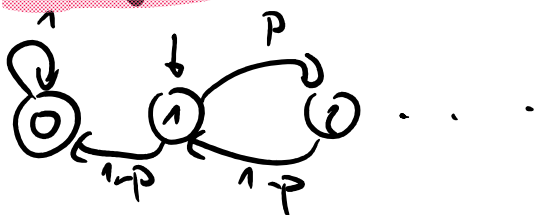
### Reflective



### Absorbing



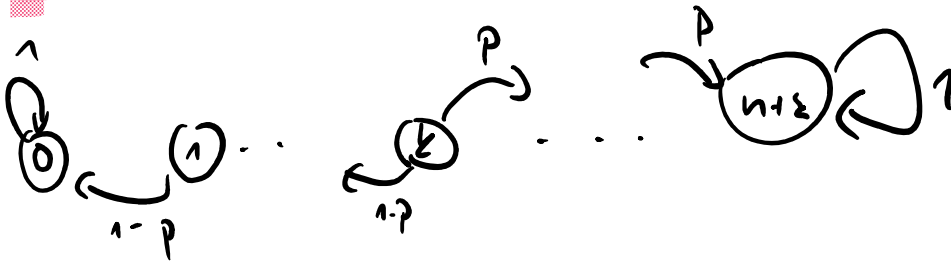
## Monkey at a cliff



## Gambler's ruin



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Today we will discuss:



→ What is the average time to reach  $n$  from  $0$ ,

$E_{ij}$  - expected time to reach  $j$  from  $i$

$$E_{ij} = 0$$

$$E_{0,n} = \underbrace{E_{0,1}} + \underbrace{E_{1,2}} + \underbrace{E_{2,3}} + \dots + \underbrace{E_{n-1,n}}$$

$$E_{0,0} = 1$$

$$\forall i \quad E_{i,i+2} = E_{i,i+1} + E_{i+1,i+2} \quad \text{Substitute}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{i,i+1} &= 1 + (1-p)E_{i+1,i+1} + pE_{i+1,i+2} \\ &= 1 + (1-p)(E_{i+1,i} + E_{i+1,i+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 + (1-p)E_{i+1,i} + (1-p)E_{i+1,i+1}$$

$$pE_{i,i+1} = 1 + (1-p)E_{i+1,i}$$

$$E_{i,i+1} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{(1-p)}{p}E_{i+1,i}$$

$$E_{i,i+1} = v_i$$

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$$v_0 = 1$$

$$v_i = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{(n-p)}{p} v_{i-1}$$

Solution is easy to calculate:

<http://www.cs.unipr.it/purrs/>

## 2-SAT problem

Logical formula with variables  $x_1 \dots x_n$  <sup>term</sup>

$$(x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (x_3 \vee \neg x_2) \wedge (x_4 \vee x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_5)$$

is this satisfiable?

if yes there exists an assignment  $A$  which satisfies all the terms.

Randomized algorithm to find  $A$  if it exists

1.) Assign values to variables at random

2.) Find an unsatisfied term (if it doesn't exist you found the solution)

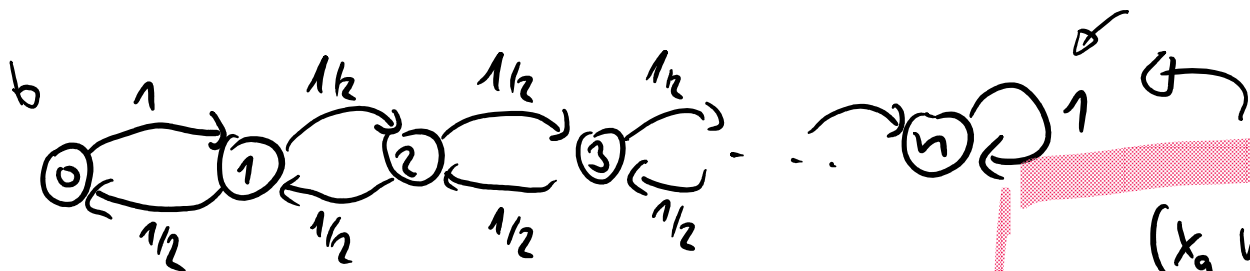
with variables  $x_a$  and  $x_b$ . Randomly pick  $x_a$  or  $x_b$

and flip its assignment. GO TO 2.)

This is a Las Vegas algorithm. If  $A$  exists it finds it (in some number of steps), if it doesn't you can stop a procedure in fixed time and say 'I don't know'.

How long to find the solution? Use walk on a line.

We count the number of variables in an intermediate solution with assignments identical to  $A$ .



the upper bound on the average number of steps to find  $A$  is  $E_{0,n}$ .

$$E_{0,1} = 1$$

$$E_{i,i+1} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{(1-p)}{p} E_{i-1,i}$$

$$p = 1/2$$

Solution

$$v_0 = 1 \quad E_{i,i+1} = 2i + 1$$

$$v_i = 2 + v_{i-1}$$

$(X_a \vee X_b)$   
at least one of  $X_a, X_b$  has a wrong assignment.

$\Rightarrow$  w.p.  $> 1/2$  number of correct assignments increases

$$\begin{aligned} E_{0,n} &= E_{0,1} + E_{1,2} + \dots + E_{n-1,n} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} 2i + 1 \end{aligned}$$

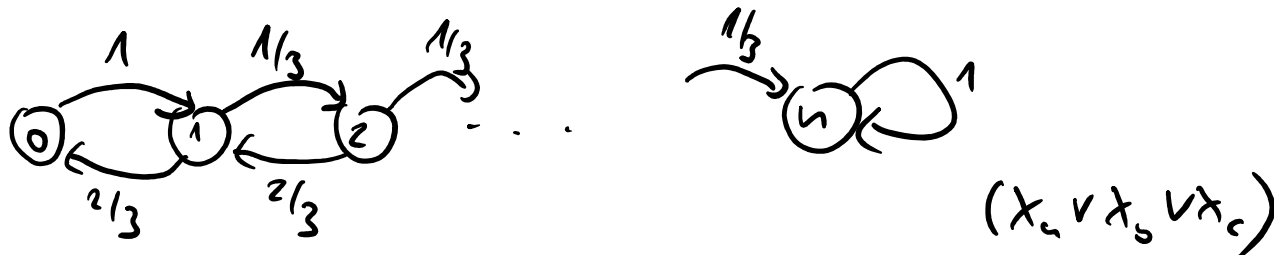
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^{i+1}$$

$$= n + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = n + 2 \left( \frac{n \cdot (n-1)}{2} \right) = n^2$$

### The complete algorithm

Run the procedure  $2 \cdot n^2$  times. If the solution is not found say 'I don't know'.

Why doesn't this work for 3-SAT?



$$E_{0,1} = 1$$

$$E_{i,i+1} = 1/p + \frac{(1-p)}{p} \cdot E_{i-1,i}$$

for  $p = 1/3$

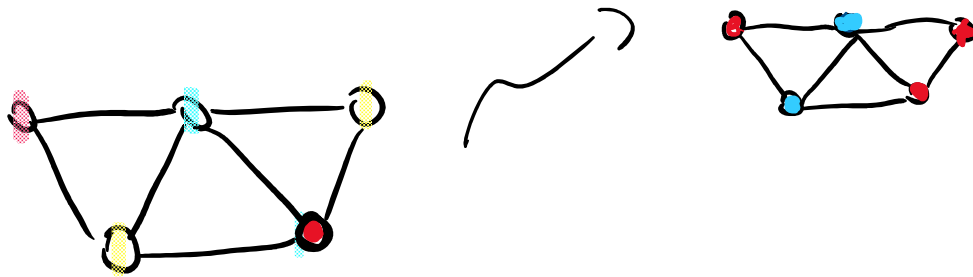
$$r_0 = 1 \quad \text{Solution} \Rightarrow r_i = 4 \cdot 2^i - 3$$

$$r_i = 3 + 2 \cdot r_{i-1}$$

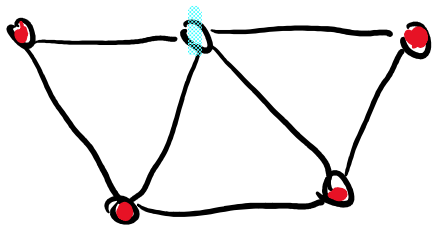
Problem 6.5 from Randomized Algorithms book

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Task: Find 2-colouring of  $G$ , such that there is no monochromatic triangle.



3-coloring -> 2-coloring: Choose one of three colors and change it to one of the remaining colors.

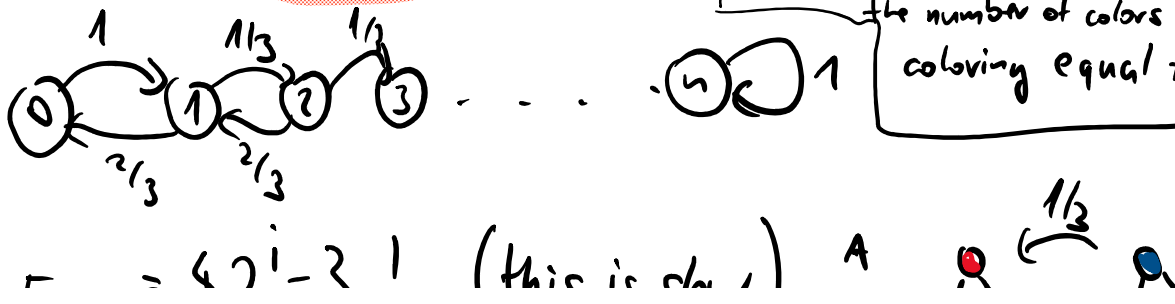
### Randomized procedure

- 1.) Choose a random 2-colouring.
- 2.) Find a monochromatic triangle  $T$ .
- 3.) Choose one of vertices of  $T$  and change its color.

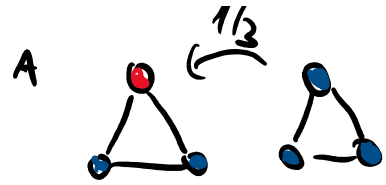
if no such triangle exists you have a solution.

### ANALYSIS I (WRONG)

Choose the correct colouring  $A$  and count the number of colors in intermediate colouring equal to  $A$



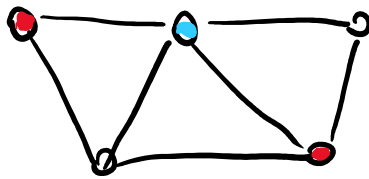
$$E_{i,i|A} = 4.2^i - 3! \quad (\text{this is slow})$$



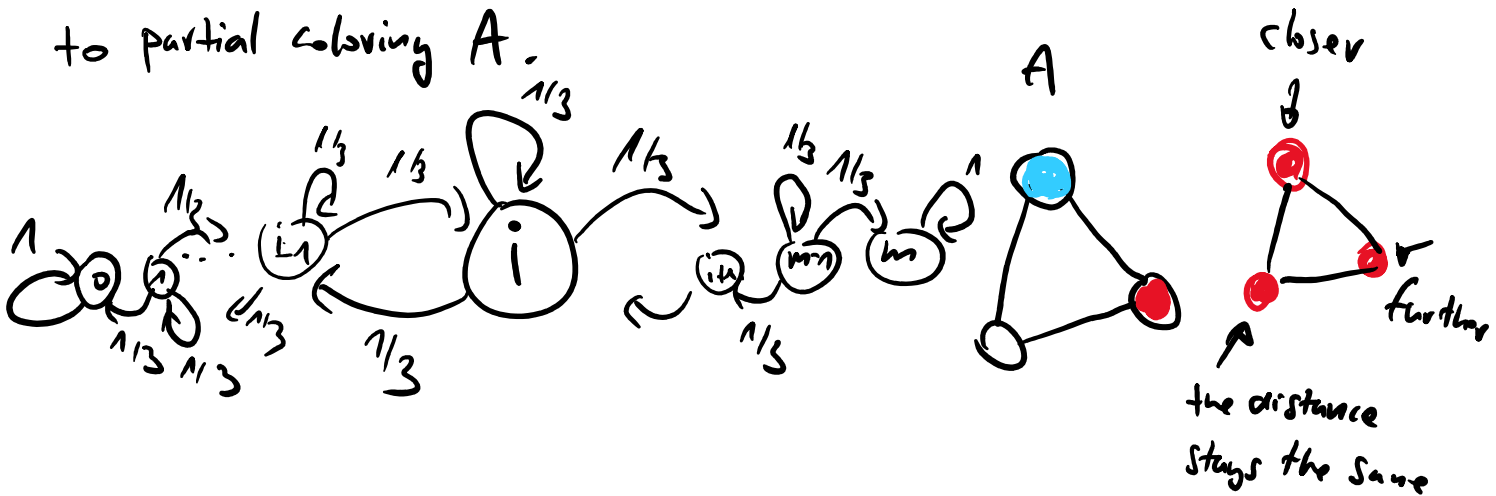
## ANALYSIS II

Consider a partial 2-coloring  $A$  which satisfies fairness  
(no monocolored triangle)  $\Rightarrow$  colors  $m < n$  vertices

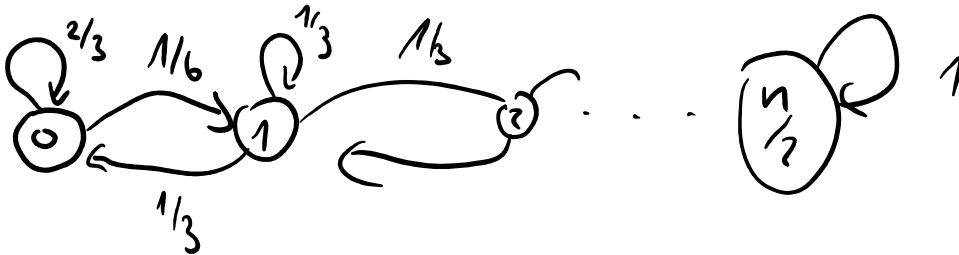
Example



in the Markov chain count the number of colorings equivalent to partial coloring  $A$ .



Solution: first reduce to



Then

$$E_{0,1} = \frac{2}{3}E_{0,1} + 1 \Rightarrow E_{0,1} = 3$$

$$E_{i,i|A} = 1 + \frac{1}{3}E_{i-1,i|A} + \frac{1}{3}E_{i,i|A} + \frac{1}{3}E_{i,i} = 0$$

$$2/3 E_{i,i+1} = 1 + 1/3 (E_{i-1,i} + E_{i,i+1})$$

$$E_{i,i+1} = 3 + E_{i-1,i}$$

Recursion

$$v_0 = 3 \quad \text{Solution} \Rightarrow v_n = 3(n+1)$$
$$v_i = 3 + v_{i-1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n/2} 3(n+1) = 3 \left( \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) + 3 \sum_{i=0}^{n/2} i = 3 \left( \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) + 3 \left( \frac{(n/2+1) \cdot \frac{n}{2}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}n + 3 + \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}n + \frac{3}{4}n + 3 + \frac{3}{8}n^2$$

$$= \frac{9}{4}n + \frac{3}{8}n^2 + 3 \in O(n^2)$$