

## Track Properties of Normal Chain

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### Abstract

In this paper, research state space structure properties of normal chain from Ray-Knight theory on a given set  $E$ : If  $S_\infty(\omega)$  whose probability is 1 are empty set, then, the normal chain only has jumping type track, at the time, the transfer function must be the least and only determined by density matrix; If  $S_\infty(\omega)$  whose probability is positive are not empty set, then, the track of normal chain is not jumping type track, and its transfer function cannot determine by density matrix.

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### 1 Introduction

In the classic books of some Markov chain<sup>[1-3]</sup>, for the transfer function in a given  $E$ , the usual practice is constructing canonical chain on  $E \cup \infty$ . The state space of model chain is very simply. But its track just has right lower semi continuity,

and just keep part of the strong Markov. As application of Ray-night theory, the normal chain can overcome these defects<sup>[4-5]</sup>, but the structure of state space may be very complex. So we will research the properties of the normal chain.

## 2 Preliminary knowledge<sup>[3]</sup>

Let  $E = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $P(t) = (p_{ij}(t))_{i,j \in E}$ , and  $P(t)$  is the honest transfer function on  $E$ ,  $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$ ,  $Q$  is density matrix of  $P(t)$ ,  $R_{ij}(\lambda)$  is a resolvent of  $P(t)$ ,  $\bar{E}$  is Ray-Knight tight for  $P(t)$  on  $E$ ,  $(U^\alpha)_{\alpha > 0}$  is a Ray resolvent for  $P(t)$ . And  $P(t)_{t \geq 0}$  is Ray semi group for  $P(t)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  is a Borel algebra on  $E^+$ . Let  $D_E^-[0, \infty) = \{\omega \mid \omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \bar{E}\}$ ,  $F$  is a Borel algebra on  $D_E^-[0, \infty)$ , Coordinate process of  $F$  is  $\{X_t\}$ , Let  $\Omega$  denote the subset  $\{T_{E_r}^- = \infty, T_{(E^+)^c} = \infty\}$  of  $D_E^-[0, \infty)$ .  $\theta_t$  is the mapping:  $\theta_t : \omega(\cdot) \mapsto \omega(t + \cdot), \omega(\cdot) \in D_E^-[0, \infty), \forall t. P^x$  is the probability measure of  $x$  on  $E^+$ .

**Definition 1**<sup>[6]</sup> Let  $X = (\Omega, F, F_t, X_t, \theta_t, P^x)$ ,  $X$  is called **normal chain** on  $P(t)$ .

**Definition 2** For a function  $T$  on  $\{\Omega, F\}, T : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , if for any  $t \geq 0$ , there are  $\{T \leq t\} \in F_t$ , then we called  $T$  is **stopping time**.

**Definition 3** Let  $S_i(\omega) = \{s \mid X_s(\omega) = i\}$ , we call  $S_i(\omega)$  is **i-constant value set**; the interval of  $S_i(\omega)$  is called **i-interval of  $X$** .

**Definition 4** If

$T_{fl} = \inf\{s \mid s \geq 0, X_s \neq X_0\}$ ,  $T_{re} = \inf\{s \mid s > 0, X_s = X_0\}$ ,  $T_{fl}$  is called **escape time**.  $T_{re}$  is called **return time**.

**Definition 5** For any  $x \in E^+$ ,  $P^x\{T_{fl} = 0\} = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $P^x\{T_{re} = 0\} = 0$  or  $1$ .

If  $P^x\{T_{fl} = \infty\} = 1$ ,  $x$  is called **absorbing state**; If  $P^x\{T_{fl} > 0\} = 1$ ,  $x$  is called **stay state**; If  $P^x\{T_{re} = 0\} = 1$ ,  $x$  is called **regular state**; If  $P^x\{T_{re} = 0\} = P^x\{T_{fl} = 0\} = 1$ ,  $x$  is called **instantaneous state**.

### 3 Relevant theorems

**Theorem 1** Let  $i \in E$ , then

(1)  $i$  is Regular State.

(2) On  $P^i$ ,  $T_{fl}$  obey exponential distribution of parameter  $q_i$ .

(3) On  $P^i$ ,  $X_{T_{fl}}$  and  $T$  are independent.

(4) If  $0 < q_i < \infty$ , then for any  $j \in E, j \neq i, P^i\{X_{T_{fl}} = j\} = \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i}$ .

**Proof:** (1) If  $i$  is not Regular State, then  $P^i\{T_{re} > 0\} = 1$ , for any  $t > 0$ , it is easy to see  $\{X_t = i\} \subseteq \{T_{re} \leq t\}$  and when  $t \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\{T_{re} \leq t\} \rightarrow \{T_{re} = 0\}$ , so we have that

$$1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P_{ii}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P^i\{X_t = i\} \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P^i\{T_{re} \leq t\} = 0$$

This is a contradiction result. So  $i$  is Regular State.

(2) Refer to [2].

(3) If  $q_i = 0$  or  $\infty$ , it is clearly that  $P^i\{T_{fl} = \infty\} = 1$  or  $P^i\{T_{fl} = 0\} = 1$ .

If  $0 < q_i < \infty$ , for any  $A, A \subseteq E^+$ , and  $t, s > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P^i \{T_{T_\beta} > t + s, X_{T_\beta} \in A\} &= P^i \{T_{T_\beta} > t, T_{T_\beta} \circ \theta_t > s, X_{T_\beta} \circ \theta_t \in A\} \\ &= E^i \{P^i \{T_{T_\beta} \circ \theta_t > s, X_{T_\beta} \circ \theta_t \in A | F_t\}; T_{T_\beta} > t\} \\ &= E^i \{P^{X_{T_\beta}} \{T_{T_\beta} > s, X_{T_\beta} \in A\}; T_{T_\beta} > t\} \\ &= P^i \{T_{T_\beta} > t\} P^i \{T_{T_\beta} > s, X_{T_\beta} \in A\} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $s \rightarrow 0$ , then  $P^i \{T_{T_\beta} > t, X_{T_\beta} \in A\} = P^i \{T_{T_\beta} > t\} P^i \{X_{T_\beta} \in A\}$

So, on  $P^i$ ,  $T_{T_\beta}$  and  $X_{T_\beta}$  are independent.

(4) If  $0 < q_i < \infty$ , for any  $j \neq i$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , from (3) and the strong Markov of  $X$ ,

We get that

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ij}(\lambda) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} p_{ij}(t) dt = E^i \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} I_{\{j\}}(X_t) dt \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ \int_{T_\beta}^\infty e^{-\lambda t} I_{\{j\}}(X_t) dt \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ e^{-\lambda T_\beta} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} I_{\{j\}}(X_t) dt \right] \circ \theta_{T_\beta} \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ e^{-\lambda T_\beta} E^{X_{T_\beta}} \left[ \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} I_{\{j\}}(X_t) dt \right] \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ e^{-\lambda T_\beta} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} P^{X_{T_\beta}} [X_t = j] dt \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ e^{-\lambda T_\beta} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} P_t(X_{T_\beta}, \{j\}) dt \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ e^{-\lambda T_\beta} U^\lambda(X_{T_\beta}, \{j\}) \right] \\ &= E^i \left[ e^{-\lambda T_\beta} \right] E^i \left[ U^\lambda(X_{T_\beta}, \{j\}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

For any  $x \in E^+, x \neq j$ , for continuous functions  $f(\cdot)$  on  $E$ , so that  $f(x) = 0, f(j) = 1$ , then

$$0 = f(x) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda U^\lambda f(x) \geq \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda U^\lambda (x, \{j\}).$$

But  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda U^\lambda (j, \{j\}) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda R_{jj}(\lambda) = 1,$

So  $q_{ij} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^2 R_{ij}(\lambda) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda E^i [e^{-\lambda T_j}] \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \lambda E^i [U \lambda (X_{T_j}, \{j\})]$

$$= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda q_i}{\lambda + q_i} \cdot E^i [\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} U^\lambda (X_{T_j}, \{j\})]$$

$$= q_i \cdot P^i [X_{T_j} = j]$$

That is  $P^i [X_{T_j} = j] = \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i}.$

**Note1:** From Theorem 1 we get that  $i \in E$  is instantaneous state(stable state) if and only is that  $i$  is instantaneous state(stay state) of normal chain X.

**Theorem 2** If  $q_i < \infty$ , then for any  $x \in E^+$ , there are  $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots$ , so that  $a_k \leq b_k$  and if  $a_k < \infty$ , then  $a_k < b_k$ ; If  $b_k < \infty, b_k < a_{k+1}$ , for any  $k$ , will have  $S_i(\omega) = \bigcup_k [a_k(\omega), b_k(\omega))$ . For any  $s < t$ , let  $\xi_i(s, t)$  denote the number of  $[a_k, b_k)$  in  $[s, t]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $E^x \{ \xi_i(s, t) \} \leq q_i(t - s).$

**Proof:** Let

$$\begin{aligned}
a_1 &= \inf\{u \mid u \geq 0, X_u = i\} \\
b_1 &= \inf\{u \mid u \geq a_1, X_u \neq i\} \\
a_{k+1} &= \inf\{u \mid u \geq b_k, X_u = i\} \\
b_{k+1} &= \inf\{u \mid u \geq a_k, X_u \neq i\}
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to know that  $a_k, b_k, k = 1, 2, \dots$  are  $\{F_t\}$ -stopping time. For any  $k$ , if  $a_k < \infty$ , because  $X$  is right continuous, and  $X_{a_k} = i$ , from (2) of Theorem 1, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
P^x[a_k < \infty, b_k > a_k] &= P[a_k < \infty, T_{fl} \circ \theta_{a_k} > 0] \\
&= E^x[P^x[T_{fl} \circ \theta_{a_k} > 0 \mid F_{a_k}]; a_k < \infty] \\
&= E^x[P^i[T_{fl} > 0]; a_k < \infty] \\
&= P^x[a_k < \infty]
\end{aligned}$$

Then, on  $\{a_k < \infty\}$ , almost sure have  $a_k < b_k$ , from the strong Markov of  $X$  and define of  $b_k$ , for any  $k$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= P^x[b_k < \infty, \exists \varepsilon > 0, X \in [b_k, b_k + \varepsilon), X = i] \\
&= P^x\{b_k < \infty, X_{b_k} = i, T_{fl} \circ \theta_{b_k} > 0\} \\
&= E^x[P^x[T_{fl} \circ \theta_{b_k} > 0 \mid F_{b_k}]; b_k < \infty, X_{b_k} = i] \\
&= E^x[P^i[T_{fl} > 0]; b_k < \infty, X_{b_k} = i] \\
&= P^x\{X_{b_k} = i, b_k < \infty\}
\end{aligned}$$

So, on  $\{b_k < \infty\}$ , almost sure have  $X_{b_k} \neq i$ . For any  $0 < s < t$ , it is obvious that  $\xi_i(s, t) = \xi_i(0, t - s) \circ \theta_s$ . (refer to [2](120-130))

$$\begin{aligned}
E^x\{\xi_i(s,t)\} &\leq E^x\{\xi_i(0,t-s) \circ \theta_s\} \\
&= \sum P^x\{X_s = k\} E^x\{\xi_i(0,t-s)\} \\
&\leq q_i \cdot (t-s)
\end{aligned}$$

For any  $t > 0$ , have  $E^x\{\xi_i(0,t)\} \leq q_i \cdot t$ . So, almost sure that there are only limited  $[a_k, b_k), k = 1, 2, \dots$  on any limited interval. Then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \infty$ , we may get that

$$S_i(\omega) = \bigcup_k [a_k(\omega), b_k(\omega))$$

**Theorem 3** If  $q_i = \infty$ , we have:

(1) Almost sure  $S_i(\omega)$  does not contain any interval.

(2) Almost sure  $S_i(\omega)$  is own dense set.

**Proof:**(1) It is clear that  $S_i(\omega)$  is a optional set. Let

$$A_t(\omega) = \sup\{s \mid s < t, s \notin S_i(\omega)\}, t \geq 0, \omega \in \Omega,$$

it is obvious  $\{A_t\}$  is monotone increasing light continuous process, and it suitable

$\{F_t\}$ . Let  $B_t = \lim_{s \rightarrow t} A_s$ , then  $\{B_t\}$  is a right continuous process of optional

suitable  $\{F_t\}$ . Set  $U = \{(\omega, t) \mid \exists \varepsilon > 0, (t - \varepsilon, t + \varepsilon) \subseteq S_i(\omega)\}, \omega \in \Omega$ , then

$$U = \{(\omega, t) \mid B_t(\omega) < t\}, \text{ so } U \text{ is the optional set suitable } \{F_t\}.$$

We use  $D_u$  to denote the opportunity time U, If  $P^x\{D_u < \infty\} > 0$ , there exists

$\{F_t\}$  - stopping time  $T$ , so that  $P^x\{T < \infty\} > 0$ , and on

$\{T < \infty\}, (\omega, T(\omega)) \in U$ , From (2) of theorem 1 we have that

$$P^x[T < \infty] = P^x[T < \infty, X_T = i, \exists \varepsilon > 0, \varepsilon \in (T - \varepsilon, T + \varepsilon), X \equiv i]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq P^x [T < \infty, X_T = i, T_{fl} \circ \theta_T > 0] \\ &= E^x [P^i [T_{fl} > 0], T < \infty] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction result! So  $P^x \{D_U < \infty\} = 0$ . Namely, almost sure  $S_i(\omega)$  does not contain any interval.

(2) Proof methods is same to (1).

## 4 Main Results

**Proposition1** If  $x \in E^+ \setminus E$ , then  $P^x \{T_{fl} = 0\} = 1$ .

**Proof:** For any  $i \in E, q_i < \infty$ , we use  $[a_k^{(i)}, b_k^{(i)}]$  denote the k-th i-interval of  $S_i(\omega)$ , Let  $S_f(\omega) = \{u | X_U(\omega) \notin E\}$ ,  $S_f$  is the time of stopping the virtual state. For any  $x \in E^+, t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E^x \{S_f \cap [0, t]\} &= E^x \left\{ \int_0^t [1 - I_E(X_s)] ds \right\} \\ &= \int_0^t [1 - P^x \{X_s \in E\}] ds = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\text{meas } S_f = 0$ , if  $x \in E^+ \setminus E$ , we have that  $P^x \{T_{fl} = 0\} = 1$ .

**Proposition2** If  $\Omega = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in E}$  is all stability, For any  $\omega \in \Omega$ , Let  $S_\infty(\omega) = \{s | s \geq 0, \forall \varepsilon > 0; \text{ it will have infinite jumps}\}$ , then  $S_\infty(\omega)$  is closed set.  $S_\infty(\omega) \setminus S_f(\omega)$  contain countable points, and  $\text{meas } S_i(\omega)$  almost sure is 0.

**Proposition3** Let  $\sigma(\omega) = \inf\{s | s > 0, s \in S_\infty(\omega)\}, \omega \in \Omega$ , then  $\sigma$  is  $\{F_t\}$  – Stopping time.

**Proposition4** The campaign on  $(0, \infty) \setminus S_\infty(\omega)$  is determined by the minimum transfer function.

**Proof:** For any  $n$  and  $t \geq 0, i, j \in E$ , we denote:



$$h_{ij}^{(n)}(t) = P[X_t = j, [0, t] \text{ have } n \text{ jumps}]$$

It is easy that:

$$h_{ij}^{(0)}(t) = e^{-q_i t} \delta_{ij}, \quad h_{ij}^{(n)}(t) = \sum_{k \neq i} \int_0^t e^{-q_k s} q_{ik} h_{kj}^{(n-1)}(t-s) ds, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$P^i[X_t = j, t < \sigma] = \sum h_n^{(n)}(t) - p_{ij}^{\min}(t), \forall i, j \in E, t \geq 0$$

Because  $(0, \infty) \setminus S_\infty(\omega)$  is a open set, and all track on the  $(0, \infty) \setminus S_\infty(\omega)$  are jumping type, for any  $\{F_t\}$  – stopping time  $T$ ,

$$P^\mu[X_{T+t} = j, [T, T+t] \cap S_\infty(\omega) = \emptyset | X_T = i] = P_{ij}^{\min}(t)$$

So the campaign on  $(0, \infty) \setminus S_\infty(\omega)$  is determined by the minimum transfer function.

**Note2:** If  $S_\infty(\omega)$  whose probability is 1 is empty set, then, the normal chain only has jumping type track, at the time, the transfer function must be the least and be only determined by density matrix. If  $S_\infty(\omega)$  whose probability is positive is not empty set, then the track of normal chain is not jumping type track, and its transfer function cannot determine by density matrix.

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