

DTMC II

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Calculation of stationary distribution **finite chain**

- **brute-force (when there is limiting distribution)**

is simply to take the transition matrix to a high power and then extract out any row

- **Solving global balance: via eigendecomposition**

Note that the equation $\pi \cdot P = (\lambda=1)\pi$ implies that the row vector π (**if π is a column vector use π^T as a row vector**) is a left eigenvector of P with eigenvalue equal to 1 (Recall $xA=\lambda x$ where x is a row vector is definition of a left eigenvector, as opposed to the more standard right eigenvector $Ax=\lambda x$)

- **Solving global balance : via a system of linear equations solution**

solve the system of linear equations $\pi \cdot P = \pi$, $\sum_i \pi_i = 1$ (assume π is row vector)

These equations are known as the global balance equations, and this approach is introduced in Discrete Markov Chains: Finding the Stationary Distribution via solution of the global balance equations

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain-** generating function method (Kobayashi P429) $\pi_j(n+1)$, $\boldsymbol{\pi}^T$

- We have $p_j(n+1) = \sum_{i \in S} p_i(n) P_{ij}(n) \quad j \in S$
- Or in Matrix form $\boldsymbol{p}^T(n+1) = \boldsymbol{p}^T(n) \boldsymbol{P}$ where $\boldsymbol{p}^T(n)$ is a row vector of dimension $|S|$
- If MC is homogeneous we find $\boldsymbol{p}^T(n+1) = \boldsymbol{p}^T(n-1) \boldsymbol{P} \boldsymbol{P} = \dots = \boldsymbol{p}^T(0) \boldsymbol{P}^n$
- let $\boldsymbol{g}(z)$ denote the generating function of the vector sequence $\{\boldsymbol{p}(n); n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, i.e.,

$$\boldsymbol{g}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \boldsymbol{p}(n) z^n$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain-** generating function method

- From

$$\mathbf{p}^T(n+1) = \mathbf{p}^T(n)\mathbf{P} \quad \text{for all } n=0,1,\dots$$

$$\mathbf{g}(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{p}(n)z^n$$

- and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{p}^T(n+1)z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{p}^T(n)z^n \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{g}^T(z)\mathbf{P}$$

- We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{g}^T(z)\mathbf{P} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{p}^T(n+1)z^n = z^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{p}^T(n+1)z^{n+1} = z^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{p}^T(n+1)z^{n+1} + z^{-1}\mathbf{p}^T(0)z^0 - z^{-1}\mathbf{p}^T(0)z^0 \\ &= z^{-1}\mathbf{g}^T(z) - z^{-1}\mathbf{p}^T(0) \end{aligned}$$

- And thus

$$\mathbf{g}^T(z) = \mathbf{p}^T(0)[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}z]^{-1}$$

- where \mathbf{I} is the $M \times M$ identity matrix, where $M = |S|$.

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method example

- Assume

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Then

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{16} & \frac{9}{16} & \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$P^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{16} & \frac{9}{16} & \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{8} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{16} & \frac{9}{16} & \frac{3}{8} \\ \frac{9}{64} & \frac{25}{64} & \frac{15}{32} \\ \frac{3}{32} & \frac{15}{32} & \frac{7}{16} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^n = P^\infty = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{p}^T(n) = \mathbf{p}^T(0) P^\infty = (0 \ 1 \ 0) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \\ \frac{1}{9} & \frac{4}{9} & \frac{4}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \left(\frac{1}{9} \ \frac{4}{9} \ \frac{4}{9} \right)$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method example

- the inverse of a matrix \mathbf{A} can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(\mathbf{A})}{\det|\mathbf{A}|},$$

- where $\text{adj}(\mathbf{A})$ is the *adjugate* (called *classical adjoint*) matrix of \mathbf{A} .
- Applying this result to

$$\mathbf{g}^T(z) = \mathbf{p}^T(0)[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}z]^{-1}$$

- we have

$$[\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}z]^{-1} = \frac{\mathbf{B}(z)}{\Delta(z)}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method example

$$I - Pz = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -z & 0 \\ -\frac{z}{4} & 1 - \frac{z}{4} & -\frac{z}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{z}{2} & 1 - \frac{z}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - \frac{z}{4} & -\frac{z}{2} \\ \frac{z}{4} & 1 - \frac{z}{2} \end{vmatrix} = \left(1 - \frac{z}{4}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) - \frac{z^2}{4} = 1 - \frac{3z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8}$$

... Calculate other det.

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{adj}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{C}^T = \begin{bmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{22} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} \\ - \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{23} \end{vmatrix} \\ + \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} & - \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix} & + \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{im} & a_{in} \\ a_{jm} & a_{jn} \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{im} & a_{in} \\ a_{jm} & a_{jn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method example

- Where

$$B(z) = \text{adj} [I - Pz] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{3z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8} & z \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) & \frac{z^2}{2} \\ \frac{z}{4} \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) & 1 - \frac{z}{2} & \frac{z}{2} \\ \frac{z^2}{8} & \frac{z}{2} & 1 - \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

- And

$$\Delta(z) \triangleq \det[I - Pz] = (1 - z) \left(1 + \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8}\right)$$

- Hence

$$[I - Pz]^{-1} = \frac{1}{\Delta(z)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{3z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8} & z \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) & \frac{z^2}{2} \\ \frac{z}{4} \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) & 1 - \frac{z}{2} & \frac{z}{2} \\ \frac{z^2}{8} & \frac{z}{2} & 1 - \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method example

Then by substituting the obtained expression and $\mathbf{p}^T(0) = (p_0(0) \quad p_1(0) \quad p_2(0))$

- Into

$$\mathbf{g}^T(z) = \mathbf{p}^T(0)[I - \mathbf{P}z]^{-1} = (p_0(0) \quad p_1(0) \quad p_2(0)) \frac{1}{\Delta(z)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{3z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8} & z\left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) & \frac{z^2}{2} \\ \frac{z}{4}\left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right) & 1 - \frac{z}{2} & \frac{z}{2} \\ \frac{z^2}{8} & \frac{z}{2} & 1 - \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

- We obtain

$$\mathbf{g}^T(z) = (g_0(z) \quad g_1(z) \quad g_2(z))$$

where

$$g_0(z) = \frac{1}{\Delta(z)} \left[p_0(0) \left(1 - \frac{3z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8} \right) + p_1(0) \frac{z}{4} \left(1 - \frac{z}{2} \right) + p_2(0) \frac{z^2}{2} \right]$$

$$g_1(z) = \frac{1}{\Delta(z)} \left[p_0(0) z \left(1 - \frac{z}{2} \right) + p_1(0) \left(1 - \frac{z}{2} \right) + p_2(0) \frac{z}{2} \right]$$

$$g_2(z) = \frac{1}{\Delta(z)} \left[p_0(0) \frac{z^2}{8} + p_1(0) \frac{z}{2} + p_2(0) \left(1 - \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{4} \right) \right]$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method example

- Inverting the PGF , we find $\{p_i(n); i = 0, 1, 2, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.
- The limiting probabilities $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_i(n)$ can be obtained, however, without going through the inversion of the PGF. By applying the **final value theorem**, (see next 2 slides) we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_0(n) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (1 - z)g_0(z) = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_1(n) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (1 - z)g_1(z) = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_2(n) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (1 - z)g_2(z) = \frac{4}{9}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method **useful note**

- Problem 9.7 (Kobayashi P236):
- **Generating function of a sequence.** Let $F(z)$ be the generating function of a sequence or vector $\{f_k; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ defined by
- Find $\{f_k; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ for the following $F(z)$:

$$F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k z^k$$

$$(a) \quad F(z) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha z};$$

$$(b) \quad F(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - \alpha z)^2};$$

$$(c) \quad F(z) = \frac{\alpha z}{(1 - \alpha z)^2};$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite chain**- generating function method **useful note**

- **Final value theorem.** (Problem 9.12.)
- Refer to previous slide (problem 9.7) and show that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (1 - z)F(z) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_k$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite** **Chain**- Spectral expansion method (Kobayashi 433)

- An alternative method to evaluate the state probability vector $\mathbf{p}(n)$ is to use the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the TPM \mathbf{P} . (**spectral expansion** method, since the set of eigenvalues of a matrix is also called its **spectrum**.)
- This method is similar to the generalized Fourier series expansion or Karhunen–Loève expansion method.
- In this case, however, \mathbf{P} is not a symmetric matrix.

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain-** Spectral expansion method (Papoulis 4th ed page 706)

- Let λ_i be the i th **eigenvalue** and \mathbf{u}_i be the associated **right-eigenvector** of the Markov TPM

$$P\mathbf{u}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{u}_i, i \in S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, M - 1\},$$

where $M = |S|$ is the number of states and \mathbf{u}_i is a column vector, making its transpose \mathbf{u}_i^T a row vector.

- We assume that all eigenvalues are distinct; i.e., there is no multiplicity of any of the eigenvalues.
- Let us form an $M \times M$ matrix \mathbf{U} by $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{u}_0 \ \mathbf{u}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{u}_{M-1}]$ and a diagonal matrix

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ & & \dots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_{M-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite**

Chain- Spectral expansion method (Papoulis)

- The TPM can be expanded as $P = U\Lambda U^{-1} = U\Lambda V$

Where $V = U^{-1}$

By multiplying V on the left of $P = U\Lambda U^{-1} = U\Lambda V$

we have $VP = \Lambda V$

- Defining a set of row vectors v_i^T by $V = \begin{bmatrix} v_0^T \\ v_1^T \\ \dots \\ v_{M-1}^T \end{bmatrix}$

- we find from $VP = \Lambda V$ $v_i^T P = \lambda_i v_i^T, i \in \mathcal{S}.$

- Therefore, v_i^T is the **left-eigenvector** associated with the eigenvalue λ_i .

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method

- We have $VU = I$, which implies that v_i and u_j are **bi-orthonormal**; i.e.,

$$v_i^\top u_j = \delta_{ij}, i, j \in \mathcal{S}.$$

- And $P^2 = U\Lambda U^{-1}U\Lambda U^{-1} = U\Lambda^2 U^{-1}$
- By repeating the same procedure $(n - 1)$ times, we have

$$P^n = U\Lambda^n U^{-1} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_i^n u_i v_i^\top = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_i^n E_i,$$

- where the matrices
are the **projection matrices**

$$E_i = u_i v_i^\top, i \in \mathcal{S},$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method

- By taking the transpose of $VU = UV = I$ and expanding

$$I = (UV)^T = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} v_i u_i^T = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} E_i^T,$$

- We find

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} E_i = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} E_i^T = I,$$

- which corresponds to the case $n = 0$ in the expansion formula

$$P^n = U \Lambda^n U^{-1} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_i^n u_i v_i^T = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_i^n E_i,$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method

- we may write the n -step transition probability from state i to state j as

$$P_{ij}^{(n)} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_k^n u_{ki} v_{kj}, i, j \in \mathcal{S}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- The state probability vector at step n is given from
- as

$$p^\top(n) = p^\top(0) P^n,$$

$$p^\top(n) = p^\top(0) P^n = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_k^n p^\top(0) u_k v_k^\top.$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite**

Chain- Spectral expansion method

- Thus, the probability that the Markov chain is in state i at time n is given by

$$p_i(n) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_k^n \left(\mathbf{p}^\top(0) \mathbf{u}_k \right) v_{ki}, i \in \mathcal{S}.$$

- The marginal PMF $\mathbf{p}(n) = (p_0(n) \quad p_1(n) \dots \quad p_i(n) \dots p_{|\mathcal{S}|}(n))$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method -example

- Assume

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The characteristic equation that determines the eigenvalues is given by

$$\det |P - \lambda I| = 0,$$

- And rearranged as

$$\det |I - \lambda^{-1} P| = \Delta(\lambda^{-1}) = 0,$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method -example

- where $\Delta(z)$ was defined earlier.
- Since we find that there are three roots for $\Delta(z) = 0$,
- $z_0 = 1$, $z_1 = -2$, and $z_2 = 4$, we readily find the three eigenvalues of
- **P** : $\lambda_0 = z_0^{-1} = 1$, $\lambda_1 = z_1^{-1} = -1/2$, $\lambda_2 = z_2^{-1} = 1/4$
- And the corresponding right-eigenvectors are

$$u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method -example

- Thus we find

$$U = [u_0 u_1 u_2] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- And its inverse

$$V = U^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9}U,$$

- <https://www.wolframalpha.com/calculators/eigenvalue-calculator>

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite**

Chain- Spectral expansion method -example

- From which we find

$$V = U^{-1} = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{9}U,$$

$$v_0^\top = \frac{1}{9}(1, 4, 4), v_1^\top = \frac{1}{9}(1, -2, 1), v_2^\top = \frac{1}{9}(1, 1, -2).$$

- The projection matrices are

$$u_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 4 \quad 4]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad -2 \quad 1]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 1 \quad -2]$$

$$E_0 = u_0 v_0^\top = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$E_1 = u_1 v_1^\top = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -8 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$E_2 = u_2 v_2^\top = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite**

Chain- Spectral expansion method -example

- The n-step TPM is calculated as

$$\lambda_0 = z_0^{-1} = 1, \lambda_1 = z_1^{-1} = -1/2, \lambda_2 = z_2^{-1} = 1/4$$

$$P^n = \sum_{i=0}^L \lambda_i^n E_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -8 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$E_0 = u_0 v_0^\top = \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

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Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method -example

- Assume the MC is initially at state 1;
- i.e., $\mathbf{p}^\top(0) = (1, 0, 0)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P^n &= \sum_{i=0}^2 \lambda_i^n E_i \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -8 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & -8 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & -4 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}^\top(n) &= \mathbf{p}^\top(0) P^n = \frac{1}{9} (1, 4, 4) + \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (4, -8, 4) + \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n (4, 4, -8) \\ &= (p_0^{(n)} \ p_1^{(n)} \ p_2^{(n)}), \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method -example

- Assume the MC is initially at state 1;
- i.e., $\mathbf{p}^\top(0) = (1, 0, 0)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}^\top(n) &= \mathbf{p}^\top(0) \mathbf{P}^n = \frac{1}{9}(1, 4, 4) + \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n (4, -8, 4) + \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n (4, 4, -8) \\ &= (p_0^{(n)} p_1^{(n)} p_2^{(n)}), \end{aligned}$$

- where

$$\begin{aligned} p_0^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{9} + \frac{4}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n, \\ p_1^{(n)} &= \frac{4}{9} - \frac{8}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n, \\ p_2^{(n)} &= \frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n - \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of limiting Distribution (P^n): **finite Chain**- Spectral expansion method -example

- We can also verify that $p_0^{(n)} + p_1^{(n)} + p_2^{(n)} = 1$ for all n as expected, because the n -step TPM P^n is a stochastic matrix.
- We also find that, in the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$, $p_0^{(n)} \rightarrow 1/9$, $p_1^{(n)} \rightarrow 4/9$, $p_2^{(n)} \rightarrow 4/9$
- These steady-state probabilities are independent of the initial probability $p(0)$.
- The left eigenvector \mathbf{v}_0 , associated with the eigenvalue $\lambda_0 = 1$, determines the steady-state solution.