1.

$$P^{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0\\ (1/4)^{n} & (1/2)^{n} & (1/4)^{n}\\ (3/4)^{n} & 0 & (1/4)^{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

2. (a) 
$$U_{10} = P_{10} + P_{11}U_{10} + P_{12}U_{20}$$
  
 $U_{20} = P_{20} + P_{21}U_{10} + P_{22}U_{20}$   
or  
 $U_{10} = 0.1 + 0.6U_{10} + 0.1U_{20}$   
 $U_{20} = 0.2 + 0.3U_{10} + 0.4U_{20}$   
so  
 $U_{10} = 8/21, U_{20} = 11/21$ 

(b) 
$$\nu_1 = 1 + .6\nu_1 + .1\nu_2$$
  
 $\nu_2 = 1 + .3\nu_1 + .4\nu_2$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} .4 & -.1 \\ -.3 & .6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \nu_1 = \nu_2 = 10/3$$

3. 
$$\nu_i = 1 + p\nu_{i+1} + q\nu_0, i = 0, 1, 2, 3$$
  
 $\nu_4 = 0$   
 $\nu_0 = 1 + q\nu_0 + p(1 + q\nu_0 + p(1 + q\nu_0 + p(1 + q\nu_0 + p(\nu_4)))) =$   
 $1 + q\nu_0 + p + pq\nu_0 + p^2 + p^2q\nu_0 + p^3 + p^3q\nu_0 = 1 + q\nu_0 + p(1 + q\nu_0) + p^2(1 + q\nu_0) + p^3(1 + q\nu_0) =$   
 $(1 + q\nu_0)(1 + p + p^2 + p^3) = \nu_0$ 

4. Probability  $P_n$  of having n boys:  $P_0 = 1/4 + (3/4*1/8) = 11/32, P_1 = (3/4*3/8) = 9/32, P_2 = 9/32, P_3 = (3/4*1/8) = 3/32$   $\mu = 9/32 + 2*9/32 + 3*3/32 = 36/32 > 1.$   $\phi(s) = 11/32 + 9/32s + 9/32s^2 + 3/32s^3, \phi'(1) = \mu, \text{ so the probability of ultimate extinction is}$   $\frac{11}{32} + \frac{9t}{32} + \frac{9t^2}{32} + \frac{3t^3}{32} = t \Rightarrow 32(11 + 9t + 9t^2 + 3t^3) = 0, \text{ which has solutions at } t = 2.38672, 0.306639 \pm 1.20094i. \text{ But } \phi(s) \text{ is not convex, so does this analysis hold?}$ 

5. 
$$p_k = (1-c)c^k, 0 < c < 1, k = 0, 1, \dots$$
  

$$\phi(t) = (1-c)\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c^{k-1}t^k = (1-c)\frac{t}{1-ct}, \mu = |\phi'(1)| = \frac{1-c}{(1-c)^2} = \frac{1}{1-c} > 1.$$

$$(1-c)\frac{t}{1-ct} = t \Rightarrow (1-c)t = t - ct^2 \Rightarrow -ct + ct^2 = 0 = c(t^2-t) = ct(t-1) \Rightarrow \eta = 0$$

6. 
$$p'(1) = .05 + 2 * .03 + 3 * .07 + 4 * .4 + 5 * .25 + 6 * .05 = 3.47 > 1$$
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 $.15 - .95t + .03t^2 + .07t^3 + .4t^4 + .25t^5 + .05t^6 = 0 \Rightarrow \eta = 0.1592928$ 

- 7. If  $|\phi'(1)| = 2a + b < 1$ ,  $\eta = 1$ . If  $|\phi'(1)| > 1$ ,  $\eta$  is the smallest nonnegative value of  $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 4ac}}{2a}$  that is < 1.
- 8. (a)
  - (b)
- 9.