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On compact stochastic perturbations of mappings of the unit interval

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Let φ_n be continuous mappins of a compact metric space X and \Re be some fixed compact Markov operator on C(X). We study the asymptotic $(n \longrightarrow \infty)$ behavior of invariant probability measure of the compositions $(T_{\varphi_n}R)^*$, where $\varphi_n \longrightarrow \varphi$ uniformly. We apply our general results to the investigation of the difference equation $X_{n+1} = \varphi(X_n) + W$, where W is a fixed random variable independent of n and X_n and φ are continuous maps from [0, 1] into [0, 1].

It is shown that for a wide class of mappings φ this Markov process admits the unique (stationary) invariant measure $\mu(\varphi)$ and the mapping $\varphi \longrightarrow \mu(\varphi)$ is continuous.

Let (X, ρ) be a compact metric space. We denote by C(X) the Banach lattice of all continuous functions on X, and by P(X) the set of all Borel probability measures on X. The smallest, closed set of all full measure $\mu \in P(X)$ is denoted by supp μ (the support of μ). A linear operator $T: C(X) \longrightarrow C(X)$ is said to be Markov if T1 = 1, and $f \ge 0 \Longrightarrow Tf \ge 0$. It is well known that for every Markov operator T on C(X) there exits a unique family of probability measures $P(x, \cdot)$, on X such that

- (a) for every Borel set A the mapping $x \longrightarrow P(x, A)$ is Borel measurable
- (b) for every $f \in C(X)$, $Tf(x) = \int f(y)P(x, dy)$.

In fact, we have $P(x, \cdot) = T^* \delta_x(\cdot)$. By B(X) we denote the set of bounded Borel functions on X. Using property (b) the Markov operator T can be canonically extended to an operator $T: B(X) \longrightarrow B(X)$. We say that a closed set $A \subset X$ is T-invariant (or simply, invariant if T is fixed) if for every $x \in A$ we have P(x, A) = 1 (equivalently $T1_A \ge 1_A$).

Now, let Ω be the product space $\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n$ where $X_n = X$. We equip Ω with its natural topology and product σ -field. Let η_n be the natural projection $\eta_n : \Omega \longrightarrow X_n$. It is well known (e.g. [3] Proposition 2.10 p.18) that given any initial distribution probability μ on X there is a probability \mathcal{P}_{μ} defined on Ω with

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mu}\{\eta_k \in A_k : k = 0, 1, \dots, n\} = \int \mathbb{1}_{A_0} T(\mathbb{1}_{A_1} \dots \mathbb{1}_{A_{n-1}} (T\mathbb{1}_{A_n}) \dots) d\mu.$$

Moreover, the sequence $\{\eta_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty}$ is a homogenous Markov chain with transition probability $P(\cdot, \cdot)$ and starting measure μ . It is called the canonical Markov chain with transition probability P.

Let $P_T(X)$ denote the set of all T^* -invariant measures. Clearly, it is nonempty, convex and w^* -compact subset of P(X), and for every μ belonging to $P_T(X)$ the canonical Markov chain $\{\eta_k\}$ is stationary with respect to \mathcal{P}_{μ} .

In the sequel we will need some informations on compact Markov operators. Recall that a linear operator $T: C(X) \longrightarrow C(X)$ is compact if and only if the mapping $x \longrightarrow T^* \delta_x$ is norm continuous, so every compact Markov operator is strong Feller $(TB(X) \subset C(X) \text{ see } [3]$ Proposition 5.8 p.37). The Cesaro means $A_n f = n^{-1}(f + Tf + \ldots + T^{n-1}f)$ of a compact Markov operator T converge uniformly to a finite-dimensional projection, ex $P_T(X)$ (it means the set of extremal measures) is finite and supp $\mu_1 \cap \text{supp } \mu_2 = \emptyset$ for each distinct extremal T^* -invariant measures μ_1, μ_2 (see [2] and [4] for detailes). Observe that every continuous mapping $\varphi: X \longrightarrow X$ defines a Markov (deterministic) operator $T_{\varphi}f = f \circ \varphi$.

Now let M denote the convex, semitopological semigroup of all Markov operators on C(X). For an operator $R \in N$ the mapping $M \ni T \longrightarrow T \circ R$ is denoted by \mathcal{R} . Observe that if T_{φ} is a deterministic Markov operator induced by some transformation φ then $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})f(x) = T_{\varphi} \circ Rf(x) = Rf(\varphi(x)) = \int f(y)R(\varphi(x), dy)$. If for every $x \in X$ the transition measure $R(x, \cdot)$ is concentrated on the ball $B(x,r) = \{y \in X : \rho(x,y) \leq r\}$, then our operator $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ can be recognized as an *r*-perturbation of the dynamical system (X,φ) . In the sequel we will consider only compact perturbations (thus $\mathcal{R}(T)$ is a compact for every $T \in M$). Clearly, $\mathcal{R}(T_n) \xrightarrow{\text{s.o.t.}} \mathcal{R}(T)$ whenever $T_n \xrightarrow{\text{s.o.t.}} T$ (here s.o.t. means strong operator topology). Using the compactness of the operator R we get the following.

Lemma 1 Let the sequence (T_n) of Markov operators on C(X) converge in the strong operator topology to T and R be a fixed compact Markov operator on C(X). Then $\mathcal{R}(T_n) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(T)$ in the operator norm and every limit measure $\mu = w^* - \lim_{j \to \infty} \mu_{n_j}$ is $\mathcal{R}(T)^*$ invariant (here $\mu_n \in P_{\mathcal{R}(T_n)}(X)$). Moreover, in this case $|| \mu - \mu_{n_j} || \longrightarrow 0$, where $|| \cdot ||$ is the variation.

Proof. By the compactness of R we can chose a finite, ε -dense subset f_1, \ldots, f_m of $R(K_1)$, where K_1 denotes the unit ball of C(X). Since $T_n \xrightarrow{\text{s.o.t.}} T$ thus there exists n_0 such that for $n \ge n_0$ we have $|| T_n f_j - Tf_j || \le \varepsilon$ for every $j = 1, \ldots, m$. So, for every $f \in C(X)$, $|| f || \le 1$ we get

$$\| \mathcal{R}(T_n)f - \mathcal{R}(T)f \| \leq \| \mathcal{R}(T_n)f - \mathcal{R}(T_n)f_j \| +$$

$$+ \parallel \mathcal{R}(T_n)f_j - \mathcal{R}(T)f_j \parallel + \parallel \mathcal{R}(T)f_j - \mathcal{R}(T)f \parallel \leq 3\varepsilon$$

if the index j is suitable. Thus,

$$\parallel \mathcal{R}(T_n) - \mathcal{R}(T) \parallel = \sup_{\parallel f \parallel \leq 1} \parallel \mathcal{R}(T_n)f - \mathcal{R}(T)f \mid$$

tends to 0.

Now assume that $\mu = w^* - \lim_{j \to \infty} \mu_{n_j}$ for some $\mu_{n_j} \in P_{\mathcal{R}(T_{n_j})}(X)$. For every $f \in C(X)$ we have

$$\left| \int f \, d\mu - \int \mathcal{R}(T) f \, d\mu \right| \leq \left| \int f \, d\mu - \int f \, d\mu_{n_j} \right| + \int \mathcal{R}(T) f \, d\mu_{n_j} - \int \mathcal{R}(T_{n_j}) f \, d\mu_{n_j} \right| + \left| \int \mathcal{R}(T) f \, d\mu_{n_j} - \int \mathcal{R}(T) f \, d\mu \right|.$$

Since the components of the right side of the previous inequality converge to 0, thus μ is $\mathcal{R}(T)^*$ invariant probability. Next

$$\| \mu - \mu_{n_j} \| = \sup_{\|f\| \le 1} |\int f d\mu - \int f d\mu_{n_j} =$$

(here $\{f_1, \ldots, f_m\}$ is an ε -dense subset of $R(K_1)$). Since ε can be taken arbitrarily small, then $\| \mu - \mu_{n_j} \| \longrightarrow 0$.

The following corollary strengthens some results from [1].

Corollary 1 If the Markov operator $\mathcal{R}(T)$ has exactly one invariant probability measure μ (i.e. it is uniquely ergodic) and $T_n \xrightarrow{\text{s.o.t.}} T$ then $\| \mu_n - \mu \| \to 0$ (here $\mu_n \in P_{\mathcal{R}(T_n)}(X)$). In particular there exists n_0 such that for $n \ge n_0$ the operators $\mathcal{R}(T_n)$ are uniquely ergodic.

Now, let φ be a continuous mapping from the unit interval [0,1] into itself. Consider the stochastic difference equation $X_{n+1} = \varphi(X_n) + W$, where W is a small random variable possessing the probability density function $g: [-a, a] \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$, where a is small and $g \ge 0$, $\int_{-a}^{a} g \ d\lambda = 1$ for the Lebesgue measure λ (i.e. $Prob.(W \in A) = \int_{A} g(x) dx$ for every Borel set $A \subset [-a, a]$). We assume that the perturbation term W is independent of n and X_n .

We say that a closed subset ([1] Definition 1) $S \subset [0,1]$ is invariant with respect to our stochastic difference equation if $\varphi(S) \oplus [-a, a] \subset S$, where \oplus is defined $A \oplus B = \{x + y : x \in A, y \in B\}$. We will say S is (φ, a) invariant then. Let us observe that every (φ, a) invariant subset S is invariant in an ordinary sense (i.e. $\varphi(S) \subset S$). If there exists a (φ, a) invariant set S then clearly X_n is a Markov process with state space S. More precisely, for every initial probability μ concentrated on S there exists the Markov process X_n such that

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mu}(X_{n+1} - \varphi(X_n) \in A) = \int_A g \ d\lambda$$

for every Borel $A \subset [-a, a]$. We show that the process X_n defined on some (φ, a) invariant subset can be regarded as a part of the Markov perturbation of the dynamical system $([0, 1], \varphi)$. We set

$$(c) \ \frac{d \ R^* \delta_x}{d \ \lambda}(t) = \begin{cases} g(t-x), \text{ for } x \in [a, 1-a] \\ a^{-2}(a-x) \cdot 1_{[0,a)}(t) + a^{-1} \cdot x \cdot g(t-a), \text{ for } x \in [0,a) \\ a^{-2}(x-(1-a))1_{(1-a,1]}(t) + \\ a^{-1}(1-x) \cdot g(t-(1-a)), \text{ for } x \in (1-a,1] \end{cases}$$

where λ denotes the Lebesgue measure. Clearly, the mapping

$$x \longrightarrow R^* \delta_x$$

is norm continuous, so the Markov operator R given by the above transition function is compact.

Moreover, since $R^*\delta_x \prec \prec \lambda$ then $R^*(P(S)) \subset L^1(S,\lambda)$ and it is easy to see that

$$\frac{d R^* \mu}{d \lambda}(t) = \int \frac{d R^* \delta_x}{d \lambda}(t) \,\mu(dx) \quad \text{for every } \mu \in P(S).$$

We notice that if g is a function of bounded variation then similarly $\frac{d \mathbf{R}^* \delta_x}{d \lambda}$ has bounded variation too, and the following rough estimation

$$Var(rac{d R^* \delta_x}{d \lambda}) \le Var(g) + 2a^{-1}$$

holds.

Consider the perturbation of T_{φ} by the Markov operator R and let η_n be the canonical Markov process defined by $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$. For every Borel set $A \subset S$ and $x \in S$ (notice that $\varphi(x) \in [a, 1-a]$ then) we have

$$P(\eta_{n+1} \in A \mid \eta_n = x) = \mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})\mathbf{1}_A(x) = (R \circ T_{\varphi})^* \delta_x(A) =$$

$$= R^* \delta_{\varphi(x)}(A) = \int_A g(y - \varphi(x)) \, d\lambda(y).$$

On the other hand if $x \in S$ then

$$P(X_{n+1} \in A \mid X_n = x) = P(\varphi(X_n) + W \in A \mid X_n = x) =$$
$$= \int_{A-\varphi(x)} g(y) \, d\lambda(y) = \int_A g(y - \varphi(x)) \, d\lambda(y).$$

Since X_n and η_n are Markov processes we conclude that all finite dimensional distributions coincide. So on the phase subspace S they give equivalent descriptions of the perturbation of the dynamical system $([0, 1], \varphi)$.

Assume that φ is nonsingular (i.e. if $\lambda(A) = 0$ for a Borel set $A \subset [0, 1]$ then $\lambda(\varphi^{-1}(A)) = 0$). The Frobenius-Perron operator connected with φ is an operator defined on $L^1([0, 1])$ as follows

$$P_{\varphi}f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{\varphi^{-1}[0,x]} f(y) \, dy.$$

In [1] Boyarski has studied the stochastic operators Q_{φ} defined on $L^1(S)$ by the equation $Q_{\varphi}f(x) = (P_{\varphi}f * g)(x)$, where * denotes the convolution and g is the probability density function of W. The properties of invariant densities have been investigated there. In particular it was shown that the "regularity" of g implies some nice properties of invariant density. Since for a (φ, a) invariant set S the operators Q_{φ} and $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^*$ coincide on $L^1(S)$ (notice that S is an $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ invariant subset then), thus $\{f \in L^1(S): Q_{\varphi}f = f\} = P_{\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})}(S)$. The existence of an absolutely continuous invariant measure of Q_{φ} is a simple consequence of the last equality. Moreover it does exist for arbitrary continuous mapping (not necessary nonsingular or C^1) from [0,1] into itself.

Corollary 2 If for a continuous mapping $\varphi : [0,1] \longrightarrow [0,1]$ there exists a closed (φ, a) invariant set S then for every random variable W with absolutely continuous density function $g : [-a, a] \longrightarrow [0, \infty)$ the stochastic process defined by $X_{n+1} = \varphi(X_n) + W$ has a stationary probability distribution of the form \mathcal{P}_f for some positive, normalized $f \in L^1(S, \lambda)$. In particular for every Borel set $A \subset S$ $\mathcal{P}_f(X_n \in A) = \int_A f d\lambda$.

Now, let us fix the probability density function g of W and assume that supp $g \subset [-a, a]$. Our next result corresponds to Theorem 1 from [1].

Proposition 1 Let φ be a continuous mapping from [0,1] into itself and $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ be the compact perturbation of T_{φ} (here R is defined by (c)). If g is of bounded variation then the density of each $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^*$ invariant probability μ is of bounded variation too.

Proof. Let $\mu \in F_{\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})}([0,1])$ be arbitrary. Since

$$\frac{d \mu}{d \lambda}(t) = \int \frac{d \mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^* \delta_x}{d \lambda}(t) \mu(dx),$$

then for every $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \ldots < t_n = 1$ we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \mid \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda}(t_{i}) - \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda}(t_{i-1}) \mid \leq$$

 $\sum_{i=1}^{m} \left| \frac{d \mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^* \delta_x}{d \lambda}(t_i) - \frac{d \mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^* \delta_x}{d \lambda}(t_{i-1}) \right| d\mu(x) \le Var(g) + 2a^{-1} < \infty.$

The following theorem connects the smothness of invariant densities with properties of g.

Theorem 1 Let φ be a continuous mapping from [0,1] into itself and S be (φ, a) invariant subset of [0,1].

If φ is nonsingular and $g \in L^{\infty}([-a, a])$ then density of every $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^*$ -invariant probability μ supported on S is a continuous function.

If $g \in C_0^k([-a,a])$ (i.e. g(-a) = g(a) = 0 and g has continuous k derivatives) then $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \in C^k([0,1])$ for each invariant probability $\mu \in P_{\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})}(S)$.

Proof. Let φ be nonsingular and $\mu \in P_{\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})}(S)$. Since for each $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\frac{d}{d}\frac{\mu}{\lambda}(t) = \int_{S} g(t - \varphi(x))d\mu(x) = \int_{S} g(t - x)d\mu \circ \varphi^{-1}(x) =$$
$$= \int g(t - x)\frac{d\mu \circ \varphi^{-1}}{d\lambda}(x)d\lambda(x) = g \star \frac{d\mu \circ \varphi^{-1}}{d\lambda}(t)$$

then $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \in C([0,1])$ with supp $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \subset S$. Now, let $g \in C_0^k([0,1])$. Then

$$\frac{\frac{d \mu}{d \lambda}(t+h) - \frac{d \mu}{d \lambda}(t)}{h} =$$

$$= \lim_{h \to \infty} \frac{\int g(t+h-\varphi(x)) - g(t-\varphi(x)) \, d\mu(x)}{h} = \int g'(t-\varphi(x)) \, d\mu(x),$$

so $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \in C^1([0,1])$. Similarly we get higher derivatives.

Remark In the previous theorem the nonsingularity assumption on φ is essential. In fact let $\varphi(x) = 2^{-1}$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$ and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} (4a)^{-1} & \text{for } x \in [-a,0), \\ 3(4a)^{-1} & \text{for } x \in [0,a]. \end{cases}$$

where $a < 4^{-1}$ is fixed. Clearly, the unit interval is (φ, a) invariant and the (unique) $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ invariant probability μ has the density of bounded variation. But it can be computed that

$$\frac{d \mu}{d \lambda}(t) = \int g(t - \varphi(x)) d\mu(x) =$$

$$g(t - 2^{-1}) = \begin{cases} (4a)^{-1} & \text{for } t \in [2^{-1} - a, 2^{-1}) \\ 3(4a)^{-1} & \text{for } t \in [2^{-1}, 2^{-1} + a], \end{cases}$$

and $\frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \notin C([0,1])$.

Proposition 2 Let φ be a nonsingular continuous mapping from [0, 1] into itself and $g \in L^1([-a, a])$ be a density of some perturbation of φ such that $0 \in \text{suppg}$.

If there are no two disjoint non-meager φ -invariant subsets of [0,1]then $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ is uniquely ergodic.

Proof. As in the first part of our theorem 1, if μ is $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^*$ -invariant probability, then

$$\frac{d \mu}{d \lambda}(t) = \int g(t-x) \frac{d\mu \circ \varphi^{-1}}{d\lambda}(x) d\lambda(x)$$

and thus

$$\{t \in [0,1] : \frac{d \mu}{d \lambda}(t) > 0\}$$

has nonempty interior. But the topological support of every invariant probability is an invariant subset of [0,1] (see [4] for detailes). So, because $0 \in \text{supp } g$, we get that the support of every $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^*$ invariant probability is some φ -invariant subset with nonempty interior. Since supports of distinct extremal invariant probabilities of a compact Markow operator are disjoint (see [4]) thus because of the assumptions of our theorem the operator $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ must be uniquely ergodic.

Recall that a continuous mapping φ from [0,1] into itself is said to be transitive if there exists a point $x_0 \in [0,1]$ such that the orbit $\{\varphi^n(x_0)\}_{n\geq 0}$ is dense in [0,1]. The following result is a simple consequence of the previous results.

Corollary 3 Let φ be a continuous, nonsingular and transitive mapping from [0,1] into itself and $g \in L^1([-a,a])$ be the probability density function such that $0 \in \text{supp } g$. Then the Markov operator $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ is uniquely ergodic.

The following theorem expresses the continuous dependence of the invariant measure of the uniquely ergodic compact perturbation $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$, on the mapping φ .

Theorem 2 Let $\varphi_n \longrightarrow \varphi$ uniformly on [0,1] where φ_n, φ are continuous mappings from [0,1] into itself. If for some positive a there exists a closed (nonempty) (φ, a) -invariant set S and there are no two non-meager disjoint φ -invariant sets then for every probability density function $g \in L^1_+((-\infty, +\infty))$ satisfying $0 \in \text{supp } g \subset [-a, a]$, we have

$$\parallel \mu_n - \mu \parallel = \int_o^1 \mid \frac{d\mu_n}{d\lambda} - \frac{d\mu}{d\lambda} \mid d\lambda \longrightarrow 0$$

where μ_n, μ are $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi_n})^*$, $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})^*$ invariant probabilities, respectively.

Proof. By our proposition 2 the Markov operator $\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})$ is uniquely ergodic. Since $\varphi_n \longrightarrow \varphi$ implies $T_{\varphi_n} \xrightarrow{\text{s.o.t.}} T_{\varphi}$, thus by our corollary 1 we get the thesis.

The following example shows that in general the uniform convergence $\varphi_n \longrightarrow \varphi$ of continuous mappings from [0,1] into itself does not guarantee the convergence of a suitable sequence of invariant probabilities.

Example Let φ be the continuous mapping given by the following diagram:



Consider the density g = 8 on $[-(16)^{-1}, (16)^{-1}]$ and let R be the appropriate compact Markov operator defined as in (c). Clearly $A = [(16)^{-1}, 7(16)^{-1}]$, $B = [9(16)^{-1}, 15(16)^{-1}]$ are the only $(\varphi, (16)^{-1})$ invariant subsets of [0,1]. Thus $P_{\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi})}([0,1])$ has exactly two extremal measures concentrated on A and B respectively. Now, we define the sequence of continuous functions f_n on the unit interval:



for odd n



and consider the sequence $\varphi_n = f_n \varphi$ (clearly $\varphi_n \longrightarrow \varphi$). Observe that for odd *n* the mappings φ_n have exactly one $(\varphi_n, (16)^{-1})$ invariant subset and it is contained in $[(16)^{-1}, 7(16)^{-1}]$. For even *n* the mappings φ_n have also exactly one $(\varphi_n, (16)^{-1})$ invariant subset, but it is contained in $[9(16)^{-1}, 15(16)^{-1}]$. Thus, for every natural *n*, we have $\| \mu_n - \mu_{n+1} \| = 2x$ where $\mu_j \in P_{\mathcal{R}(T_{\varphi_j})}([0,1])$ and the sequence of measures μ_n does not converge.

Remark It is easy to observe that by a small modifications in the previous example the mappings φ, φ_n can be taken to be smooth.

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