

Let $\mathbf{x}_n = (p_n \ q_n \ r_n)^T$ (initial condition $\mathbf{x}_0 = (1 \ 0 \ 0)^T$). The transition can be noted as:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{5} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{5} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}_n = A\mathbf{x}_{n-1} \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$$

Observe the first two identical row vector. When $n \geq 2$, with $p_1 = q_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ we conclude that $p_n = q_n = \frac{1}{2}p_{n-1} + \frac{2}{5}q_{n-1} = \frac{9}{10}p_{n-1}$. Let $\mathbf{y}_n = (p_n \ r_n)^T$ (with $\mathbf{y}_1 = (\frac{1}{2} \ 0)^T$). The equation is then shrunk into two dimension:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{9}{10} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{5} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_n = B\mathbf{y}_{n-1} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

The question only focuses on the calculation of $r_n = \frac{1}{5}p_{n-1} + r_{n-1}$. Note that $\{p_n\}$ ($n \geq 1$) decays geometrically with factor $\frac{9}{10}$.

Sum up two side of r_k equation, for $k \in [2, n]$:

$$r_n = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p_k + r_1 = \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{1 - \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^n}{1 - \frac{9}{10}} = 1 - \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{n-1} \quad (n \geq 2)$$

Considering $n < 2$, the final result:

$$r_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < 2 \\ 1 - \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{n-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$