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1. **Industrial Mobility and Peters's Principle.** Suppose a position at a large firm is filled by a person at one of the following levels: T = trainee, J = junior, S = senior. Let X(t) denote the level of the person holding a position at time t, and suppose X(t) evolves as a Markov process according to the transition rate matrix Q as follows:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} \ \ T & J & S \ \ T & -a_T & a_T & 0 \ \ J & a_{JT} & -a_J & a_{JS} \ S & a_S & 0 & -a_S \end{pmatrix}$$

In words, a trainee stays at the rank for an exponentially distributed time $\sim a_T$ and then becomes a junior. A junior stays

at that rank for an exponentially distributed time $\sim a_J = a_{JT} + a_{JS}$ and subsequently will be promoted to a senior with probability $\frac{a_{JS}}{a_J}$ or the junior leaves the position with probability $\frac{a_{JT}}{a_J}$ and will be immediately replaced by a trainee. A senior stays

at that rank for an exponentially distributed time ~ a_S and then leaves (or gets fired according to the Peter's Principle of reaching the level of incompetence) and will be immediately replaced by a trainee. Suppose the mean time spent in positions T, J, S are as follows: 1, 2, 5 years ($-q_{ii} = \frac{1}{\text{mean time spent at }i}$ in the matrix Q). Assume in addition that the chance of being promoted from J to S is $\frac{2}{5}$.

(a) Find the transition probability matrix $P(t) = e^{Qt}$

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$$lo[s] = Q = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3/10 & -1/2 & 1/5 \\ 1/5 & 0 & -1/5 \end{pmatrix};$$

P[t_] := MatrixExp[Q * t];
P[t] // MatrixForm

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(b) Find the stationary distribution $\pi = (\pi_T, \pi_J, \pi_S)$ by taking $\lim_{t\to\infty} P(t)$ (each row is π)

$$ln[\cdot \cdot]:=$$
 M = Limit[P[t], t \rightarrow Infinity];
M // MatrixForm

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$$\begin{pmatrix}
\frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\
\frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5} \\
\frac{1}{5} & \frac{2}{5} & \frac{2}{5}
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$(*\pi T=1/5, \pi J=2/5, \pi S=2/5*)$$

(c) Find the stationary distribution π by solving $\pi Q = 0$

$$ln[\cdot]:=$$
 Solve[{ πT , πJ , πS }.Q == {0, 0, 0}, { πT , πJ , πS }]

Solve: Equations may not give solutions for all "solve" variables.

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]= { { $\pi J \rightarrow 2 \pi T$, $\pi S \rightarrow 2 \pi T$ } }

(*By linear algebra and inspection the solution is $\pi T = 1/5$, $\pi J = 2/5$, $\pi S = 2/5*$)

2. **Barber Shop.** There are 2 waiting chairs and 2 barbers. Customers arriving to fully occupied shop are turned away.

Assume that customers arrive according to Poisson process at rate of 5/hour (inter arrivals are exponential $\sim \lambda = 5$) and

the service rate is 2/hour (services are exponential ~ μ = 2). If X(t) = the number of the customers in the shop at time t,

then it can be modelled by a birth-death process on states {0, 1, 2, 3, 4} with the following transition rate matrix

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & -7 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -9 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -9 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose that at the time of opening the shop at 8 AM there were 2 customers waiting.

(a) Using p(t) = p(0) P(t) find the probability that the shop will be full at: 9AM, 10AM, 12PM, 4PM

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P[t_] := MatrixExp[Q * t];
    P[t] // N // MatrixForm;
    p[t_{-}] := \{0, 0, 1, 0, 0\}.P[t];
    For [i = 1, i \le 8, i = i * 2, Print[p[i] // N]] (*The last entry in the
     matrix is the probablity that the shop is full at the respective time*)
     {0.0717358, 0.17338, 0.207755, 0.247386, 0.299743}
     {0.0658251, 0.16359, 0.203281, 0.252612, 0.314692}
     {0.0648914, 0.162212, 0.202746, 0.253408, 0.316742}
     {0.0648758, 0.16219, 0.202737, 0.253421, 0.316776}
    (b) Find the stationary distribution \pi
ln[@]:= M = Limit[P[t] // N, t \rightarrow Infinity];
    M // MatrixForm
      (*Stationary distribution is along the diagonal for each respective state*)
      0.0648758 0.16219 0.202737 0.253421 0.316776
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- (c) Assume X(0) = 2. Simulate n = 365 days sample (assume the shop operates 8AM 8PM). Compare the frequencies of states to the stationary distribution π .
- (d) Repeat (c) for n = 10,000.

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P[t_] := MatrixExp[Q * t];
P[t] // N // MatrixForm;
p[t_] := {0, 0, 1, 0, 0}.P[t];
p[365 * 12] // N
p[10000 * 12] // N

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 - 3. **Car Service.** A service is carried out sequentially as follows: T(tune-up), A(air-conditioning), B(brakes). The mean

service times are respectively 1,2,3 hours. Assume the services are independent and exponentially distributed. If X(t) denotes

the state of service at time t then it can be modelled by a birth-death process on states {1,2,3,4} where 4 corresponds to the

absorbing state (i.e., all three services 1-T, 2-A, 3-B have been completed and therefore the transition rate to leave 4 is 0).

Then the transition rate matrix has the form

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that the transition rate = $\frac{1}{\text{mean times spent at } a \text{ given state}}$.

(a) What is the probability that 5 hours after the service started the car is still in the brake repair stage?

P[t_] := MatrixExp[Q * t];

P[5] // N // MatrixForm (*0.189*)

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(b) What is the probability that the service has been completed at the end of the 6-th hour?

P[6] // N // MatrixForm (*0.864*)

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4. **Linear Growth Model with Immigration.** Let X(t) has the parameters $\lambda_0 = \lambda$, $\mu_0 = \mu$, $\mu_n = n \mu$, $\lambda_n = n \lambda + \theta$ for $n \ge 1$

and let $\lambda < \mu$. Then the expected population size $m(t) = x_0 e^{(\lambda - \mu) t} + \frac{\theta}{\lambda - \mu} [e^{(\lambda - \mu) t} - 1] \rightarrow \frac{\theta}{\mu - \lambda} = equilibrium$ size, as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Let the population of 100 has the birth rate λ =1 /individual/year, death rate μ = 1.2 individual/year, and the immigration factor

 θ = 1/year.

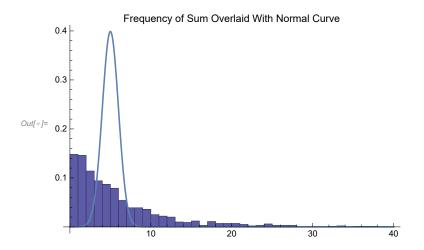
(a) Simulate n = 1000 samples of the population size at time t = 30 years, calculate the sample average and compare to m(t).

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Table[\lambda p[n_] := n * 1 + 1, {n, 1, 1000}];
Table [\mup[n_] := n * 1.2, {n, 1, 1000}];
t = 30; x0 = 100;
exactmean := 1/(1.2-1)
TotCust = {};
Do[s = 0; NumCust = x0; n = NumCust;
 Label[start];
 r = Random[ExponentialDistribution[\lambda p[n] + \mu p[n]]]; s = s + r;
 If [s \le t, If[RandomReal[\{0, 1\}] < \lambda p[n] / (\lambda p[n] + \mu p[n]), NumCust = NumCust + 1;
   n = NumCust;
    Goto[start], NumCust = NumCust - 1;
   n = NumCust;
    Goto[start]]];
 AppendTo[TotCust, NumCust]
 , {1000}]
Print["The average mean is ", Mean[TotCust] // N]
Print["The exact mean is ", exactmean]
The average mean is 5.236
The exact mean is 5.
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(b) Calculate probability frequencies of population size at t = 30 for n = 1000 samples and graph the frequencies together with

the stationary distribution for comparison.

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(c) Graph a single sample of population evolution in 30 years