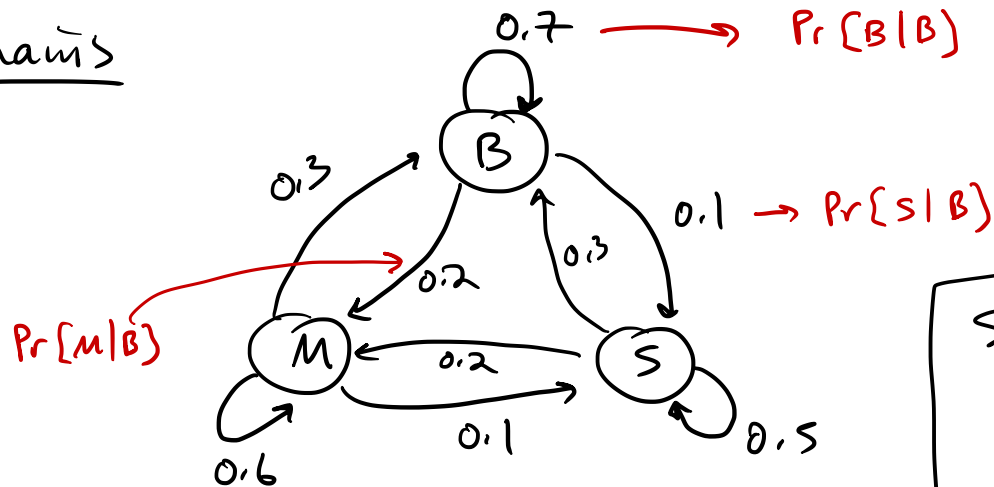


# Markov chains

B: Bertucci's  
 M: Margaritas  
 S: Sato



3 reds  $\Rightarrow$  must add to 1

Stationary Distribution:  
 long-term fraction  
 of time spent  
 visiting each state.

B, M, S

$$\vec{\pi} = \langle \pi_B, \pi_M, \pi_S \rangle$$

$$\pi_B + \pi_M + \pi_S = 1$$

state  
 Transition Matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} B & M & S \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} B \\ M \\ S \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} .7 & .2 & .1 \\ .3 & .6 & .1 \\ .3 & .2 & .5 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Stochastic matrix

$\Rightarrow$  all rows sum to 1

finding the s.d.:

① Simulation

- highly inefficient

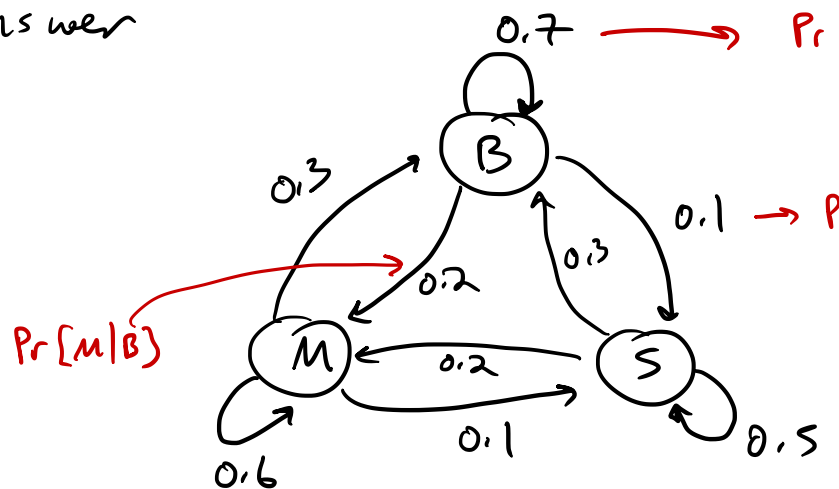
$$B = 0.7 \cdot B + 0.3 \cdot M + 0.3 \cdot S$$

② Create equations & solve for exact answer

①  $B = .7B + .3M + .3S$

②  $M = .2B + .6M + .2S$

③  $S = .1B + .1M + .5S$



But... I have  
one more equation:

④  $B + M + S = 1$

①  $.3B - .3M - .3S = 0$

② + ③  $.3B - .3M - .3S = 0$

$B + M + S = 1$

$M = .2B + .6M + .2S$

$S = .1B + .1M + .5S$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} B + M + S = 1 \\ M = .2B + .6M + .2S \\ S = .1B + .1M + .5S \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} B + M + S = 1 \quad \text{①} \\ -.2B + .4M - .2S = 0 \quad \text{②} \\ -.1B - .1M + .5S = 0 \quad \text{③} \end{array}$$

①  $B + M + S = 1$

$5 \times \text{②} \quad -B + 2M - S = 0 \Rightarrow$

$10 \times \text{③} \quad -B - M + 5S = 0$

$B + M + S = 1$

$3M = 1 \Rightarrow M = 1/3$

$6S = 1 \Rightarrow S = 1/6$

$\Rightarrow B = 1/2$