

## fundamental theorem of demography

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Synonym a weak ergodic theorem Related topic PerronFrobeniusTheorem Let  $A_t$  be a sequence of  $n \times n$  nonnegative primitive matrices. Suppose that  $A_t \to A_{\infty}$ , with  $A_{\infty}$  also a nonnegative primitive matrix. Define the sequence  $x_{t+1} = A_t x_t$ , with  $x_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $x_0 \ge 0$ , then

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{x_t}{\|x_t\|} = p$$

where p is the normalized (||p|| = 1) eigenvector associated to the eigenvalue of  $A_{\infty}$  (also called the Perron-Frobenius eigenvector of  $A_{\infty}$ ).