

## Lesson 6

Read Chapter 3

Perron's theorem for positive matrices

Positive Markov matrices

In a metropolitan area some percentage  $x$  of the population lives in the city, some percentage  $y$  lives in the suburbs. The total population is constant but every year 90% city population stays in city 10% city population moves to suburbs.

98% suburbs population stays in suburbs.

• 2% suburbs population moves to city.

How can I represent this info using matrices?

How can I use linear algebra to derive useful info?

Idea: summarize the information using a matrix

$$\begin{matrix} C \\ S \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.02 \\ 0.1 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Two possibilities (states)

$S_1 = C$  : in city       $S_2 = S$  : in suburbs

changing at discrete time intervals:  $t_0, t_1, t_2 \dots$

Probabilities  $p_{ij}$ : probability that if in state  $j$  some year will be in state  $i$  the following year

Something like this is called a Markov process

Ex: Brownian motion

$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.02 \\ 0.1 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix}$  is Markov matrix or transition matrix

Def:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is positive if all its entries are  $> 0$   
 $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  is non negative " are  $\geq 0$

Def:  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is Markov if it is non negative and all columns add to 1.

Ex  $M = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{1n} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{2n} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{3n} \\ p_{n1} & p_{n2} & p_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$

$p_{ij}$  : probability that if in state  $j$  at time  $k$ , then in state  $i$  at time  $k+1$

## FACTS ABOUT MULTIPLICATION:

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 & \dots & c_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = x_1 c_1 + x_2 c_2 + \dots + x_n c_n$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_1^T \\ c_2^T \\ \vdots \\ c_n^T \end{pmatrix} = x_1 c_1^T + x_2 c_2^T + \dots + x_n c_n^T$$

For Markov matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}}_A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note  $A^T \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  so  $\lambda=1$  is eigenvalue for  $A^T$  and for  $A$

We know from hw 1 that  $A$  and  $A^T$  have the same eigenvalues  
Therefore  $A$  has eigenvalue 1

Notation:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{1}$

Th : if  $A$  is a Markov matrix  
then  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue  
for  $A$ .

Def  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a probability  
vector if all of its entries  
are  $\geq 0$  and add up to  $1$

Ex  $\begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$  is a probability  
vector

Back to our example. Suppose this year (year 0) 70% of the population of the metropolitan area lives in the city and 30% in the suburbs, i.e. initial state is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Consider

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.02 \\ 0.1 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.636 \\ 0.364 \end{bmatrix}$$

Still a probability vector, what does it represent?

$$0.9 \times 0.7 + 0.02 \times 0.3 = 0.636$$

$$0.1 \times 0.7 + 0.98 \times 0.3 = 0.364$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \underbrace{0.9 \times 0.7}_{\text{city population that stayed}} + \underbrace{0.02 \times 0.3}_{\text{suburb population that moved to city}} = 0.636 \quad \% \text{ in city in year 1} \\
 \underbrace{0.01 \times 0.7}_{\text{city population moved to suburbs}} + \underbrace{0.98 \times 0.3}_{\text{suburb pop that stayed}} = 0.364 \quad \% \text{ in suburbs in year 1}
 \end{array}$$

so if  $w_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$  is initial state

and  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.02 \\ 0.01 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix}$  is the matrix of the system

then

$$M w_0 = w_1$$

year zero  
↓  
year 1

What percentage of the population will live in the city in year  $n$ ?



$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{year zero} \\
 \downarrow \\
 M w_0 = w_1 \quad \leftarrow \text{year 1} \\
 M w_1 = M M w_0 = w_2 \quad \leftarrow \text{year 2} \\
 \dots
 \end{array}$$

What percentage of the population will live in the city in year  $n$ ?

$$M^n w_0 = w_n \quad \leftarrow \text{year } n$$

How can I compute this?

So we want to compute  $M^n$ . Is  $M$  diagonalizable?

What are the eigenvalues of

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.02 \\ 0.1 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix} ?$$

$\lambda = 1$  with eigenvector  $u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 5/6 \end{bmatrix}$  positive positive probability vector

$\lambda_2 = 0.88$  with eigenvector  $u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 \\ 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$  negative positive

Note:  $|\lambda_2| < 1$

$$M = P \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.88 \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{1/6}^{u_1} & \overbrace{-1/6}^{u_2} \\ 5/6 & 1/6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w_n = M^n w_0$$

$$w_n = P \begin{bmatrix} 1^n & 0 \\ 0 & .88^n \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{P^{-1} w_0}_{\begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$w_n = P \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.88^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \end{bmatrix}}_P \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 \cdot 0.88^n \end{bmatrix} = c_1 \cdot \underbrace{u_1}_{\substack{\text{eigenvector} \\ \text{for } \lambda = 1}} + \underbrace{c_2 \cdot 0.88^n}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ when } n \rightarrow +\infty} u_2$$

In the long run the system goes to  $c_1 u_1$

What are  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ?

$$P^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

so

$$P \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve this system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/6 & -1/6 & : & 0.7 \\ 5/6 & 1/6 & : & 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & : & 4.2 \\ 5 & 1 & : & 1.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & : & 4.2 \\ 0 & 6 & : & -19.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{-19.2}{6}$$

$$c_1 = 4.2 - \frac{-19.2}{6} = \frac{25.2 - 19.2}{6} = \textcircled{1}$$

remember this 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 w_n &= U_1 + \overset{C_2}{\frac{-19.2}{6}} 0.88^n U_2 \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 5/6 \end{bmatrix} - \frac{19.2 \times 0.88^n}{6} \begin{bmatrix} -1/6 \\ 1/6 \end{bmatrix} = \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \left[ 1 + \frac{19.2 \times 0.88^n}{6} \right] \\ \frac{1}{6} \left[ 5 - \frac{19.2 \times 0.88^n}{6} \right] \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the long run  $w_n \approx U_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/6 \\ 5/6 \end{bmatrix}$

$\frac{1}{6}$  of the population will live

in the city,  $\frac{5}{6}$  in suburbs.

What can we say in general  
about computing the eigenvalues,  
eigenvectors and  $M^n w_0$  or  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} M^n w_0$  for a Markov  
matrix?

Th: if  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is positive Markov then  $A^k$  is positive Markov.

Proof:

$A^k$  positive: Assume  $A > 0$  then

$A^2 = A \cdot A$  is positive because its entries are sums of products of positive numbers

$A^3 = A^2 \cdot A$  is positive, for the same reason...

$A^k$  Markov: assume  $\mathbb{1}^t A = \mathbb{1}^t$  then

$$\mathbb{1}^t A^k = \mathbb{1}^t A (A^{k-1}) = \mathbb{1}^t A^{k-1} = \mathbb{1}^t A (A^{k-2}) = \mathbb{1}^t A^{k-2} \dots$$

continuing this way you get  $\mathbb{1}^t A^k = \mathbb{1}^t$

**Theorem 3.2.4. (Perron's theorem for positive matrices)** If  $A > 0$  then  $A$  has a dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_A$  with the following properties:

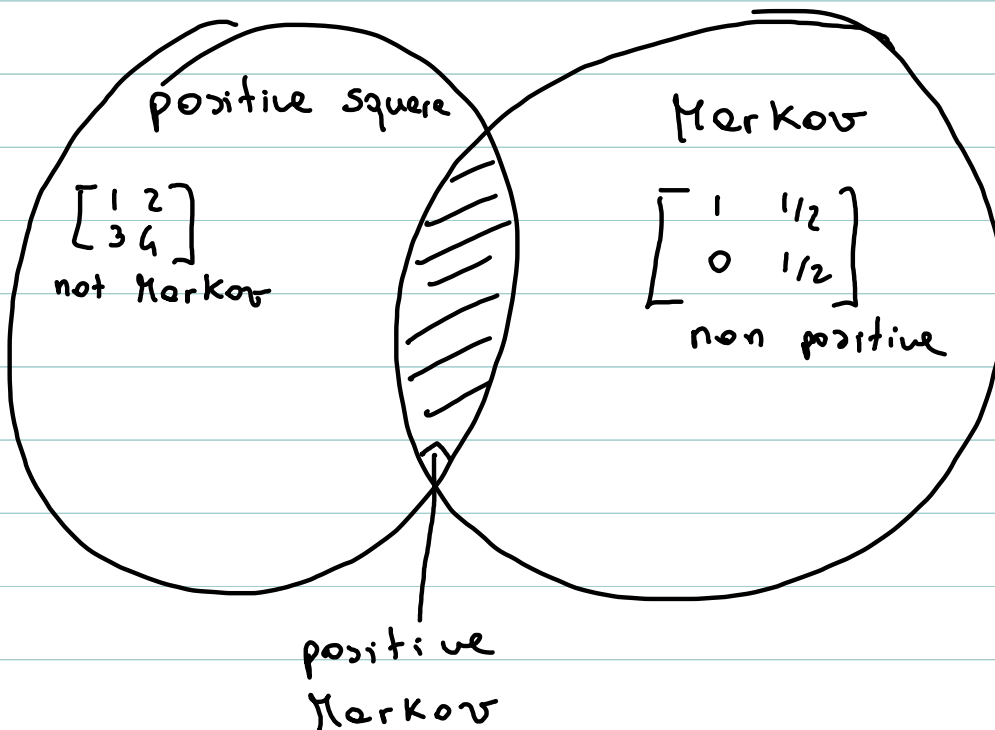
1.  $\lambda_A > 0$  and it has an eigenvector  $u_A > 0$  (has all positive entries) called a dominant eigenvector of  $A$ .

2.  $\text{AM}(\lambda_A) = 1$ .  $E_{\lambda_A} = \text{span}(u_A)$

3. If  $\mu$  is another eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $|\mu| < \lambda_A$ .

4. If  $\mu$  is a non-dominant eigenvalue of  $A$ , then it has no eigenvector that is non-negative.

No proof





**Theorem 3.2.5. (Perron's theorem for positive Markov matrices)** If  $A$  is positive Markov then  $A$  has all the properties stated in Theorem 3.2.4, and in addition:

1.  $\lambda_A = 1$  and thus if  $\mu$  is another eigenvalue of  $A$ , then  $|\mu| < 1$ .
2. If  $w_0 \geq 0$  and  $w_k = A^k w_0$ , then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k w_0 = c u_A$  where  $c \geq 0$ .  
In other words, in the long run,  $w_k$  tends to a non-negative multiple of  $u_A$ .

3) if  $w_0$  and  $u_A$  are probability vectors,  $c = 1$

Proof using Perron's th for positive matrices

1) The eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $A^T$  are the same

$A^T$  is positive and we know  $A^T \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$

so  $\lambda = 1$  must be the dominant eigenvalue of

$A^T$  (why? Because only the dominant

eigenvalue of  $A^T$  can have a positive eigen vector,

by Perron's theorem for positive matrices)

The eigenvalues of  $A^T$  and  $A$  are the

same (see hw 1) so  $\lambda = 1$  is the dominant

eigenvalue of  $A$ .

2) Proof only in the case  $A$  is diagonalizable:

$$w_k = A^k w_0 = P D^k P^{-1} w_0 = P D^k \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} c_1 d_1^k & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 d_2^k & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & c_n d_n^k \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= c_1 d_1^k u_1 + c_2 d_2^k u_2 + \dots + c_n d_n^k u_n$$

$$= c_1 u_1 + \text{stuff that goes to 0}$$

$$\begin{matrix} d_1 = 1 \\ |d_i| < 1 \quad i > 1 \end{matrix}$$

$u_1$  is dominant eigen vector i.e. eigen vector for

$$\lambda = 1$$

what can we say about  $c_1$ ?

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} A^k w_0 = c_1 v_1 \quad (\text{from previous page})$$

$$* \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} w_0^T (A^k)^T = c_1 v_1^T \quad (\text{Taking transposes})$$

$$\mathbb{1}^T A^k = \mathbb{1}^T \quad (\text{because } A^k \text{ is Markov})$$

$$(A^k)^T \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1} \quad (\text{Taking transposes})$$

$$w_0^T (A^k)^T \mathbb{1} = w_0^T \mathbb{1} \quad (\text{multiplying by } w_0^T)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} w_0^T (A^k)^T \mathbb{1} = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} w_0^T \mathbb{1} \quad (\text{Taking limits})$$

$$c_1 v_1^T \mathbb{1} = w_0^T \mathbb{1} \quad (\text{by } *)$$

If  $v_1$  and  $w_0$  are probability vectors

$$v_1^T \cdot \mathbb{1} = \underbrace{[x_1 \dots x_n]}_{v_1^T} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = x_1 + \dots + x_n = 1$$

$$w_0^T \mathbb{1} = \underbrace{[y_1 \dots y_n]}_{w_0^T} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n = 1$$

$$\text{Therefore } c_1 \cdot 1 = 1$$