



The following example will be helpful in Markov Chain sections 9.1 and 9.2.

$$\text{If: } A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \text{ find } A^2, A^3, A^4 \text{ and } A^5$$

$$A^2 = A.A = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = A^2.A = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = A^2.A^2 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ -6 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$A^5 = A^2.A^3 = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$