

In [2]:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

Consider an example where we're tracking voter behavior. So a voter's preference is tracked say week to week.

In [18]:

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M = np.array([[0.7, 0.1, 0.3], [0.1, 0.8, 0.3], [0.2, 0.1, 0.4]])
print(M.round(2))
```

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[[ 0.7  0.1  0.3]
 [ 0.1  0.8  0.3]
 [ 0.2  0.1  0.4]]
```

Suppose the first element is the probability for *democrats*, the second for *republicans*, the third for *independents*.

Now assume that we start our simulation after a deadlock debate with only two parties. What is the final steady state?

In [19]:

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x = np.array([0.5, 0.5, 0.0])
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In [21]:

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for i in range(100):
    x = M.dot(x)
print(x)
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[ 0.34615385  0.46153846  0.19230769]
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How do we know this converged? Does it depend on how it started?

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