PROBABILITY SEMINAR

Title: Markov Chains on Borel Standard State Spaces and its Invariant Measures: a Spectral Theory Approach

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Abstract: In this lecture we will show how to use the maximal spectral data of a suitable positive operator acting on $C_b(X, \mathbb{R})$ to construct a time-homogeneous Markov Chain on a general Borel standard state space, and also present a new sufficient condition, related to some regularity properties of this operator ensuring the existence of a unique invariant measure. This is based on a series of papers [1, 2, 3, 4], where a generalized version of Perron-Frobenius Theorem in infinite dimensions is developed. We compare the scopes and advantages of, the classical methods based on transition probability kernels [5], and our topological approach. We also explain how the spectral gap property of this positive operator can be used to obtain the so-called limit theorems for Markov Chains such as: the Central Limit Theorem and Strong Law of Larger Numbers. As applications we will present a result on asymptotic stability for Markov operators with respect to the 1-Wasserstein metric, and also discuss, briefly, how to employ our methods to construct diffusions in infinite dimensions [6], intuitively described by the following infinite system of SDE's $dX_t^n = dB_t^n - \langle e_n, \nabla f(\sigma^n(X_t^1, X_t^2, \ldots)) \rangle dt$.

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