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Lecture 2.2 : Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation

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Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- In the previous lecture, we have observed the nature of logistic difference equation $x_{n+1} = r x_n (1 - x_n)$ for different values of r .
- Using fixed point criterion we found the stability region of steady state.
For steady state $\lambda = 0$, stability exist when $|r| < 1$,
For steady state $\lambda = 1 - 1/r$, stability exist when $1 \leq r < 3$.
 $|2 - r| < 1$
- We also verified the same result by finding the each iteration value of logistic equation for $r = 2.5, 3.3, 3.33$ and 3.9 .
- We concluded with graphs of iterative solution that except for $r = 2.5$, no other case showed stability.



Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- Beyond $r>3$, we observed some periodic oscillations in juxtapose of $r\sim 3.3$ with period 2.
- Period 2 implies that successive generations will alternate between two different values of x . Let's call these values as ζ_1 and ζ_2 .

- Mathematical representation of period 2 (also called two-point cycles) oscillation can be represented by 2 simultaneous difference equations as

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) \text{ and } x_{n+2} = x_n. \quad \dots \dots 5.1$$

- After combining these 2 equations, $x_{n+2} = f(x_{n+1}) = f[f(x_n)]$. Let's call $g(x) = f(f(x))$. Hence the equation is $x_{n+2} = g(x_n)$. $\dots \dots 5.2$

Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- Let k be a new index which skips every alternate value. Define $\tilde{k} = n/2$ for every even n numbers. Hence the equation will be in form of

$$x_{k+1} = g(x_k).$$

$$\tilde{x}_{\tilde{k}} = g(x_n) \quad n=2 \quad \dots \quad 5.3$$

$$\tilde{x}_1 = g(x_2) \quad x_2 = \dots \quad x_{\tilde{k}+1} = g(x_n)$$

- The steady state solution of above equation ζ will be 2-periodic. Since ζ is oscillating between two different values so it will have two solutions and these will be ζ_1 and ζ_2 .

- With this, one can easily analyze the stability of above equation which says $\left| \frac{dg}{dx} \right|$ at $x = \zeta$ should be less than 1.

- This condition is equivalent to

$$\left(\frac{df}{dx} \right)_{x=\zeta_1} \left(\frac{df}{dx} \right)_{x=\zeta_2} < 1 \quad (\text{how?}) \dots 5.4$$

Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- For the logistic difference equation, $f(x) = r x(1-x)$. So $g(x) = f(f(x))$
$$g(x) = r [r x(1-x)][1 - r x(1-x)] = r^2 x(1-x)(1 - rx + rx^2). \quad \dots 5.5$$
- Hence the difference equation of the interest can be obtained by using equations 5.3 and 5.5:
$$\zeta_{k+1} = r^2 \zeta_k (1 - r\zeta_k - r\zeta_k^2) \quad x_{k+1} = r^2 x_k (1 - x_k) (1 - rx_k + rx_k^2). \quad \frac{dx}{dt} = d \quad \dots 5.6$$
- To find the steady state put $x_{k+1} = x_k = \zeta$ in eq. 5.6. The algebraic equation will be
$$\zeta = r^2 \zeta (1 - \zeta) (1 - r\zeta + r\zeta^2). \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \dots 5.7$$
- One steady state is $\zeta = 0$ and the other will satisfy a cubic equation in ζ .
$$1 = r^2 (1 - \zeta) (1 - r\zeta + r\zeta^2). \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \dots 5.8$$
- This cubic equation is very difficult to solve. Notice that the steady state of equation $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ will also be the steady state of $x_{n+2} = f[f(x_n)]$. This implies
$$x_n = x_{n+1} = x_{n+2} = \zeta. \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \checkmark \quad \dots 5.9$$

Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- The non-zero steady state value of the equation $x_{n+1} = r x_n (1 - x_n)$ is $\zeta = \frac{1 - 1/r}{1 + 1/r}$. So this ζ value will satisfy the cubic equation given in eq. 5.8.
- One of the factors of cubic equation 5.8 is $\zeta - 1 + 1/r$ and hence the reduced form of equation is (Exercise! divide eq. 5.8 by $\zeta - 1 + 1/r$ to get eq. 5.10)

$$(\zeta - 1 + 1/r) [\zeta^2 - \zeta(1 + 1/r) + (1/r + 1/r^2)] = 0. \quad \dots \text{5.10}$$

- The roots of quadratic factor of above reduced form of cubic equation 5.10 are

$$\zeta = \frac{r + 1 \pm \sqrt{(r + 1)(r - 3)}}{2r} \quad \text{for } r < -1 \text{ and } r > 3. \quad \dots \text{5.11}$$

Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- The calculated two values for steady states are defined only for $r < -1$ and $r > 3$.
- To check the stability, we will use the eq. 5.4

$$\left(\frac{df}{dx} \right)_{x=\zeta_1} = \left(-1 - \underbrace{\sqrt{(r+1)(r-3)}} \right) \quad \left(\frac{df}{dx} \right)_{x=\zeta_2} = \left(1 - \underbrace{\sqrt{(r+1)(r-3)}} \right) \quad \dots 5.12$$

- After substituting equation 5.12 in eq. 5.4, we will get the condition for stability as:

$$\underbrace{| -r^2 + 2r + 4 |}_{< 1} \quad \dots 5.13$$

- For both the cases $r > 3$ and $r < -1$, condition for stability eq. 5.13 is quietly satisfied.
- Thus, we can conclude that for positive values of r , steady state of two generation map $f(f(x_n))$ exist only for $r > 3$. This occurs only when steady state $1 - 1/r$ brings stability.

Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- Now, let's find the upper limiting case i.e. $3 < r < r_1$ for r up to which the concept of two generations will work.
- By substituting this in stability condition, the value of r_1 will turn out to be $r_1 = 1 + \sqrt{6} \sim 3.4494$. Refer the following steps for this calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} r &< r_1 \\ r - 1 &< r_1 - 1 \\ (r - 1)^2 - 5 &< (r_1 - 1)^2 - 5 \\ r^2 - 2r - 4 &< (r_1 - 1)^2 - 5 \\ -1 &< (r_1 - 1)^2 - 5 < 1 \quad (\text{satisfy stability condition, eq. 5.13}) \\ 4 &< (r_1 - 1)^2 < 6 \\ 3 &< r_1 < 1 + \sqrt{6}. \end{aligned}$$



Analysis on Logistic Difference Equation:

- Again one can question, what will happen beyond $r \sim 3.4494$? The same has already been analyzed with graph of iteration values for $r=3.9$ and found that it was CHAOS!. After 3.4494, for some values nature will be 4-periodic, then 8-periodic and so on. So in general, we call it chaos.
- Here, we used the methodology to solve for 2-periodic solution. However, the same can be used for any value of n . But it's very cumbersome to solve for higher values of n .
- We have analyzed different scenarios of stable periodic oscillations with variations in parameter r .
- What will happen when parameter values will be perturbed?
- The phenomenon of analyzing significant changes in output with small perturbations in parameter(s) is termed as bifurcation.



Summary:

Linearization:
III Conditioned: ✓

- Analysis of logistic difference equation beyond $r > 3$.
- Periodic stable solutions.
- Introduction to bifurcations.

$x_4 = x_4 + \epsilon_1$

For ancestral equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + a_{13}x_3 &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + a_{23}x_3 &= b_2 \\ a_{31}x_1 + a_{32}x_2 + a_{33}x_3 &= b_3 \\ (a_{41}x_1 + a_{42}x_2 + a_{43}x_3) &= b_4 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) = (\alpha e^x - \sin x - 0)$

Iteration method

① Newton's method



$$u^{n+1} = u^n + \Delta u$$
$$u_{0j}^{n+1} = \hat{u}_{0j} + \Delta u_{0j}$$

