

## Birth and Death Processes with Finished Number of States

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**ABSTRACT:** A realistic description of the development of a population must obviously take into account both the births and deaths of the individuals composing it, this description can be illustrated by a simple model that is obtained by combining the **Birth Processes model** and the **Death Processes model**, this model is called the **Birth and Death Processes**, which represents an important class of Markov Processes applied in the study of waiting phenomena. The model of the Birth and Death Processes (See p.3 in [1], p.4 and 5 in [6]) implicate the existence of the famous **Chapman Kolmogorov's equation**, which has been unresolved until now, considering the interest of this problem (See p.4 in [1]), whose aim to find the law of the **Birth and Death Processes**, we have solved in this article this equation, and thus find the law of this process according to three cases. Thanks to this law, many problems can be solved, used in particular in biology, demography, physics, sociology, statistic..., to account for the evolution of the size of a population.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A **birth-death process** is a **continuous-time Markov chain** that counts the number of particles in a system over time. In the general process with **n** current particles, a new particle is born with instantaneous **rate**  $\lambda_n$  and a particle dies with instantaneous **rate**  $\mu_n$ .

**Birth-death processes (BDP)** have a rich history in probabilistic modeling, including applications in ecology, genetics, statistic and evolution. These probabilities exhibit their usefulness in many modeling applications since the probabilities do not depend on the possibly unobserved path taken by the process from **m** to **n** and hence make possible analyses of discretely sampled or partially observed processes.

In this article, and as part of the propagation of the use of the **BDPs law**, we will present the solutions of the first three cases of **Chapman Kolmogorov's equation**, knowing that our study will be limited to **n-states**. Hence, in the first section we will present the model of the **BDPs** and well define the **Chapman Kolmogorov's equation**, in the second section we will explain the approach followed to solve this equation, and in the third section we will find the resolution of Equation in **three cases**.

### 2. Presentation of the model

To model this process, our study will be limited on the states between **1** and **n**, so we identify the states of this process with:  $P_i(t)$  (Where  $i=1, \dots, n$ )

Knowing that:  $P_j(t) = P(X_t = j)$  ; (Where  $\sum_{i=1}^n P(X_t = i) = 1$ )

(Where  $X_t$  is a discrete and homogeneous stochastic process ( $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ))

Let  $P(t)$  the column matrix of type  $(n, 1)$  such as:  $P(t)^t = (P_1(t), P_2(t), \dots, P_n(t))$  ; ( $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ )

Let:  $P_{ij}(\Delta t) = P(X_{t+\Delta t} = j / X_t = i)$  (1) (The transition probability of the state  $i$  in the state  $j$ )

➤ Definition:

- **The Process of Birth and Death** is defined as follows (See [1]):

$$\textcircled{1} P_{ij}(\Delta t) = \begin{cases} \lambda_i \Delta t + o(\Delta t) & ; \quad \text{si: } j = i + 1 \\ \mu_i \Delta t + o(\Delta t) & ; \quad \text{si: } j = i - 1 \\ 1 - (\lambda_i + \mu_i) \Delta t + o(\Delta t) & ; \quad \text{si: } j = i \\ o(\Delta t) & ; \quad \text{si: } |j - i| \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

➤ Proposition:

- Let  $P_i(t)$  a process of birth and death ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).  
 With  $\lambda_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) is the birth rate and  $\mu_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) is the death rate.  
 - Thus we have the following system of linear differential equations (3) (See [1]):

$$\begin{cases} P_1'(t) = -(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)P_1(t) + \mu_2P_2(t) \\ \dots \\ P_j'(t) = \lambda_{j-1}P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j + \mu_j)P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}P_{j+1}(t) ; j = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ P_n'(t) = \lambda_{n-1}P_{n-1}(t) - \mu_nP_n(t) \end{cases}$$

➤ Proof:

According to the Bays formula, we have:  $P(X_{t+\Delta t} = j) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(X_{t+\Delta t} = j, X_t = i)$  (4)

So,  $P(X_{t+\Delta t} = j) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(X_{t+\Delta t} = j / X_t = i) \cdot P(X_t = i)$

Thus we obtain the relation:  $\textcircled{2} P_j(t + \Delta t) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i(t) \cdot P_{ij}(\Delta t)$  (5)

By replacing  $\textcircled{1}$  in  $\textcircled{2}$ , we will have:

$$\begin{aligned} P_j(t + \Delta t) &= P_{j-1}(t) \cdot P_{j-1j}(\Delta t) + P_j(t) \cdot P_{jj}(\Delta t) + P_{j+1}(t) \cdot P_{j+1j}(\Delta t) + o(\Delta t) \\ P_j(t + \Delta t) &= \lambda_{j-1} \Delta t \cdot P_{j-1}(t) + (1 - (\lambda_j + \mu_j) \Delta t) P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} \Delta t P_{j+1}(t) + o(\Delta t) \\ P_j(t + \Delta t) - P_j(t) &= (\lambda_{j-1} P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j + \mu_j) P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} P_{j+1}(t)) \Delta t + o(\Delta t) \\ \frac{P_j(t + \Delta t) - P_j(t)}{\Delta t} &= \lambda_{j-1} P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j + \mu_j) P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} P_{j+1}(t) + \varepsilon(\Delta t) \end{aligned}$$

With  $\varepsilon(\Delta t) = \frac{o(\Delta t)}{\Delta t}$  (Such that:  $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon(\Delta t) = 0$ )

$$(\Delta t \rightarrow 0) \Rightarrow P_j'(t) = \lambda_{j-1} P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j + \mu_j) P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1} P_{j+1}(t) \quad (6)$$

Therefore, we obtain:  $P'(t) = A \cdot P(t)$  (7)

With  $A \in M_N(\mathbb{R})$  and  $P$  a column matrix of type  $(n, 1)$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -(\lambda_1 + \mu_1) & \mu_2 & 0 \\ \lambda_1 & \ddots & \mu_n \\ 0 & \lambda_{n-1} & -(\lambda_n + \mu_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

This represents the famous Chapman Kolmogorov equation (See [1] and [6]).

### 3. Resolution of equation: $P'(t) = A \cdot P(t)$ (7)

3.1 Procedure followed in solving equation:

➔ Goal: Solve the equation:  $P'(t) = A \cdot P(t)$  (7)

(The matrix  $A$  is non-singular and tridiagonal (described above))

That is, solve the following system of linear differential equations (3) (See [1]):

$$\begin{cases} P_1'(t) = -(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)P_1(t) + \mu_2P_2(t) \\ \dots \\ P_j'(t) = \lambda_{j-1}P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j + \mu_j)P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}P_{j+1}(t) ; j = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ P_n'(t) = \lambda_{n-1}P_{n-1}(t) - \mu_nP_n(t) \end{cases}$$

So to solve this equation, we try to diagonalize the matrix  $A$  (See [3]) and [4]).

Thus, firstly, we will prove that the matrix  $A$  is diagonalizable.

Secondly, the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  and the eigenvectors associated will be searched.

Third, the matrix  $S$ , whose columns are the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ , will be determined.

Therefore, we have:  $A = SDS^{-1}$  (8)

(D is a diagonal matrix with the proper values of the matrix  $A$  on her principal diagonal)

Next we will put the following change of variable:  $Q(t) = S^{-1}P(t)$  (9)

So,  $Q'(t) = S^{-1}P'(t) = S^{-1}AP(t) = S^{-1}ASQ(t) = DQ(t)$  (Because:  $P(t) = SQ(t)$ ) (10)  
 Thus we solve first the equation:  $Q'(t) = DQ(t)$  (11)

Then we conclude  $P(t)$  according to the relation:  $P(t) = SQ(t)$  (10)

3.2 Demonstration of the diagonalization of the matrix  $A$ :

➤ Lemma ①:

- Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  a **tridiagonal symmetric real matrix**, such that:  $b_i \neq 0$  for all  $i$  between  $1$  and  $n-1$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ b_1 & \ddots & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & b_{n-1} & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

- **The associated proper space at any eigenvalue** of the matrix  $A$ , is of **dimension 1**, so the **eigenvalues** of the matrix  $A$  are **simples** (See [5]).

➤ Proof:

Since the matrix  $A$  is **real symmetric**, all its **proper values** are **real**.  
 For any **proper value**  $\lambda$  of the matrix  $A$ , we notice:

$$A_\lambda = A - \lambda I_n = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 - \lambda & b_1 & 0 \\ b_1 & \ddots & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & b_{n-1} & a_n - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

And  $B_\lambda$  is the matrix **extracted** from the matrix  $A_\lambda$ . By deleting **the first line** and **the last column**, let:

$$B_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & a_2 - \lambda & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & a_{n-1} - \lambda \\ 0 & \dots & b_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, we have:  $\det(B_\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} b_i \neq 0$  because:  $b_i \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$

So,

$$\text{rang}(A_\lambda) \geq n - 1$$

Thus, we have:  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad \dim(\text{Ker}(A - \lambda I_n)) \leq 1$  (Because:  $\text{rang}(A_\lambda) + \dim(\text{ker}(A_\lambda)) = n$ )

Therefore:  $\dim(\text{Ker}(A - \lambda I_n)) = 1$  (Because:  $\dim(\text{Ker}(A - \lambda I_n)) \neq 0$ )

Knowing that the matrix  $A$  is **diagonalizable**, noting  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p$  **real proper values** **two to two distinct** from the matrix  $A$ , such that:  $p \leq n$ ,

We have the following relation ( $E$  is a **vector space**):

$$E = \bigoplus_{k=1}^p \text{Ker}(A - \lambda_k I_n) \quad ; \quad k=1, \dots, p \quad (\text{With } \dim(\text{Ker}(A - \lambda_k I_n)) = 1)$$

This requires:  $p=n$ , thus the matrix  $A$  has  **$n$  simple real eigenvalues two to two distinct**.

➤ Lemma ②:

- Let  $n \geq 3$ , we consider the matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  as following:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & c_1 & 0 \\ b_2 & \ddots & c_{n-1} \\ 0 & b_n & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Such that:  $b_k > 0$  and  $c_k' > 0$  for  $k=2, \dots, n$  and  $k' = 1, \dots, n-1$

- The matrix  $A$  has **the same characteristic polynomial** as the matrix  $T$ , such that:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & \sqrt{b_2 c_1} & 0 \\ \sqrt{b_2 c_1} & \ddots & \sqrt{b_n c_{n-1}} \\ 0 & \sqrt{b_n c_{n-1}} & a_n \end{pmatrix}$$

(Because the matrix  $A$  is **similar** to the matrix  $T$ )

➤ Proof:

By noting that for any **diagonal matrix**  $D = \text{diag}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  and any matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  of columns  $C_1, \dots, C_n$  and

lines  $L_1, \dots, L_n$ , we have:  $DA = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 L_1 \\ \dots \\ \alpha_n L_n \end{pmatrix}$  and  $AD = (\alpha_1 C_1, \dots, \alpha_n C_n)$

It can be deduced that in the case where all  $\alpha_k \neq 0$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ), we have:  $D^{-1}AD = \left( \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} a_{ij} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$

Since the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is **tridiagonal**, then we have(12):
$$\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} \mathbf{b}_2 & \ddots & \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n-1}} \mathbf{c}_{n-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{\alpha_n} \mathbf{b}_n & \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

And defining the sequence  $(\alpha_k)_{1 \leq k \leq n}$  by(13):
$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 1 \\ \alpha_k = \alpha_{k-1} \sqrt{\frac{b_k}{c_{k-1}}} & ; \quad k = 2, \dots, n \end{cases}$$

So (14),  $\frac{\alpha_{k-1}}{\alpha_k} \mathbf{b}_k = \sqrt{\frac{c_{k-1}}{b_k}} \mathbf{b}_k = \sqrt{b_k c_{k-1}} = \sqrt{\frac{b_k}{c_{k-1}}} c_{k-1} = \frac{\alpha_k}{\alpha_{k-1}} c_{k-1} & ; \quad k = 2, \dots, n$

Ultimately, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is **similar** to the matrix  $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{T})$ , such that:

$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \sqrt{b_2 c_1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \sqrt{b_2 c_1} & \ddots & \sqrt{b_n c_{n-1}} \\ \mathbf{0} & \sqrt{b_n c_{n-1}} & \mathbf{a}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

➤ Lemma③:

- The matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  is **diagonalizable** with **simple eigenvalues**, and the **same** is **true** for the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

➤ Proof:

The matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  is **real symmetric**, then it is **diagonalizable**.

And since it is **tridiagonal** with:  $\sqrt{b_k c_{k-1}} \neq 0 (k = 2, \dots, n)$

Therefore according to the lemma①, the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$  has **n simple eigenvalues**.

According to the Lemma②, the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is **similar** to the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ , thus it is **diagonalizable** and has **n simple eigenvalues** (The same as the matrix  $\mathbf{T}$ ).

### 3.3 Resolution of the Chapman Kolmogorov equation:

We will solve the equation of **Chapman Kolmogorov** according to **three cases**:

3.3.1  $\forall i = 1, \dots, n & ; \mu_i = \lambda_i = \beta$

So,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, n & ; -(\lambda_i + \mu_i) = -(\beta + \beta) = -2\beta$

Thus the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  becomes: 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\beta & \beta & \mathbf{0} \\ \beta & \ddots & \beta \\ \mathbf{0} & \beta & -2\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

To do this, we look for the real  $\alpha$  such that there is a vector  $\mathbf{X} = (x_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n} \neq 0$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} = \alpha\mathbf{X}$

Then, we have(15): 
$$\begin{cases} \beta x_2 - (\alpha + 2\beta)x_1 = 0 \\ \beta x_{k+1} - (2\beta + \alpha)x_k + \beta x_{k-1} = 0 & ; \quad k = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ -(2\beta + \alpha)x_n + \beta x_{n-1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, by positing:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$

We obtain for the finite sequence  $(x_k)$ , the following **recurring sequence of order 2**(16):

$$\forall k = 1, \dots, n \quad \beta x_{k+1} - (2\beta + \alpha)x_k + \beta x_{k-1} = 0 \text{ (See [7])}$$

Her **characteristic equation** is given by:  $\beta r^2 - (2\beta + \alpha)r + \beta = 0$ (17)

Of **discriminant**:  $\Delta = (2\beta + \alpha)^2 - 4\beta^2$ (18)

We will discuss the solutions according to the sign of  $\Delta$  and the values of the initials conditions:

**1<sup>st</sup> case:**  $\Delta \in ]-\infty; -4\beta[ \cup ]0; +\infty[ \Rightarrow \Delta > 0$

Therefore **the characteristic equation** admits two **conjugate real solutions**  $r_-$  and  $r_+$  given by:

$$r_{\pm} = \frac{\alpha + 2\beta}{2\beta} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\alpha + 2\beta}{2\beta}\right)^2 - 1} \text{ (19)}$$

Therefore,  $(\mathbf{x}_k)_{1 \leq k, i \leq n}$  is given by:  $\mathbf{x}_k = \gamma_- \mathbf{r}_-^k + \gamma_+ \mathbf{r}_+^k$  (20)

Where the coefficients  $\gamma_-$  and  $\gamma_+$  are provided by the following conditions:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$

Thus we obtain: 
$$\begin{cases} \gamma_- + \gamma_+ = \mathbf{0} \\ \gamma_- (\mathbf{r}_-^{n+1} - \mathbf{r}_+^{n+1}) = \mathbf{0} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we have:  $\gamma_- = \gamma_+ = \mathbf{0}$  so,  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{0})$   $\square$  Which is excluded.

→ Therefore, this case is empty.

**2<sup>nd</sup> case:  $\alpha = -2\beta + 2\beta_- \Rightarrow \Delta = 0$**

Then the characteristic equation admits a double real solution, (Nominated  $\mathbf{r}_0$ ), such that (21):

$$\mathbf{x}_k = (\gamma_- + k\gamma_+) \mathbf{r}_0^k ; \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

The condition:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$  give  $\gamma_- = \gamma_+ = \mathbf{0}$

In the end:  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{0})$   $\square$  which is excluded.

→ This second case is also empty.

**3<sup>rd</sup> case:  $\alpha \in ]-4\beta; 0[ \Rightarrow \Delta < 0$**

Thus, we can write  $\alpha$  under the form:  $\alpha = 2\beta (\cos \theta - 1)$  with  $\theta \in ]0, \pi[ \cup ]\pi, 2\pi[$

Thus the characteristic equation becomes (22):

$$\mathbf{r}^2 - (2 \cos \theta) \mathbf{r} + 1 = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{Because: } \beta \neq 0)$$

Who has two conjugate complex solutions  $\omega$  and  $\bar{\omega}$  given by:  $\omega = e^{i\theta}$  and  $\bar{\omega} = e^{-i\theta}$

Which give (23):  $\mathbf{x}_k = \gamma_- \rho^k \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \rho^k \sin k\theta ; \quad k=1, \dots, n$

With:  $\rho = |\omega| = 1$  and  $\theta = \arg(\omega)$

Thus, the recurring sequence of order 2 becomes:  $\mathbf{x}_k = \gamma_- \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \sin k\theta$  (24)

Using the initials conditions:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$

We obtain for  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$ :  $\gamma_- = \mathbf{0}$

So,  $\mathbf{x}_k = \gamma_+ \sin k\theta$

The condition:  $\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$  gives  $\gamma_+ = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\sin(n+1)\theta = \mathbf{0}$

If  $\gamma_+ = \mathbf{0}$  then  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{0})$  → therefore, it is excluded.

If  $\sin(n+1)\theta = \mathbf{0}$  then  $\theta = \frac{k\pi}{n+1}$

Therefore, the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  are of the form (25):

$$\forall \alpha_k \in ]-4\beta, 0[ \quad \alpha_k = 2\beta \left( \cos \left( \frac{k\pi}{n+1} \right) - 1 \right) ; \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

And, the associated eigenvectors are of the form (26):  $(\mathbf{x}_k)_j = \gamma_+ \sin \left( j \frac{k\pi}{n+1} \right); 1 \leq k, j \leq n$

We return to our equation:  $\mathbf{P}'(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{t})$  (7)

We have  $\mathbf{S}$  a matrix, whose columns are the eigenvectors associated to the eigenvalues of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , such that it is presented in the following form (27):

$$\mathbf{S} = \gamma_+ \begin{pmatrix} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{n+1} \right) & \cdots & \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{n+1} \right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{n+1} \right) & \cdots & \sin \left( \frac{n^2\pi}{n+1} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

So, as explained in paragraph (3→3.1) above, we first solve the following linear differential equation:

$$\mathbf{Q}'(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{t}) \quad (11)$$

We have: 
$$\mathbf{Q}'(\mathbf{t}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \left( \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{n+1} \right) - 1 \right) & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & 2\beta \left( \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{n+1} \right) - 1 \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_1(\mathbf{t}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Q}_n(\mathbf{t}) \end{pmatrix}$$

So (28), 
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}'_1(\mathbf{t}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Q}'_n(\mathbf{t}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\beta \left( \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{n+1} \right) - 1 \right) \mathbf{Q}_1(\mathbf{t}) \\ \vdots \\ 2\beta \left( \cos \left( \frac{n\pi}{n+1} \right) - 1 \right) \mathbf{Q}_n(\mathbf{t}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, we obtain (29):  $\mathbf{Q}_k(\mathbf{t}) = \delta_k e^{-2\beta \left( \cos \left( \frac{k\pi}{n+1} \right) - 1 \right) \mathbf{t}} ; \quad k = 1, \dots, n$

With  $\delta_k$  is a constant to be determined, if we have an initial condition.

Therefore, and according to the following relation:  $\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{Q}(t)$ (10)

We have(30): 
$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{Y}_+ \begin{pmatrix} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) & \cdots & \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) & \cdots & \sin\left(\frac{n^2\pi}{n+1}\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 e^{-2\beta\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right)-1\right)t} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_n e^{-2\beta\left(\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right)-1\right)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally,  $\mathbf{P}_j(t)$  is in the following form(31):

$$\mathbf{P}_j(t) = \mathbf{Y}_+ \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{n+1}\right) e^{-2\beta\left(\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)-1\right)t}; \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Noting that the constant  $\mathbf{Y}_+$  is obtained if we have an initial condition (Example:  $(\mathbf{X}_k)_0 = \mathbf{cst}; k = 1, \dots, n$ )

Noting that the constant  $\delta_k$  is obtained if we have an initial condition (Example:  $\delta_k(0) = \mathbf{cst}; k = 1, \dots, n$ )

3.3.2  $\forall i = 1, \dots, n; \lambda_i = \lambda \text{ et } \mu_i = \mu (\lambda \neq \mu)$

Thus, we obtain the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  in the form: 
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -(\lambda + \mu) & \mu & \mathbf{0} \\ \lambda & \ddots & \mu \\ \mathbf{0} & \lambda & -(\lambda + \mu) \end{pmatrix}$$

**First** we will look for the **eigenvalues** and **the associated eigenvector** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Let  $\alpha$  an **eigenvalue** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{\mathbf{0}\}$  an **associated eigenvector**, then(32):

$$\begin{cases} -(\lambda + \mu)x_1 + \mu x_2 = \alpha x_1 \\ \dots \\ \lambda x_{k-1} - (\lambda + \mu)x_k + \mu x_{k+1} = \alpha x_k; \quad k = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ \lambda x_{n-1} - (\lambda + \mu)x_n = \alpha x_n \end{cases}$$

Thus, 
$$\begin{cases} \mu x_2 - (\alpha + (\lambda + \mu))x_1 = 0 \\ \dots \\ \mu x_{k+1} - ((\lambda + \mu) + \alpha)x_k + \lambda x_{k-1} = 0; \quad k = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ -(\alpha + (\lambda + \mu))x_n + \lambda x_{n-1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, by putting  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$ , we obtain for the finite sequence  $(x_k)_{1 \leq k \leq n}$  the following recurrence relation of order 2(33):  $\mu x_{k+1} - ((\lambda + \mu) + \alpha)x_k + \lambda x_{k-1} = 0; k = 1, \dots, n$  (See [7])

Her **characteristic equation** is given by:  $\mu r^2 - ((\lambda + \mu) + \alpha)r + \lambda = 0$ (34)

Of **discriminant**:  $\Delta = ((\lambda + \mu) + \alpha)^2 - 4\lambda\mu$ (35)

We will discuss the solutions according to the sign of  $\Delta$  and the values of the initials conditions:

**1<sup>st</sup> case:**  $\alpha \in ]-\infty; -(\lambda + \mu) - 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu}[ \cup ]-(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu}; +\infty[ \Rightarrow \Delta > 0$

**2<sup>ème</sup> case:**  $\alpha = -(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \Rightarrow \Delta = 0$

**3<sup>rd</sup> case:**  $\alpha \in ]-(\lambda + \mu) - 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu}; -(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu}[ \Rightarrow \Delta < 0$

Thus, as we see in the first case where the coefficients  $\lambda_k$  and  $\mu_k$  are equal to the same constant, if we choose the following conditions:  $\mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{0}$

The solutions exist for:  $\Delta < 0$

By putting:  $\alpha = -(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos \theta; \theta \in ]0, \pi[ \cup ]\pi, 2\pi[$

The **characteristic equation** becomes:  $\mu r^2 - 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos \theta r + \lambda = 0$ (36)

Thus, as  $\lambda \neq 0$ , we have:  $\frac{\mu}{\lambda} r^2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} \cos \theta r + 1 = 0$

We have the following relation(37):  $\frac{\mu}{\lambda} r^2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} \cos \theta r + 1 = \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} r - e^{i\theta}\right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\lambda}} r - e^{-i\theta}\right)$

**The characteristic equation** admits two complex conjugate solutions  $\omega$  and  $\bar{\omega}$  defined by:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}} e^{i\theta} \text{ et } \bar{\omega} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}} e^{-i\theta}$$

Which give(23):  $x_k = \gamma_- \rho^k \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \rho^k \sin k\theta \quad ; \quad k=1, \dots, n$

With:  $\rho = |\omega| = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}$  and  $\theta = \arg(\omega)$

Thus, **the recurring sequence of order 2** becomes(38):

$$x_k = \gamma_- \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^k \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^k \sin k\theta \quad ; \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

By using the initial conditions:  $x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0$

We obtain for  $x_0 = 0$ :  $\gamma_- = 0$

So(39),  $x_k = \gamma_+ \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^k \sin k\theta; \quad k=1, \dots, n$

The condition:  $x_{n+1} = 0$  gives  $\gamma_+ = 0$  or  $\sin(n+1)\theta = 0$

If  $\gamma_+ = 0$  then  $X = (0) \rightarrow$  **Therefore, it is excluded.**

If  $\sin(n+1)\theta = 0$  then  $\theta = \frac{k\pi}{n+1}$

Therefore, **the eigenvalues** of the matrix **A** (Nominated  $\alpha_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$ ) are of the form(40):

$$\forall \alpha_k \in ]-\lambda - \mu - 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu}; -\lambda - \mu + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu}[ \quad \alpha_k = -(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)$$

And **the associated eigenvectors** of the matrix **A** are of the form(41):

$$(x_k)_j = \gamma_+ \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^k \sin\left(j \frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right) \quad ; \quad 1 \leq k, j \leq n$$

We return to our equation:  $P'(t) = A.P(t)$ (7)

We have **S** a matrix, whose columns are **the eigenvectors** associated to **the eigenvalues** of the matrix **A**, such that it is presented in the following form(42):

$$S = \gamma_+ \begin{pmatrix} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n^2\pi}{n+1}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore, as explained in paragraph (3→3.1) above, we first solve **the following differential equation**:

$$Q'(t) = DQ(t)$$
(11)

Then, we have:

$$Q'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & -(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ Q_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

So(43),  $\begin{pmatrix} Q'_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ Q'_n(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(-(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right)\right) Q_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \left(-(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right)\right) Q_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$

Thus(44),  $Q_k(t) = \delta_k e^{-(\lambda + \mu) + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)t} \quad ; \quad k = 1, \dots, n$

With  $\delta_k$  is a constant to be determined, if we have an initial condition.

Therefore, and according to the following relation:  $\mathbf{P}(t) = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{Q}(t)$ (10)

We have(45):

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \gamma_+ \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) & \cdots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) & \cdots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n^2\pi}{n+1}\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right)t} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_n e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right)t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally,  $\mathbf{P}_j(t)$  is in the following form(46):

$$\mathbf{P}_j(t) = \gamma_+ \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k \left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\mu}}\right)^k \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{n+1}\right) e^{-(\lambda+\mu)t + 2\sqrt{\lambda\mu} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)t}; \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

Noting that the constant  $\gamma_+$  is obtained if we have an initial condition (Example:  $(\mathbf{X}_k)_0 = \mathbf{cst}; k = 1, \dots, n$ )  
 Noting that the constant  $\delta_k$  is obtained if we have an initial condition (Example:  $\delta_k(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{cst}; k = 1, \dots, n$ )

$$3.3.3 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n; \quad \mu_i = \lambda_i = \beta_i$$

Thus we obtain the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  of the following form:  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2\beta_1 & \beta_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \beta_1 & \ddots & \beta_{n-1} \\ \mathbf{0} & \beta_{n-1} & -2\beta_n \end{pmatrix}$

We'll look for **the eigenvalues** and **the associated eigenvectors** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be **an eigenvalue** of the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n - \{\mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0}\}$  **an associated eigenvector**, such that:  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \alpha\mathbf{x}$

$$\text{Then, we have(47):} \begin{cases} -2\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_1 x_2 = \alpha x_1 \\ \dots \\ \beta_{k-1} x_{k-1} - 2\beta_k x_k + \beta_{k+1} x_{k+1} = \alpha x_k; \quad k = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ \beta_{n-1} x_{n-1} - 2\beta_n x_n = \alpha x_n \end{cases}$$

So (48),  $\beta_{k+1} x_{k+1} - (2\beta_k + \alpha)x_k + \beta_{k-1} x_{k-1} = 0; \quad k = 1, \dots, n$  (See [7])

We put:  $x_k = q^k$

So we get:  $\beta_{k+1} q^{k+1} - (2\beta_k + \alpha)q^k + \beta_{k-1} q^{k-1} = 0$

Thus for  $k=n$  we obtain:  $\beta_{n+1} q^{n+1} - (2\beta_n + \alpha)q^n + \beta_{n-1} q^{n-1} = 0$

Dividing the last equation by:  $q^{k-n}$

The relation becomes:  $\beta_{n+1} q^{k+1} - (2\beta_n + \alpha)q^k + \beta_{n-1} q^{k-1} = 0$ (49)

By dividing the equation by:  $q^{k-1}$

The **characteristic equation** becomes:  $\beta_{n+1} q^2 - (2\beta_n + \alpha)q + \beta_{n-1} = 0$ (50)

Of **discriminant**:  $\Delta = (2\beta_n + \alpha)^2 - 4\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}$ (51)

We will discuss the solutions according to the sign of  $\Delta$  and the values of the initials conditions:

**1<sup>st</sup> case**:  $\alpha \in ]-\infty; -2(\beta_n + \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}})[ \cup ]-2(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}}); +\infty[ \Rightarrow \Delta > 0$

**2<sup>nd</sup> case**:  $\alpha = -2(\beta_n \pm \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}}) \Rightarrow \Delta = 0$



**3<sup>rd</sup> case:**  $\alpha \in ]-2(\beta_n + \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}}); -2(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}})[ \Rightarrow \Delta < 0$

Thus, as we see in the first case where the coefficients  $\lambda_k$  and  $\mu_k$  are equal to the same constant, if we choose the following conditions:  $x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0$

The solutions exist for:  $\Delta < 0$

Thus we put:  $\alpha = -2\beta_n + 2\sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos \theta$  ;  $\theta \in ]0, \pi[ \cup ]\pi, 2\pi[$

Hence the characteristic equation becomes:  $\beta_{n+1}q^2 - 2q\sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos \theta + \beta_{n-1} = 0$  (52)

Therefore, as  $\beta_{n-1} \neq 0$  ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ ), we have:  $\frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_{n-1}}q^2 + 2q\sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_{n-1}}} \cos \theta + 1 = 0$

Thus we have the following relation (53):

$$\frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_{n-1}}q^2 + 2\sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_{n-1}}} \cos \theta q + 1 = \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_{n-1}}}q - e^{i\theta} \right) \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n+1}}{\beta_{n-1}}}q - e^{-i\theta} \right)$$

Which give (23):  $x_k = \rho^k (\gamma_- \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \sin k\theta)$  ;  $k=1, \dots, n$

With:  $\rho = |\omega| = \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}}$  and  $\theta = \arg(\omega)$

Thus the sequence of recurrence of order 2 admits as solution (54):

$$x_k = \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \right)^k (\gamma_- \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \sin k\theta) ; k=1, \dots, n$$

Using the initials conditions:  $x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0$

We obtain for  $x_0 = 0$ :  $\gamma_- = 0$

So (55),  $x_k = \gamma_+ \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \right)^k \sin k\theta$  ;  $k=1, \dots, n$

The condition  $x_{n+1} = 0$  gives  $\gamma_+ = 0$  or  $\sin(n+1)\theta = 0$

If  $\gamma_+ = 0$  then  $X = (0) \rightarrow$  Therefore, it is excluded.

If  $\sin(n+1)\theta = 0$  then  $\theta = \frac{k\pi}{n+1}$

Thus, the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  (Called  $\alpha_k$ ;  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ) are of the form (56):

$$\forall \alpha_k \in ]-2(\beta_n + \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}}); -2(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}})[ \alpha_k = -2 \left( \beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos \left( \frac{k\pi}{n+1} \right) \right)$$

And the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  are (57):

$$(x_k)_j = \gamma_+ \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \right)^k \sin \left( j \frac{k\pi}{n+1} \right) ; 1 \leq j, k \leq n$$

We return to our equation:  $P'(t) = A.P(t)$  (7)

We have  $S$  a matrix whose columns are the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ , such that it is presented in the following form (58):

$$S = \gamma_+ \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{n+1} \right) & \dots & \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \right)^n \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{n+1} \right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \sin \left( \frac{n\pi}{n+1} \right) & \dots & \left( \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \right)^n \sin \left( \frac{n^2\pi}{n+1} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

We first solve the following differential equation:  $Q'(t) = DQ(t)$  (11)

$$\text{Then, we have: } Q'(t) = -2 \begin{pmatrix} \beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{n+1} \right) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos \left( \frac{n\pi}{n+1} \right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ Q_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{So(59), } \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Q}'_1(\mathbf{t}) \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{Q}'_n(\mathbf{t}) \end{pmatrix} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} \left( \beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) \right) \mathbf{Q}_1(\mathbf{t}) \\ \vdots \\ \left( \beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \right) \mathbf{Q}_n(\mathbf{t}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus(60),  $\mathbf{Q}_k(\mathbf{t}) = \delta_k e^{(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}))t}$  ;  $\mathbf{k} = 1, \dots, \mathbf{n}$   
 With  $\delta_k$  a constant to be determined, if one has an initial condition.

Therefore, and according to the following relation:  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{t})$ (10)  
 We have

$$(61): \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{Y}_+ \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n^2\pi}{n+1}\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 e^{(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos(\frac{\pi}{n+1}))t} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_n e^{(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}))t} \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally,  $\mathbf{P}_j(\mathbf{t})$  is in the following form(62):

$$\mathbf{P}_j(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbf{Y}_+ \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k \left(\sqrt{\frac{\beta_{n-1}}{\beta_{n+1}}}\right)^k \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{n+1}\right) e^{(\beta_n - \sqrt{\beta_{n-1}\beta_{n+1}} \cos(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}))t}; \mathbf{j} = 1, \dots, \mathbf{n}$$

Note that the constant  $\mathbf{Y}_+$  is obtained if an initial condition exists (Example:  $(\mathbf{X}_k)_0 = \mathbf{cst}; \mathbf{k} = 1, \dots, \mathbf{n}$ )  
 Note also that the constant  $\delta_k$  is obtained if an initial condition exists (Example:  $\delta_k(0) = \mathbf{cst}; \mathbf{k} = 1, \dots, \mathbf{n}$ )

#### 4. Conclusion

Many important stochastic counting models can be written as general **Birth-Death Processes (BDPs)**. **BDPs** are continuous-time Markov chains on the non-negative integers in which only jumps to adjacent states are allowed. **BDPs** can be used to easily parameterize a rich variety of probability distributions on the non-negative integers, and straightforward conditions guarantee that these distributions are proper. **BDPs** also provide a mechanistic interpretation – birth and death of actual particles or organisms – that has proven useful in ecology, physics, and chemistry.

Finally, thanks to this law, several problems can be solved, used more particularly in biology, demography, physics, sociology, statistics ... etc. And also to account for the changing size of any type of population and the problems related to waiting phenomena.

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