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The females from 0 up to 5 are counted in F_0 ;
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Example. In our population example, suppose we want to model people getting older, transitioning from one state (age group) to the next. We would set up a transition matrix such as:

	FROM state:	
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Using a transition matrix, we can determine the population in 5 years:

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$$\vec{F}(t + \Delta) = M \cdot \vec{F}(t)$$

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Example. An animal population example (p. 47)

The population in three age groups, $F_0 = 80$, $F_1 = 40$, and $F_2 = 20$.

Suppose that as Δ time passes, everyone in state 2 dies, and one quarter of everyone else dies. Also suppose that the age-specific maternity rates are $m_0 = 0$, $m_1 = 1$, and $m_2 = 2$. Determine the Leslie matrix and the population distributions at times Δ and 2Δ .

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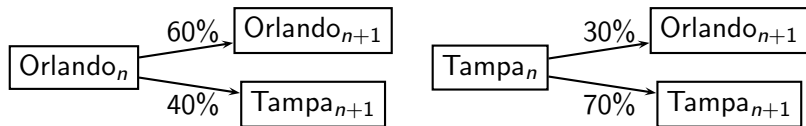
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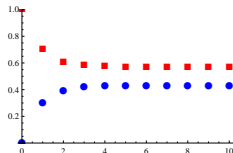
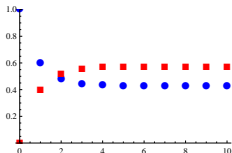
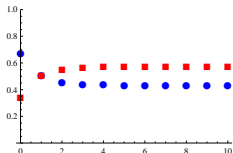
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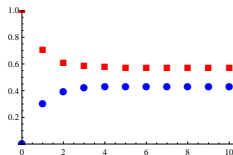
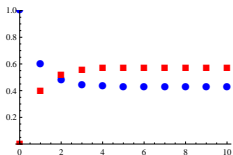
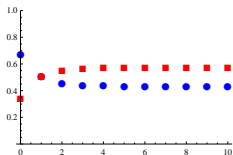


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