

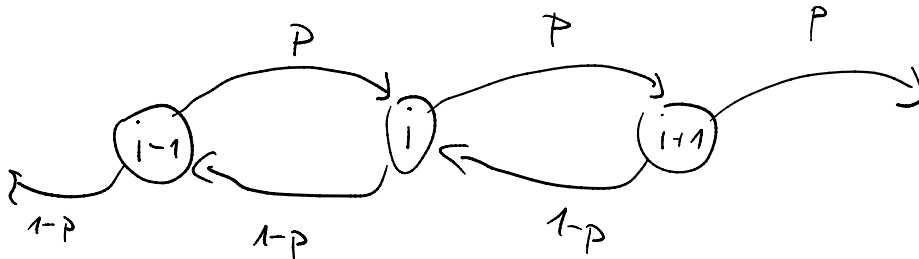
## MARKOV CHAINS II

→ Walks on a line

→ Randomized algorithm for 2-SAT (3-SAT)

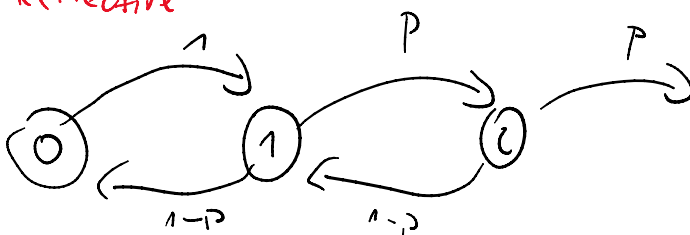
→ Fair 2-colorability of 3-colorable graphs

Walks on a line

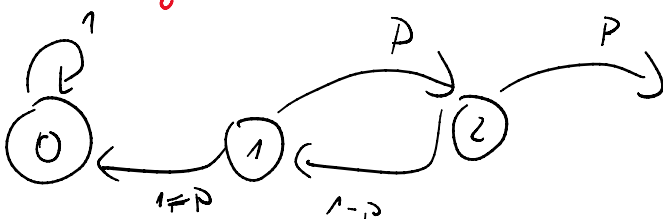


if the line is not infinite in both directions, it contains at least one barrier.

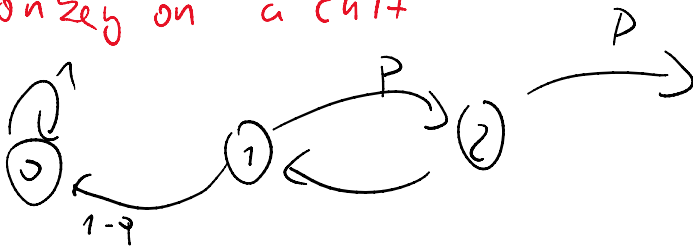
Reflective



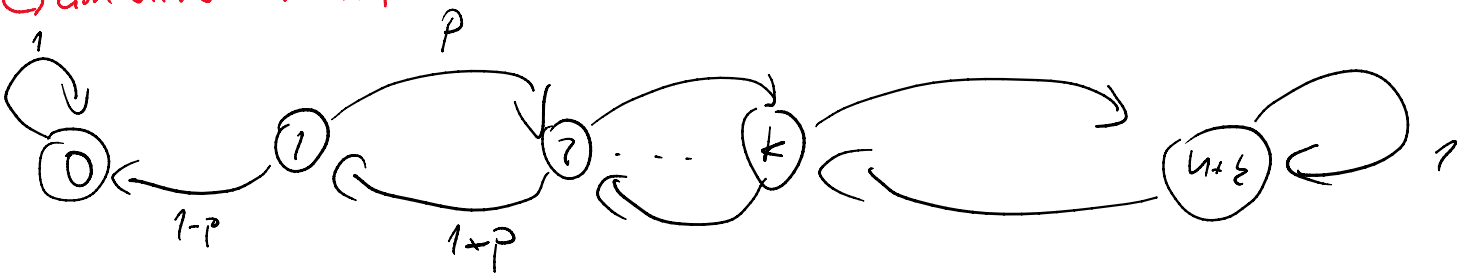
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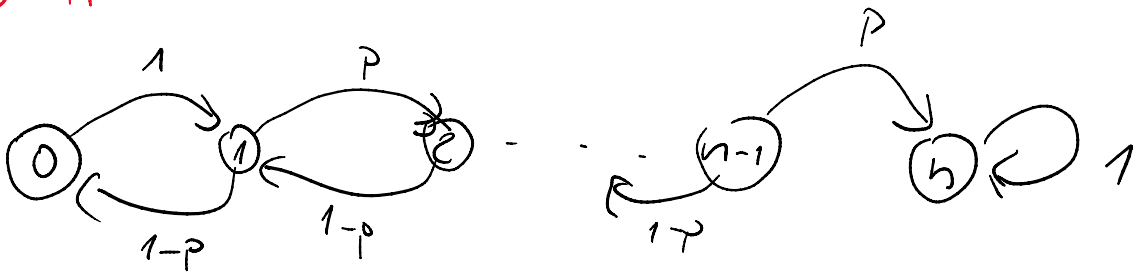
## Monkey on a cliff



## Gambler's ruin



## TODAY



What is the expected time to get from 0 to n.

$E_{i,j}$  = expected number of steps to get from  $i$  to  $j$

$$E_{j,j} = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\forall i \quad E_{i,i+1} = 1 + p \left[ E_{i+1,i+1} \right] + (1-p) E_{i-1,i+1}$$

$$\forall i \quad E_{i, i+1} = 1 + p \left( E_{i+1, i+1} \right) + (1-p) E_{i-1, i+1}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= 1 \\ v_i &= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{(1-p)}{p} v_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

→ This is called a linear recursive relation.

For given  $p$  solutions are easy to find.

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{1}{2} \\ v_0 &= 1 \quad \Rightarrow v_i = 2i + 1 \\ v_i &= 2 + v_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$v_0 = c_0$$

$$v_1 = c_1$$

$$v_2 = c_2$$

$$v_{i+3} = a_0 v_0 + a_1 v_1 + a_2 v_2 + C$$

# 2-SAT

Logical formula with  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

$$\underbrace{(x_1 \vee x_2)}_{\text{term}} \wedge \underbrace{(x_3 \vee \neg x_2)}_{\text{term}} \wedge \dots \wedge \underbrace{(\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_5)}_{\text{term}}$$

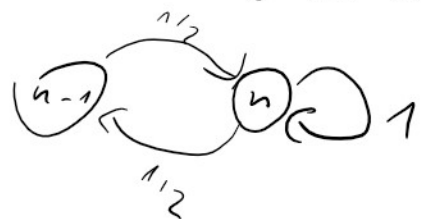
Is this formula satisfiable?  $\rightarrow$  Is there an assignment of truth values (0/1) to variables  $x_i$  such that all terms are satisfied?

## Randomized procedure:

- 1.) Assign truth values at random
- 2.) Find an unsatisfied term (if it does not exist we have a solution) with variables  $x_a$  and  $x_b$ . Choose at random  $x_a$  or  $x_b$  and flip its value.

If assignment  $A$  exists, how long will it take to find it?

MC counts the number of variables in the intermediate assignment identical to  $A$



$(x_a \vee x_b) \rightarrow$  if this is not satisfied, AT LEAST one of  $x_a$  or  $x_b$  has a value different from  $A$ .

There here the probability to get closer to assignment  $A$  is AT LEAST  $1/2$ .

The upper bound on the expected number of steps is equal to  $E_{0,n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E_{0,n} &= 1 \\ E_{i,i+1} &= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1-p}{p} E_{i-1,i} \\ p &= 1/2 \\ E_{i,i+1} &= 2 + E_{i-1,i} \\ E_{i,i+1} &= 2i+1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{0,n} &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E_{i,i+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2i+1 = n + 2 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i \\ &= n + 2 \cdot \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} \in O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

The complete algorithm

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

is not enough say I don't know.

Why does this fail for 3-SAT?

$(x_a \vee x_b \vee x_c) \rightarrow$  terms now have 3 variables



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

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

for  $p = 1/3$

$$r_0 = 1$$

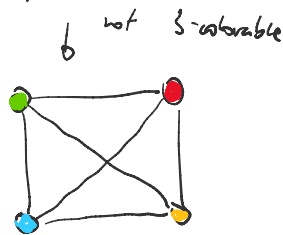
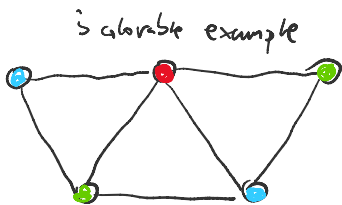
$$r_i = 3 + 2r_{i-1}$$

$$r_i = 2^{i+1} - 3$$

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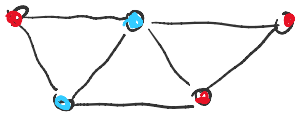
the expected number of steps is exponential

Let  $G$  be 3-colorable graph



Task: Find a 2-coloring of  $G$ , such that

there is no monochromatic triangle  
(fair 2-coloring).



It exists: 3-coloring to fair 2-coloring  $\Rightarrow$  Choose one of two colors and change it to one of the remaining 2 colors

$\rightarrow$  Choose one of the three colors.

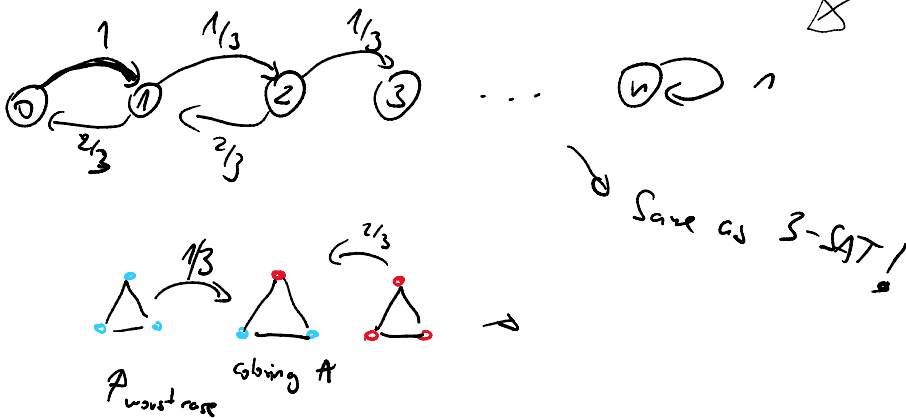
To each node with this color assign one of the two remaining colors at random.

### Randomized procedure

1.) Choose a random 2-coloring

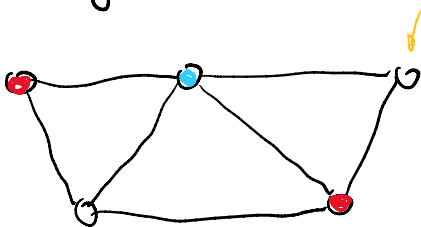
2.) Find a monochromatic triangle  $\leftarrow$  (if there are no such triangles we have a solution)

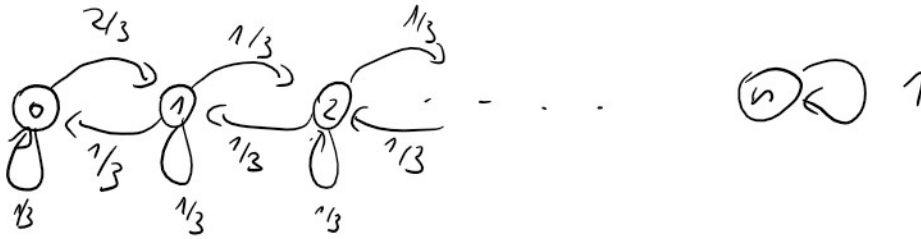
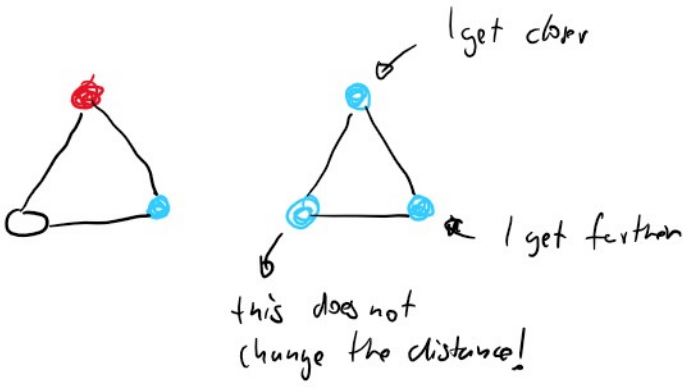
Flip color of one of the nodes chosen at random.



What is important is not the correct 2-coloring itself, but the partial 2-coloring one obtains from the 3-coloring

I don't care about this color





$$E_{0,1} = 3/2$$

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

$$v_0 = 3/2$$

$$v_i = 3i + 3/2$$

$$v_i = 3 + v_{i-1}$$

$$E_{0,n} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E_{i,i+1} = \frac{3n}{2} + 3 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i \in O(n^2)$$