## Multiple orthogonality, spectral Favard theorem and Markov chains

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#### Determinantal form of polynomials of the second kind



Adjugates and second kind

$$P_{n+1}^{(1)} = e_1^{\top} \operatorname{adj} \left( x I_{n+1} - J^{[n]} \right) e_1$$

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$$J^{[N]} \begin{bmatrix} P_0(x) \\ P_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ P_N(x) \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} P_0(x) \\ P_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ P_N(x) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ P_{N+1}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Right eigenvector matrix** 

$$U := \begin{bmatrix} P_0(\lambda_1^{[N]}) & P_0(\lambda_2^{[N]}) \cdots P_0(\lambda_{N+1}^{[N]}) \\ P_1(\lambda_1^{[N]}) & P_1(\lambda_2^{[N]}) \cdots P_1(\lambda_{N+1}^{[N]}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ P_N(\lambda_1^{[N]}) & P_N(\lambda_2^{[N]}) \cdots P_N(\lambda_{N+1}^{[N]}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Diagonalization

$$J^{[N]}U = UD, \qquad D := \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1^{[N]}, \dots, \lambda_{N+1}^{[N]})$$

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#### **Bi-orthogonality**

In terms of the Christoffel numbers (they are clearly positive!)

$$\mu_k^{[n]} \coloneqq \frac{1}{\sum_{l=0}^N \frac{(P_l(\lambda_k^{[N]}))^2}{H_l}} > 0$$

we have

$$\tilde{D}^{-1}\tilde{W}U = U\tilde{D}^{-1}\tilde{W} = I, \qquad \tilde{D}^{-1} = \text{diag}(\mu_1^{[N]}, \dots, \mu_{N+1}^{[N]})$$

Normalised left eigenvectors

$$W = \tilde{D}^{-1}\tilde{W}$$

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#### Discrete orthogonality relations

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#### Moments of the discrete measure

$$UD^{m}W = \left(J^{[N]}\right)^{m}$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{N+1} (\lambda_{k}^{[N]})^{m} \mu_{k}^{[N]} = e_{1}^{\top} \left(J^{[N]}\right)^{m} e_{1}$$

**Resolvent matrix function** 

$$R_z^{[N]} := \left( zI_{N+1} - J^{[N]} \right)^{-1} = U \left( zI_{N+1} - D \right)^{-1} W$$

Weyl function

$$S^{[N]}(z) := e_1^{\top} \left( z I_{N+1} - J^{[N]} \right)^{-1} e_1 = \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} \frac{\mu_k^{[N]}}{z - \lambda_k^{[N]}} = \frac{P_{N+1}^{(1)}(z)}{P_{N+1}(z)}$$

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### **Truncated polynomials**



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For  $k \in \{0, 1, ..., n\}$ 



**Recursion relation** 

$$a_{k+1}P_{n+1}^{[k+2]} + b_k P_{N+1}^{[k+1]} + P_{N+1}^{[k]} = x P_{N+1}^{[k+1]}, \qquad k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$$
 with  $P_{n+1}^{[n+1]} = 1, P_{n+1}^{[n+2]} = 0$ 

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#### Left eigenvectors truncated version

$$\left[P_{N+1}^{[1]}(\lambda_k^{[N]})\cdots P_{N+1}^{[N+1]}(\lambda_k^{[N]})\right]J^{[N]} = \lambda_k^{[N]} \left[P_{N+1}^{[1]}(\lambda_k^{[N]})\cdots P_{N+1}^{[N+1]}(\lambda_k^{[N]})\right]$$

### **Comparing truncated and original** Using CD formulas

$$H_{N} \frac{Q_{r-1}(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})}{P_{N}(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})P_{N+1}'(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})} = \frac{P_{N+1}^{[r]}(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})}{\sum_{l=0}^{N} P_{N+1}^{[l+1]}(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})P_{l}(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})}$$
$$= \frac{P_{N+1}^{[r]}(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})}{P_{N+1}'(\lambda_{k}^{[N]})}$$

In particular, for r = 1,  $\mu_k^{[N]} = \frac{P_{N+1}^{(1)}(\lambda_k^{[N]})}{P'_{N+1}(\lambda_k^{[N]})}$ . As the Christoffel coefficients are positive we conclude that recursion polynomials  $P_{n+1}$  strictly interlace its second kind polynomials  $P_{n+1}^{(1)}$ 

## Helly's tools

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### Spectral Favard's theorem

Helly's results lead to the existence of a nondecreasing functions  $\psi$  and corresponding positive Lebesgue–Stieltjes measures  $d\psi$  with compact support  $\Delta$  such that the orthogonal relations of "type II"

$$\int_{\Delta} x^k P_n(x) \mathrm{d}\psi(x) = 0, \qquad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

and of "type I"

$$\int_{\Delta} Q_{k-1}(x) \mathrm{d}\psi(x) x^{l} = 0, \quad l \in \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}, \quad k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

hold. These polynomial sequences of types II and I are biorthogonal, i.e.,

$$\int_{\Delta} Q_k(x) \mathrm{d}\psi(x) P_l(x) = \delta_{k,l}$$

for  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Recall that  $H_kQ_k = P_k$ , and the biorthogonality reads

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Helly's second theorem leads to the spectral representation in terms of the spectral function  $\psi$ 

$$s_k = e_1^\top J^k e_1 = \int_{\Delta} t^k \mathrm{d}\psi(t), \qquad \hat{\psi} = e_1^\top (zI - J)^{-1} e_1 = \int_{\Delta} \frac{\mathrm{d}\psi(t)}{z - t},$$

of the moments  $s_k$  and of the Stieltjes–Markov function  $\hat{\psi}$ . The Markov theorem ensures that the Weyl function converges uniformly in  $\overline{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \Delta$  to the Stieltjes–Markov function

$$S^{[n]} \Rightarrow \hat{\psi}, \qquad \qquad n \to \infty$$

## Multiple case: banded Hessenberg

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# Banded Hessenberg semi-infinite matrices and Favard theorem

#### Banded monic lower Hessenberg semi-infinite matrix



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$$A^{(a)}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} A_0^{(a)}(x) & A_1^{(a)}(x) \cdots \end{bmatrix}, \qquad a = 1, \dots, p,$$

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## Type I recursion polynomials Initial conditions,

 $\nu_{i}^{(i)}$  being arbitrary constants

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Initial condition matrix



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Recursion polynomials and characteristic polynomials

Jonathan Coussement and Walter Van Assche, *Gaussian quadrature for multiple orthogonal polynomials*, Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics **178** (2005) 131–145.

$$B_{n} = h_{n} \begin{vmatrix} A_{n}^{(1)} \cdots A_{n}^{(p)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n+p-1}^{(1)} \cdots A_{n+p-1}^{(p)} \end{vmatrix}, \qquad n \in \mathbb{N}_{0}$$

where

$$h_n := (-1)^{(p-1)n} H_n, \qquad H_n := a_{p,0} a_{p+1,1} \cdots a_{n-1+p,n-1}$$

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$$Q_{n,N} \coloneqq \begin{vmatrix} A_n^{(1)} \cdots \cdots A_n^{(p)} \\ A_{N+1}^{(1)} \cdots \cdots A_{N+1}^{(p)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{N+p-1}^{(1)} \cdots \cdots A_{N+p-1}^{(p)} \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\left\langle \mu_r^{[N]}, x^m B_{kp+j} \right\rangle = 0, \qquad m = 0, \dots, k-1, \qquad r = j+1 \dots, p$$

For the recursion polynomials of type I we have the following discrete type I multiple orthogonality

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with  $\alpha_i > 0$ , for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ 

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Gathering  $\alpha$ 's

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with columns

$$\mathcal{L}_1 \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\\vdots\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{L}_k \coloneqq \frac{1}{d_k} L_1^{[p-1]} \cdots L_{k-1}^{[p-1]} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\\vdots\\0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad k \in \{2, \dots, p\}$$

with  $d_k \coloneqq \alpha_k \alpha_{k+p} \alpha_{k+2p} \alpha_{k+3p} \cdots \alpha_{k+(k-2)p}$ 

 ${\mathcal L}$  is a non-negative upper unitriangular matrix

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#### Christoffel coefficients positivity

Let us assume that  $T^{\left[N\right]}$  has a  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PBF}}$  and that the initial conditions is such that

## $\nu^{-\top} = \mathscr{LC}$

for some nonnegative upper unitriangular matrix  $\mathscr{C}$ . Then, the Christoffel numbers of the discrete measures given for for  $T^{[N]}$  are positive, i.e.,

$$\mu_{n,a}^{[N]} > 0, \qquad n \in \{1, \dots, N+1\}, \qquad a \in \{1, \dots, p\}$$

For 
$$\mu_{n,1}^{[N]} > 0, n \in \{1, \dots, N+1\}$$
, we consider the left eigenvector  
 $Q^{\langle N \rangle}(\lambda_k^{[N]}) = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{0,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]}) & Q_{1,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]}) & \cdots & Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]}) \end{bmatrix}$ 

that has  $Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]}) \neq 0$  (oscillatory property), we can normalize the last entry to 1

$$\omega_k^{\langle N \rangle} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{Q_{0,N}\left(\lambda_k^{[N]}\right)}{Q_{N,N}\left(\lambda_k^{[N]}\right)} & \frac{Q_{1,N}\left(\lambda_k^{[N]}\right)}{Q_{N,N}\left(\lambda_k^{[N]}\right)} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The change sign properties (oscillatory) leads to

$$rac{Q_{0,N}ig(\lambda_1^{[N]}ig)}{Q_{N,N}ig(\lambda_1^{[N]}ig)}>0,$$

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As the polynomial  $B_{N+1}$  is monic for the derivative  $B'_{N+1}$  evaluated at the zeros  $\lambda_k^{[N]}$  we have

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For the Christoffel coefficient  $\mu_{k,2}^{[N]}$ , for  $k \in \{1, \ldots, N+1\}$  recall that  $\hat{T}^{[N,1]}$  is an oscillatory matrix with characteristic polynomial  $B_{N+1}$ . Then, a left eigenvector for the eigenvalue  $\lambda_k^{[N]}$  can be chosen as

$$\begin{split} \omega_k^{\langle N \rangle} L_1^{[N]} &= \left[ \frac{Q_{0,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]})} \quad \frac{Q_{1,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]})} \cdots \cdots 1 \right] L_1^{[N]} \\ &= \left[ \frac{(Q_{0,N} + \alpha_2 Q_{1,N})(\lambda_k^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]})} \cdots \cdots 1 \right] \end{split}$$

Using the sign properties of the left eigenvector (oscillatory)

$$\frac{Q_{0,N} + \alpha_2 Q_{1,N})(\lambda_1^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_1^{[N]})} > 0, \qquad \frac{(Q_{0,N} + \alpha_2 Q_{1,N})(\lambda_2^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_2^{[N]})} < 0, \qquad \frac{(Q_{0,N} + \alpha_2 Q_{1,N})(\lambda_3^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_3^{[N]})} > 0$$

and so on, alternating the sign. As before, using the interlacing properties of the polynomial  $B'_{N+1}$ :

$$\tilde{\mu}_{k,2}^{[N]} \coloneqq \frac{(\frac{1}{\alpha_2}Q_{0,N} + Q_{1,N})(\lambda_k^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]})B'_{N+1}(\lambda_k^{[N]})} > 0, \qquad k \in \{1, \dots, N+1\}$$

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We repeat this argument for each  $a \in \{1, ..., p\}$  getting some positive numbers  $\tilde{\mu}_{k,a}^{[N]} > 0$ , for example

$$\tilde{\mu}_{k,3}^{[N]} \coloneqq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\alpha_3 \alpha_{3+p}} Q_{0,N} + \frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_3}{\alpha_3 \alpha_{3+p}} Q_{1,N} + Q_{2,N}\right) (\lambda_k^{[N]})}{Q_{N,N}(\lambda_k^{[N]}) B'_{N+1}(\lambda_k^{[N]})} > 0$$

In general, these positive numbers are

$$\tilde{\mu}_{k,1}^{[N]} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} w_{k,1}^{\langle N \rangle} \cdots \cdots w_{k,p}^{\langle N \rangle} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1\\0\\ \vdots\\ 0\\ \vdots\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \tilde{\mu}_{k,j}^{[N]} \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} w_{k,1}^{\langle N \rangle} \cdots \cdots w_{k,p}^{\langle N \rangle} \end{bmatrix} \mathscr{L}_{j}$$

Entrywise positive row vector

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$$B_{N+1}^{[k]}(x) := \det \left( x I_{N+1} - T^{[N,k]} \right)$$

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(p+2) terms linear homogeneous recurrence For  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$ 

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#### Second kind polynomials

The second kind polynomials  $B_{N+1}^{(k)}, \, k \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ , are the entries of the following row vector

$$\left[B_{N+1}^{(1)}\cdots\cdots B_{N+1}^{(p)}\right] = \left[B_{N+1}^{[1]}\cdots\cdots B_{N+1}^{[p]}\right]\nu^{-\top}$$

If  $\{e_1, \ldots, e_{N+1}\}$  is the canonical basis of  $\mathbb{R}^{N+1}$  we have the modified basis  $e_k^{\nu} \coloneqq \nu^{-\top} e_k$ . For example,  $e_1^{\nu} = e_1$ ,  $e_2^{\nu} = e_2 - \nu_1^{(1)} e_1$  and  $e_3^{\nu} = e_3 - \nu_2^{(2)} e_2 + (\nu_1^{(1)} \nu_2^{(2)} - \nu_2^{(1)}) e_1$ 

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# **Resolvent and Weyl functions**

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# Spectral Favard Theorem and Multiple Orthogonal Polynomials

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At this point we are ready to give one of the main results of the talk, that establish the existence of multiple orthogonal polynomials and corresponding positive Lebesgue–Stieltjes measures for a given bounded banded Hessenberg matrix that admit a positive bidiagonal factorization. The result is based in the positivity of the Christoffel coefficients

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#### Proof.

The sequences  $\{\psi_k^{[N]}\}_{N=0}^{\infty}$ ,  $k \in \{1, \ldots, p\}$  are uniformly bounded and nondecreasing. Consequently, following Helly's results, there exist subsequences that converge when  $N \to \infty$  to nondecreasing functions  $\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_p$ . Being T bounded its eigenvalues lay in a bounded set  $\Delta$ , and we deduce that these measures have compact support.

## Multiple orthogonal relations Multiple orthogonal relations of type II

$$\int_{\Delta} x^m B_{kp+j} \mathrm{d}\psi_r(x) = 0, \qquad m = 0, \dots, k, \qquad r = 1, \dots, j$$
$$\int_{\Delta} x^m B_{kp+j} \mathrm{d}\psi_r(x) = 0, \qquad m = 0, \dots, k-1, \qquad r = j+1, \dots, p$$

and of type I, for  $n \in \{0, 1, \dots, kp+j-1\}$ ,

$$\int_{\Delta} \left( A_{kp+j}^{(1)}(x) \mathrm{d}\psi_1(x) + \dots + A_{kp+j}^{(p)}(x) \mathrm{d}\psi_p(x) \right) x^n = 0$$

Spectral representation of moments and Stieltjes–Markov functions Helly's second theorem leads to the spectral representation for the moments and Stieltjes–Markov functions  $\hat{\psi}_k$  of the full banded Hessenberg matrix in terms of the spectral functions  $\psi_1, \ldots, \psi_p$ :

$$e_1^\top T^k e_k^\nu = \int_\Delta t^k \mathrm{d}\psi_k(t), \qquad \hat{\psi}_k \coloneqq e_1^\top (zI - T)^{-1} e_1^\nu = \int_\Delta \frac{\mathrm{d}\psi_k(t)}{z - t}$$

For the Weyl functions we have in  $\bar{\mathbb{C}}\setminus\Delta$  uniform convergence to the Stieltjes–Markov functions

$$S_k^{[N]} \rightrightarrows \hat{\psi}_k, \qquad \qquad N \to \infty$$

# Markov chains beyond birth and death

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# Stochastic matrices: all the entries in each row are nonnegative and satisfy that its sum is 1

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#### **Banded stochastic matrices**



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These stochastic matrices of Hessenberg type are connected to the monic banded Hessenberg matrix T assuming that  $r_{n,n+1} > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{split} P_{II} &= H_{II}TH_{II}^{-1} \\ H_{II} &= \text{diag}(1, H_{II,1}, H_{II,2}, \dots), \qquad H_{II,n} = \frac{1}{r_{0,1}r_{1,2}\cdots r_{n,n-1}} \\ \text{ming that } r_{n+1,n} > 0 \\ P_{I} &= H_{I}^{-1}T^{\top}H_{I} \end{split}$$

$$H_I = \text{diag}(1, H_{I,1}, H_{I,2}, \dots), \qquad H_{I,n} = \frac{1}{r_{1,0}r_{2,1}\cdots r_{n-1,n}}$$

Markov chains can be described by the spectral methods we have constructed for monic Hessenberg semi-infinite matrices with positive bidiagonal factorization

#### **Banded stochastic matrices**

Positive stochastic bidiagonal factorization (PSBF)  $P_{II} = \Pi_1 \cdots \Pi_p \Upsilon$  with stochastic bidiagonal factors  $(a \in \{1, \dots, p\})$ 



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## Finite banded stochastic matrices

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Let us consider a Markov chain with transition matrix a PSBF (p+2)-diagonal matrix such that admits a positive stochastic bidiagonal factorization. Then, there is sequence of multiple orthogonal polynomials of type II,  $\{B_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , and of type I,  $\{A_n^{(1)}, \ldots, A_n^{(p)}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , associated with positive Lebesgue–Stieltjes measures  $d\psi_1, \ldots, d\psi_p$  such that:

#### Karlin–McGregor spectral representation formula The iterated probabilities have the following spectral representation

$$((P_{II})^{n})_{k,l} = \Theta_{II,k,l} \int_{0}^{1} (A_{l}^{(1)} \mathrm{d}\psi_{1}(x) + \dots + A_{l}^{(p)} \mathrm{d}\psi_{p}(x)) x^{n} B_{k}(x)$$
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# Spectral representation of generating functions Spectral representation of generating functions. For |s| < 1, the corresponding transition probability generating functions are

$$(P_{II}(s))_{k,l} = \Theta_{II,k,l} \int_0^1 \left( A_l^{(1)} \mathrm{d}\psi_1(x) + \dots + A_l^{(p)} \mathrm{d}\psi_p(x) \right) \frac{B_k(x)}{1 - sx} (P_I(s))_{k,l} = \Theta_{I,l,k} \int_0^1 \left( A_k^{(1)} \mathrm{d}\psi_1(x) + \dots + A_k^{(p)} \mathrm{d}\psi_p(x) \right) \frac{B_l(x)}{1 - sx}$$

Spectral representation of generating functions For  $k \neq l$ , the first passage generating functions are

$$(F_{II}(s))_{k,l} = \Theta_{II,k,l} \frac{\int_0^1 \left(A_l^{(1)} \mathrm{d}\psi_1(x) + \dots + A_l^{(p)} \mathrm{d}\psi_p(x)\right) \frac{B_k(x)}{1-sx}}{\int_0^1 \left(A_l^{(1)} \mathrm{d}\psi_1(x) + \dots + A_l^{(p)} \mathrm{d}\psi_p(x)\right) \frac{B_l(x)}{1-sx}}$$
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For k = l the first passage generating functions are the same for type I and II, namely

$$F_{ll}^{[N]}(s) = 1 - \frac{1}{\int_0^1 \left(A_l^{(1)} \mathrm{d}\psi_1(x) + \dots + A_l^{(p)} \mathrm{d}\psi_p(x)\right) \frac{B_l(x)}{1 - sx}}$$

#### **Recurrent vs transient**

The Markov chain is recurrent if and only if the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}\psi_1(x)}{1-x}$$

diverges. Otherwise is transient

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#### **Ergodic Markov chains**

The Markov chain is ergodic (or positive recurrent) if and only 1 is a mass point of  $d\psi_1, d\psi_2, \ldots, d\psi_p$  with masses  $m_1 > 0$  and  $m_2, \ldots, m_p \ge 0$ , respectively. In that case, the corresponding stationary distribution is

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1 & \pi_2 \cdots \end{bmatrix}, \quad \pi_{n+1} = (A_n^{(1)}(1)m_1 + \cdots + A_n^{(p)}(1)m_p)B_n(1)$$