

# The Linear Birth-Death Processes

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## (a) Simple Birth-Death Process

- Here,  $\lambda_n = n\lambda$  and  $\mu_n = n\mu$
- The difference differential equations are

$$P'_n(t) = -n(\lambda + \mu)P_n(t) + (n-1)\lambda P_{n-1}(t) + (n+1)\mu P_{n+1}(t), \quad n \geq 1$$

and 
$$P'_0(t) = \mu P_1(t), \quad n = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P'_n(t)s^n &= -(\lambda + \mu) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nP_n(t)s^n + \lambda \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)P_{n-1}(t)s^n \\ &\quad + \mu \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+1)P_{n+1}(t)s^n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial t} - P'_0(t) &= -(\lambda + \mu)s \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial s} + \lambda s^2 \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial s} \\ &\quad + \mu \left( \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial s} - \mu P_0(t) \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial t} = (1 - s)(\mu - \lambda s) \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial s}$$

- The *Lagrange's linear equation* is

$$\frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial t} - (1 - s)(\mu - \lambda s) \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{\partial s} = 0$$

- The *auxiliary equations* are

$$\frac{\partial t}{1} = \frac{\partial s}{-(1 - s)(\mu - \lambda s)} = \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{0}$$

# Simple Birth-Death Process contd...

From

$$\frac{\partial t}{1} = \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{0}$$

we have

$$\int \frac{\partial t}{1} = \int \frac{\partial G(s, t)}{0}$$

$$\int \partial G(s, t) = \int 0 \partial t \implies G(s, t) = c_1$$

From

$$\frac{\partial t}{1} = \frac{\partial s}{-(1-s)(\mu - \lambda s)}$$

$$t + c = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} \ln \left( \frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s} \right)$$

## Simple Birth-Death Process contd...

$$\frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s} = e^{(\mu - \lambda)t} + e^{(\mu - \lambda)c}$$

$$\left(\frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s}\right)e^{-(\mu - \lambda)t} = e^{(\mu - \lambda)c} = c_2$$

- The general solution is

$$c_1 = \Psi(c_2), \quad i.e$$

$$G(s, t) = \Psi\left[\left(\frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s}\right)e^{-(\mu - \lambda)t}\right]$$

- Using the initial condition

$$P_n(0) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$G(s, 0) = \Psi\left(\frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s}\right)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} G(s, 0) &= P_0(0) + P_1(0)s + P_2(0)s^2 + \dots \\ &= P_1(0)s = s \quad \text{since } P_1(0) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Psi\left(\frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s}\right) = s$$

Let

$$w = \frac{\mu - \lambda s}{1 - s} \Leftrightarrow s = \frac{\mu - w}{\lambda - w}$$

$$\Psi(w) = \frac{\mu - w}{\lambda - w}$$

# Simple Birth-Death Process contd...

$$\begin{aligned}G(s, t) &= \Psi(w e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}) \\&= \frac{\mu - w e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - w e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \\&= \frac{\mu - \frac{\mu-\lambda s}{1-s} e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - \frac{\mu-\lambda s}{1-s} e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \\&= \frac{\mu(1-s) - (\mu - \lambda s)e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda(1-s) - (\mu - \lambda s)e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \\&= \frac{\mu(1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}) - (\mu - \lambda e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t})s}{[\lambda - \mu e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}] - \lambda[1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}]s} \\G(s, t) &= \frac{\frac{\mu(1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t})}{\lambda - \mu e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} - \frac{\mu - \lambda e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - \mu e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}s}{1 - \lambda \left[ \frac{1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - \mu e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \right] s}\end{aligned}$$

# Simple Birth-Death Process contd...

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(t) &= \text{Coefficient of } s^n \\ &= \left[ \frac{\mu(1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t})}{\lambda - \mu e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \right] \left[ \lambda \left( \frac{1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \right) \right]^n \\ &\quad - \left[ \left( \frac{\mu - \lambda e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - \mu e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \right) \right] \left[ \lambda \left( \frac{1 - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}}{\lambda - e^{-(\mu-\lambda)t}} \right) \right]^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$