

Properties of the Limit Behaviors of Markov Integrated Semigroups

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Abstract: In this paper, some conditions and properties of limit behaviors of Markov integrated semigroup are examined, such as : If $T_{(t)}$ is the corresponding Markov integrated semigroup, then $T_{(t)}^n x \rightarrow T_{(t)} x (t \geq 0, x \in l_\infty)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If

$X_n e' = 0$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\tilde{Q}_n^{(l)}$ is weakly ergodic, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = 0$.

If $X_n e' = 1$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\tilde{Q}_n^{(l)}$ is strongly ergodic, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{Q}_{m,n}^{(l)} = e' \cdot \pi^{(l+1)}, m \geq 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \pi^{(l+1)}$.

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1. Introduction

A one-dimensional Markov branching process^[1] is a continuous-time Markov chain (briefly, CTMC) on a countable state space $E = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ whose stochastic evolution is governed by the branching property. Markov branching process q -matrix^[1] is given by

$$\tilde{q}_{ij} = \begin{cases} ib_{j-i+1} & j \geq i-1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $b_k \geq 0, k \neq 1$, and $\sum_{k \geq 0} b_k \leq 0$.

Consider the Dual branching q -matrix Q which is a continuous-time Markov chains on the state space $E = Z_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and the q -matrix $Q = (q_{ij}, i, j \in E)$: Dual Markov branching process (DMBP)^[1] $X(t)$ is a continuous-time Markov chain on the state space $Z^+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, where the q -matrix $Q = \{q_{ij}; i, j \in Z^+\}$, is given by [2]

$$q_{ij} = \begin{cases} ia_{i-j+1} - (j+1)a_{i-j} & i \geq j-1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $a_k = \sum_{j=0}^k b_j, k \geq 0, b_j$ is the sequence defined by branching q -Matrix $\tilde{Q}. a_0 \leq 0 \quad a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_k \geq \dots \geq 0$.

Let us consider a measured state space (X, A) , where A is the σ -algebra on X . Our aim in this paper is to discuss some conditions and properties of limit behaviors of Markov integrated semigroup.

For more unmentioned notations and preliminary, we refer to the References of this paper.

Limit problem is a very important one on Markov process and has been widely applied in many fields. It is well known that an uniformly convergence integrated semigroup can tend to a Markov integrated semigroup by iterations.

2. Main results

Theorem 1. Let $Q = (q_{ij}, i, j \in E)$ and ${}_n Q = ({}_n q_{ij}, i, j \in E)$ are both FRR q -matrices, let $F(t) = (f_{ij}(t))$ and ${}_n F(t) = ({}_n f_{ij}(t))$ are both FRR transition functions, $\Phi(\lambda) = (\phi_{ij}(\lambda), i, j \in E)$ and ${}_n \Phi(\lambda) = ({}_n \phi_{ij}(\lambda), i, j \in E)$ are both their corresponding resolvent functions respectively, then the following are equivalent:

- (i) for any $i, j \in E, {}_n q_{ij} \rightarrow q_{ij}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$;
- (ii) for any $i, j \in E$ and $t \geq 0, {}_n f_{ij}(t) \rightarrow f_{ij}(t)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$;
- (iii) for any $i, j \in E$ and $\lambda > 0, {}_n \phi_{ij}(\lambda) \rightarrow \phi_{ij}(\lambda)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) We known that: ${}_n \Omega_x \rightarrow \Omega_x, {}_n Q$ and Q are both FRR q -matrices.

Letting $x = e_j = (0, 0, \dots, 1, 0, \dots)^T$, for a fixed i_0 , we can obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \|{}_n \Omega e_j - \Omega e_j\|_E &= \|{}_n Q e_j - Q e_j\|_E \\ &= \|({}_n q_{ij})_i - (q_{ij})_i\|_E = \|({}_n q_{ij})_i - (q_{ij})_i\| \\ &= \sup_{i \in E} |{}_n q_{ij} - q_{ij}| = |{}_n q_{i_0 j} - q_{i_0 j}| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any $\lambda > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-2\lambda t} |{}_n f_{ij}(t) - f_{ij}(t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-2\lambda t} |{}_n f_{i_0 j}(t) - f_{ij}(t)| dt \\ &\leq |{}_n q_{ij} - q_{ij}| \leq |{}_n q_{i_0 j} - q_{i_0 j}| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

By the squeeze theorem for limit of functions, we must get ${}_n f_{ij}(t) \rightarrow f_{ij}(t)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): It can be completed easily by Lebesgue's theorem on control and convergence.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Because ${}_n F(t) = ({}_n f_{ij}(t))$ and $F(t) = (f_{ij}(t))$ are both FRR transition functions, ${}_n F(t)$ and $F(t)$ are both positive strong continuous contraction semigroup.

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Letting their generators are ${}_n A$ and A respectively, then we know that resolvent functions $\Phi(\lambda) = (\phi_{ij}(\lambda), i, j \in E)$ and ${}_n \Phi(\lambda) = ({}_n \phi_{ij}(\lambda), i, j \in E)$ are just resolvent equation of operators ${}_n A$ and A respectively, namely $0 < \lambda \in \rho({}_n A) = \rho(A)$ and $R(\lambda : {}_n A) = {}_n \Phi(\lambda)$ $R(\lambda : A) = \Phi(\lambda)$.

We will prove that for any $\lambda > 0$, ${}_n \Phi(\lambda)x \rightarrow \Phi(\lambda)x$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since ${}_n f_{ij}(t)$ and $f_{ij}(t)$ are both transition functions by [1], ${}_n \phi_{ij}(\lambda)$ and $\phi_{ij}(\lambda)$ are both FRR resolvent functions, there must exist the state i_0 , such that $\sup_{i \in E} |{}_n \phi_{ij}(\lambda) - \phi_{ij}(\lambda)| = |{}_n \phi_{i_0 j}(\lambda) - \phi_{i_0 j}(\lambda)|$

Because $\text{span } \{e_j, j \in E\}$ is dense and

$$\begin{aligned} \|{}_n \Phi(\lambda) - \Phi(\lambda)\| &\leq \|{}_n \Phi(\lambda)\| + \|\Phi(\lambda)\| \\ &= \sup_{i \in E} \sum_{j \in E} |{}_n \phi_{ij}(\lambda)| + \sup_{i \in E} \sum_{j \in E} |\phi_{ij}(\lambda)| \\ &\leq \sup_{i \in E} \sum_{j \in E} |{}_n \phi_{i_0 j}(\lambda)| + \sup_{i \in E} \sum_{j \in E} |\phi_{i_0 j}(\lambda)| \leq \frac{4}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

so ${}_n \Phi(\lambda) - \Phi(\lambda)$ is bounded. By the corresponding theorem in [2], we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned} {}_n F(t) &\rightarrow F(t) \quad t \geq 0, n \rightarrow \infty \\ \sup_{i \in E} |{}_n q_{ij} - q_{ij}| &= |{}_n q_{i_0 j} - q_{i_0 j}| \\ &\leq |F(t) - F(t)| \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2. Suppose that $T_{(t)}^n$ is a series of MIS, $P_{(t)}^n$ is the corresponding transition function of $T_{(t)}^n$, $n \in N$, A_n is the generator of $P_{(t)}^n$ in l_1 . If there exists λ_0 such that $\text{Re} \lambda_0 > 0$ and the range of operator $R(\lambda_0)$ is dense in l_1 , then there exists a unique operator A : A will generate a contraction c_0 semigroup $P_{(t)}$. If $T_{(t)}$ is the corresponding Markov integrated semigroup, then $T_{(t)}^n x \rightarrow T_{(t)} x (t \geq 0, x \in l_\infty)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: By [3, Theorem 4.4], we know that there exists a unique operator A : generating a contraction c_0 semigroup $P_{(t)}$. $P_{(t)}^n x \rightarrow P_{(t)} x, t \geq 0, x \in l_1$.

Letting $P_{ij}(t) = \langle e_i, P(t), e_j \rangle$, we obtain that $P_{(t)} = (P_{ij}(t), i, j \in E)$ is a transition function, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} e_i P_{(t)} dt, t \right\rangle &= \left\langle e_i, \lambda \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} T_{(t)} dt \right\rangle \\ \langle e_i, P_{(t)}, e_j \rangle &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \langle e_i, P_{(t)}, e_j \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} P_{ij}(t) dt = \langle e_i, T_{(t)} e_j \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

So $T_{(t)}^n x \rightarrow T_{(t)} x (t \geq 0, x \in l_\infty)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. $\square$

Now we introduce the definitions of weakly ergodic and strongly ergodic:

Definition 1. [5,6] A sequence of stochastic q -matrices ${}_n Q$ is said to be weakly ergodic if $\forall m \geq 0, \forall i, j, k \in S$, such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [({}_n Q_m)_{ik} - ({}_n Q_m)_{jk}] = 0$.

Definition 2. [5,6] A sequence of stochastic q -matrices ${}_n Q$ is said to be strongly ergodic if $\forall m \geq 0, \forall i, j \in S$, the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ({}_n Q_m)_{ij} =: (\pi_m)_j$ exists and does not depend on i .

With the above definitions and Theorems 1, 2 we can draw the following result :

Theorem 3. Let $Q = (q_{ij}, i, j \in E)$ and ${}_n Q = ({}_n q_{ij}, i, j \in E)$ are both FRR q -matrices, X_n and R_n , $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, be two sequences of real vectors, $R_n e' = 0$,

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|R_n\| < \infty$, and set $\tilde{Q}_n^l = Q_{(n+l)}$. Then the following statements hold:

- (i) If $X_n e' = 0$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\tilde{Q}_n^l$ is weakly ergodic, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = 0$.
- (ii) If $X_n e' = 1$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\tilde{Q}_n^l$ is strongly ergodic, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{Q}_{m,n}^l = e' \cdot \pi, m \geq 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \pi$.
- (iii) If $X_n e' = 1$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\tilde{Q}_n^l$ is strongly ergodic, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{Q}_{m,n}^l = e' \cdot \pi^{(l+1)}, m \geq 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \pi^{(l+1)}$.

Proof: Applying the recurrence relation, we have

$$X_{t+l} = X_{l+1} \tilde{Q}_{0,t}^l + [R_{l+1} + \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} R_{l+k} \tilde{Q}_{k+1,t+1}^l] \quad t \geq 1 \quad (4)$$

If $\tilde{Q}_n^l$ is weakly ergodic, we will prove that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} R_{l+k} \tilde{Q}_{k+1,t+1}^l = 0 \quad (5)$$

We have

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} R_{l+k} \tilde{Q}_{k+1,t+1}^l \right\| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \left\| R_{l+k} \tilde{Q}_{k+1,t+1}^l \right\| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \|R_{l+k}\|_\infty \alpha \tilde{Q}_{k+1,t+1}^l$$

Choose $a_{tk}^l = \|R_{l+k}\|_\infty \alpha \tilde{Q}_{k+1,t+1}^l$, $t, k \geq 1$ (take $a_{tk}^l = 0$ if $k > t$), this follows that

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} a_{tk}^l = 0$. Since $\alpha \tilde{Q}_{k,t}^l \leq 1, 0 \leq k < t$, so $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^t a_{tk}^l = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^\infty a_{tk}^l = 0$, which means (5).

- (i) If $X_n e' = 0$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, $\tilde{Q}_n^l$ is weakly ergodic, there exists a sequence of stable stochastic matrices $\prod_{m,t}^l$, it follows that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\tilde{Q}_{m,t}^l - \prod_{m,t}^l) = 0$.

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Letting $t \rightarrow \infty$ in (4), by the weakly ergodicity, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|R_n\| < \infty$ and (5), we obtain

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X_{t+l} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (Q_{0,t+l}^l - \prod_{0,t+l}^l) = 0$$

Since l is arbitrary, it follows that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X_{t+l} = 0$ that is to say $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = 0$

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Since l is arbitrary, it follows that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X_{t+l} = \pi$ that is to say $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \pi$.

(iii) Letting $t \rightarrow \infty$ in (4), by the strongly ergodicity, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|R_n\| < \infty$ and (5), we obtain

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X_{t+l} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (Q_{0,t+l}^l - \prod_{0,t+l}^l) = \pi^{(l+1)}$$

Since l is arbitrary, it follows that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} X_{t+l} = \pi^{(l+1)}$, that is to say $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = \pi^{(l+1)}$. $\square$

3. Remark

The Markov chain mentioned in this paper is not strongly ergodic, but we can prove that it is C-strongly ergodic by similar methods.

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