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% Final Project --- Luis Kligman
% Markov Chains --- Part 2
clear all;
close all;
clc;
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If a student is susceptible: 16% chance they get flu next day  $S \rightarrow I = .16$  84% chance they stay susceptible  $S \rightarrow S = .84$  If a student is infected 40% chance they recover  $I \rightarrow S = .40$  60% chance they stay infected  $I \rightarrow I = .60$

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% Columns = CURRENT state, rows = NEXT state

% Define the transition matrix
A = [.84, .40;
     .16, .60];

% Check column sums (should be 1 for a Markov chain)
disp('Column sums of A (should be 1):');
disp(sum(A,1));

Column sums of A (should be 1):
      1      1
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**(b.) If 100 students have the flu initially, how many students have the flu on the second day? How many students have the flu on the tenth day?**

Population: 5000 student total Initial condition: 100 infected students; 4900 susceptible

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I0 = 100; % Initial infected
S0 = 5000 - I0; % Initial susceptible
x0 = [S0; I0];

% Day n:  $x_N = A^N * x_0$ 
day2 = A^2 * x0; % State on day 2
day10 = A^10 * x0; % State on day 10

I2 = day2(2); % Infected on day 2
I10 = day10(2); % Infected on day 10

disp('Number of infected students on day 2:');
fprintf('%.2f\n', I2);
disp('Number of infected student on day 10:');
fprintf('%.2f\n', I10);

% Check that the population stays 5000
disp('Total population on day 2 and day 10 (should both be 5000)');
fprintf('%.2f\n', sum(day2));
fprintf('%.2f\n', sum(day10));

Number of infected students on day 2:
1171.36
Number of infected student on day 10:
1428.21
Total population on day 2 and day 10 (should both be 5000)
5000.00
5000.00
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**(c.) How many students have the flu initially if there are 1400 students with the flu on the third day?**

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%  $x_0 = [S_0; I_0]$  (currently unknown)
% total population:  $S_0 + I_0 = 5000$ 
%  $x_3 = A^3 * x_0$ 
% # of infected on day 3 =  $I_3 = 1400$ 

% Therefore we have a 2x2 linear system in terms of  $S_0$  and  $I_0$ :
% [ 1      1 ] [  $S_0$  ] = [ 5000 ]
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% [row2(1) row2(2)][ I0 ] = [ 1400 ]

A3 = A^3

% The second row of A^3 gives how S0 and I0 contribute to infected on day 3
row2_A3 = A3(2,:);

% Build coefficient matrix M and right hand side vector b:
% Equation 1: S0 + I0 = 5000
% Equation 2: row2_A3(1)*S0 + row2_A3(2)*I0 = 1400
M = [1,          1;
     row2_A3(1), row2_A3(2)];

b = [5000; 1400];

% Solve for [S0; I0]
x0_solution = M \ b;
S0_sol = x0_solution(1);
I0_sol = x0_solution(2);

disp('Initial susceptible and infected that lead to 1400 infected on day
3:');
fprintf('S0 ~ %.2f\n', S0_sol);
fprintf('I0 ~ %.2f\n', I0_sol);
fprintf('Check: S0 + I0 = %.2f (should be 5000)\n', S0_sol + I0_sol);

A3 =

    0.7386    0.6534
    0.2614    0.3466

Initial susceptible and infected that lead to 1400 infected on day 3:
S0 ~ 3906.84
I0 ~ 1093.16
Check: S0 + I0 = 5000.00 (should be 5000)

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