

Non-Homogeneous Birth and Death Processes (Particular Case)

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Abstract

- ◆ **Homogeneous and non-Homogeneous Birth and Death Processes (BDPs)** have a great importance for many fields of applied probability. For example, **Non-homogeneous** (See [3],[4] and [5]) versions of the **Birth and Death Processes (NHBDPs)** have an important role in queuing theory.
- ◆ In this paper we consider **Non-Homogeneous Birth and Death Processes (NHBDPs)** (See [3]) (The rates are taken to be **non-homogeneous**, i.e. they can change over time, more particularly we will assume the rates vary with time with constant coefficients, $(\lambda_i(t) = a_i t ; \mu_i(t) = b_i t ; \forall i = 1, \dots, n)$).
- ◆ For the same purpose, we are going to complete the resolution of the **Chapman Kolmogorov's equation** in this case, whose coefficients depend on time t .

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I. Introduction

- ◆ **Birth and Death Processes (BDPs)** were introduced by Feller (1939) and have since been used as models for population growth, queue formation, in epidemiology and in many other areas of both theoretical and applied interest. From the standpoint of the theory of stochastic processes they represent an important special case of Markov processes with countable state spaces and continuous parameters.
- ◆ We consider in this paper a special case of the **Non-Homogeneous** version of the **Birth and Death Processes (NHBDPs)**, this model describes changes in the size of a population. New population members can appear with a certain rate $(\lambda_i(t) = a_i t)$, called the **Birth rate** or the reproductive power, and members can leave the population with a rate $(\mu_i(t) = b_i t)$ called the **Death rate**. These rates are taken to be **non-homogeneous**, i.e. they can change over time.
- ◆ In the sequel, and in order to complete the resolution of **Chapman Kolmogorov's equation** (See [1] and [2]) with a special case of the **Non-Homogeneous Birth and Death Processes (NHBDPs)** (See [3]), we present in the first section a reminder on the (NHBDPs) model and in the second section the procedure followed in the resolution of this equation and also the solution found for this model.

II. Presentation of The Model

- ◆ Our study will be limited on the states between 1 and n , so we identify the states of this process with:

$$P_i(t) \quad (i=1, \dots, n)$$

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

(Where X_t is a discrete and nonhomogeneous 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 to the state j)
- ◆ The **Non-Homogeneous Birth and Death Processes (NHBDPs)** is defined as follows (See [3]):

➤ Definition:

- Let $\lambda_k(t) (k = 1, \dots, n)$ is the **Birth rate** and $\mu_k(t) (k = 1, \dots, n)$ is the **Death rate**, then we have:

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

- Where all $\mathbf{o}(\Delta t)$ are uniform with respect to \mathbf{i} .
- We also suppose that for almost all $t \geq 0$: $\text{Sup}_i (\lambda_i(t) + \mu_i(t)) < \infty$

◆ We have the following proposition (See [1]):

➤ **Proposition:**

- Let $P_i(t)$ a Birth and Death Process ($i = 1, \dots, n$).
 - With $\lambda_k(t)$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$) is the Birth rate and $\mu_k(t)$ ($k = 1, \dots, n$) is the Death rate.
 - Thus we have the following system of linear differential equations (See [7]):
- $$\begin{cases} P_1'(t) = -(\lambda_1(t) + \mu_1(t))P_1(t) + \mu_2(t)P_2(t) \\ P_j'(t) = \lambda_{j-1}(t)P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j(t) + \mu_j(t))P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}(t)P_{j+1}(t) \quad ; \quad j = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ P_n'(t) = \lambda_{n-1}(t)P_{n-1}(t) - (\lambda_n(t) + \mu_n(t))P_n(t) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

➤ **Proof:**

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

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: $P_j(t + \Delta t) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i(t) \cdot P_{ij}(\Delta t)$

Replacing (1) in (2), we will have:

$$P_j(t + \Delta t) = P_{j-1}(t) \cdot P_{j-1j}(\Delta t) + P_j(t) \cdot P_{jj}(\Delta t) + P_{j+1}(t) \cdot P_{j+1j}(\Delta t) + \mathbf{o}(\Delta t)$$

$$P_j(t + \Delta t) = \lambda_{j-1}(t)\Delta t \cdot P_{j-1}(t) + \left(1 - (\lambda_j(t) + \mu_j(t))\Delta t\right) P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}(t)\Delta t P_{j+1}(t) + \mathbf{o}(\Delta t)$$

$$P_j(t + \Delta t) - P_j(t) = (\lambda_{j-1}(t)P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j(t) + \mu_j(t))P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}(t)P_{j+1}(t))\Delta t + \mathbf{o}(\Delta t)$$

$$\frac{P_j(t + \Delta t) - P_j(t)}{\Delta t} = \lambda_{j-1}(t)P_{j-1}(t) - (\lambda_j(t) + \mu_j(t))P_j(t) + \mu_{j+1}(t)P_{j+1}(t) + \varepsilon(\Delta t)$$

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

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

Therefore, we obtain: $P'(t) = A(t) \cdot P(t)$ (4)

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

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

This represents the famous Chapman Kolmogorov's equation (See [6] and [11]).

◆ As we saw in the two previous articles (See [1] and [2]), we have presented solutions of the Chapman Kolmogorov's equation in four cases, so that we will present the solution of this equation in this particular case.

➤ **Note:**

◆ We'll restrict our study to Non-Homogeneous Birth and Death Processes whose rates have the following form:

$$\lambda_i(t) = a_i t \quad ; \quad \mu_i(t) = b_i t \quad (\text{With } a_i, b_i > 0 \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n)$$

Thus, the matrix $A(t)$ becomes in the following form:

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -(a_1 + b_1)t & b_2 t & 0 \\ a_1 t & \ddots & b_n t \\ 0 & a_{n-1} t & -(a_n + b_n)t \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} -(a_1 + b_1) & b_2 & 0 \\ a_1 & \ddots & b_n \\ 0 & a_{n-1} & -(a_n + b_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

We consider the matrix $B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$, such that:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -(a_1 + b_1) & b_2 & 0 \\ a_1 & \ddots & b_n \\ 0 & a_{n-1} & -(a_n + b_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

So, the equation $P'(t) = A(t) \cdot P(t)$ (See [3]) becomes: $P'(t) = t \cdot B \cdot P(t)$ (5)

1. Solving the Chapman Kolmogorov's equation in this last case:

1.1 Procedure followed in solving this equation:

◆ Our objective is solving this equation: $P'(t) = t \cdot B \cdot P(t)$ (5)

So we have to solve the following **system of linear differential equations** (See [1]):

$$\begin{cases} P'_1(t) = -(a_1 + b_1)t \cdot P_1(t) + b_2 t \cdot P_2(t) \\ \dots \\ P'_j(t) = a_{j-1}t \cdot P_{j-1}(t) - (a_j + b_j)t \cdot P_j(t) + b_{j+1}t \cdot P_{j+1}(t) ; j = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ P'_n(t) = a_{n-1}t \cdot P_{n-1}(t) - b_n t \cdot P_n(t) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

◆ We have proved that the matrix **B** is **diagonalizable** (See [1]), then the **eigenvalues** of the matrix **B** and the **eigenvectors associated** will be searched.

◆ So, the matrix **S**, whose columns are the **eigenvectors associated** with the **eigenvalues** of the matrix **B**, will be determined.

◆ Therefore, we have (See [9]): $B = SDS^{-1}$ (7)

(**D** is a **diagonal matrix** with the **proper values** of the matrix **B** on her **principal diagonal**)

◆ Next we will put the following **change of variable**: $Q(t) = S^{-1}P(t)$ (8)

So, $Q'(t) = S^{-1}P'(t) = S^{-1}t \cdot B \cdot P(t) = t \cdot S^{-1}BSQ(t) = t \cdot DQ(t)$ (Because: $P(t) = SQ(t)$) (9)

◆ Thus we solve first the equation: $Q'(t) = t \cdot DQ(t)$ (10)

◆ Then we conclude **P(t)** according to the relation: $P(t) = SQ(t)$ (11)

1.2 Solving the equation: $P'(t) = t \cdot B \cdot P(t)$ (5)

◆ Thus we obtain the matrix **B** of the following form:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -(a_1 + b_1) & b_2 & 0 \\ a_1 & \ddots & b_n \\ 0 & a_{n-1} & -(a_n + b_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

◆ We'll look for the **eigenvalues** and the **associated eigenvectors** of the matrix **B**.

◆ Let α be an **eigenvalue** of the matrix **B** and $x \in \mathbb{R}^n - (0, \dots, 0)$ an **associated eigenvector**.

Such that: $Bx = \alpha x$

$$\text{Then, we have (12):} \begin{cases} -(a_1 + b_1)x_1 + b_2x_2 = \alpha x_1 \\ \dots \\ a_{k-1}x_{k-1} - (a_k + b_k)x_k + b_{k+1}x_{k+1} = \alpha x_k ; k = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1}x_{n-1} - (a_n + b_n)x_n = \alpha x_n \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So (13),} \begin{cases} -(a_1 + b_1 + \alpha)x_1 + b_2x_2 = 0 \\ \dots \\ a_{k-1}x_{k-1} - (a_k + b_k + \alpha)x_k + b_{k+1}x_{k+1} = 0 ; k = 2, \dots, n-1 \\ \dots \\ a_{n-1}x_{n-1} - (a_n + b_n + \alpha)x_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So (14),} \quad b_{k+1}x_{k+1} - (a_k + b_k + \alpha)x_k + a_{k-1}x_{k-1} = 0 ; k = 1, \dots, n \text{ (See [12])}$$

We put: $x_k = q^k$

$$\text{So we get: } b_{k+1}q^{k+1} - (a_k + b_k + \alpha)q^k + a_{k-1}q^{k-1} = 0$$

$$\text{Thus for } k=n \text{ we obtain: } b_{n+1}q^{n+1} - (a_n + b_n + \alpha)q^n + a_{n-1}q^{n-1} = 0$$

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

$$\text{The relation becomes: } b_{n+1}q^{k+1} - (a_n + b_n + \alpha)q^k + a_{n-1}q^{k-1} = 0 \text{ (15)}$$

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

$$\text{The characteristic equation becomes: } b_{n+1}q^2 - (a_n + b_n + \alpha)q + a_{n-1} = 0 \text{ (16)}$$

$$\text{Of discriminant: } \Delta = (a_n + b_n + \alpha)^2 - 4a_{n-1}b_{n+1} \text{ (17)}$$

◆ We will discuss the solutions according to the sign of Δ and the values of the initials conditions:

1st case: $\alpha \in]-\infty ; -(a_n + b_n) - 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}}[\cup]-(a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} ; +\infty[\Rightarrow \Delta > 0$

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

$$r_{\pm} = \frac{a_n + b_n + \alpha}{2b_{n+1}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{a_n + b_n + \alpha}{2b_{n+1}}\right)^2 - \frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}$$

◆ Therefore, $(x_k)_{1 \leq k, i \leq n}$ is given by: $x_k = \gamma_- r_-^k + \gamma_+ r_+^k$ (18)

◆ Where the coefficients γ_- and γ_+ are provided by the following conditions: $x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0$

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

◆ Therefore, we have: $\gamma_- = \gamma_+ = 0$ so, $X = (0) \rightarrow$ Which is excluded.

\rightarrow Therefore, this case is empty.

2nd case: $\alpha = -(a_n + b_n) \pm 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \Rightarrow \Delta = 0$

◆ Then the characteristic equation admits a double real solution, (Nominated r_0), such that:

$$x_k = (\gamma_- + k\gamma_+)r_0^k ; k=1, \dots, n \text{ (19)}$$

◆ The condition: $x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0$ give $\gamma_- = \gamma_+ = 0$

◆ In the end: $X = (0) \rightarrow$ which is excluded.

\rightarrow This second case is also empty.

3rd case: $\alpha \in]-(a_n + b_n) - 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} ; -(a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}}[\Rightarrow \Delta < 0$

◆ The solutions exist for: $\Delta < 0$

Thus we put: $\alpha = -(a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos \theta ; \theta \in]0, \pi[\cup]\pi, 2\pi[$

Hence the characteristic equation becomes: $b_{n+1}q^2 - 2q\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos \theta + a_{n-1} = 0$ (20)

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

◆ Thus we have the following relation (21):

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

Which give (21): $x_k = \rho^k(\gamma_- \cos k\theta + \gamma_+ \sin k\theta) ; k=1, \dots, n$

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

◆ Thus the sequence of recurrence of order 2 admits as solution:

$$x_k = \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}\right)^k (\gamma_+ \cos k\theta + \gamma_- \sin k\theta) ; k=1, \dots, n \text{ (22)}$$

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

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

So (23), $x_k = \gamma_+ \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}\right)^k \sin k\theta ; (k=1, \dots, n)$

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 α_k ; $k = 1, \dots, n$) are of the form:

$\forall \alpha_k \in]-(a_n + b_n) - 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} ; -(a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}}[$

$$\alpha_k = -(a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right) \text{ (24)}$$

◆ And the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues of the matrix B are:

$$(x_k)_j = \gamma_+ \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}\right)^k \sin\left(j \frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right); 1 \leq j, k \leq n \text{ (25)}$$

◆ We return to our equation: $P'(t) = t.B.P(t)$ (5)

- ◆ We have S a matrix whose columns are **the eigenvectors associated with the eigenvalues** of the matrix B , such that it is presented in the following form (26):

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

- ◆ We **first** solve the following **differential equation**: $Q'(t) = t \cdot DQ(t)$ (27)

Thus, we have:

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

So (28),

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_1'(t) \\ \dots \\ Q_n'(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \left(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right)\right) \cdot t \cdot Q_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \left(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right)\right) \cdot t \cdot Q_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$Q_k(t) = \delta_k e^{(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right)) \int_0^t t \cdot dt} ; \quad (k = 1, \dots, n)$$

- ◆ So(29),

$$Q_k(t) = \delta_k e^{(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)) \frac{t^2}{2}} ; \quad (k = 1, \dots, n)$$

With δ_k is a constant to be determined, if one has an initial condition.

- ◆ Therefore, and according to the following relation: $P(t) = SQ(t)$ (11)

We have (30):

$$P(t) = \gamma_+ \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right) & \dots & \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}\right)^n \sin\left(\frac{n^2\pi}{n+1}\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 e^{(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n+1}\right)) \frac{t^2}{2}} \\ \vdots \\ \delta_n e^{(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{n+1}\right)) \frac{t^2}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ◆ Finally, for j between 1 and n , $P_j(t)$ is in the following form (31):

$$P_j(t) = \gamma_+ \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_{n-1}}{b_{n+1}}}\right)^k \sin\left(\frac{jk\pi}{n+1}\right) e^{(- (a_n + b_n) + 2\sqrt{a_{n-1}b_{n+1}} \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n+1}\right)) \frac{t^2}{2}}$$

Note that the constant γ_+ is obtained if an initial condition exists (Example: $(X_k)_0 = cst_k$; $k = 1, \dots, n$)

Note also that the constant δ_k is obtained if an initial condition exists (Example: $Q_k(0) = cst_k$; $k = 1, \dots, n$)

III. Conclusion

- ◆ It now needed a wide variety of possibly transformable patterns one in the other, according to a combinatorial procedure, to find the one that suited a reality which, in turn, was always made up of several different realities, in time as in the space. Calvino, Palomar.
- ◆ It is extremely difficult to obtain general results for arbitrary forms of the birth and death rates and therefore we must content ourselves in obtaining various types of approximations.
- ◆ The stochastic models developed here are complementary to deterministic models. The latter can be used to understand average or long-term behaviors as they explore more extreme behaviors, for example: to understand events leading to extinction, to introduce age structures to take into account phenomena of aging or maturation,

look at sexual and diploid populations, understand what happens in the case where mutations are rare or of low amplitude ...

- ◆ Thanks to this law, several problems of changing size of any type of population can be solved, used more particularly in biology, demography, physics, sociology, statistics ... etc.

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