```
begin
       import Pkg
       # activate the shared project environment
       Pkg.activate(".")
       # instantiate, i.e. make sure that all packages are downloaded
       Pkg.instantiate()
 end

    using LinearAlgebra

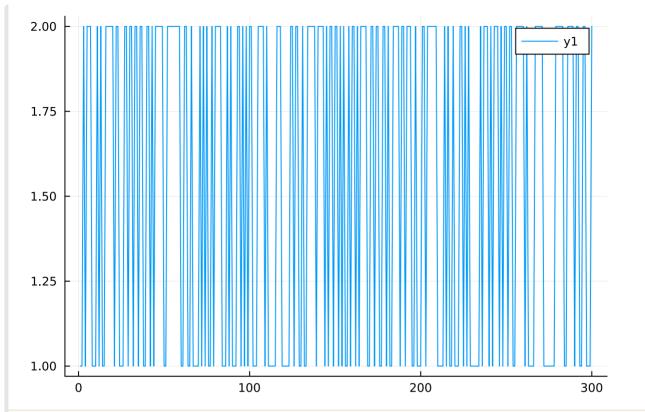
Eigen{Float64, Float64, Matrix{Float64}, Vector{Float64}}
values:
2-element Vector{Float64}:
 1.0
1.0
vectors:
2×2 Matrix{Float64}:
 1.0 0.0
 0.0 1.0
 eigen([1 0; 0 1])
Eigen{Float64, Float64, Matrix{Float64}, Vector{Float64}}
values:
2-element Vector{Float64}:
 -1.0
  1.0
vectors:
2×2 Matrix{Float64}:
 -0.707107 0.707107
  0.707107 0.707107
 eigen([0 1; 1 0])
simulate (generic function with 2 methods)
 - function simulate(P::Matrix{Float64}, x0::Int64, T=30)::Vector{Int64}
       x = Vector{Int64}(undef, T)
       x[1] = x0
       for t=2:T
           \pi = P[x[t-1], :]
           x[t] = rand(Categorical(π))
       end
       return x
 end
coin_flips =
\blacktriangleright [1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, \cdots more ,2, 2, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1
```

```
1.543333333333332
• mean(coin_flips)
```

coin_flips = simulate([0.5 0.5; 0.5 0.5], 1, 300)

mean(coin_flip)

• using Plots



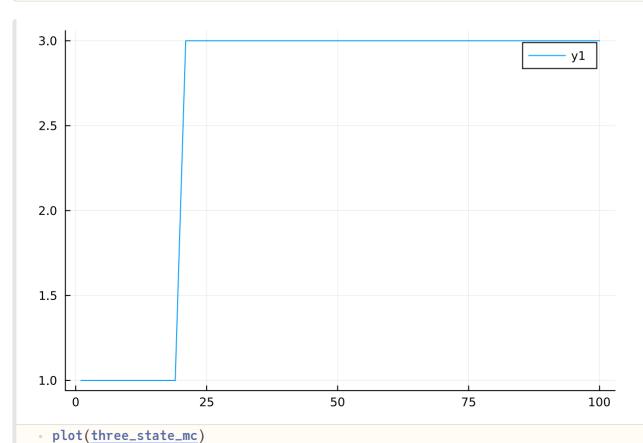
plot(coin_flips)

persistent_mc =

 \blacktriangleright [1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, … more ,2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1

persistent_mc = simulate([0.9 0.1; 0.4 0.6], 1, 300)

```
1.75
1.50
1.25
1.00
0
100
200
300
```



```
▶ [0.641886, 0.958114, 1.0]
 eigen(P3').values
3×3 Matrix{Float64}:
 0.472429 -0.570261
                       0.0
 -0.812936
          -0.220934
                       0.0
 0.340507
           0.791195
                       1.0
 eigen(P3').vectors
3×3 adjoint(::Matrix{Float64}) with eltype Float64:
 0.9 0.15
           0.0
 0.1 0.7
            0.0
 0.0 0.15
           1.0
 • P3'
3×3 Matrix{Float64}:
 0.825 0.24
               0.0
        0.505 0.0
 0.16
 0.015 0.255
              1.0
 • (P3')^2
3×3 Matrix{Float64}:
                       0.0
 0.226113
            0.131402
 0.0876015
           0.0509103
                       0.0
 0.686285
            0.817688
                       1.0
 (P3')^30

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    using Distributions

coin_flip =
Distributions.Categorical{Float64, Vector{Float64}}(support=Base.OneTo(2), p=[0.5, 0.5])
 coin_flip = Categorical([0.5, 0.5])
▶ [0.5, 0.5]
 probs(coin_flip)
1.5
 mean(coin_flip)
2
 rand(coin_flip)
standard_normal = Distributions.Normal{Float64}(\mu=0.0, \sigma=1.0)
 standard_normal = Normal(0.0, 1.0)
```

```
MethodError: no method matching probs(::Distributions.Normal{Float64})
Closest candidates are:
probs(!Matched::Distributions.DiscreteNonParametric) at /Users/koren/.julia/packages/Distributions
probs(!Matched::Distributions.Multinomial) at /Users/koren/.julia/packages/Distributions
probs(!Matched::Distributions.MixtureModel) at /Users/koren/.julia/packages/Distribution
...
1. top-level scope @ Local: 1 [inlined]
probs(standard_normal)
```

```
0.0
    mean(standard_normal)
```

0.49806078206592924

rand(standard_normal)

Value function iteration

```
ArgumentError: Package Math not found in current path:
- Run `import Pkg; Pkg.add("Math")` to install the Math package.

1. require(::Module, ::Symbol) @ loading.jl:893
2. top-level scope @ Local: 1

• using Math
```

iterate_cake_value (generic function with 2 methods)

```
function iterate_cake_value(V::Vector{Float64}, β=0.95)::Vector{Float64}

K = length(V)
V1 = Vector{Float64}(undef, K)
for k = 1:K
    possible_consumptions = 0:k-1

V1[k] = maximum(log.(possible_consumptions) + β * V[k .-
    possible_consumptions])

end
return V1
end
```

```
▶[0.0, 0.693147, 1.09861, 1.38629, 1.60944, 1.79176, 1.94591, 2.07944, 2.19722, 2.30259]
• log.(1:10)
```

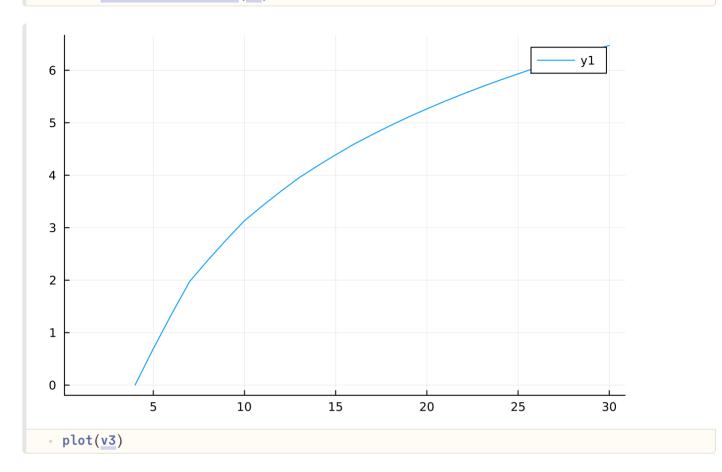
```
v1 =
    ▶[-Inf, 0.0, 0.693147, 1.09861, 1.38629, 1.60944, 1.79176, 1.94591, 2.07944, 2.19722, 2.30
    • v1 = iterate_cake_value(zeros(30))
```

```
v2 =
    ▶[-Inf, -Inf, 0.0, 0.693147, 1.35164, 1.7571, 2.14229, 2.42998, 2.70327, 2.92642, 3.1384,
    • v2 = iterate_cake_value(v1)
```

```
v3 =

▶[-Inf, -Inf, 0.0, 0.693147, 1.35164, 1.9772, 2.38267, 2.76786, 3.13379, 3.42147, 3.

• v3 = iterate_cake_value(v2)
```



DP with Markov chains

Composite types

I promised some intro to composite types. The next few functions work much better with this. There is no need for copy-pasting parameter values, which is very prone to errors. So I rewrote all our functions for a user-defined type.

```
    struct MarkovChainProblem
    u::Vector{Float64}
    P::Matrix{Float64}
    β::Float64
    end
```

```
iterate_value_mc (generic function with 1 method)

• function iterate_value_mc(v::Vector{Float64},
    mcp::MarkovChainProblem)::Vector{Float64}

• # you can refer to the components of a composite type like mcp.u

• # here we are using unpacking to assign three values at the same time

• # this is only to keep our actual formula clean

• u, P, β = mcp.u, mcp.P, mcp.β

• return u + β*P*v

• end
```

```
P = 2×2 Matrix{Float64}:
    0.9    0.1
    0.6    0.4

• P = [    0.9    0.1;
         0.6    0.4]
```

```
utils = ▶[1.0, 0.6]
• utils = [1.0, 0.6]
• # unemployment benefit has replacement rate of 0.6
```

```
▶[19.24, 16.56]

• iterate_value_mc(job_search_problem.u / (1-job_search_problem.β),
    job_search_problem)
```

See, there is no need to ever type the invidual parameters again.

plot(values')

```
▶[18.9371, 18.3776]
• inv(I - job_search_problem.β * job_search_problem.P) * job_search_problem.u
```

Reflections on the Python-R-Stata debate

• md"# Reflections on the Python-R-Stata debate"

```
transition_matrix = 3×3 Matrix{Float64}:
                      0.823529 0.0588235 0.117647
                      0.285714 0.619048 0.0952381
                      0.277778 0.0555556 0.666667
 transition_matrix = debate_data ./ sum(debate_data, dims=2)
Eigen{Float64, Float64, Matrix{Float64}, Vector{Float64}}
values:
3-element Vector{Float64}:
 0.5443936030344506
 0.564850094444541
 0.99999999999999
vectors:
3×3 Matrix{Float64}:
  0.763307 -0.233162 0.906169
-0.130611 -0.561082 0.194676
 -0.130611
             0.794244 0.375446
 -0.632696
 eigen(transition_matrix')
steady_state = ▶ [0.613815, 0.131868, 0.254317]
 steady_state = eigen(transition_matrix').vectors[:, 3] ./
   sum(eigen(transition_matrix').vectors[:, 3])
solve_bellman_for_mc (generic function with 1 method)
 function solve_bellman_for_mc(mcp::MarkovChainProblem)::Vector{Float64}
       u, P, \beta = mcp.u, mcp.P, mcp.\beta
       return inv(I - \beta * P) * u
 end
```

Endogenous search

```
struct EndogenousSearchProblem
u::Vector{Float64}
λ::Float64
δ::Float64
β::Float64
end
```

```
endogenous_search = ▶ EndogenousSearchProblem([1.0, 0.6], 3.0, 0.1, 0.95)
• endogenous_search = EndogenousSearchProblem(utils, 3.0, 0.1, 0.95)
```

```
solve_optimal_search (generic function with 1 method)

function solve_optimal_search(v::Vector{Float64},
    es::EndogenousSearchProblem)::Float64

    β, λ = es.β, es.λ
    prob_unemployed = sqrt(1/(β*λ*(v[1] - v[2])))
    if prob_unemployed < 0.0001
        prob_unemployed = 0.0001
    elseif prob_unemployed > 1
        prob_unemployed = 1
    end
    return (1/prob_unemployed - 1)/λ
    end
```

```
iterate_value_for_search (generic function with 1 method)
```

```
function iterate_value_for_search(v::Vector{Float64},
es::EndogenousSearchProblem)::Vector{Float64}

u, β, λ, δ = es.u, es.β, es.λ, es.δ

# given optimal solution, what is transition matrix?

c = solve_optimal_search(v, es)

Λ = λ * c / (1 + λ * c)

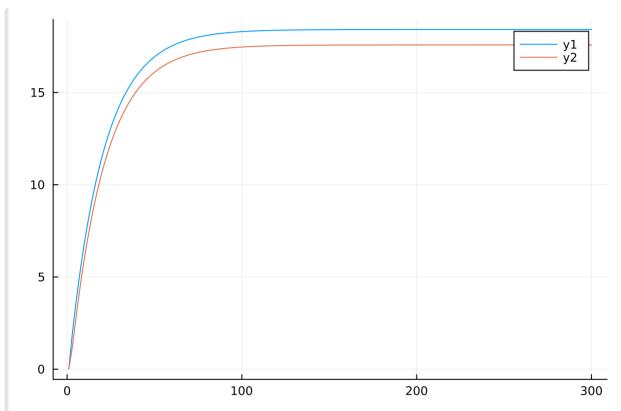
P = [1-δ δ; Λ 1-Λ]

return u + β * P * v

end
```

```
▶[1.95, 1.55]
```

iterate_value_for_search(ones(2), endogenous_search)



```
begin

K2 = 300

v = zeros(K2, 2)

for k = 2:K2

v[k, :] = iterate_value_for_search(v[k-1, :], endogenous_search)

end

plot(v)

end
```

```
300×2 Matrix{Float64}:
  0.0
            0.0
  1.0
            0.6
  1.912
           1.1941
  2.7482
           1.9396
  3.53397 2.70477
  4.2785
           3.44485
  4.98538 4.15078
 18.4138
          17.5789
 18.4138
          17.5789
 18.4138
          17.5789
 18.4138
           17.5789
 18.4138
           17.5789
 18.4138
           17.5789
 • V
```

0.6482922184085216

```
• sqrt(1/(0.95*3*(<u>v</u>[300, 1] - <u>v</u>[300, 2])))
```

iterate_policy_for_search (generic function with 1 method)

```
function iterate_policy_for_search(c::Float64, es::EndogenousSearchProblem)::Float64
u, β, λ, δ = es.u, es.β, es.λ, es.δ

Λ = λ*c / (1 + λ*c)
P = [1-δ δ; Λ 1-Λ]
# because solve_bellman_for_mc now takes a MarkovChainProblem, we have to create one that we can pass on
mcp = MarkovChainProblem(u, P, β)
v = solve_bellman_for_mc(mcp)
return solve_optimal_search(v, es)
end
```

0.6013127057589025

```
iterate_policy_for_search(0.0, endogenous_search)
```

0.07607092440074004

iterate_policy_for_search(0.6, endogenous_search)

```
0.6
                                                                       у1
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0.0
                           100
                                                   200
                                                                          300
     0
begin
     K3 = 300
     c = zeros(K3)
     for k = 2:K3
         c[k] = iterate_policy_for_search(c[k-1], endogenous_search)
     end
     plot(c)
end
```

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