

单生过程的遍历理论

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Criteria for ℓ -ergodicity

Set $m_{ij}^{(\ell)} = \mathbb{E}_i \sigma_j^\ell$.

For a positive integer ℓ , the recurrent chain $P(t)$ is said to be ℓ -ergodic if $m_{jj}^{(\ell)} < \infty$ for some (and hence for all) $j \in E$.

1-ergodic = positive recurrent (ergodic),

0-ergodic = null recurrent.

Criteria for ℓ -ergodicity

Discrete time:

- Kemeny, J.G., Snell, J.L. and Knapp, A.W.(1976)
- Mao, Y.-H.(2003)
- Hou, Z.-T. and Liu, Y.-Y.(2003). Queue Theory

Continuous time:

- Coolen-Schrijner, P. and van Doorn, E.A.(2002)
- Mao, Y.-H.(2004)

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$P(t)$ is ℓ -ergodic if and only if $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu_i m_{i0}^{(\ell-1)} < \infty$,

$$m_{i0}^{(n)} = n \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\mu_j b_j} \sum_{k=j+1}^{\infty} \mu_k m_{k0}^{(n-1)}, \quad i \geq 1, n \geq 1.$$

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For $\ell \geq 1$, the single birth process is ℓ -ergodic if and only if $d^{(\ell)} < \infty$.

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Q -process is ℓ -ergodic if and only if for some (and then for all) $j \in E$, the system of inequalities

$$\begin{cases} \sum_k q_{ik} y_k \leq -\ell m_{ij}^{(\ell-1)}, & i \neq j, \\ \sum_{k \neq j} q_{jk} y_k < \infty \end{cases}$$

has a nonnegative finite solution.

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给定正则不可约 Q 过程. 则 $(m_{i0}^{(n)})$ 是下列方程的最小非负解:

$$x_0 = 0, \quad x_i = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i} x_j + \frac{n}{q_i} m_{i0}^{(n-1)}, \quad i \geq 1.$$

$$\text{Key : } m_{10}^{(\ell)} = \ell d^{(\ell)}, \quad m_{i0}^{(\ell)} = \ell \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (F_j^{(0)} d^{(\ell)} - d_j^{(\ell)}).$$

$$m_{00}^{(\ell)} = \ell! \left(q_{01}^{-\ell} + \sum_{k=1}^{\ell} (k! q_{01}^{\ell-k})^{-1} m_{10}^{(k)} \right), \quad n \geq 1.$$

Exponential ergodicity

Exponential ergodicity: $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{\alpha t} |p_{ij}(t) - \pi_j| = 0$.

Mao, Y.-H. and Zhang, Y.-H.(2004).

$$\inf_i q_i > 0 \text{ and } M := \sup_{i>0} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j^{(0)} \sum_{j=i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q_{j,j+1} F_j^{(0)}} < \infty.$$

\implies exponential ergodicity.

Example. Let $q_{n,n+1} = 1$ for all $n \geq 0$, $q_{10} = 1$, $q_{n,n-2} = 1$ for all $n \geq 2$ and $q_{ij} = 0$ for other $i \neq j$. Then the single birth process is exponentially ergodic and not strongly ergodic.

Exponential ergodicity

Chen, M.-F.(2000). For birth-death processes,

$$\text{exponentially ergodic} \iff \delta := \sup_{i>0} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\mu_j b_j} \sum_{j=i}^{\infty} \mu_j < \infty.$$

$$\lambda_1 > 0 \iff \delta < \infty. \quad (\delta = M)$$

$\lambda_1 =$ exponential convergence rate.

Key: birth-death processes are reversible!

Exponential ergodicity

$P(t)$ is exponentially ergodic if and only if for some $\lambda > 0$ with $\lambda < q_i$ for all i ,

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Difficulty: two parameters!

Exponential ergodicity

Mao and Zhang (2004) gives another proof.

Keys:

1. Construct a test function with double summations for sufficiency.

The construction comes from the study of spectral gap essentially.

Exponential ergodicity

2. Necessity. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} m_{i0}^{(n)} &\geq n \left(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\mu_j b_j} \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \mu_k \right) m_{i0}^{(n-1)} \\ &\geq \dots \geq n! \left(\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\mu_j b_j} \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \mu_k \right)^n. \\ \mathbb{E}_i e^{\lambda \sigma_0} < \infty &\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\lambda \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\mu_j b_j} \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \mu_k \right)^n < \infty \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\mu_j b_j} \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \mu_k < 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \delta \leq \lambda^{-1} < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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Example. Given $q_{01} > 0$ arbitrarily. Let $q_{i,i+1} = i^\gamma$, $q_{i0} = i^{\gamma-1}$ for all $i \geq 1$ where the constant $\gamma \in (1, 2)$, and $q_{ij} = 0$ for other $i \neq j$. Obviously, the Q -matrix is irreducible. It is easily computed that $F_i^{(0)} = 1$ for all $i \geq 0$. So the single birth process is recurrent and furthermore regular. Note that $\inf_{i \geq 1} q_{i0} = 1 > 0$. It follows that the single birth process is strongly ergodic and furthermore exponentially ergodic immediately. But $M = \infty$.

Exponential ergodicity

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Now, for the single birth Q -matrix (q_{ij}) , define a conservative birth-death Q -matrix (a_i, b_i) as follows.

$$a_i = \frac{q_{i,i+1} F_i^{(0)}}{F_{i-1}^{(0)}}, \quad i \geq 1; \quad b_i = q_{i,i+1}, \quad i \geq 0.$$

Then $\mathbb{E}_i \tau_0^n \leq \mathbb{E}_i \bar{\tau}_0^n$ ($i \geq 1, n \geq 0$), furthermore
 $\mathbb{E}_i e^{\lambda \tau_0} \leq \mathbb{E}_i e^{\lambda \bar{\tau}_0}$ ($i \geq 1, \lambda > 0$).

Exponential ergodicity

ℓ -ergodicity and exponential ergodicity:

Theorem. Given a regular and irreducible single birth Q -matrix (q_{ij}) with $\inf_i q_i > 0$. Suppose that the corresponding single birth process $X(t)$ is recurrent. Then $X(t)$ is exponentially ergodic if and only if $d^{(\ell)} / (\ell - 1)! \leq \gamma^\ell$ for some positive constant γ and all sufficiently large ℓ ; equivalently, $\overline{\lim}_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[\ell]{d^{(\ell)}} / \ell < \infty$.

Exponential ergodicity

现在回到 0 的首中时的指数阶矩: $\mathbb{E}_i e^{\lambda \tau_0}$, 其中 λ 是一正常数.
对所有的 $0 \leq j < i$, 定义 $q_i^{(j)}(\lambda) := q_i^{(j)} - \lambda$,

$$F_n^{(n)}(\lambda) = 1, \quad F_n^{(i)}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{q_{n,n+1}} \sum_{k=i}^{n-1} q_n^{(k)}(\lambda) F_k^{(i)}(\lambda), \quad 0 \leq i < n,$$

$$d_0(\lambda) = 0, \quad d_n(\lambda) = \frac{1}{q_{n,n+1}} \left(1 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q_n^{(k)}(\lambda) d_k(\lambda) \right), \quad n \geq 1.$$

令

$$d(\lambda) = \sup_{i \geq 1} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} d_j(\lambda)}{\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j^{(0)}(\lambda)} = \sup_{i \geq 0} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^i d_j(\lambda)}{\sum_{j=0}^i F_j^{(0)}(\lambda)}.$$

Exponential ergodicity

类似地:

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定理. 假定存在充分小的 $\lambda > 0$ 使得 $\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j^{(0)}(\lambda) > 0$ 对一切 $i \geq 1$ 成立. 则单生过程指数遍历当且仅当 $d(\lambda) < \infty$, 其中 $0 < \lambda < q_i$ ($i \geq 0$).

Exponential ergodicity

Example. Let $q_{i,i+1} =: \beta_i > 0$ ($i \geq 0$), $q_{i0} = \alpha_i > 0$ ($i \geq 1$) and $q_{ij} = 0$ for other $i \neq j$. Obviously, the Q -matrix is irreducible. Suppose that the Q -matrix is regular. Now $\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j^{(0)}(\lambda) > 0$ for all $\lambda > 0$ and all $i \geq 1$. Then the single birth process is exponentially ergodic if and only if

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Criteria for ergodicity

例: 给定正则不可约单生 Q 矩阵 $Q = (q_{ij})$.

若 $c := \inf_{k \geq 1} q_{k0} > 0$, 取 $\lambda \in (0, c)$. 则对一

切 $0 \leq j < i$ 有 $q_i^{(j)}(\lambda) > 0$; 继而, 对所有 $i \geq 0$ 有 $F_i^{(0)}(\lambda) > 0$.

因此, 取定 $0 < \lambda < q_i$ ($i \geq 0$). 由合分比性质, 得到

$$d(\lambda) \leq \sup_{i \geq 1} \frac{d_i(\lambda)}{F_i^{(0)}(\lambda)} \leq \sup_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{q_k^{(0)}(\lambda)} = \frac{1}{c - \lambda} < \infty.$$

此单生过程是指数遍历的. 已知是强遍历的!

A class of single birth processes

Given a regular and irreducible single birth Q -matrix (q_{ij}) :

$$q_{i+1,j} = p_i q_{ij}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq i - 1,$$

where $0 \leq p_i \leq 1$ ($i \geq 1$). In convention $p_0 = 0$. Assume that the single birth is recurrent. Then

(1) The process is ℓ -ergodic if and only if

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (m_{k0}^{(\ell-1)} - p_{k-1} m_{k-1,0}^{(\ell-1)}) / (q_{k,k+1} F_k^{(0)}) < \infty. \text{ In particular,}$$

the process is ergodic if and only if

$$d = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - p_{i-1}) / (q_{i,i+1} F_i^{(0)}) < \infty, \text{ where } F_0^{(0)} = 1,$$

$$F_i^{(0)} = \prod_{j=1}^i (q_{j,j-1} + p_{j-1} q_{j-1}) / q_{j,j+1} \quad (i \geq 1).$$

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(2) The process is strongly ergodic if and only if

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} F_i^{(0)} \sum_{j=i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - p_{j-1}}{q_{j,j+1} F_j^{(0)}} < \infty.$$

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(3) If the process is exponentially ergodic, then $q := \inf_{i \geq 0} q_i > 0$ and

$$\delta' := \sup_{i \geq 1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j^{(0)} \sum_{j=i}^{\infty} \frac{1 - p_{j-1}}{q_{j,j+1} F_j^{(0)}} < \infty.$$

(4) Moreover, assume that $\sup_{i \geq 1} p_i < 1$. If $q > 0$ and $\delta' < \infty$, then the process is exponentially ergodic.

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But $(1 - c)M \leq \delta' \leq M$.

So $\text{exp.erg.} \iff M < \infty$ and $q > 0$.

Question: how to improve for some $p_i = 1$?

Applications

To study sufficient conditions for these problems of multidimensional Q -processes, we use the comparison method, i.e., compare them with a single birth Q -processes. The method reduces the multidimensional problems to one-dimensional ones.

The typical example is Schögl's model: a model of chemical reaction with diffusion in a container.

Applications

Let S be a finite set and $E = \mathbb{Z}_+^S$. The model is defined by the following Q -matrix $Q = (q(x, y) : x, y \in E)$:

$$q(x, y) = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 \binom{x(u)}{2} + \lambda_4, & \text{if } y = x + e_u, \\ \lambda_2 \binom{x(u)}{3} + \lambda_3 x(u), & \text{if } y = x - e_u, \\ x(u)p(u, v), & \text{if } y = x - e_u + e_v, \\ 0, & \text{other } y \neq x, \end{cases}$$

$q(x) = -q(x, x) = \sum_{y \neq x} q(x, y)$, where $x = (x(u) : u \in S)$, $\binom{n}{k}$ is the usual combination, $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4$ are positive constants. $(p(u, v) : u, v \in S)$ is a transition probability matrix on S and e_u is the element in E having value 1 at u and 0 elsewhere.

Applications

Let E be a countable set. $Q = (q(x, y) : x, y \in E)$ be a conservative Q -matrix. Suppose that there exists a partition $\{E_k\}$ of E such that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E_k = E$ and

(i) If $q(x, y) > 0$ and $x \in E_k$, then $y \in \sum_{j=0}^{k+1} E_j$ for all $k \geq 0$.

(ii) $\sum_{y \in E_{k+1}} q(x, y) > 0$ for all $x \in E_k$ and all $k \geq 0$.

(iii) $C_k := \sup\{q(x) : x \in E_k\} < \infty$ for all $k \geq 0$.

Define a conservative single birth Q -matrix $Q = (q_{ij})$:

$$q_{ij} = \begin{cases} \sup\{\sum_{y \in E_j} q(x, y) : x \in E_i\}, & \text{if } j = i + 1; \\ \inf\{\sum_{y \in E_j} q(x, y) : x \in E_i\}, & \text{if } j < i; \\ 0, & \text{other cases of } j \neq i. \end{cases}$$

Applications

(0) If the (q_{ij}) -process is unique (i.e. $R = \infty$), then so is the $(q(x, y))$ -process.

Now suppose that $E_0 = \{\theta\}$ where $\theta \in E$ is a reference point, and that both $(q(x, y))$ and (q_{ij}) are irreducible and (q_{ij}) is regular.

(1) Moreover, assume that E_k is finite for all $k \geq 1$. If the (q_{ij}) -process is recurrent (i.e. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F_n^{(0)} = \infty$), then so is the $(q(x, y))$ -process.

Applications

(2) If $\hat{d} := \sup_{k \geq 0} d_k / F_k^{(0)} < \infty$, then both processes are ergodic.

(3) If $\inf_i q_i > 0$ and

$M = \sup_{i > 0} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} F_j^{(0)} \sum_{j=i}^{\infty} (q_{j,j+1} F_j^{(0)})^{-1} < \infty$, then both processes are exponentially ergodic.

(4) If $\sup_{k \geq 0} \sum_{n=0}^k (F_n^{(0)} \hat{d} - d_n) < \infty$, then both processes are strongly ergodic.

Keys: increasing solution of equations.

Applications

The Q -process corresponding to finite dimensional Schlögl model is strongly ergodic.

The method is efficient for **necessary condition**.

The Q -process corresponding to Brusselator model is not strongly ergodic.

Related topics

- 允许 $N := \max\{i + 1 : q_{i,i+1} = 0\} < \infty$.

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- 允许 $q_{0j} \geq 0 (j \geq 1)$, 称之为带移民的单生 Q 矩阵.
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处理这些问题: 唯一性, 常返性, 各种遍历性

Related topics

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