## Birth Death Process

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```
options(warn = 0)
library(readxl)

## Warning: package 'readxl' was built under R version 4.3.3

library(markovchain)

## Package: markovchain

## Version: 0.9.5

## Date: 2023-09-24 09:20:02 UTC

## BugReport: https://github.com/spedygiorgio/markovchain/issues

library(stats4)
```

# Evaluation of a Birth-Death Process Model using Cross-Validation

This report presents the evaluation of a birth-death process model applied to a dataset (Return). The birth-death process is a type of **stochastic process** that models events such as births and deaths in a population. The parameters of this model,  $\lambda$  (birth rate) and  $\mu$  (death rate), are estimated using a **Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)** method.

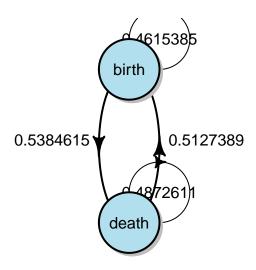
### Methodology

The evaluation process involves the following steps:

- 1. MLE for Parameter Estimation: The likelihood function calculates the log-likelihood of observing the data given the parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . The mle function finds the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  that maximize this likelihood function, making the observed data most probable.
- 2. Cross-Validation: The data is divided into n\_folds (100 in this case) subsets. For each fold, a part of the data is held out as a test set, and the remaining data is used as a training set. The model parameters are estimated using the training set and then used to make predictions on the test set.
- 3. Simulation of Returns: For each test set, a sequence of states (X) is simulated based on the estimated  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . The rbinom function generates random variates from a binomial distribution, which models the number of "successes" (births or deaths) in a fixed number of "trials" (time steps).
- 4. Accuracy Calculation: The simulated states are converted into simulated\_returns, which are then compared with the actual test\_Return to calculate the Mean Squared Error (MSE). The mean of these MSE values across all folds is taken as the final accuracy measure.

# **Axie Infinity**

```
options(warn = 0)
library(readxl)
d1=read_xlsx("D:\\ST 402 Project\\data\\metaverse tokens\\four tokens\\Axie Infinity.xlsx")
#View(d)
attach(d1)
###Axie infinity
states = ifelse(Return > 0, "birth", "death")
TPM = matrix(0, nrow=2, ncol=2)
names = c("death", "birth")
rownames(TPM) = names
colnames(TPM) = names
for (i in 2:length(states)) {
  TPM[states[i-1], states[i]] = TPM[states[i-1], states[i]] + 1
}
TPM = TPM / rowSums(TPM); TPM
##
             death
                       birth
## death 0.4872611 0.5127389
## birth 0.5384615 0.4615385
mc = new("markovchain", states = colnames(TPM), transitionMatrix = TPM)
plot(mc, package = "diagram")
```



- Death to Death (0.4872611): This suggests a moderate persistence in the death state, with a 48.73% chance of remaining in this state in the next time step.
- Death to Birth (0.5127389): This indicates a slight inclination towards transitioning from death to birth, with a 51.27% probability.

- Birth to Death (0.5384615): This reveals a higher volatility when in the birth state, with a 53.85% chance of transitioning to the death state in the next time step.
- Birth to Birth (0.4615385): This suggests a moderate stability in the birth state, with a 46.15% chance of remaining in this state in the next time step.

```
options(warn = 0)
eigen_result=eigen(t(TPM))$vectors[,1]
limiting_dist=eigen_result/sum(eigen_result);limiting_dist
```

```
## [1] 0.5122349 0.4877651
```

- The stationary distribution of a Markov chain represents the long-term behavior of the chain. In other words, it's the probability distribution to which the process converges over time, regardless of the initial state.
- stationary distribution of 0.5122349 and 0.4877651, this implies that in the long run, the Axie Infinity Metaverse token is expected to be in the birth state about 51.22% of the time and in the death state about 48.78% of the time.

```
suppressWarnings({
#likelihood function for a Birth-Death process
likelihood = function(lambda, mu) {
  p = lambda / (lambda + mu)
  logL=sum(dbinom(x = as.numeric(states == "birth"), size = 1, prob = p, log = TRUE))
  return(-logL)
}
# here we used the likelihood for calcuating the parameter of the bith death process
#beacuse we use the normal parameter the accuracy is not much better
mle_results = mle(likelihood, start = list(lambda = 0.5, mu = 0.5))
est=coef(mle_results)
n_folds = 100
# Calculate the size of each fold
fold_size = length(Return) / n_folds
# Initialize a vector to store the accuracy for each fold
error=rep(0, n_folds)
# Perform cross-validation
for (i in 1:n folds) {
  # Define the indices for the test set
```

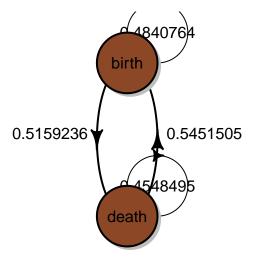
```
test_indices = ((i-1)*fold_size + 1):(i*fold_size)
  # Split the data into a training set and a test set
  train_Return = Return[-test_indices]
  test_Return = Return[test_indices]
  # Estimate parameters from the training set
  train states = ifelse(train Return > 0, "birth", "death")
  lambda =est["lambda"]
  mu =est["mu"]
  X = rep(0, length(test_Return))
  X[1] = as.numeric(train_states[1] == "birth")
  for (t in 2:length(X)) {
    if (X[t - 1] == 0) {
      X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, lambda / (lambda + mu))
    } else {
      X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, 1 - mu / (lambda + mu))
  }
  simulated_returns= X
  simulated_returns[X == 0] =-abs(test_Return[X == 0])
  simulated_returns[X == 1] = abs(test_Return[X == 1])
  error[i] = mean((test_Return- simulated_returns)^2)
}
err=mean(error);err
})
```

The error obtained, **0.02826338**, is quite low, suggesting that the birth-death process model with the MLE-estimated parameters provides a good fit to the data.

### Decentraland

```
d2=read_xlsx("D:\\ST 402 Project\\data\\metaverse tokens\\four tokens\\Decentraland.xlsx")
#View(d)
attach(d2)

## The following objects are masked from d1:
##
## Close, Currency, Date, High, Low, Open, Return, Volume
```



```
eigen_result=eigen(t(TPM))$vectors[,1]
limiting_dist=eigen_result/sum(eigen_result); limiting_dist
```

```
## [1] 0.4862277 0.5137723
```

stationary distribution of 0.4862277 and 0.5137723, this implies that in the long run, the Decentraland Metaverse token is expected to be in the birth state about 48.62% of the time and in the death state about 51.37% of the time.

```
suppressWarnings({
#likelihood function for a Birth-Death process
likelihood = function(lambda, mu) {
  p = lambda / (lambda + mu)
 logL=sum(dbinom(x = as.numeric(states == "birth"), size = 1, prob = p, log = TRUE))
 return(-logL)
}
# here we used the likelihood for calcuating the parameter of the bith death process
#beacuse we use the normal parameter the accuracy is not much better
mle_results = mle(likelihood, start = list(lambda = 0.5, mu = 0.5))
est=coef(mle_results)
n_folds = 100
# Calculate the size of each fold
fold_size = length(Return) / n_folds
# Initialize a vector to store the accuracy for each fold
error=rep(0, n_folds)
# Perform cross-validation
for (i in 1:n_folds) {
  # Define the indices for the test set
 test_indices = ((i-1)*fold_size + 1):(i*fold_size)
  # Split the data into a training set and a test set
 train_Return = Return[-test_indices]
  test_Return = Return[test_indices]
  # Estimate parameters from the training set
  train_states = ifelse(train_Return > 0, "birth", "death")
  lambda =est["lambda"]
  mu =est["mu"]
  X = rep(0, length(test_Return))
  X[1]= as.numeric(train_states[1] == "birth")
  for (t in 2:length(X)) {
   if (X[t - 1] == 0) {
     X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, lambda / (lambda + mu))
   } else {
     X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, 1 - mu / (lambda + mu))
   }
  }
  simulated_returns= X
```

```
simulated_returns[X == 0] = -abs(test_Return[X == 0])
simulated_returns[X == 1] = abs(test_Return[X == 1])

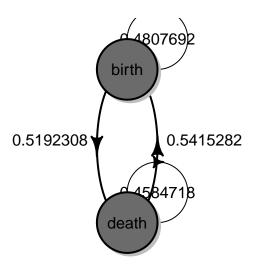
error[i] = mean((test_Return- simulated_returns)^2)
}
err=mean(error);err
})
```

The error obtained, **0.0186872**, is quite low, suggesting that the birth-death process model with the MLE-estimated parameters provides a good fit to the data.

# Enjin

```
d2=read_xlsx("D:\\ST 402 Project\\data\\metaverse tokens\\four tokens\\Enjin.xlsx")
#View(d)
attach(d2)
## The following objects are masked from d2 (pos = 3):
##
##
       Close, Currency, Date, High, Low, Open, Return, Volume
## The following objects are masked from d1:
##
##
       Close, Currency, Date, High, Low, Open, Return, Volume
states = ifelse(Return > 0, "birth", "death")
TPM = matrix(0, nrow=2, ncol=2)
names = c("death", "birth")
rownames(TPM) = names
colnames(TPM) = names
for (i in 2:length(states)) {
  TPM[states[i-1], states[i]] = TPM[states[i-1], states[i]] + 1
}
TPM = TPM / rowSums(TPM); TPM
             death
                       birth
## death 0.4584718 0.5415282
## birth 0.5192308 0.4807692
```

```
mc = new("markovchain", states = colnames(TPM), transitionMatrix = TPM)
plot(mc, package = "diagram")
```



```
eigen_result=eigen(t(TPM))$vectors[,1]
limiting_dist=eigen_result/sum(eigen_result); limiting_dist
```

```
## [1] 0.4894899 0.5105101
```

stationary distribution of 0.4894899 and 0.5105101, this implies that in the long run, the Ejin Metaverse token is expected to be in the birth state about 48.94% of the time and in the death state about 51.05% of the time.

```
suppressWarnings({
    #likelihood function for a Birth-Death process
likelihood = function(lambda, mu) {
    p = lambda / (lambda + mu)
    logL=sum(dbinom(x = as.numeric(states == "birth"), size = 1, prob = p, log = TRUE))
    return(-logL)
}

# here we used the likelihood for calcuating the parameter of the bith death process
#beacuse we use the normal parameter the accuracy is not much better
mle_results = mle(likelihood, start = list(lambda = 0.5, mu = 0.5))

est=coef(mle_results)

n_folds = 100
```

```
# Calculate the size of each fold
fold_size = length(Return) / n_folds
error=rep(0, n_folds)
# cross-validation
for (i in 1:n folds) {
  # Define the indices for the test set
  test_indices = ((i-1)*fold_size + 1):(i*fold_size)
  # train test data
  train_Return = Return[-test_indices]
  test_Return = Return[test_indices]
  # parameters estimation from the training set
  train_states = ifelse(train_Return > 0, "birth", "death")
  lambda =est["lambda"]
  mu =est["mu"]
  X = rep(0, length(test_Return))
  X[1]= as.numeric(train_states[1] == "birth")
  for (t in 2:length(X)) {
    if (X[t-1] == 0) {
     X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, lambda / (lambda + mu))
    } else {
     X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, 1 - mu / (lambda + mu))
    }
  }
  simulated_returns= X
  simulated_returns[X == 0] = -abs(test_Return[X == 0])
  simulated_returns[X == 1] = abs(test_Return[X == 1])
  error[i] = mean((test_Return- simulated_returns)^2)
}
err=mean(error);err
})
```

The error obtained, **0.01652435**, is quite low, suggesting that the birth-death process model with the MLE-estimated parameters provides a good fit to the data.

### Sandbox

```
suppressWarnings({
d3=read_xlsx("D:\\ST 402 Project\\data\\metaverse tokens\\four tokens\\Sandbox.xlsx")
attach(d3)
states = ifelse(Return > 0, "birth", "death")
TPM = matrix(0, nrow=2, ncol=2)
names = c("death", "birth")
rownames(TPM) = names
colnames(TPM) = names
for (i in 2:length(states)) {
  TPM[states[i-1], states[i]] = TPM[states[i-1], states[i]] + 1
TPM = TPM / rowSums(TPM); TPM
mc = new("markovchain", states = colnames(TPM), transitionMatrix = TPM)
plot(mc, package = "diagram")
})
## The following objects are masked from d2 (pos = 3):
##
       Close, Currency, Date, High, Low, Open, Return, Volume
## The following objects are masked from d2 (pos = 4):
##
       Close, Currency, Date, High, Low, Open, Return, Volume
##
## The following objects are masked from d1:
##
##
       Close, Currency, Date, High, Low, Open, Return, Volume
0.538961
                     0.547541
```

```
eigen_result=eigen(t(TPM))$vectors[,1]
limiting_dist=eigen_result/sum(eigen_result);limiting_dist
```

```
## [1] 0.4960516 0.5039484
```

stationary distribution of 0.4960516 and 0.5039484, this implies that in the long run, the Sandbox Metaverse token is expected to be in the birth state about 49.60% of the time and in the death state about 50.39% of the time.

```
suppressWarnings({
#likelihood function for a Birth-Death process
likelihood = function(lambda, mu) {
  p = lambda / (lambda + mu)
 logL=sum(dbinom(x = as.numeric(states == "birth"), size = 1, prob = p, log = TRUE))
 return(-logL)
}
# here we used the likelihood for calcuating the parameter of the bith death process
#beacuse we use the normal parameter the accuracy is not much better
mle_results = mle(likelihood, start = list(lambda = 0.5, mu = 0.5))
est=coef(mle_results)
n_folds = 100
# Calculate the size of each fold
fold_size = length(Return) / n_folds
# Initialize a vector to store the accuracy for each fold
error=rep(0, n_folds)
# Perform cross-validation
for (i in 1:n_folds) {
  # Define the indices for the test set
 test_indices = ((i-1)*fold_size + 1):(i*fold_size)
  # Split the data into a training set and a test set
  train_Return = Return[-test_indices]
  test_Return = Return[test_indices]
  # Estimate parameters from the training set
  train_states = ifelse(train_Return > 0, "birth", "death")
  lambda =est["lambda"]
  mu =est["mu"]
 X = rep(0, length(test_Return))
```

```
X[1]= as.numeric(train_states[1] == "birth")

for (t in 2:length(X)) {
   if (X[t - 1] == 0) {
       X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, lambda / (lambda + mu))
   } else {
       X[t] = rbinom(1, 1, 1 - mu / (lambda + mu))
   }
}

simulated_returns= X
   simulated_returns[X == 0] = -abs(test_Return[X == 0])
   simulated_returns[X == 1] = abs(test_Return[X == 1])

error[i] = mean((test_Return- simulated_returns)^2)
}

err=mean(error);err
})
```

The error obtained, **0.03117923**, is quite low, suggesting that the birth-death process model with the MLE-estimated parameters provides a good fit to the data.