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Learning target: Recognise regular transition matrices and their defining behaviour.

A regular stochastic transition matrix has a positive integer power whose entries are all strictly positive. This condition supports convergence to a unique equilibrium distribution in a finite closed model. Merely having columns sum to one does not guarantee convergence. Calculate successive states and examine the matrix structure before making a long-run claim.

Try the mathematics

Task 1. Compare T=[[0.75,0.25],[0.25,0.75]] with U=[[0,1],[1,0]]. Are they regular? Explain, and calculate the first four states under U starting at [[80],[20]].

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