

单生过程的遍历理论

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Background

Single birth Q -matrix $Q = (q_{ij} : i, j \geq 0)$:
 $q_{i,i+1} > 0$, $q_{ij} = 0$ if $j > i + 1$ for all $i \geq 0$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} - & + & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ * & - & + & 0 & \dots \\ * & * & - & + & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

1. irreversible;
2. single extremal point, single parameter;
3. applications in other fields.
4. applications in mathematics.

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where $\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} f_{ij} = 1$.

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Brockwell, Gani, Resnick and Pakes et al (1982-1986) for some special catastrophes f_{ij} ($b_i = b + \lambda i$, $a_i = 0$, $c_i = ci$, $i \geq 0$).

geometric: $f_{ij} = p(1 - p)^{i-1-j}$ ($1 \leq j < i$); $f_{i0} = (1 - p)^{i-1}$;

uniform: $f_{ij} = 1/i$ ($0 \leq j < i$);

binomial: $f_{ij} = \binom{i-1}{j} p^j (1 - p)^{i-1-j}$ ($0 \leq j < i$).

Aim: extinction times and probability of extinction.

Keys: generating function of Q -resolvent.

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B. Cairns & P. Pollett (2004).

$$\begin{array}{ll} i \rightarrow i + 1 & \text{at rate } g_i b \\ \rightarrow i - 1 & g_i d_1 \\ \rightarrow \dots & \dots \\ \rightarrow 1 & g_i d_{i-1} \\ \rightarrow 0 & g_i \sum_{k \geq i} d_k \end{array}$$

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single birth process:

Yan, S.-J. and Chen, M.-F.(1986), Multidimensional Q -processes, Chinese Ann. Math., **7(B)**(1), 90-110.

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Population processes:

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Criteria for uniqueness

Backward Kolmogorov equation: $P'(t) = QP(t)$.

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Q -process: $P'(t)|_{t=0} = Q$.

Q -process exist? unique?

Let $Q = (q_{ij})$ be totally stable and conservative on countable E , i.e.

$$q_{ij} \geq 0 (i \neq j), q_i := -q_{ii} = \sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij} < \infty (i \in E).$$

- Every Q -process satisfies the backward Kolmogorov equation.
- Q -process always exists. The minimal process.

Criteria for uniqueness

P_t is determined uniquely if and only if for some (equivalently, all) $\lambda > 0$,

$$u_i = \sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij} u_j / (\lambda + q_i), \quad 0 \leq u_i \leq 1, \quad i \geq 0$$

has only a trivial solution.

此判别准则的优美之处是 Q 矩阵, 而且方程的最大解也存在迭代算法. 但对单生过程, 一个更好的判别准则—显式的、完全可计算的, 是期盼的.

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$$m_n = \frac{1}{\mu_n b_n} \mu[0, n], \quad n \geq 0,$$

其中

$$\mu_0 = 1, \quad \mu_i = \frac{b_0 b_1 \cdots b_{i-1}}{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_i}, \quad i \geq 1,$$

且 $\mu[i, k] = \sum_{j=i}^k \mu_j$.

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- Strong ergodicity \implies Exponential ergodicity \implies Ordinary ergodicity.

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- Take $H = \{0\}$. For single birth Q -matrix,

$$\sum_{j \neq i} q_{ij} (y_j - y_i) + 1 \leq 0, \quad i \geq 1.$$

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例: 给定正则不可约单生 Q 矩阵 $Q = (q_{ij})$. 若 $\inf_{k \geq 1} q_{k0} > 0$, 则单生过程遍历. 因为由合分比性质及可得

$$d \leq \sup_{i \geq 1} \frac{d_i}{F_i^{(0)}} \leq \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{q_k^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{\inf_{k \geq 1} q_{k0}}.$$

所以 $d < \infty$.

实际上, 此过程是强遍历的!

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Criteria for strong ergodicity

Strong ergodicity: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup_i |p_{ij}(t) - \pi_j| = 0$

$$\iff \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{\beta t} \sup_i |p_{ij}(t) - \pi_j| = 0.$$

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$$S < \infty \implies \text{exponential ergodic.}$$

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Sketch of the proof:

首先, 证明方程

$$y_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i} y_j + \frac{1}{q_i}, \quad i \geq 1; \quad y_0 = 0 \quad (*)$$

有一有界非负解当且仅当 $S < \infty$. 此时,

$$d = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n d_k}{\sum_{k=0}^n F_k^{(0)}},$$

而且方程(*)的唯一解有下面的形式:

$$y_0 = 0, \quad y_1 = d, \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + F_n^{(0)} y_1 - d_n, \quad n \geq 1. \quad (**)$$

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- 反之, 设 $S < \infty$. 由(**)定义 (y_i) . 则 (y_i) 是方程(*)的有界非负解. 显然 (y_i) 也是方程的有界非负解 \Rightarrow 单生过程的强遍历性.

Criteria for strong ergodicity

命题: 给定正则不可约的 Q 矩阵 $Q = (q_{ij})$. 若存在 $k \geq 0$ 满足 $c := \inf_{i \neq k} q_{ik} > 0$, 则相应的 Q 过程是强遍历的.

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How to use $F_n^{(i)}$?

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Stationary distribution (Zhang, Y.-H.(2004)):

$$c_k := \sup_{i \geq k} \frac{\sum_{j=k}^i m_j}{\sum_{j=k}^i F_j^{(k)}}, \quad \pi_k = \frac{1}{q_{k,k+1} c_k}, \quad k \geq 0.$$

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- 令单生 Q 矩阵为: $q_{i,i+1} = 1 (i \geq 0)$, $q_{10} = 1$ 且 $q_{i,i-2} = 1 (i \geq 2)$, 其它的 $q_{ij} = 0 (i \neq j)$. 则 $\{F_j^{(k)}\}_{j=k}^{\infty}$ 是Fibonacci数列:

$$F_{k+n}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} [A^{n+1} - (-B)^{n+1}], \quad n \geq 0, k \geq 0,$$

其中 $A = (\sqrt{5} + 1)/2$, $B = (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$.

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- 考虑种群理论中的均匀大灾难模型, 即 $q_{i,i+1} = \lambda_i := a + \lambda i (i \geq 0)$, $q_{ij} = \beta (0 \leq j < i)$, 其它的 $q_{ij} = 0 (i \neq j)$, 其中的 a, λ, β 均为正常数. 设该 Q 矩阵正则. 则强遍历且平稳分布为

$$\pi_0 = \frac{\beta}{a + \beta}, \quad \pi_k = \frac{(k+1)\beta}{a + \beta} \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{\lambda_j}{\lambda_{j+1} + (j+2)\beta}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

特别当 $a = \lambda$ 时, 则 $\pi_k = \beta a^k / (a + \beta)^{k+1} (k \geq 0)$. 进一步, 当 $a = \lambda = \beta = 1$ 时, 则 $\pi_k = 2^{-k-1} (k \geq 0)$.

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Set $\sigma_j = \inf\{t \geq \text{the first jumping time: } X(t) = j\}$ and $\tau_j = \inf\{t \geq 0 : X(t) = j\}$.

任意给定 $i_0 \geq 0$. 单生过程的 i_0 首中时的一阶矩可由如下表达式给出:

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令 $u_i = \mathbb{E}_i \tau_{i_0}$. (u_i) 是下列方程的最小非负解:

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i 击中时一阶矩

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