

Powers of Matrices and Exponential Matrices

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Assumptions:

Suppose M is a real $n \times n$ matrix having n distinct exact eigenvalues $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}$

Objectives:

Find exact expressions for

- $M^k, k \in \mathbb{N}$
- $\exp(Mt)$, where t is time

Applications:

- $M = P$: one-step probability transition matrix of Markov chain
- $M = Q$: rate matrix of a Markov process

Diagonalization Method: $M = S \cdot D \cdot S^{-1}$

For a real $n \times n$ matrix M that has n distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}$,

$$M^k = S \cdot D^k \cdot S^{-1} \quad \text{for any } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$e^{Mt} = S \cdot e^{Dt} \cdot S^{-1} \quad \text{where } t \text{ is continuous time}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \lambda_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and } e^{Dt} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_0 t} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_1 t} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & e^{(\lambda_{n-1})t} \end{bmatrix}$$

S is a $n \times n$ matrix where each of the columns of S is an eigenvector corresponding to each distinct eigenvalues.

For a real $n \times n$ matrix M that has n distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-1}$,

$$M^k = A_0 \lambda_0^k + A_1 \lambda_1^k + A_2 \lambda_2^k + \dots + A_{n-1} \lambda_{n-1}^k$$

for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$e^{Mt} = A_0 e^{\lambda_0 t} + A_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + A_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + \dots + A_{n-1} e^{(\lambda_{n-1})t}$$

where t is continuous time and

where A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1} are constant $n \times n$ matrices.

Diagonalization of 2×2 Matrix: $M^k = SD^kS^{-1}$ $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Consider this 2×2 matrix $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$. Assume

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{a + d - \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{a + d + \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2}$$

are the distinct eigenvalues, then

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a - d - \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2c} & \frac{a - d + \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2c} \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a + d - \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{a + d + \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Cayley-Hamilton 2×2 Matrix: $M^k = A_0\lambda_0^k + A_1\lambda_1^k \quad k \in \mathbb{N}$

For the same 2×2 matrix $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$M^k = A_0\lambda_0^k + A_1\lambda_1^k = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{(a-d)^2 + 4bc}} \begin{bmatrix} a - \lambda_1 & b \\ c & d - \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \lambda_0^k \\ + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{(a-d)^2 + 4bc}} \begin{bmatrix} a - \lambda_0 & b \\ c & d - \lambda_0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \lambda_1^k$$

where the distinct eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{a + d - \sqrt{(a-d)^2 + 4bc}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{a + d + \sqrt{(a-d)^2 + 4bc}}{2}$$

Vandermonde Matrix & Inverse

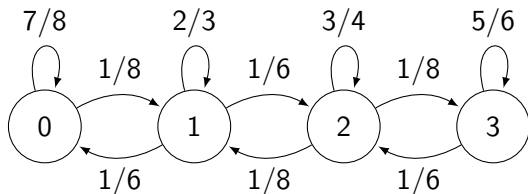
From Cayley-Hamilton/Linear Recurrence Relation Approach, we want to solve the following system of linear equations for A 's.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= A_0 + A_1 + \cdots + A_{n-1} \\ P^1 &= A_0 \lambda_0 + A_1 \lambda_1 + \cdots + A_{n-1} \lambda_{n-1} \\ P^2 &= A_0 \lambda_0^2 + A_1 \lambda_1^2 + \cdots + A_{n-1} \lambda_{n-1}^2 \\ &\vdots \\ P^{n-1} &= A_0 \lambda_0^{n-1} + A_1 \lambda_1^{n-1} + \cdots + A_{n-1} \lambda_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ P^1 \\ P^2 \\ \vdots \\ P^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \lambda_0 & \lambda_1 & \cdots & \lambda_{n-1} \\ \lambda_0^2 & \lambda_1^2 & \cdots & \lambda_{n-1}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_0^{n-1} & \lambda_1^{n-1} & \cdots & \lambda_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathcal{P} = V \mathcal{A}, \text{ then } \mathcal{A} = V^{-1} \mathcal{P}$$

In order to solve for A 's, we have to find the inverse of V , where V is a Vandermonde Matrix. Each entry of the V^{-1} can be computed explicitly.

Example 1

Consider the following birth-death chain:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of this birth-death chain are:

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{11}{12}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{17}{24}, \quad \lambda_3 = 1$$

Diagonalization Approach: $P = S \cdot D \cdot S^{-1}$

$$P^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{8} & \frac{1}{8} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{5}{6} \end{bmatrix}^k = S \cdot D^k \cdot S^{-1}$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & \frac{9}{16} & 1 \\ 3 & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{3}{4} & 1 \\ -2 & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{3}{4} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D^k = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \left(\frac{17}{24}\right)^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2}{25} & \frac{9}{50} & -\frac{4}{25} & \frac{3}{50} \\ -\frac{12}{25} & -\frac{3}{25} & \frac{6}{25} & \frac{9}{25} \\ \frac{48}{175} & -\frac{48}{175} & -\frac{64}{175} & \frac{64}{175} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} \end{bmatrix}$$

Cayley-Hamilton/Linear Recurrence Relation Approach

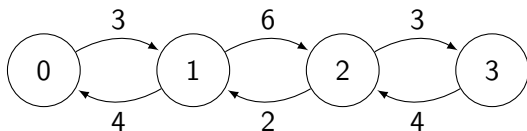
Using Dave's Python computer program, we have: $P^k = A_0\lambda_0^k + A_1\lambda_1^k + A_2\lambda_2^k + A_3$

$$P^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{25} & \frac{-9}{50} & \frac{4}{25} & \frac{-3}{50} \\ \frac{-6}{25} & \frac{27}{50} & \frac{-12}{25} & \frac{9}{50} \\ \frac{4}{25} & \frac{-9}{25} & \frac{8}{25} & \frac{-3}{25} \\ \frac{-2}{25} & \frac{9}{50} & \frac{-4}{25} & \frac{3}{50} \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{25} & \frac{3}{25} & \frac{-6}{25} & \frac{-9}{25} \\ \frac{4}{25} & \frac{1}{25} & \frac{-2}{25} & \frac{-3}{25} \\ \frac{-6}{25} & \frac{-3}{50} & \frac{3}{25} & \frac{9}{50} \\ \frac{-12}{25} & \frac{-3}{25} & \frac{6}{25} & \frac{9}{25} \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^k$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{27}{175} & \frac{-27}{175} & \frac{-36}{175} & \frac{36}{175} \\ \frac{-36}{175} & \frac{36}{175} & \frac{48}{175} & \frac{-48}{175} \\ \frac{-36}{175} & \frac{36}{175} & \frac{48}{175} & \frac{-48}{175} \\ \frac{48}{175} & \frac{-48}{175} & \frac{-64}{175} & \frac{64}{175} \end{bmatrix} \left(\frac{17}{24}\right)^k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} \\ \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} & \frac{2}{7} & \frac{3}{14} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2

Consider the following diagram which represents a birth-death process:



We wish to determine $P(t) = [P_{ij}(t)]$ $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. It is known that:

$$P(t) = e^{Qt} \text{ where } Q = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -10 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can find exact eigenvalues of Q by Professor Kouachi [4]:

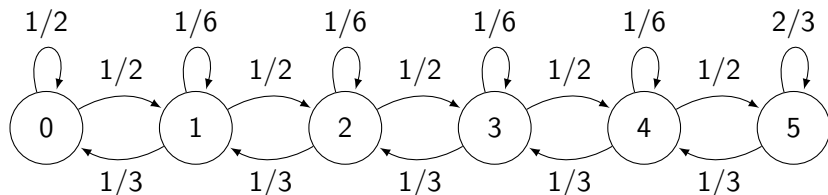
$$\lambda_0 = -13, \quad \lambda_1 = -2, \quad \lambda_2 = -7, \quad \lambda_3 = 0.$$

Using Luis Cervantes' MATLAB program, the solution is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t) = & \begin{bmatrix} \frac{36}{55} & \frac{9}{55} & \frac{-18}{55} & \frac{-27}{55} \\ \frac{12}{55} & \frac{3}{55} & \frac{-6}{55} & \frac{-9}{55} \\ \frac{55}{55} & \frac{55}{55} & \frac{55}{55} & \frac{55}{55} \\ \frac{-8}{55} & \frac{-2}{55} & \frac{4}{55} & \frac{6}{55} \\ \frac{-16}{55} & \frac{-4}{55} & \frac{-8}{55} & \frac{12}{55} \\ \frac{16}{55} & \frac{-16}{55} & \frac{-16}{55} & \frac{16}{55} \end{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & + & \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{35} & \frac{-3}{35} & \frac{-9}{35} & \frac{9}{35} \\ \frac{-4}{35} & \frac{4}{35} & \frac{12}{35} & \frac{-12}{35} \\ \frac{35}{35} & \frac{35}{35} & \frac{35}{35} & \frac{35}{35} \\ \frac{-4}{35} & \frac{4}{35} & \frac{12}{35} & \frac{-12}{35} \\ \frac{35}{35} & \frac{35}{35} & \frac{35}{35} & \frac{35}{35} \\ \frac{16}{105} & \frac{-16}{105} & \frac{-16}{35} & \frac{16}{35} \end{bmatrix} e^{-7t} \\
 & + & \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{143} & \frac{-30}{143} & \frac{27}{143} & \frac{-9}{143} \\ \frac{-40}{143} & \frac{100}{143} & \frac{-90}{143} & \frac{30}{143} \\ \frac{12}{143} & \frac{-30}{143} & \frac{27}{143} & \frac{-9}{143} \\ \frac{-16}{429} & \frac{40}{429} & \frac{-12}{143} & \frac{4}{143} \end{bmatrix} e^{-13t} & + & \begin{bmatrix} \frac{16}{91} & \frac{12}{91} & \frac{36}{91} & \frac{27}{91} \\ \frac{16}{91} & \frac{12}{91} & \frac{36}{91} & \frac{27}{91} \\ \frac{16}{91} & \frac{12}{91} & \frac{36}{91} & \frac{27}{91} \\ \frac{16}{91} & \frac{12}{91} & \frac{36}{91} & \frac{27}{91} \end{bmatrix} e^0
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3

Consider the following birth-death chain:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of this birth-death chain are given by Kouachi [4]:

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{1}{6} (1 - 3\sqrt{2}), \quad \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{6} (1 - \sqrt{6}),$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{6} (1 + 3\sqrt{2}), \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{1}{6} (1 + \sqrt{6}),$$

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{1}{6}, \quad \lambda_5 = 1$$

Using Dave's computer program, we have:

$$P^k = A_0 \lambda_0^k + A_1 \lambda_1^k + A_2 \lambda_2^k + A_3 \lambda_3^k + A_4 \lambda_4^k + A_5$$

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{5}{28} & -\frac{9\sqrt{2}}{56} + \frac{1}{7} & -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{56} + \frac{3}{14} & -\frac{9\sqrt{2}}{112} - \frac{3}{56} & -\frac{9}{112} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{56} & -\frac{45}{112} + \frac{27\sqrt{2}}{112} \\ -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{2}{21} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{19}{84} & -\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{28} - \frac{1}{28} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{11}{56} & -\frac{15}{56} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{112} & -\frac{3}{14} + \frac{27\sqrt{2}}{112} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{42} + \frac{2}{21} & -\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{42} - \frac{1}{42} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} + \frac{3}{14} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{7} - \frac{5}{28} & \frac{3}{28} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{56} & -\frac{3}{14} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{56} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{42} - \frac{1}{63} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{21} + \frac{11}{126} & -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{21} - \frac{5}{42} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{13}{84} & -\frac{1}{7} - \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{56} & \frac{1}{28} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{56} \\ -\frac{1}{63} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{63} & -\frac{5}{63} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{126} & \frac{1}{21} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} & -\frac{2}{21} - \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{84} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{3}{28} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} + \frac{1}{28} \\ -\frac{10}{189} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{63} & -\frac{8}{189} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{21} & -\frac{4}{63} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{63} & \frac{1}{63} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{42} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{21} + \frac{1}{42} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} + \frac{5}{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{15}{76} & -\frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} - \frac{3}{38} & -\frac{9}{76} + \frac{15\sqrt{6}}{152} & -\frac{27}{152} + \frac{45\sqrt{6}}{304} & -\frac{81}{304} - \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} & -\frac{27\sqrt{6}}{304} + \frac{135}{304} \\ -\frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} - \frac{1}{19} & \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{13}{76} & -\frac{9}{76} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} & -\frac{27}{152} - \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} & \frac{45}{152} + \frac{39\sqrt{6}}{304} & -\frac{27\sqrt{6}}{304} - \frac{9}{76} \\ -\frac{1}{19} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{114} & -\frac{3}{38} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} + \frac{5}{38} & -\frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{15}{76} & -\frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} - \frac{3}{38} & -\frac{9}{76} + \frac{15\sqrt{6}}{152} \\ -\frac{1}{19} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{114} & -\frac{3}{38} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} + \frac{5}{38} & -\frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{15}{76} & -\frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} - \frac{3}{38} & -\frac{9}{76} + \frac{15\sqrt{6}}{152} \\ -\frac{1}{19} - \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{171} & \frac{5}{57} + \frac{13\sqrt{6}}{342} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} - \frac{2}{57} & -\frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} - \frac{1}{19} & \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{13}{76} & -\frac{9}{76} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} \\ -\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{171} + \frac{10}{171} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} - \frac{4}{171} & -\frac{2}{57} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{171} & -\frac{1}{19} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{114} & -\frac{3}{38} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} + \frac{5}{38} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{5}{28} & \frac{1}{7} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{56} & \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{56} + \frac{3}{14} & -\frac{3}{56} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{112} & -\frac{9\sqrt{2}}{56} - \frac{9}{112} & -\frac{45}{112} - \frac{27\sqrt{2}}{112} \\ \frac{2}{21} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{19}{84} & -\frac{1}{28} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{28} & -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{11}{56} & -\frac{15}{56} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{112} & -\frac{27\sqrt{2}}{112} - \frac{3}{14} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{42} + \frac{2}{21} & -\frac{1}{42} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{42} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} + \frac{3}{14} & -\frac{5}{28} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{7} & -\frac{9\sqrt{2}}{56} + \frac{3}{28} & -\frac{3}{14} - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{56} \\ -\frac{1}{63} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{42} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{21} + \frac{11}{126} & -\frac{5}{42} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{21} & -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{13}{84} & -\frac{1}{7} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{56} & -\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{56} + \frac{1}{28} \\ -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{63} - \frac{1}{63} & -\frac{5}{63} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{126} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} + \frac{1}{21} & -\frac{2}{21} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{84} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{28} + \frac{3}{28} & \frac{1}{28} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} \\ -\frac{10}{189} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{63} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{21} - \frac{8}{189} & -\frac{4}{63} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{63} & -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{42} + \frac{1}{63} & \frac{1}{42} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{21} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{14} + \frac{5}{42} \end{bmatrix}$$

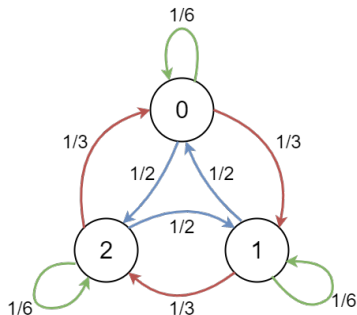
$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{15}{76} & -\frac{3}{38} + \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} & -\frac{15\sqrt{6}}{152} - \frac{9}{76} & -\frac{45\sqrt{6}}{304} - \frac{27}{152} & -\frac{81}{304} + \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} & \frac{27\sqrt{6}}{304} + \frac{135}{304} \\ -\frac{1}{19} + \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} & -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{13}{76} & -\frac{9}{76} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} & -\frac{27}{152} + \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} & -\frac{39\sqrt{6}}{304} + \frac{45}{152} & -\frac{9}{76} + \frac{27\sqrt{6}}{304} \\ -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{114} - \frac{1}{19} & -\frac{3}{38} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} + \frac{5}{38} & \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{15}{76} & -\frac{3}{38} + \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} & -\frac{15\sqrt{6}}{152} - \frac{9}{76} \\ -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{114} - \frac{1}{19} & -\frac{3}{38} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} + \frac{5}{38} & \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{15}{76} & -\frac{3}{38} + \frac{9\sqrt{6}}{152} & -\frac{15\sqrt{6}}{152} - \frac{9}{76} \\ -\frac{1}{19} + \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{171} & -\frac{13\sqrt{6}}{342} + \frac{5}{57} & -\frac{2}{57} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} & -\frac{1}{19} + \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{76} & -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{76} + \frac{13}{76} & -\frac{9}{76} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} \\ \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{171} + \frac{10}{171} & -\frac{4}{171} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{171} - \frac{2}{57} & -\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{114} - \frac{1}{19} & -\frac{3}{38} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{57} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{38} + \frac{5}{38} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} & \frac{3}{10} & \frac{9}{20} & -\frac{9}{20} \\ -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{2}{15} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \\ -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{2}{15} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} & -\frac{3}{10} & \frac{3}{10} \\ \frac{4}{45} & -\frac{4}{45} & -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{2}{15} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{4}{45} & -\frac{4}{45} & -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{2}{15} & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{5} \\ -\frac{8}{135} & \frac{8}{135} & \frac{4}{45} & -\frac{4}{45} & -\frac{2}{15} & \frac{2}{15} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{32}{665} & \frac{48}{665} & \frac{72}{665} & \frac{108}{665} & \frac{162}{665} & \frac{243}{665} \\ \frac{32}{665} & \frac{48}{665} & \frac{72}{665} & \frac{108}{665} & \frac{162}{665} & \frac{243}{665} \\ \frac{32}{665} & \frac{48}{665} & \frac{72}{665} & \frac{108}{665} & \frac{162}{665} & \frac{243}{665} \\ \frac{32}{665} & \frac{48}{665} & \frac{72}{665} & \frac{108}{665} & \frac{162}{665} & \frac{243}{665} \\ \frac{32}{665} & \frac{48}{665} & \frac{72}{665} & \frac{108}{665} & \frac{162}{665} & \frac{243}{665} \\ \frac{32}{665} & \frac{48}{665} & \frac{72}{665} & \frac{108}{665} & \frac{162}{665} & \frac{243}{665} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 4

Consider the following Circular Markov Chain:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

P is a 3×3 **circulant** matrix

Eigenvalues are given by Davis [8]:

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{12}, \quad \lambda_2 = -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{12}$$

$$\lambda_0 = 1$$

Using Dave's computer program, we have : $P^k = A_1\lambda_1^k + A_2\lambda_2^k + A_0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{6} \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \left(-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{12} \right)^k$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & -\frac{1}{6} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{6} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \left(-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{12} \right)^k + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Summary

- 1 If we have n distinct eigenvalues of a real $n \times n$ matrix M , then we have presented two approaches:
 - (a) Diagonalization
 - (b) Cayley-Hamilton/Linear Recurrence Relationto find the exact formula for M^k and $\exp(Mt)$. We have shown examples of different dimensions using computer programs.
- 2 For the Cayley-Hamilton/Linear Recurrence Relation Approach, using the inverse Vandermonde matrix can accelerate the computation.
- 3 We are able to find exact eigenvalues for the following classes of matrices with large n :
 - (a) Certain tridiagonal matrices studied by Kouachi [4]
 - (b) Circulant matrices [8]

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If you wish to hear more on this topic, you are invited to **AMS Special Session on Markov Chains, Markov Processes and Applications** on Friday January 12, 2018, 1:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.

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Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Thank you!