

Limit Theorems for Supercritical MBPRE with Linear Fractional Offspring Distributions

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Multitype Branching Processes in Random Environments(MBPRE):

- K different types of particles
- $(\Delta, \mathcal{B}(\Delta))$ is the space of probability measures on \mathbb{N}_0^K ,
 $(\Delta_K, \mathcal{B}(\Delta_K))$ is the K -fold product of the space $(\Delta, \mathcal{B}(\Delta))$ on itself.
Let $\pi = (\pi^{(1)}, \dots, \pi^{(K)})$ be a r.v. taking values in $(\Delta_K, \mathcal{B}(\Delta_K))$.
An infinite sequence $\Pi = (\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2, \dots)$ of i.i.d. copies of π is called a **random environment**.
 P : an i.i.d. product measure on $(\Delta_K)^{\mathbb{Z}}$.
- $\{\mathbf{Z}_n = (Z_n^{(1)}, \dots, Z_n^{(K)})\}_{n \geq 0}$ is a sequence of random K -dimensional vectors.

- If \mathbf{Z}_0 is independent of Π , and

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Z}_{n+1} \mid \mathbf{Z}_n = (z_1, \dots, z_K), \Pi = (\bar{\pi}_0, \bar{\pi}_1, \dots)) = \mathcal{L} \left(\sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{z_i} \xi_{n,j}^{(i)}(\bar{\pi}_n) \right),$$

where $\xi_{n,1}^{(i)}, \dots, \xi_{n,z_i}^{(i)}$ are independent K -dimensional random vectors and are identically distributed according to $\bar{\pi}_n^{(i)}$, $i = 1, \dots, K$.

Such $\{\mathbf{Z}_n\}$ is called a **K -type Galton-Watson branching process in a random environment**.

- Quenched law $\mathbb{P}(\cdot \mid \Pi)$: fix an environment

Annealed law \mathbb{P} : average over environments

$$\mathbb{P}(\cdot) := \int_{(\Delta_K)^{\mathbb{Z}}} \mathbb{P}(\cdot \mid \Pi) P(d\Pi)$$

- An one-to-one correspondence between probability measures and generating functions $\mathbf{f}_n(\mathbf{s}) = (f_n^{(1)}(\mathbf{s}), \dots, f_n^{(K)}(\mathbf{s}))$, $n \geq 0$:

$$f_n^{(i)}(\mathbf{s}) = \sum_{\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{N}_0^K} \pi_n^{(i)}(\{\mathbf{t}\}) \mathbf{s}^{\mathbf{t}}$$

$f_n^{(i)}(\mathbf{s}) = f_n^{(i)}(s_1, \dots, s_K)$ is the generating function of type i in n th generation.

- The mean matrix $M_n = M_n(\pi_n) = (M_n(i, j))_{i, j=1}^K := \left(\frac{\partial f_n^{(i)}(\mathbf{1})}{\partial s_j} \right)_{i, j=1}^K$ is a random matrix, $n \geq 0$.

Assume that the elements of the mean matrices are positive.

- In constant environments, $\rho > 0$ is the Perron root (maximal eigenvalue) of M , \mathbf{l} and \mathbf{r} are the corresponding positive left and right eigenvectors. According to Perron-Frobenius Theorem, $E[\mathbf{Z}_n] = E[\mathbf{Z}_0]M^n \approx \rho^n E[\mathbf{Z}_0]S$, where $S = (r_i l_j)_{i,j=1}^K$.
- In random environments, define $X := \log \rho$.

classification

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}(X) > 0, & \text{supercritical} \\ \mathbb{E}(X) = 0, & \text{critical} \\ \mathbb{E}(X) < 0, & \text{subcritical} \end{cases}$$

- For single-type BPRE, the survival probability problem has been well studied(see, for example, Athreya & Karlin(1971),Kozlov (1976), Geiger et. al(2003), Afanasyev et. al(2005)).
- For multi-type BPRE, Weissner(1971), Kaplan(1974), and Tanny(1981) have got the extinction criteria.

- A phase transition in the behavior of subcritical BPRE was first noted in Afanasyev(1980) and Dekking(1988), and it has been studied detailedly in Afanasyev(2001), Birkner et. al(2005), etc.
- Recently, there has been interest in a phase transition in supercritical BPRE, conditioned on surviving and having small values at some large generation, see Bansaye & Böinghoff(2012,2013), Nakashima(2013), Böinghoff(2014).
For the scaling limit of supercritical branching diffusions, a phase transition has been noted in Hutzenthaler(2011).

- For multi-type BPRE, the asymptotic behavior of the survival probability in the subcritical case has been found in Dyakonova(2008,2013).
- **Question:** Does supercritical multi-type BPRE exist a phase transition in the probability of having small values at some large generation?

Main Results

- In supercritical ($\mathbb{E}(X) > 0$) multi-type BPFE, there exists more detailed regime classifications:

$$\begin{cases} 0 < \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) < \infty, & \text{strongly supercritical} \\ \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) = 0, & \text{intermediately supercritical} \\ \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) < 0, & \text{weakly supercritical} \end{cases}$$

- When $X \geq 0$, then $\mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) \leq \mathbb{E}(X)$,
when $X < 0$, then $\mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) > \mathbb{E}(X)$.

So timing the e^{-X} is similar to make the part of $X < 0$ "bigger" and the part of $X \geq 0$ "smaller".

- **An important tool:** a change of measure.

For any $n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ and any bounded measurable function

$$\phi : (\Delta_K)^n \times (\mathbb{N}_0^K)^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{E} [\phi (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{n-1}, \mathbf{Z}_0, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_n)] \\ & := \kappa^{-n} \mathbf{E} [e^{-S_n} \phi (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{n-1}, \mathbf{Z}_0, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_n)], \end{aligned}$$

where $\kappa := \mathbf{E} [e^{-X}]$.

- Then $0 < \mathbf{E}(Xe^{-X}) < \infty \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}(X) > 0$,
 $\mathbf{E}(Xe^{-X}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{E}(X) = 0$.

Under \mathbb{P} , strongly supercritical \Rightarrow Under \mathbf{P} , supercritical
intermediately supercritical \Rightarrow critical

Condition

- **Condition 1:** There exist a number $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and a nonrandom positive vector $\mathbf{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_K)$ such that for all mean matrices $M_n, n \geq 0$,

$$\alpha \leq \frac{M_n(i_1, j_1)}{M_n(i_2, j_2)} \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}, \quad 1 \leq i_1, i_2, j_1, j_2 \leq K,$$

$$\mathbf{l}(M_n) = \mathbf{l}.$$

i.e. all mean matrices M_n have a common left eigenvector \mathbf{l} , if we set $\rho_n = \rho(M_n)$, then $\mathbf{l}M_n = \rho_n \mathbf{l}$.

- **Condition 2:** the linear fractional offspring distributions.
All the generating functions $\mathbf{f}_n(\mathbf{s})$ have the form like

$$\mathbf{f}_n(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{1} - \frac{(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{s})M_n}{1 + (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{s})\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n}, \quad n \geq 0$$

where $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_n = (\gamma_n, \dots, \gamma_n)^T$ is a K -dimensional column random vector of the environment.

Under this condition, direct calculations with generating functions are feasible.

$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = z)$ is the probability that the n th generation total size is $z \geq 0$ with the initial state is one single particle of type i , $i = 1, \dots, K$.

Main Results (strongly supercritical)

(1) In the strongly supercritical case $0 < \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) < \infty$.

Theorem 1.1

Under $0 < \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) < \infty$, there is a constant $\theta_i > 0$ such that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1) \sim \theta_i \cdot \kappa^n.$$

Furthermore, for $z_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, K$, there is a constant $\theta'_i > 0$ such that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(\mathbf{Z}_n = (z_1, \dots, z_K)) \sim \theta'_i \cdot \kappa^n,$$

where $\kappa := \mathbb{E}[e^{-X}]$.

When the size of \mathbf{Z}_n is conditioned on a finite interval, we get that

Theorem 1.2

Assume $0 < \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) < \infty$. As $n \rightarrow \infty$ and for every $c \in \mathbb{N}$ and $1 \leq k \leq c$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = k \mid 1 \leq |\mathbf{Z}_n| \leq c) \rightarrow \frac{1}{c},$$

i.e. the limiting distribution is uniform on $\{1, \dots, c\}$.

For fixed $k \leq n$, denote the right eigenvector of $M_n \cdots M_k$ that corresponds to the Perron root of the product by $\mathbf{r}(M_{n,k})$. Under Condition 1 there exists a random vector $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_K)$ such that $\mathbf{r}(M_{n,k}) \rightarrow \mathbf{r}$ uniformly as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 1.3

Under $0 < \mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) < \infty$, there is a probability distribution $u = (u_z)_{z \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that for all $t \in (0, 1)$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_{[nt]}| = z \mid |\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1) = u_z.$$

Moreover, u_z does not depend on t and is given by

$$u_z = z \mathbf{E} \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^K r_i \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| = 0 \mid \Pi) \right)^{z-1} \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{r_j}{l_j} \mathbb{P}_{(j)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2 \right].$$

Main Results(intermediately supercritical)

(2) In the intermediately supercritical case $\mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) = 0$.

In this situation, we require some regularity of the distribution of X and the offspring.

- Assumption 1:

The distribution of $X := \log \rho$ belongs to the domain of attraction of some stable law with index $a \in (0, 2]$.

- Assumption 2:

There is an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\mathbf{E}[|\log(\sum_{i=1}^K (1 - \pi^{(i)}(0)))|^{a+\varepsilon}] < \infty$.

Theorem 2.1

Assume $\mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) = 0$. Then under Assumptions 1 and 2, there is a constant $\delta_i > 0$ such that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1) \sim \delta_i \cdot \tilde{\kappa}^n \mathbf{P}(L_n \geq 0).$$

Furthermore, for $z_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, \dots, K$, there is a constant $\delta'_i = \delta'_i(z_1, \dots, z_K) > 0$ such that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(\mathbf{Z}_n = (z_1, \dots, z_K)) \sim \delta'_i \cdot \tilde{\kappa}^n \mathbf{P}(L_n \geq 0),$$

where $\tilde{\kappa} := \mathbb{E}[e^{-X}]$.

Define $L_n := \min\{S_0, \dots, S_n\}$.

Note that though $\tilde{\kappa}$ and κ in Theorem 1.1 have the same form, they have different values.

Theorem 2.2

Assume $\mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) = 0$ and Assumptions 1 and 2. As $n \rightarrow \infty$ and for every $c \in \mathbb{N}$ and $1 \leq k \leq c$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = k \mid 1 \leq |\mathbf{Z}_n| \leq c) \rightarrow \frac{1}{c},$$

i.e. the limiting distribution is uniform on $\{1, \dots, c\}$.

Theorem 2.3

Assume $\mathbb{E}(Xe^{-X}) = 0$ and Assumptions 1 and 2. There is a probability distribution $v = (v_z)_{z \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that for all $t \in (0, 1)$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}^{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_{\tau_{\lfloor nt \rfloor, n}}| = z \mid |\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1) = v_z,$$

where

$$v_z = \sum_{z_1 + \dots + z_K = z} \frac{z!}{z_1! \dots z_K!} \mathbf{E}^+ [r_1^{z_1} \dots r_K^{z_K} \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{z_i}{l_i} \mathbb{P}^{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2 \cdot \mathbb{P}^{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| = 0 \mid \Pi)^{z_i - 1} \prod_{j \neq i} \mathbb{P}^{(j)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| = 0 \mid \Pi)^{z_j}].$$

$\tau_{k,n} = \min\{k \leq i \leq n : S_i = \min\{S_k, \dots, S_n\}\}$ denotes the time of the first minimum between generations k and n .

By iterating,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{f}_0(\mathbf{f}_1 \cdots (\mathbf{f}_{n-1}(\mathbf{s}))) \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{s}) M_{n-1} \cdots M_0}{1 + (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{s}) M_{n-1} \cdots M_1 \tilde{\gamma}_0 + (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{s}) M_{n-1} \cdots M_2 \tilde{\gamma}_1 + \cdots + (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{s}) \tilde{\gamma}_{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

Under Condition 1, the product of M_n converges.

We introduce the associated random walk:

$$\text{let } X_i = \ln \rho_{i-1}, \quad \eta_i = \frac{\gamma_{i-1} |\mathbf{1}|}{\rho_{i-1}}, \quad i \geq 1,$$

$$S_0 = 0, \quad S_n = X_1 + \cdots + X_n, \quad n \geq 1.$$

$$H_n := \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \eta_{k+1} e^{-S_k} (1 + O(\beta^{n-k-1}))}{e^{-S_n} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \eta_{k+1} e^{-S_k} (1 + O(\beta^{n-k-1}))}, \quad \beta = \frac{1 - \alpha^2}{1 + \alpha^2} \in (0, 1).$$

Then given the environment, the relation is valid for $z \geq 1$:

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = z \mid \Pi) = \frac{e^{-S_n}}{l_i (1 + O(\beta^n))} \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2 H_n^{z-1} \quad a.s.$$

Proof of Theorem 1.1

By the change of measure,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1) &= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{e^{-S_n}}{l_i (1 + O(\beta^n))} \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{\kappa^n}{l_i (1 + O(\beta^n))} \mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2]\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1)}{\kappa^n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{l_i} \mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2]$$

It's proved in Kaplan(1974) that under the assumption, $\mathbf{E}(X) > 0$ implies that the process survives with a positive probability, i.e.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0) = \mathbf{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| > 0) > 0.$$

Then we conclude the result.

Proof of Theorem 1.2

Again by the change of measure,

$$\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = z) = \frac{\kappa^n}{l_i(1 + O(\beta^n))} \mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2 H_n^{z-1}]$$

Noting that under \mathbf{P} , $S_n \rightarrow \infty$ *a.s.* and therefore $H_n \rightarrow 1$ *a.s.*

By the dominated convergence theorem, for every $z \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \kappa^{-n} \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = z) = \frac{1}{l_i} \mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_\infty| > 0 \mid \Pi)^2] = \theta_i.$$

The limit does not depend on z . So we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = k \mid 1 \leq |\mathbf{Z}_n| \leq c) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = k)}{\sum_{j=0}^c \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = j)} = \frac{1}{c}.$$

Proof of intermediately supercritical case

Under \mathbf{P} , $\mathbf{E}(X) = 0$, S_n is a recurrent random walk,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = +\infty, \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = -\infty.$$

Define $L_n := \min\{S_0, \dots, S_n\}$, $L_{k,n} := \min_{0 \leq j \leq n-k} \{S_{k+j} - S_k\}$, $0 \leq k \leq n$,

$$M_n := \max\{S_0, \dots, S_n\},$$

$$\tau_n := \min\{0 \leq i \leq n : S_i = L_n\}.$$

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{P}(-S_k \leq x, M_k < 0) & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ is a renewal function.}$$

For any bounded measurable random variable Y_n , $\mathbf{E}^+ Y_n = \mathbf{E}[Y_n V(S_n); L_n \geq 0]$.

Under \mathbf{P}^+ , S_n can be viewed as a random walk conditioned to never hit the strictly negative half line.

Lemma 1(Dyakonova,2007)

Suppose that the condition hold. Let $Y_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, be a sequence of uniformly bounded random variables. If this sequence converges $\mathbf{P}^+ - a.s.$ to a random variable Y_∞ , then

$$\mathbf{E}[Y_n \mid L_n \geq 0] \rightarrow \mathbf{E}^+ Y_\infty, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Lemma 2(Dyakonova,2007)

Suppose that the condition hold. Let $V_n, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, be a sequence of uniformly bounded r.v.s which for every $k \geq 0$ satisfy the relation $\mathbf{E}(V_n; |\mathbf{Z}_k| > 0, L_{k,n} \geq 0 \mid \mathcal{F}_k) = \mathbf{P}(L_n \geq 0)(V_{k,\infty} + o(1)) \quad \mathbf{P} - a.s.$ for some sequence of r.v.s $V_{1,\infty}, V_{2,\infty}, \dots$ Then

$$\mathbf{E}(V_n; |\mathbf{Z}_{\tau_n}| > 0) = \mathbf{P}(L_n \geq 0) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}(V_{k,\infty}; \tau_k = k) + o(1) \right).$$

Proof of Theorem 2.1

Since $\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| = 1) = \frac{\kappa^n}{l_i(1 + O(\beta^n))} \mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 | \Pi)^2]$,

we need to estimate $\mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 | \Pi)^2]$.

Let $V_n = \mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 | \Pi) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\{\mathbf{z}_0 = \mathbf{e}_i, |\mathbf{z}_n| > 0\}}$, then by Lemma 1, we have a r.v. $V_{k,\infty}^{(i)}$ s.t.

$$\mathbf{E}[V_n | L_n \geq 0] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} V_{k,\infty}^{(i)}.$$







We can testify that the r.v. $V_{k,\infty}^{(i)}$ satisfies the condition of Lemma 2, so






$$\mathbf{E} [\mathbb{P}_{(i)}(|\mathbf{Z}_n| > 0 | \Pi)^2] \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \mathbf{P}(L_{k,n} \geq 0) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}(V_{k,\infty}^{(i)}; \tau_k = k).$$

Thus by $\mathbf{P}(L_{k,n} \geq 0) \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \mathbf{P}(L_n \geq 0)$ and define $\delta_i = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{E}(V_{k,\infty}^{(i)}; \tau_k = k)}{l_i}$,

we conclude the result.

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