

## Plan

- 1 Definiteness of quadratic forms
- 2 Non-negative matrices and Markov chains

Review: A  $n \times n$  matrix

– eigenvectors and eigenvalues

– diagonalization of  $A$

– how to compute

\*  $A^m$  when  $m$  is big

\* Markov chains

}  $A$  diagonalizable if

- i) there are  $n$  eigenvalues
- ii) there are  $n$  lin. indep. eigenvectors

In that case:  $P^{-1}AP = D$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{pmatrix}, P = (\underline{v}_1 \dots \underline{v}_n)$$

## ① Definiteness of quadratic forms

Functions in  $n$  variables:

$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) =$  some fractional expression

$$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} : f(\underline{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Ex:  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \underbrace{1}_{\text{deg 0}} + \underbrace{x_1 + x_4}_{\text{deg 1}} + \underbrace{x_2 x_3 - x_1 x_4}_{\text{deg 2}} + \underbrace{x_4^3}_{\text{deg 3}}$

poly. deg 3

Def: A quadratic form in  $n$  variables is a polynomial function  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  where each term has degree two.

Ex:  $n=1$   $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  / quadratic fn.

$f(x) = ax^2$  quadratic form

Ex  
n=2

$$f(x,y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2$$

$x^2, y^2$ : Squares  
 $xy$ : mixed terms

Ex:  $f(x,y) = x^2 + 4xy - y^2$

$$f'_x = 2x + 4y = 0$$

$$f'_y = 4x - 2y = 0$$

Notice: For all quadratic forms, we have:

i)  $(x,y) = (0,0)$  is a stationary pt ✓

ii)  $f(0,0) = 0$  ✓

What kind of stat. pt is this? max? min? Saddle pt?

Matrix form:

Ex:  $(x \ y) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \underline{x^T \cdot A \cdot x}$ ,  $\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x+2y & 2x-y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = (x+2y) \cdot x + (2x-y) \cdot y = x^2 + 2yx + 2xy - y^2 = x^2 + 4xy - y^2$$

(1,1) →  $x^2$  terms  
(1,2), (2,1) →  $xy$  terms  
(2,2) →  $y^2$  terms

Fact:

Any quadratic form  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  can be written as

$$f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \cdot A \cdot \underline{x}, \quad \underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

for a unique symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

Ex:

$$f(x,y,z) = x^2 + 6xy - 2yz + y^2 - 3z^2$$

$\underline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$ :  $f(\underline{x}) = (x \ y \ z) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

$yz$ : pos (2,3) (3,2)

symmetric matrix of  $f$

Defn: Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a quadratic form

We say that:

i)  $f$  positive defn.

if  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) > 0$   
for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq (0, 0, \dots, 0)$



$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  unique  
global min  
for  $f$

ii)  $f$  negative defn.

if  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) < 0$   
for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \neq (0, 0, \dots, 0)$



$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$  unique  
global max for  $f$

iii)  $f$  positive semidefn.

if  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$  for  
all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$



$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$   
global min for  $f$

iv)  $f$  negative semidefn.

if  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq 0$   
for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$



$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$   
global max for  $f$

v)  $f$  indefinite if

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  can take  
both positive and  
negative values

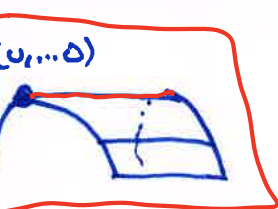
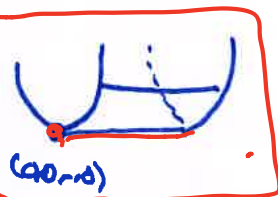


$(0, 0, \dots, 0)$   
saddle pt. for  $f$

$\Uparrow$   
neither positive nor  
negative semidefn.



defn =  
definite



Methods for determining the definiteness (classify)

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  quadratic form  $\iff$   $A$   $n \times n$  symmetric matrix  $f(x) = x^T A x$

(A) Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$  be the eigenvalues of  $A$ .

Result:

$A$  or  $f$  is:

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n > 0$



positive defn.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \geq 0$



positive semidefn.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n < 0$



negative defn.

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \leq 0$



negative semidefn.

all other cases



indefinite

(Here are pos.

and neg. eigenvalues)

Ex:  $f = x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2$

$\rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_1 = 1$   
 $\lambda_2 = 1$   
 $\lambda_3 = 3$   
pos. defn.

$f(x,y,z) > 0$  when  
 $(x,y,z) \neq (0,0,0)$

$f(x,y,z) = x^2 - y^2 + 3z^2$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

indefn.  
 $\lambda_1, \lambda_3 > 0$   
 $\lambda_2 < 0$

$f(1,0,0) = 1 > 0$

$f(0,1,0) = -1 < 0$

$\lambda^2 - 4 = 0$

$\lambda = \pm 2$

$f(x,y) = 4xy$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\lambda_1 = 2$   
 $\lambda_2 = -2$

indefn.

$= 4 \cdot \left(\frac{u+v}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \left(\frac{u-v}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$= 2(u^2 - v^2) = \frac{2u^2 - 2v^2}{\uparrow \quad \uparrow}$

$\lambda_1 = 2 \quad \lambda_2 = -2$

Since  $A$  is always symmetric, we can diagonalize; that is

$f(x,y) = \lambda_1 u^2 + \lambda_2 v^2 + \dots + \lambda_n u_n^2$   
where  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  are new variables

$\left. \begin{matrix} x = \frac{u+v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ y = \frac{u-v}{\sqrt{2}} \end{matrix} \right\}$



B Principal minors: Minors where we pick the same rows as columns.

A  
n x n  
symm.  
matrix

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

9 2-minors  
(9 = 3 \* 3)

2-minors:  $\begin{cases} M_{12,12} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -8 \\ M_{23,23} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \\ M_{13,13} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \end{cases}$

principal 2-minors of A

leading principal 2-minor of A

Defn: A principal r-minor of A is an r-minor of the form  $M_{I,I}$  with  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ .  
We write  $\Delta_r$  for principal r-minors.

A leading principal minor of A is  $D_r = M_{\{1,2,\dots,r\}, \{1,2,\dots,r\}} = M_{I,I}$  with  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$

Result: A n x n symmetric matrix  $\leftrightarrow$  f(x<sub>1</sub>, ..., x<sub>n</sub>) quadr. form

$D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n > 0 \iff$  A pos. defn.  
 $D_1 < 0, D_2 > 0, D_3 < 0, \dots \iff$  A neg. defn.

$(-1)^i \cdot D_i > 0$   
for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Ex:  $f(x,y,z) = x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 - xy$  ✓ positive defn  
 $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & 0 \\ -1/2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $D_1 = 1 > 0$  ✓  
 $D_2 = 3 - (-1/2)^2 = 11/4 > 0$  ✓  
 $D_3 = +1 \cdot D_2 = 11/4 > 0$  ✓  
since  $D_1, D_2, D_3 > 0$

Ex:  $f = -x^2 - y^2 - 3z^2$

$A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$   $\lambda_1 = -1$   
 $\lambda_2 = -1$   
 $\lambda_3 = -3$   
 negative defn.

neg. defn.

$\lambda_1 = D_1 = -1$

$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 = D_2 = +1 = (-1) \cdot (-1)$

$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = D_3 = -3 = (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-3)$

Result: A non symmetric matrix  $\leftrightarrow$   $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  qu. form

$\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_n \geq 0$  for all principal minors

$\iff$  positive <sup>semi-</sup>defn.

$\Delta_1 \leq 0, \Delta_2 \geq 0, \dots$

for all principal minors  $\iff$

negative <sup>semi-</sup>defn

$(-1)^i \Delta_i \geq 0$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$

Ex:  $f = 2x^2 + 8y^2 - 8xy + z^2$

positive semidefn ✓

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 0 \\ -4 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$D_1 = 2 \checkmark$   
 $D_2 = 0 \checkmark$   
 $D_3 = 0 \checkmark$   
 $\Delta_1 = 2 \cdot 8 \cdot 1 \geq 0$   
 $\Delta_2 = 0, 8, 2 \geq 0$   
 $\Delta_3 = 0 \geq 0$

$D_i \geq 0$   
for all  $i$

$\Delta_1: M_{11} = 2 \quad M_{22} = 8 \quad M_{33} = 1$   
 $\Delta_2: M_{12,12} = 0 \quad M_{23,23} = 8 \quad M_{13,13} = 2$   
 $\Delta_3: M_{12,12,12,12} = |A| = 0$

C Reduced rank criterion

A  
n x n  
symm.

$$|A| = 0 = D_n$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\text{rk } A < n$$

A n x n symm.  
matrix

$$r = \text{rk}(A) < n$$

RRC:

$$D_1, D_2, \dots, D_r > 0 \Rightarrow A \text{ pos. semi-defn.}$$

$$D_1 < 0, D_2 > 0, \dots,$$

$$(-1)^r \cdot D_r > 0 \Rightarrow A \text{ neg. semi-defn.}$$

Remember:  $\text{rk } A = r < n$  means that  
 $D_{r+1}, D_{r+2}, \dots, D_n = 0$

Ex:  $f(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xz$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\text{rk } A = 2 < 3$

$\text{rk } A = 2: r = 2$

$D_1 = 1 > 0$   
 $D_2 = 1 > 0$  }  $\Rightarrow$  pos. semi-defn.

$$D_1 = 1$$

$$D_2 = 1$$

$$D_3 = +1 \cdot (-1) = 0$$

$$\Delta_1 = 1, 1, 1$$

$$\Delta_2 = 1, 1 > 0$$

$$\Delta_3 = 0$$

( $D_3 = 0$   
since  $\text{rk } A = 2$ )

$A \geq 0$   
 $\Downarrow$   
pos. semi-defn.

Plans

- ① Definiteness of quadratic forms: More examples
- ② Non-negative matrices and Markov chains.

① Examples: Definiteness

a)  $f = x^2 + 4xy + 8x^2 + 3y^2 - 2yz + 2z^2$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 4 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$D_1 = 1 > 0$   
 $D_2 = 3 - 4 = -1 < 0$

A indefinite

A pos. semidef.  $\Delta_i \geq 0$

A neg. ———  $\begin{cases} \Delta_1 \leq 0, \\ \Delta_2 \geq 0, \\ \Delta_3 \leq 0 \end{cases}$

$\Delta_2, \Delta_4, \dots < 0$   
 $\Downarrow$   
indefinite

b)  $f = 2x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 + w^2 + 2xz - 2yw$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$D_1 = 2 > 0$   
 $D_2 = 2 > 0$   
 $D_3 = 1 \cdot (4 - 1) = 3 > 0$   
 $D_4 = |A| = 0$

RRC:  
 1)  $rk A = 3 < n = 4$   
 2)  $D_1, D_2, D_3 > 0$   
 $\Downarrow$  RRC  
A pos. semidefinite

c)  $f = 2xw - 2yz$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$D_1 = 0 \geq 0$   
 $D_2 = 0 \geq 0$   
 $D_3 = 0 \geq 0$   
 $D_4 = -1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 1) = 1 \geq 0$

$\Delta_1 = 0, 0, 0, 0 \geq 0$   
 $\Delta_2 = 0, | \begin{smallmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{smallmatrix} | = 0 - 1 = -1 < 0$   
 $\Delta_2$

$\Downarrow$   
A indefinite



## ② Non-negative matrices and Markov chains

Defn:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix}$   
 $n \times n$   
 matrix

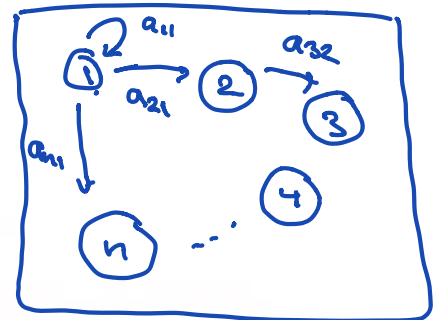
$A$  is positive if  $a_{ij} > 0$  for all  $i, j$ , and write  $A > 0$

$A$  is non-negative if  $a_{ij} \geq 0$  for all  $i, j$ , and write  $A \geq 0$

### Markov chains:

State vector:

$$\underline{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} v_1, \dots, v_n \geq 0 \\ v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_n = 1 \end{array}$$



Transition matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} a_{ij} \geq 0 \text{ for all } i, j \\ a_{i1} + a_{i2} + \dots + a_{in} = 1 \text{ for all } i \\ \text{(each column has sum} = 1) \end{array}$$

Dynamic equation:

$$\underline{v}_{t+1} = A \cdot \underline{v}_t$$

Defn:

The Markov chain is regular if you can get from any node to any other node in a finite no. of steps.

If  $A > 0$  (all  $a_{ij} > 0$ ) then it is regular.

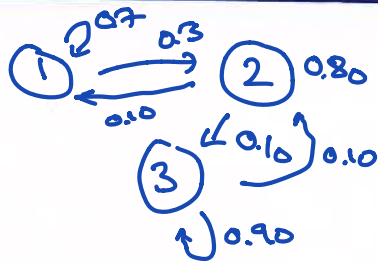
Thm:

Let us consider a regular Markov chain.

- Then:
- ①  $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  with multiplicity 1; all other eigenvalues have  $|\lambda| < 1$ .
  - ② there is a unique eigenvector  $\underline{v}$  of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 1$  that is a state vector.
  - ③ For any starting state  $\underline{v}_0$ , we have
 
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A^t \cdot \underline{v}_0 = \underline{v}$$
 This  $\underline{v}$  is called the equilibrium state.

$\lambda = 1$  dominant eigenvalue

Example:



regular

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.8 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.1 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^2 > 0 \quad (\text{no zeros})$$

Background:

Positive matrices :  $A > 0$

Theorem: (Perron)

If  $A > 0$ , then there is a dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_A > 0$  of multiplicity 1 such that

- i) any other eigenvalue  $\lambda$  satisfies  $|\lambda| < \lambda_A$
- ii) there is a unique vector  $\underline{v}_A$  that is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_A$ , such that  $\underline{v}_A > 0$  and with  $\sum v_i = 1$ .
- iii)  $\text{lowest col. sum} \leq \lambda_A \leq \text{highest col. sum}$

Markov chain with  $A > 0$ :

special case with  $\lambda_A = 1$

Thm (Frobenius)

$A \geq 0$  non-negative matrix  
 If  $A$  is irreducible, then  $A$  has a dominant eigenvalue  $\lambda_A > 0$  such that

- i)  $|\lambda| \leq \lambda_A$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $A$
- ii) there is a unique state vector  $\underline{v}_A$  that is an eigenvector of  $A$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda_A$
- iii)  $\text{lowest col. sum} \leq \lambda_A \leq \text{highest col. sum}$

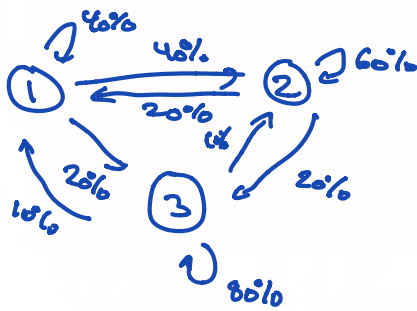
A irreducible means that there is a sequence

$$i \rightarrow i_1 \rightarrow i_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow i_k \rightarrow j$$

$$\text{with } \begin{cases} a_{ii} \neq 0 \\ a_{i_1 i_2} \neq 0 \\ \vdots \\ a_{i_k j} \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

for any  $(i, j)$

Example: Markov chain



$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 & 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix}$$

regular Markov chain

$$\underline{v}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} : \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} A^m \underline{u}_0$$

Using theory:

$\lambda = 1$ : dominant eigenvalue

$$\underline{E}_1: \begin{pmatrix} -0.6 & 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & -0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.2 & -0.2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \cdot 10 \\ \cdot 10 \\ \cdot 10 \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 4 & -4 \\ -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \cdot 2 \\ \cdot 2 \\ \cdot 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 0 & -8 \\ 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \cdot 1 \\ \cdot 1 \\ \cdot 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3z/8 \\ 5z/8 \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{z}{8} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Base: } \underline{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2x + 2y - 2z = 0 \Rightarrow x = -y + z$$

$$-8y + 5z = 0 \Rightarrow 8y = 5z \\ y = \frac{5z}{8}$$

$z$  free

$$\rightarrow x = -\frac{5z}{8} + z = \frac{3z}{8}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{3z}{8} + \frac{5z}{8} + z = 1} \quad | \cdot 8$$

$$3z + 5z + 8z = 8$$

$$16z = 8$$

$$z = 8/16 = 1/2$$

Eq. state:

$$\underline{v} = \left( \frac{3}{16}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\underline{E}_1: \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} t$$

$$3 + 5 + 8 = 16 \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{v} = \left( \frac{3}{16}, \frac{5}{16}, \frac{8}{16} \right)$$

Remark: Regular Markov chains

The precise definition is as follows:

A Markov chain matrix  $A$  is called regular if there is an integer  $s$  such that you can get from any node to any other node in exactly  $s$  steps.

This means:

A regular  $\iff A^s$  is a positive matrix for some integer  $s \geq 1$  (i.e. all entries in  $A^s$  are positive)

$A > 0$  positive matrix  $\implies$  regular Markov chain  
(all  $a_{ij} > 0$ )

Ex:  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$



is not regular

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I$$

$$A^3 = A^2 \cdot A = I \cdot A = A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = A^2 \cdot A^2 = I \cdot I = I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

⋮

you can get from any node to any other node, but there is no integer  $s$  so that you can get from any node to any other node in exactly  $s$  steps  
( $1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 1$ ; odd no. steps  $1 \rightarrow 1, 2 \rightarrow 2$ ; even no. steps)