

Hint: use the rotation $R(0, \theta, \varphi)$, the functional rotation for $R(\gamma, \beta, \alpha)$

$$Y_l^m(\vartheta, \psi) = \sum_{m'=-l}^l Y_l^{m'}(\vartheta, \psi) D_{m'm}^{(l)}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha), \quad (4)$$

where the element $D_{m'm}^{(l)}$ of a rotation matrix $D^{(l)}$ is

$$D_{m'm}^{(l)}(\gamma, \beta, \alpha) = e^{im'\gamma} d_{m'm}^{(l)}(\beta) e^{im\alpha}, \quad (5)$$

and the identity

$$Y_l^m(\vartheta, \psi) \equiv D_{0m}^{(l)}(0, \vartheta, \psi). \quad (6)$$

5. Consider a Markov chain process with two states A and B , and the probability of the transition $A \rightarrow B$ given by a and $B \rightarrow A$ by b :

$$A \xrightarrow{1-a} A \xrightarrow{a} B \xrightarrow{1-b} B \xrightarrow{b} A \quad (7)$$

where $0 \leq a, b \leq 1$.

a) Write the transition matrix M of the system, and find the stationary population vector $\hat{f} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $M\hat{f} = \hat{f}$. For all population vectors $f = (f_A, f_B)$, $f_A + f_B = 1$. Is there a periodic limit cycle such that the initial $f^{(0)}$ does not evolve towards \hat{f} ?

b) In an East European country, formerly with a 100% vote for Communists, election results in 1990 were 50% for Democrats, 50% for Communists. 1994 the count was 62.5% (D), 37.5% (C). What is the count likely to be in this century, assuming a Markovian voting population and a continued two-party political stage? In another country (apparently populated by rather disloyal and cynical people), the respective counts were 1990: 90% (D), 10% (C); 1994: 18% (D), 82% (C). What is the equilibrium count going to be?

c) Analyze the convergence of the chain $f^{(n+1)} = Mf^{(n)}$ towards \hat{f} from any initial $f^{(0)}$: by finding the eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 from $\det(M - \lambda\mathbb{I}) = 0$ (\mathbb{I} identity matrix) and writing the usual diagonal form $M = PDP^{-1}$, $D = \text{Diag}(\lambda_i)$ (do you need to construct the eigenvector matrix P here?), show that n successive multiplications of M can be given in the form

$$M^n = PD^nP^{-1} = F_1 + \lambda_2^n F_2, \quad (8)$$

and show that hence $F_1 f = \hat{f}$ must hold for all f . What happens to the F_2 -term with increasing n ? How is this related to the Markov chain Monte Carlo “burn-in” time? With which values of a, b does the system convergence to \hat{f} in one step from any $f^{(0)}$? Which values of a, b make the sign of the F_2 -term alternate between successive Markov steps?

That's it for this year. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!