

MARKOV CHAIN (By example)

Consider a state vector that changes in time, $x(t_n)$ where time $t_n = t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots$ are subsequently-later times (from Macdonald & Ridge, p202 (1988) sociology study).

$$x(t_n) = x_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_U \\ x_M \\ x_L \end{pmatrix} (n) \quad , \quad x_n \text{ represents the distribution of worker occupations at time } t_n.$$

where $x_U \equiv \#$ of upperlevel (executives & professionals)
 $x_M \equiv \#$ of midlevel (managers & skilled workers)
 $x_L \equiv \#$ of lowerlevel (unskilled workers)

The sociologists wanted to study the mobility of workers across these distributions, as a function of time. The following table is generated from data:

	U	M	L
U	0.60	0.29	0.16
M	0.26	0.37	0.27
L	0.14	0.34	0.57

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.60 & 0.29 & 0.16 \\ 0.26 & 0.37 & 0.27 \\ 0.14 & 0.34 & 0.57 \end{pmatrix} \equiv T = T_{ij}$$

This is the transition (probability) matrix T . Because these are probabilities, all entries are between 0 and 1.

The column-wise sum $\sum_{i=1} T_{ij} = 1$ for columns $j=1,2,3$.

The entry 0.6 indicates that a child of a U has a 60% of being U. The entry 0.29 indicates that probability of a child of an M becoming a U, the entry 0.16 indicates probability that a child of an L becomes a U, etc.

So x_{n+1} is the children population, x_n is the parent population, hence

$$x_{n+1} = T x_n, \text{ and}$$

$$x_{n+2} = T x_{n+1}, \text{ etc}$$

~~so~~ so $x_n = T^n x_0$

x_0 is the first generation, x_n the n^{th} generation.

$x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.32 \\ 0.56 \end{pmatrix}$ is the percentage distribution of the first generation.

x_0 was estimated by the sociologists, they also used data to determine the transition matrix T .

They (must have) found that T does not change appreciably over time.

The states $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$ are components of the MARKOV chain.

Because all you need to find x_{n+1} is ~~that~~ x_n is x_n , we call the chain "Markovian". If it were the case that x_{n+1} requires $\{x_{n-2}\}_{n \geq 0}$

i.e. requires knowledge of several prior states we then call the chain NON MARKOVIAN.

So all we need to find x_{n+1} is x_n and T :

$$x_{n+1} = T x_n.$$

We might ask, after m generations, how does the present 0 generation will distribute itself?

We solve $x_m = T^m x_0$

We might ask, what happens after many many generations?

We solve $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} T^m x_0$

- (1) Show that, if $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.32 \\ 0.56 \end{pmatrix}$, after 5 generations $x_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.33 \\ 0.33 \\ 0.34 \end{pmatrix}$
- (2) Show that, if $x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.12 \\ 0.32 \\ 0.56 \end{pmatrix}$, $x_\infty = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ //

The Leontief ~~(closed)~~ Input-output Model

Purchased from	Inputs consumed per unit of output		
	Manufactures	Agriculture	Services
Manufacturing	0.5	0.4	0.2
Agriculture	0.2	0.3	0.1
Services	0.1	0.1	0.3

The "consumption" matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.4 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}$

Let $p = \begin{pmatrix} p_M \\ p_A \\ p_S \end{pmatrix}$ represent the (input) in dollars of production resources of type p_M (manufacturing), p_A (agriculture) and p_S (services).

Let y be the (target) demand $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_M \\ y_A \\ y_S \end{pmatrix}$

A question might be: can a certain demand y be met, given that we start with p resources and it takes Ap to produce y ?

$$\text{find } p \text{ such that } p - Ap = y$$

$$\text{or } p = (I - A)^{-1} y$$

If demand y and production p are to be nonnegative we require that

$(I - A)^{-1}$ be a non-negative matrix.
If A is "bigger" than I then production is too high and then nothing's left as output.

(3) What production level p can satisfy the demand \$50 manufacturing, \$30 agriculture, \$20 services?

(4) Use the spectrum of A to prove that $I - A$ is invertible, and in addition, ~~also~~ to show that $(I - A)^{-1}$ is non-negative.

The geometric series: consider ~~x~~ x , a number other than $|x| = 1$: we can sum

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^m = \sum_{i=0}^m x^i$$

Multiply $\sum_{i=0}^m x^i$ by $(1 - x)$ to show that

$$\sum_{i=0}^m x^i = \frac{1 - x^{m+1}}{1 - x}$$

(a) Compute $\sum_{i=0}^{100} (0.1)^i$.

If $|x| < 1$ the infinite series $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i = \frac{1}{1 - x}$

(b) Compute $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (0.1)^i$.

- (c) Assume $A = SDS^{-1}$ and the spectrum of A does not contain eigenvalues with modulus 1. Then

$$\sum_{i=0}^m A^i = (I - A)^{-1} (I - A^{m+1})$$

- (d) Assume $A = SDS^{-1}$ and $\sigma(A)$ contains eigenvalues that are all smaller than 1 in modulus.

$$(I - A)^{-1} \approx I + A + A^2 + \dots + A^m$$

$$\text{and } (I - A)^{-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i$$