

Asymptotic Expansion with Double Layers of Markov Chain Forward Equations

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Let X_t be an (possibly) inhomogeneous Markov Chain on finite state space $\{1,2,\dots,m\}$ with transition rate

$$Q(t) = (q_{(i,j)}(t))_{1 \leq i,j \leq m}.$$

We have

$$\sum_j q_{(i,j)}(t) = 0, \quad q_{(i,j)} \geq 0 \text{ if } i \neq j.$$

Let $p_{i,j}(t) = p(X_t = j | X_0 = i)$.

Then the backward equation is the following

$$\begin{aligned} \partial p / \partial t &= Q(t)p(t) \\ p_{(i,j)}(0) &= \delta_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

And the forward equation is

$$\begin{aligned}\partial p / \partial t &= p(t) Q(t) \\ p_{(i,j)}(0) &= \delta_{i,j}\end{aligned}$$

Now let the transition rate matrix be

$$Q^\epsilon(t) = 1/\epsilon \cdot Q_1(t) + Q_0(t)$$

and consider the following perturbed forward equation

$$\begin{aligned}\partial p^\epsilon / \partial t &= p^\epsilon(t) Q^\epsilon(t) \\ p^\epsilon(0) &= p_0\end{aligned}$$

- If Q_1 is irreducible, then let $Q_0 = 0$.
- If Q_1 has many irreducible classes, Q_0 is taken to be a non-trivial chain.

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- $h^{(0)}, h^{(1)}(t), \dots, h^{(n)}(t)$ (boundary layer) such that
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$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} |p^\epsilon - (\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon^i f^{(i)}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon^i h^{(i)}(t/\epsilon) + \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon^i g^{(i)}(t/\epsilon^2))| = O(\epsilon^{n+1})$$

Moreover, we want to have that

- $h^{(i)}(\tau) \leq K \exp(-\tau\gamma)$ and $g^{(i)}(\tau) \leq K \exp(-\tau\gamma)$ for some positive constants τ and γ for each $h^{(i)}$ and $g^{(i)}$.
- The most significant term $Q_2(t)$ is assumed to have several weakly irreducible classes.

We first consider the toy example where $Q^\epsilon(t) = 1/\epsilon \cdot Q$ and $m = 2$.



$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -r & r \\ u & -u \end{pmatrix}$$

In this simple case, we can solve $p^\epsilon(t)$ explicitly as follows.



$$\begin{aligned} p^\epsilon(t) &= p_0 \cdot \exp(tQ/\epsilon) = v + p_0 \cdot \exp(tQ/\epsilon) - v \\ &= v + (p_0 - v) \cdot \exp(tQ/\epsilon) + v \cdot \exp(tQ/\epsilon) - v \\ &= v + (p_0 - v) \cdot (\exp(tQ/\epsilon) - V) + (p_0 - v) \cdot V \\ &= v + (p_0 - v) \cdot (\exp(tQ/\epsilon) - V) \end{aligned}$$

Here, v is the invariant distribution of Q and

$$V = \mathbf{1}_{m \times 1} \cdot v.$$

- Hence, $f^{(0)} = v$, $h^{(0)} = (p_0 - v) \cdot (\exp(tQ/\epsilon) - V)$ and $f^{(i)}(t) = h^{(i)} = \mathbf{0}$, $i \geq 1$.

The second example is also easy. Let $Q^\epsilon = 1/\epsilon \cdot Q_1 + Q_0$ where

$$Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -r_1(t) & r_1(t) & 0 & 0 \\ u_1(t) & -u_1(t) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -r_1(t) & r_1(t) \\ 0 & 0 & u_1(t) & -u_1(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$Q_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -r_2(t) & 0 & r_2(t) & 0 \\ 0 & -r_2(t) & 0 & r_2(t) \\ u_2(t) & 0 & u_2(t) & 0 \\ 0 & u_2(t) & 0 & u_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

It is analytically solvable and we only display $f^{(0)}$.

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We have that

$$f^{(0)}(t) = (v_1(t)\theta^{(1)}, v_1(t)\theta^{(2)})$$

where $v_1(t) = (u_1(t)/(r_1 + u_1), u_1(t)/(r_1 + u_1))$.

The functions $\theta^{(1)}(t), \theta^{(2)}(t)$ are two scalars and represent the weights of the two recurrent classes respectively. They satisfy the following equation

$$d(\theta^1, \theta^2)/dt = (\theta^1, \theta^2) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -r_2 & r_2 \\ u_2 & -u_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with the initial condition

$$(\theta^1(0), \theta^2(0)) = (P_1^0 + P_2^0, P_3^0 + P_4^0).$$

One non-trivial example is that

$Q^\epsilon = 1/\epsilon^2 \cdot Q_2 + 1/\epsilon^1 \cdot Q_1 + Q_0$ where

$$Q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$Q_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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This model is also solvable analytically and we have



$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1(t) &= 1/2(p_1^0 + p_2^0 - 1/2)\exp(-t(2 + 2\epsilon/\epsilon)) \\
 &+ 1/2(p_1^0 + p_3^0 - 1/2)\exp(-t(2 + 2\epsilon^2/\epsilon^2)) \\
 &+ 1/2(p_1^0 + p_4^0 - 1/2)\exp(-t(2 + 2\epsilon/\epsilon^2)) + 1/4
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 p_2(t) &= 1/2(p_1^0 + p_2^0 - 1/2)\exp(-t(2 + 2\epsilon/\epsilon)) \\
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$$\begin{aligned}
 p_3(t) &= -1/2(p_1^0 + p_2^0 - 1/2)\exp(-t(2 + 2\epsilon/\epsilon)) \\
 &+ 1/2(p_1^0 + p_3^0 - 1/2)\exp(-t(2 + 2\epsilon^2/\epsilon^2)) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

One can easily find the corresponding $f^{(i)}$, $h^{(i)}$ and $g^{(i)}$ from $p_i(t)$.

We want to solve the following equation :

$$\begin{aligned} dP^\epsilon/dt &= P^\epsilon \cdot (1/\epsilon^2 \cdot Q_2(t) + 1/\epsilon Q_1(t) + Q_0(t)) \\ P^\epsilon(0) &= p^0 \end{aligned}$$

And we want to find functions $f^{(i)}$, $h^{(i)}$ and $g^{(i)}$ such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |P^\epsilon(t) - f^{n,\epsilon}(t) - h^{n,\epsilon}(t/\epsilon) - g^{n,\epsilon}(t/\epsilon^2)| = O(\epsilon^{n+1})$$

where

- $f^{n,\epsilon} = \sum_{i=0}^n \epsilon^i f^{(i)}(t)$,
- $h^{n,\epsilon} = \sum_{i=0}^n \epsilon^i h^{(i)}(t/\epsilon)$ and
- $g^{n,\epsilon} = \sum_{i=0}^n \epsilon^i g^{(i)}(t/\epsilon^2)$.
- Moreover, $h^{(i)}$ and $g^{(i)}$ have exponential decay for each i .

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Let $L^\epsilon p = \epsilon^2 \partial p / \partial t - p \cdot (Q_2(t) + \epsilon Q_1(t) + \epsilon^2 Q_0(t))$ and first consider the regular part.

- $L^\epsilon(\sum \epsilon^i f^{(i)}(t)) = 0$

- For the ϵ^0 and ϵ^1 terms, we have $f^{(0)} \cdot Q_2 = 0$ and $f^{(1)} \cdot Q_2(t) + f^{(0)} \cdot Q_1(t) = 0$.

- For ϵ^2 and in general ϵ^n terms, we have $f^{(2)}(t) \cdot Q_2(t) = \partial f^{(0)} / \partial t - f^{(1)} \cdot Q_1 - f^{(0)} \cdot Q_0$ and $f^{(n)}(t) \cdot Q_2(t) = \partial f^{(n-2)} / \partial t - f^{(n-1)}(t) \cdot Q_1(t) - f^{(n-2)} Q_0(t)$.

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$$\epsilon \cdot d/d\tau_1 (\sum \epsilon^i h^{(i)}(\tau_1)) = (\sum \epsilon^i h^{(i)}(\tau_1))(Q_2(t) + \epsilon Q_1(t) + \epsilon^2 Q_0(t))$$

where $\tau_1 = t/\epsilon$.

We next expand

$$Q_2(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n d^k Q_2(0) / d^k t (\epsilon \tau_1)^k / k! + R^{n+1}(\epsilon \tau_1), Q_1(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n d^k Q_1(0) / d^k t (\epsilon \tau_1)^k / k! + R^{n+1}(\epsilon \tau_1)$$

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Here R^{n+1} are the remainder terms. Now for ϵ^0 and ϵ^1 terms,

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For terms of ϵ^2 and higher, we have

$(\epsilon^2 \text{ terms})$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial h^{(1)}/\partial \tau_1 &= h^{(0)}(Q_2^2(0)\tau_1^2/2 + Q_1^1(0)\tau_1 + Q_0) \\ &+ h^{(1)}(Q_2^1(0)\tau_1 + Q_1(0)) \\ &+ h^{(2)}(Q_2(0)) \end{aligned}$$

 $(\text{for } \epsilon^n \text{ terms})$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial h^{(n-1)}/\partial \tau_1 &= h^{(0)}(Q_2^n(0)/n!\tau_1^n + Q_1^{n-1}(0)/(n-1)!\tau_1^{n-1} \\ &+ Q_0^{n-2}(0)/(n-2)!\tau_1^{n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ h^{(1)}(Q_2^{n-1}(0)/(n-1)!\tau_1^{n-1} \\ &+ Q_1^{n-2}(0)/(n-2)!\tau_1^{n-2} \\ &+ Q_0^{n-3}(0)/(n-3)!\tau_1^{n-3}) \end{aligned}$$

+...

$$+ h^{(n)} \cdot Q_2(0).$$

For the second layer, we have

$$d/d\tau_2(\sum \epsilon^i g^{(i)}(\tau_2)) = (\sum \epsilon^i g^{(i)}(\tau_2))(Q_2(t) + \epsilon Q_1(t) + Q_0(t))$$

where $\tau_2 = t/\epsilon^2$. We also expand

$Q_2(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n d^k Q_2(t)/dt^k(0)(\epsilon^2 \tau_2)^k/k! + R^{n+1}(\epsilon^2 \tau_2)$, $Q_1(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n d^k Q_1(t)/dt^k(0)(\epsilon^2 \tau_2)^k/k! + R^{n+1}(\epsilon^2 \tau_2)$ and $Q_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^n d^k Q_0(t)/dt^k(0)(\epsilon^2 \tau_2)^k/k! + R^{n+1}(\epsilon^2 \tau_2)$. Here R^{n+1} are the remainder terms.

- For ϵ^0 terms, we have

$$dg^{(0)}(\tau_2)/d\tau_2 = g^{(0)}(\tau_2) \cdot Q_2(0).$$

- For ϵ^1 terms, we have

$$dg^{(1)}(\tau_2)/d\tau_2 = g^{(0)}(\tau_2)Q_1(0) + g^1(\tau_2) \cdot Q_2(0).$$

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For $n = 2k$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} dg^{(2k)}/d\tau_2 &= g^{(2k)}(\tau_2) \cdot Q_2(0) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^k g^{(2k-2j)}(\tau_2) \cdot (\tau_2^j/j! d^j Q_2(0)/dt^j \\ &+ \tau_2^{j-1}/(j-1)! d^{j-1} Q_0(0)/dt^{j-1}) \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} g^{(2k-(2j+1))}(\tau_2) \cdot \tau_2^j/j! d^j Q_1(0)/dt^j. \end{aligned}$$

For $n = 2k + 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} dg^{(2k+1)}/d\tau_2 &= g^{(2k+1)}(\tau_2) \cdot Q_2(0) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^k g^{(2k+1-2j)}(\tau_2) \cdot (\tau_2^j/j! d^j Q_2(0)/dt^j \\ &+ \tau_2^{j-1}/(j-1)! d^{j-1} Q_0(0)/dt^{j-1}) \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} g^{(2k-2j)}(\tau_2) \cdot \tau_2^j/j! d^j Q_1(0)/dt^j. \end{aligned}$$

And finally,

$$dg^{(n)}/d\tau_2 = g^{(n)} \cdot Q_2(0) + r^{(n)}$$

To solve the above equations, we need initial conditions.
From the expansion,

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |P^\epsilon(t) - f^{n,\epsilon}(t) - h^{n,\epsilon}(t/\epsilon) - g^{n,\epsilon}(t/\epsilon^2)| = O(\epsilon^{n+1})$$

we have at $t = 0$,

$$p^\epsilon(0) = p_0 = \sum_i \epsilon^i f^{(i)}(0) + \sum_i \epsilon^i h^{(i)}(0) + \sum_i \epsilon^i g^{(i)}(0).$$

- Thus, $f^{(0)}(0) + h^{(0)}(0) + g^{(0)}(0) = p_0$ and
- $f^{(i)}(0) + h^{(i)}(0) + g^{(i)}(0) = 0, i \geq 1.$

Multiplying the expansion by $1_{m \times 1}$, we have

- $f^{(0)}(t) \cdot 1_{m \times 1} = 1$ and
- $f^{(i)}(t) \cdot 1_{m \times 1} = 0$ for $i \geq 1.$

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Suppose $Q_2(t)$ has l recurrent classes and let

$$Q_2(t) = \begin{pmatrix} Q_2^1(t) & & & \\ & Q_2^2(t) & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & Q_2^l(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

We write $Q_2(t) = \text{diag}(Q_2^1(t), Q_2^2(t), \dots, Q_2^l(t))$ where $Q_2^k(t)$ is an irreducible Markov Chain with m_k states. ($\sum_{k=1}^l m_k = m$).

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Let $\tilde{\mathbf{1}} = \text{diag}(1_{m_1}, 1_{m_2}, \dots, 1_{m_l})_{m \times l}$ where 1_k is a column vector of dimension $k \times 1$ with all elements 1. Let

$V(t) = \text{diag}(v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_l(t))$ where $v_k(t)$ is the row invariant distribution vector of $Q_2^k(t)$:

$$V(t) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1(t) & & & & \\ & v_2(t) & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & v_l(t) \end{pmatrix}_{l \times m}$$

Let $\bar{Q}_1(t) = V(t) \cdot Q_1(t) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}}$. We shall prove the matched expansion under the assumption that $\bar{Q}_1(t)$ is an irreducible Markov Chain with l states. Each state k is now an aggregation of m_k states in the original state space.

To obtain the regular terms $f^{(i)}$, consider first the terms involving ϵ^0 .

- $f^{(0)}(t) \cdot Q_2(t) = 0$.
- If $Q_2(t)$ is irreducible, $f^{(0)}(t)$ is the quasi-invariant distribution of $Q_2(t)$ and it depends on $Q_2(t)$ only. The ϵ^1 approximation will depend on $Q_0(t)$ and $Q_1(t)$. Higher order approximation will depend on all the Q 's.
- Decompose $f^{(0)}(t) = (f^{(0),1}, f^{(0),2}, \dots, f^{(0),l})$ where $f^{(0),k}(t) = \vartheta^{(0),k}(t)v^k(t)$ and $\vartheta^{(0),k}(t)$ is a scalar multiplier, $v^k(t)$ is the invariant distribution of $Q_2^k(t)$.
- We have $f^{(0)}(t) \cdot \tilde{1} = \vartheta^0(t)$ and $f^{(0)}(t) = \vartheta^0(t) \cdot V(t)$. (Hence solving $f^{(0)}(t)$ is equivalent to solving $\vartheta^0(t)$).

To solve $\vartheta^0(t)$, we need to consider the next term $f^{(1)}(t)$.

We have $f^{(1)}(t) \cdot Q_2(t) = -f^{(0)}(t) \cdot Q_1(t)$ for the ϵ^1 term.

- Multiply the equation by $\tilde{1}$ and we obtain
- $\vartheta^{(0)}(t) \cdot \bar{Q}_1(t) = 0$. Moreover, $\vartheta^{(0)}(t) \cdot 1_{IX1} = 1$.
- $\vartheta^{(0)}(t)$ is solved uniquely and thus is $f^{(0)}(t)$.
- To obtain $f^{(1)}(t)$, consider the next term in ϵ^2 and get

$$f^{(2)}(t) \cdot Q_2(t) = df^{(0)}(t)/dt - f^{(0)}(t) \cdot Q_0(t) - f^{(1)}(t) \cdot Q_1(t)$$

- Multiply the equation by $\tilde{1}$, we have

$$0 = d\vartheta^{(0)}(t)/dt - \vartheta^{(0)}(t) \cdot V(t) \cdot Q_0(t) \cdot \tilde{1} - (\vartheta^{(1)}(t) \cdot V(t) + \tilde{b}^0(t)) \cdot Q_1(t) \cdot \tilde{1}$$

and thus

$$\vartheta^{(1)}(t) \cdot \bar{Q}_1(t) = d\vartheta^{(0)}(t)/dt - \vartheta^{(0)}(t) \cdot V(t) \cdot Q_0(t) \cdot \tilde{1} - \tilde{b}^0(t) \cdot Q_1(t) \cdot \tilde{1}$$

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In the above, we assume the form

$f^{(1)}(t) = \vartheta^{(1)}(t) \cdot V(t) + \tilde{b}^{(0)}(t)$ where $\vartheta^{(1)}(t) \cdot V(t)$ is in the kernel and $\tilde{b}^{(0)}(t)$ is a particular solution of $f^{(1)}(t) \cdot Q_2(t) = -f^{(0)}(t) \cdot Q_1(t)$ for the ϵ^1 .

Moreover, we have $\vartheta^{(1)}(t) \cdot 1_{\mathbb{R}^1} = 0$ and

- $f^{(1)}(t)$ is uniquely solved.
- $f^{(i)}(t)$ can then be solved similarly.
- Remark. If $\bar{Q}_1(t)$ is not irreducible, it will then take three equations to uniquely solve determine f_i . Now it only requires two.

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For the first layer terms, we start from ϵ^0 . (This is similar to the regular terms.)

$$h^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot Q_2(0) = 0.$$

Similar to $f^{(0)}$, we decompose $h^{(0)}(\tau_1) = \theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot V(0)$ where $\theta^{(0)}(\tau_1)$ is a $1 \times l$ row vector and

$$h^{(0)}(\tau_1) = \theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot V(0)$$

$$h^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = \theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^l \theta^{(0),k}(\tau_1) = 0$$

Solving $h^{(0)}(\tau_1)$ is equivalent to solving $\theta^{(0)}(\tau_1)$.

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Consider ϵ^1 term.

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^1 : dh^{(0)}(\tau_1)/d\tau_1 &= h^{(1)}(\tau_1) \cdot Q_2(0) \\ &+ h^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot (\tau_1 dQ_2(0)/dt + Q_1(0)). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the equation by $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}$ and we get

- $d\theta^{(0)}(\tau_1)/d\tau_1 = \theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot \bar{Q}_1(0)$.
- An initial condition of $\theta^{(0)}(0)$ determines the solution.
- From the expansion $p(0) = f^{(0)}(0) + h^{(0)}(0) + g^{(0)}(0)$, we have $\theta^{(0)}(0) = h^{(0)} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = p^{(0)} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - f^{(0)} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}}$.
- (Of course, here we need $g^{(0)}(0) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = 0$)

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To see that $g^{(0)}(0) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = 0$, we need to consider the ϵ^0 term in the expansion of second layer expansion :

$$dg^{(0)}/d\tau_2(\tau_2) = g^{(0)}(\tau_2) \cdot Q_2(0).$$

Multiplying $\tilde{\mathbf{1}}$, we have $dg^{(0)}/d\tau_2(\tau_2) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = 0$ and thus $g^{(0)}(\tau_2) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = c$. The exponential decay property then implies $g^{(0)}(\tau_2) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} = 0$. Similar methods can be used to obtain higher order terms h^i .

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To find the second layer terms, we first consider ϵ^0 .

$$\epsilon^0; dg^{(0)}(\tau_2)/d\tau_2 = g^{(0)}(\tau_2) \cdot Q_2(0).$$

- This differential equation can be uniquely solved if $g^{(0)}(0)$ is given.
- Since $p^{(0)} = f^{(0)}(0) + h^{(0)}(0) + g^{(0)}(0)$ and $f^{(0)}(0), h^{(0)}(0)$ are determined,
- therefore, $g^{(0)} = -f^{(0)}(0) - h^{(0)}(0) + P^{(0)}(0)$ and $g^{(0)}(\tau_2)$ is uniquely solved.
- Similarly, $g^{(i)}$ can be solved.

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To see the exponential decay of $h^{(0)}(\tau_1)$, we consider

$h^{(0)}(\tau_1) = \theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) \cdot V(0)$. Since

$\theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) = \theta^{(0)}(0) \cdot \exp(\tau_1 \bar{Q}_1(0))$ and $\theta^{(0)}(0) = p^0 \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{1}} - \vartheta^{(0)}(0)$

is orthogonal to $\mathbf{1}_{|X|}$, thus



$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{(0)}(\tau_1) &= \theta^{(0)}(0) \cdot (\exp(\tau_1 \bar{Q}_1(0)) - V) + \theta^{(0)}(0) \cdot V \\ &= \theta^{(0)}(0) \cdot (\exp(\tau_1 \bar{Q}_1(0)) - V) \end{aligned}$$

where V is the matrix with each row the invariant distribution of $\bar{Q}_1(0)$.

- The exponential decay of $h(0)(\tau_1)$ now follows because $\exp(\tau_1 \bar{Q}_1(0)) - V$ decays exponentially.

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We next show the exponential decay of $g(0)(\tau_2)$. Obviously,
 $g^{(0)}(\tau_2) = g^{(0)}(0) \cdot \exp(\tau_2 Q_2(0))$ where
 $g^{(0)}(0) = p^0 - f^{(0)}(0) - h^{(0)}(0)$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(\tau_2 Q_2(0)) &= \text{diag}(\exp(\tau_2 Q_2^1(0)), \dots, \exp(\tau_2 Q_2^l(0))) \\ &\longrightarrow \text{diag}(1_{m_1 \times 1} \cdot v^1(0), \dots, 1_{m_l \times 1} \cdot v^l(0)) \\ &\text{exponentially as } \tau_2 \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

where $v^k(0)$ is the invariant distribution of $Q_2^k(0)$.

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$$\text{But } \text{diag}(1_{m_1 \times 1} \cdot v^1(0), \dots, 1_{m_l \times 1} \cdot v^l(0)) =$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma} \cdot \text{diag}(v^1(0), \dots, v^l(0)) = \begin{pmatrix} 1_{m_1 \times 1} & & & & \\ & 1_{m_2 \times 1} & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & 1_{m_l \times 1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} v^1(0) & & & & \\ & v^2(0) & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & v^l(0) \end{pmatrix},$$

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thus we have

$$g^{(0)}(0) \cdot \text{diag}(1_{m_1 \times 1} \cdot v^1(0), \dots, 1_{m_l \times 1} \cdot v^l(0)) = 0$$

because $g^{(0)}(0) \cdot \tilde{1} = 0$ which was established earlier. It thus follows that

$$\begin{aligned} g^{(0)}(\tau_2) &= g^{(0)}(0) \cdot \exp(\tau_2 Q_2(0)) \\ &= g^{(0)}(0) \cdot (\exp(\tau_2 Q_2(0)) \\ &\quad - \text{diag}(1_{m_1 \times 1} \cdot v^1(0), \dots, 1_{m_l \times 1} \cdot v^l(0))) \\ &\longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{exponentially fast.} \end{aligned}$$

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What remains is to analyze the error. We have the following theorem. Recall that $L^\epsilon = \epsilon^2 df/dt - f \cdot (Q_2 + \epsilon Q_1 + \epsilon^2 Q_0)$. Suppose that

- $\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L^\epsilon v^\epsilon(t)| = \eta^\epsilon(t) = O(\epsilon^{k+2})$ and $v^\epsilon(0) = 0$, then we have
- $\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |v^\epsilon(t)| = O(\epsilon^k)$.
- The proof hangs on the fact that $v^\epsilon(t) = 1/\epsilon^2 \int_0^t \eta^\epsilon(s) X^\epsilon(t, s) ds$ where $X^\epsilon(t, s)$ is the principal matrix solution of L^ϵ and is bounded.
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