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function v = stat(P)
%
% This is a MATLAB function that calculates the stationary probability vector
or v
% of a Markov chain transition matrix P, i.e., we solve  $v = vP$  .
% We assume the existence of a unique stationary vector.
% For a finite-state Markov chain, the condition is that the chain be irreducible.
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% We input the matrix P when we call the function.
% First find the number n of rows in the transition matrix P.
s = size(P);
n = s(1);
%
% There is one redundant equation in the n equations  $v = vP$ .
% We fill gap by using the fact that  $v(1) + \dots + v(n) = 1$ .
% First, we can rewrite  $v = vP$  by  $v(P-I) = z$ , where I is an identity matrix
and z is a vector of zeros.
% We then add a column of 1's to make a new equation
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I = eye(n); %the identity matrix
z = zeros(1,n); %a row of zeros
w = ones(n,1); %a column of 1's
A = [P-I w];
%
% The desired system of equations is  $vA = [z \ 1]$ , where A is n by (n+1)
% We solve it by writing  $v = [z \ 1]/A$ 
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%
% Using transposes, we could also write  $v' = A' \backslash [z \ 1]'$ 
% We could also use the matrix inverse applied to square matrices.
% That approach is in the other program stationary.m
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