

# Assignment 9

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**Abstract**—This document shows the concept of markov chain state and tranistion matrices

<https://github.com/AddagallaSatyanarayana/AI5106/tree/master/Assignment9/Assignment9.tex>

## 1 PROBLEM

Consider a Markov chain with state space 0,1,2,3,4 ad transition matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.0.1)$$

Then find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{23}^{(n)}$

## 2 EXPLANATION

The probability of the transition from one state to another state in n steps can be calculated by computing the transition matrix raised to power n, ie  $\mathbf{P}^n$ .

A matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  can be written in the diagonalized form if there exists an invertible matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  such that

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{S}^{-1} \quad (2.0.1)$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  is equal to the eigen vectors of matrix  $\mathbf{P}$ , where eigen values can be calculated using

$$|\mathbf{P} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = 0 \quad (2.0.2)$$

The nth power of the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  can be calculated using

$$\mathbf{P}^n = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{D}^n \mathbf{S}^{-1} \quad (2.0.3)$$

## 3 SOLUTION

The eigen values for the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  can be found using (2.0.2)

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3}-\lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3}-\lambda & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3}-\lambda & \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.0.1)$$

Solving this we get the eigen values of  $\mathbf{P}$  as,

$$\lambda_1 = 1 \quad (3.0.2)$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \quad (3.0.3)$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{-\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \quad (3.0.4)$$

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \quad (3.0.5)$$

The corresponding eigen vectors are:

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0)^T \quad (3.0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = (-3 \ -2 \ -1 \ 0 \ 1)^T \quad (3.0.7)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = (0 \ -1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0)^T \quad (3.0.8)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_4 = (0 \ 1 \ -\sqrt{2} \ 1 \ 0)^T \quad (3.0.9)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_5 = (0 \ 1 \ \sqrt{2} \ 1 \ 0)^T \quad (3.0.10)$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  is equal to

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & -\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.11)$$

The diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  can be expressed using the eigen values in the form:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{2}+1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.12)$$

The matrix  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  can be calculated using (3.0.11)

$$\mathbf{S}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-1}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{8} \\ \frac{-\sqrt{2}-2}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{-\sqrt{2}-2}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.13)$$

Using equation (2.0.3)

$$\mathbf{P}^n = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{D}^n\mathbf{S}^{-1} \quad (3.0.14)$$

$$\mathbf{P}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 & -\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\frac{1}{3})^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & (-\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3})^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (-\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3})^n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{8} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{8} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}-2}{8} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.0.15)$$

Using (3.0.15), it can be shown that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{23}^{(n)} = 0 \quad (3.0.16)$$