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EIGENVALUES OF OPERATORS IN L_p -SPACES
IN MARKOV CHAINS WITH A GENERAL STATE SPACE

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1. INTRODUCTION AND NOTATION

The present paper is essentially an appendix to the preceding papers [3], [4]. All relevant definitions and assertions which are necessary for our present development may be found in detail in [4]; however, for the reader's convenience, some of them are also briefly listed here in Sections 1 and 2.

Let X be a general abstract space of points x , with a Borel σ -field \mathcal{X} of subsets in it. Consider a (*sub-stochastic*) transition function p , that is a function $p = p(\cdot, \cdot)$ of two variables $x \in X$ and $A \in \mathcal{X}$ satisfying:

- (i) $p(x, \cdot)$ is a σ -additive non-negative measure on \mathcal{X} for each $x \in X$, and $p(x, X) \leq 1$,
- (ii) $p(\cdot, A)$ is an \mathcal{X} -measurable function on X for each $A \in \mathcal{X}$.

Further, p is called a *stochastic transition function* if $p(x, X) = 1$ for each $x \in X$. The iterates $p^{(n)}$ of p are defined as usually by

$$p^{(n)}(x, A) = \int_X p^{(n-1)}(y, A) p(x, dy), \quad \text{with } p^{(1)} = p.$$

Throughout the whole paper we shall assume that the transition function p is *irreducible*, which means that all of the measures

$$v_x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} p^{(n)}(x, \cdot)$$

on \mathcal{X} have, for all $x \in X$, the same null sets.

Furthermore, we shall suppose that we have some *sub-invariant measure* μ for p , i.e. some σ -additive non-negative σ -finite measure μ on \mathcal{X} , which is not identically zero, and which satisfies

$$\int_X p(x, A) \mu(dx) \leq \mu(A) \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Moreover, in the whole paper we assume that this μ has the same null sets as the measures ν_x . (This assumption causes no loss of generality, see [4].)

By the space $L_\alpha(\mu)$, for $1 \leq \alpha < \infty$, we understand the well-known Banach space of all complex-valued \mathcal{X} -measurable functions f on X integrable in their α -th power with respect to the measure μ , the norm being given by $\|f\|_\alpha = [\int_X |f(x)|^\alpha \mu(dx)]^{1/\alpha}$. Similarly, $L_\infty(\mu)$ is the Banach space of all complex-valued \mathcal{X} -measurable μ -essentially bounded f on X , with the norm $\|f\|_\infty = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_\mu |f(x)|$. The notation $f \not\equiv 0$ will be used for the fact that $\mu(\{x; f(x) \neq 0\}) > 0$.

In the present paper we deal with the operator T_α defined in the space $L_\alpha(\mu)$, $1 \leq \alpha \leq \infty$, by the formula

$$T_\alpha f = \int_X f(y) p(\cdot, dy).$$

It is well known that T_α is a linear continuous operator in $L_\alpha(\mu)$ with the norm $\|T_\alpha\|_\alpha \leq 1$, whenever μ is a sub-invariant measure for p . (Note that the form of the operators T_α is the same for all α , the index α being used only for distinguishing the Banach spaces in which they act.) It is also immediately seen that

$$T_\alpha^n f = \int_X f(y) p^{(n)}(\cdot, dy), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Finally note for clarity that by an *eigenvalue of T_α* on the unit circle we mean a complex number λ such that $|\lambda| = 1$ and $T_\alpha f = \lambda f$ μ -almost everywhere for some $f \not\equiv 0$, $f \in L_\alpha(\mu)$.

The purpose of the present paper is to find the eigenvalues of the operators T_α on the unit circle for different types of transition functions p . The results and methods are analogous to those in the previous papers [2] and [1] but, of course, they are much more general.

2. KNOWN PRELIMINARIES

Recall that in [4] (see also [3]) we have shown that an irreducible transition function p with a sub-invariant measure μ belongs precisely to one of the following types: either $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p^{(n)}(x, A) = \infty$ for each $A \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\mu(A) > 0$ and each x (p is then called *recurrent*), or $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p^{(n)}(x, A) < \infty$ for each $A \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\mu(A) < \infty$ and μ -almost all x (p is *transient*). Further, a recurrent p belongs precisely to one of the following types: either

$$(1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^n p^{(m)}(x, A)$$

exists and is positive for each x and each $A \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\mu(A) > 0$ (p is called *positive-recurrent*), or the limit (1) is zero for each x and each $A \in \mathcal{X}$ such that $\mu(A) < \infty$ (p is *null-recurrent*).

In the whole present paper we shall assume that the following two conditions are satisfied.

Condition CD (cyclic decomposition). There exists a decomposition of X into $d + 1$ disjoint subsets $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{d-1}, D$ from \mathcal{X} such that $\mu(D) = 0$, and $p(x, X - C_{j+1}) = 0$ for each $x \in C_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$ (where we also put $C_d = C_0$).

Condition PS (positivity for the same n). If $A_1, A_2 \subset C_j$ for some $j, A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{X}$, and $\mu(A_1) > 0, \mu(A_2) > 0$, then for each x there exists some $n = n(x)$ such that $p^{(n)}(x, A_1) > 0, p^{(n)}(x, A_2) > 0$.

Now define the functions $e_k, k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$, by

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} e_k(x) &= e^{2\pi ijk/d} \quad \text{for } x \in C_j, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1, \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } x \in D. \end{aligned}$$

(In particular, $e_0(x) = 1$ for $x \in X - D$.)

Let us now recall several known results, which will be useful for our future development.

Lemma 1. *If the function $e_k \in L_\alpha(\mu)$ and p is stochastic, then*

$$(3) \quad T_\alpha e_k = e^{2\pi ik/d} e_k \quad \mu\text{-almost everywhere.}$$

This lemma appears as Lemma 6 in [4].

Lemma 2. *For any complex \mathcal{X} -measurable function f on X we have, for all x and all $n = 1, 2, \dots$,*

$$(4) \quad \left| \int_X f(y) p^{(n)}(x, dy) \right|^2 \leq p^{(n)}(x, X) \int_X |f(y)|^2 p^{(n)}(x, dy),$$

provided the integrals involved exist. If in (4) the case of equality occurs for some x and all $n = 1, 2, \dots$, then f is constant μ -almost everywhere on each $C_j, j = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$.

This lemma appears as Lemma 2 in [4].

Lemma 3. *If p is a recurrent transition function, then it is stochastic.*

This is an immediate consequence of Theorem 1 in [4].

Lemma 4. *If p is a positive-recurrent transition function, then $\mu(X) < \infty$.*

This assertion is a part of Corollary 2 in [4].

Lemma 5. *If p is either null-recurrent, or transient and such that $p(x, X) = 1$ for μ -almost all x , then $\mu(X) = \infty$.*

This lemma coincides with Theorem 10 in [4].

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Lemma 6. *Let h be an \mathcal{X} -measurable function on X such that $h(x) \geq 0$ and $\int_X h(y) p(x, dy) \leq h(x)$ for μ -almost all x . Then either $h(x) > 0$ for μ -almost all x or $h(x) = 0$ for μ -almost all x .*

Proof. If the last assertion of the lemma is not true, then $h(y) > 0$ for all y belonging to some set $A \in \mathcal{X}$ having the measure $\mu(A) > 0$. By our constant assumption on μ and v_x , we have also $v_x(A) > 0$ for each x . This gives, for each x , the existence of some $n = n(x)$ such that $p^{(n)}(x, A) > 0$. Hence, for μ -almost all x ,

$$h(x) \geq \int_X h(y) p(x, dy) \geq \dots \geq \int_X h(y) p^{(n)}(x, dy) > 0.$$

Lemma 7. *If $h \leq T_\alpha h$ and $h \geq 0$ μ -almost everywhere, where $h \in L_\alpha(\mu)$, $1 \leq \alpha < \infty$, then $T_\alpha h = h$ μ -almost everywhere.*

Proof. Obviously, we obtain

$$\|h\|_\alpha^\alpha = \int_X [h(x)]^\alpha \mu(dx) \leq \int_X [(T_\alpha h)(x)]^\alpha \mu(dx) = \|T_\alpha h\|_\alpha^\alpha \leq \|h\|_\alpha^\alpha.$$

Since the two extreme terms here coincide, also the second and the third terms must be equal, which gives the desired conclusion.

Lemma 8. *If $T_\alpha h = h$ μ -almost everywhere for some function $h \in L_\alpha(\mu)$, $1 \leq \alpha < \infty$, then h is constant μ -almost everywhere.*

Proof. Clearly it is sufficient to give the proof only for h real. Let $f^{(a)}$ be the function on X identically equal to a non-negative constant a . Then $\int_X f^{(a)}(y) p(x, dy) = a p(x, X) \leq f^{(a)}(x)$ for all x . Setting $g = h - f^{(a)}$ we have $g(x) \leq h(x)$ and $\int_X g(y) p(x, dy) \geq g(x)$ for μ -almost all x . Finally, denote by g^+ the function defined by $g^+(x) = g(x)$ whenever $g(x) \geq 0$, and by $g^+(x) = 0$ whenever $g(x) < 0$. It follows that $0 \leq g^+(x) \leq |h(x)|$ for all x , so that $g^+ \in L_\alpha(\mu)$, and it is easy to verify that $g^+(x) \leq \int_X g^+(y) p(x, dy)$ for μ -almost all x . Lemma 7 now implies $g^+(x) = \int_X g^+(y) p(x, dy)$ for μ -almost all x , and by Lemma 6 either $g^+(x) = 0$ for μ -almost all x or $g^+(x) > 0$ for μ -almost all x . The first case yields, for μ -almost all x , the inequalities $g(x) \leq 0$, $h(x) - f^{(a)}(x) \leq 0$, $h(x) \leq a$. The second case yields, for μ -almost all x , $g(x) > 0$, $h(x) - f^{(a)}(x) > 0$, $h(x) > a$. On choosing first $a = 0$ we see that the function h is either non-positive or positive, μ -almost everywhere. However, if h is positive it must be constant μ -almost everywhere, since a is an arbitrary non-negative number; if h is non-positive it suffices to change h into $-h$.

Lemma 9. Let $\int_X f(y) p(x, dy) = \lambda f(x)$ for μ -almost all x , where $|\lambda| = 1$, f is \mathcal{X} -measurable, and $|f(x)| = c \neq 0$ for μ -almost all x . Then

- (a) $p(x, X) = 1$ for μ -almost all x ,
- (b) $\lambda^d = 1$, i.e. $\lambda = e^{2\pi ik/d}$ for some $k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$,
- (c) $f(x) = c_0 e_k(x)$ for μ -almost all x , with e_k being the function introduced in (2) and c_0 some constant.

Proof. First, by our assumption we obtain easily that also

$$(5) \quad \int_X f(y) p^{(n)}(x, dy) = \lambda^n f(x) \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } \mu\text{-almost all } x.$$

Hence, if x is such that $|f(x)| = c$, we get by (5) and Lemma 2

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} c^2 &= |f(x)|^2 = |\lambda^n f(x)|^2 = \left| \int_X f(y) p^{(n)}(x, dy) \right|^2 \leq \\ &\leq p^{(n)}(x, X) \int_X |f(y)|^2 p^{(n)}(x, dy) = c^2 [p^{(n)}(x, X)]^2 \leq c^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since the two extreme terms in (6) coincide, all terms here must be equal. Therefore $p^{(n)}(x, X) = 1$; in particular, for $n = 1$, $p(x, X) = 1$. Thus, since $|f(x)| = c$ for μ -almost all x , the assertion (a) is proved.

Further, since we have equalities in (6), we get by Lemma 2 that f is constant μ -almost everywhere on each C_j , $j = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$. In other words, there exist some constants c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{d-1} such that

$$(7) \quad f(x) = c_j \quad \text{for } \mu\text{-almost all } x \in C_j.$$

Taking some $x \in C_j$ for which the last equality holds and for which $p^{(d)}(x, X) = 1$ (which is possible in view of (a)), we obtain, using (5) for $n = d$, that

$$\lambda^d c_j = \lambda^d f(x) = \int_X f(y) p^{(d)}(x, dy) = c_j \int_X p^{(d)}(x, dy) = c_j,$$

which gives the assertion (b).

Finally, the assertion (c) is obtained easily from (5) for $n = 1, 2, \dots, d - 1$, taking into account (7), (a), and (b).

Theorem 1. Let the transition function p be positive-recurrent. Then the set of all eigenvalues of the operator T_α ($1 \leq \alpha < \infty$) on the unit circle consists precisely of the numbers $e^{2\pi ik/d}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$, and every eigenfunction $f \in L_\alpha(\mu)$ for which

$$(8) \quad T_\alpha f = e^{2\pi ik/d} f \quad \mu\text{-almost everywhere}$$

is equal μ -almost everywhere to some multiple of the function e_k .

Proof. First, by Lemma 4, $e_k \in L_\alpha(\mu)$. Hence, by Lemma 3 and Lemma 1, each of the numbers $e^{2\pi i k/d}$ is an eigenvalue of T_α .

For the proof of the opposite assertion let us assume that $T_\alpha f = \lambda f$ μ -almost everywhere, where $|\lambda| = 1$, $f \not\equiv 0$, $f \in L_\alpha(\mu)$. Now, denoting by $|f|$ the function whose value at the point x is $|f(x)|$, we obtain $|f| = |\lambda f| \leq T_\alpha |f|$. Hence, Lemma 7 gives $T_\alpha |f| = |f|$, and, by Lemma 8, $|f|$ is constant μ -almost everywhere. Thus we may use Lemma 9, and the theorem follows.

Theorem 2. *Let the transition function p be null-recurrent or transient. Then the operator T_α ($1 \leq \alpha < \infty$) has no eigenvalues on the unit circle.*

Proof. Suppose, on the contrary, that $T_\alpha f = \lambda f$ μ -almost everywhere for some $f \in L_\alpha(\mu)$, $f \not\equiv 0$, $|\lambda| = 1$. Then $|f| = |\lambda f| \leq T_\alpha |f|$, which gives, by Lemma 7, $T_\alpha |f| = |f|$, and, by Lemma 8, $|f|$ is equal μ -almost everywhere to some constant $c \neq 0$. Hence we may use Lemma 9(a), obtaining $p(x, X) = 1$ for μ -almost all x , which further shows, by Lemma 5, that $\mu(X) = \infty$. Thus $\int_X |f(x)|^2 \mu(dx) = c^2 \mu(X) = \infty$, but this contradicts the assumption $f \in L_\alpha(\mu)$.

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Lemma 10. *If the transition function p is recurrent, and if $h \leq T_\infty h$ μ -almost everywhere, with h being some real function in $L_\infty(\mu)$, then $T_\infty h = h$ μ -almost everywhere.*

Proof. Setting $g = T_\infty h - h$, we have $g \in L_\infty(\mu)$, $g \geq 0$, and $T_\infty h = h + g$. We obtain successively $T_\infty^2 h = T_\infty h + T_\infty g$, ..., $T_\infty^{n+1} h = T_\infty^n h + T_\infty^n g$. On adding these equalities we get

$$\sum_{r=1}^{n+1} T_\infty^r h = \sum_{r=0}^n T_\infty^r h + \sum_{r=0}^n T_\infty^r g,$$

that is

$$(9) \quad \sum_{r=0}^n T_\infty^r g = T_\infty^{n+1} h - h.$$

Consider now the set $N_k = \{y; g(y) \geq k^{-1}\}$, k being a positive integer. We have

$$(10) \quad \sum_{r=0}^n (T_\infty^r g)(x) = \sum_{r=0}^n \int_X g(y) p^{(r)}(x, dy) \geq \sum_{r=0}^n \int_{N_k} g(y) p^{(r)}(x, dy) \geq k^{-1} \sum_{r=0}^n p^{(r)}(x, N_k).$$

Therefore, by (10) and (9), we obtain

$$\sum_{r=0}^n p^{(r)}(x, N_k) \leq k \left\| \sum_{r=0}^n T_\infty^r g \right\|_\infty \leq k (\|T_\infty^{n+1} h\|_\infty + \|h\|_\infty) \leq 2k \|h\|_\infty < \infty$$

for each positive integer n and for μ -almost all x , which gives

$$\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} p^{(r)}(x, N_k) < \infty \quad \text{for } \mu\text{-almost all } x.$$

However, since p is recurrent, this may occur only if $\mu(N_k) = 0$. Now, k was arbitrary, and hence $\mu(\{y; g(y) > 0\}) = \mu(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} N_k) = 0$; this means that $g = 0$ μ -almost everywhere, and the assertion follows.

Lemma 11. *If the transition function p is recurrent, and if $T_{\infty}h = h$ μ -almost everywhere, with $h \in L_{\infty}(\mu)$, then h is constant μ -almost everywhere.*

The proof follows the same pattern as that of Lemma 8, only $L_{\alpha}(\mu)$ is replaced by $L_{\infty}(\mu)$, and Lemma 10 is used in place of Lemma 7.

Theorem 3. *Let the transition function p be recurrent. Then the set of all eigenvalues of the operator T_{∞} on the unit circle consists precisely of the numbers $e^{2\pi ik/d}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$, and every eigenfunction $f \in L_{\infty}(\mu)$ for which*

$$(11) \quad T_{\infty}f = e^{2\pi ik/d}f \quad \mu\text{-almost everywhere}$$

is equal μ -almost everywhere to some multiple of the function e_k .

The proof follows the same pattern as that of Theorem 1, only $L_{\alpha}(\mu)$, Lemma 10 and Lemma 11 are used in place of $L_{\alpha}(\mu)$, Lemma 7, and Lemma 8, respectively.

Theorem 4. *Let the transition function p be transient and stochastic. Then each number $e^{2\pi ik/d}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$, is an eigenvalue of the operator T_{∞} ; namely,*

$$(12) \quad T_{\infty}e_k = e^{2\pi ik/d}e_k.$$

The proof is immediate by Lemma 1.

Example 1. Under the assumptions of Theorem 4, the operator T_{∞} may have also other eigenvalues on the unit circle in addition to the eigenvalues $e^{2\pi ik/d}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$. This is seen by the following example (given as Example 1 in [1]), even for a denumerable space X : Let $X = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, and let

$$\begin{aligned} p(j, j - 1) &= \frac{2}{3}, \quad p(j, j + 1) = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{for } j < 0, \\ p(0, -1) &= p(0, 0) = p(0, 1) = \frac{1}{3}, \\ p(j, j - 1) &= \frac{1}{3}, \quad p(j, j + 1) = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{for } j > 0, \end{aligned}$$

$p(j, k) = 0$ otherwise. Putting $f(k) = 3(-1)^{|k|} - 2(-\frac{1}{2})^{|k|}$ for every integer k , we have $f \in L_{\infty}(\mu)$, $T_{\infty}f = -f$, so that -1 is an eigenvalue of T_{∞} , though $d = 1$.

Similarly, T_{∞} may have also other eigenvectors associated to the eigenvalues

$e^{2\pi ik/d}$ in addition to the eigenvectors e_k , shown in (12). This may be seen again with the aid of the preceding transition function p . Namely, putting $g(k) = 2^{-k}$, $g(-k) = 2 - 2^{-k}$ for $k \geq 0$, we have $g \in L_\infty(\mu)$ and $T_\infty g = g$, in addition to $T_\infty e_0 = e_0$. (See Example 2 in [1].)

Example 2. It is easy to find a sub-stochastic transition function, which is transient but not stochastic, such that the corresponding operator T_∞ has no eigenvalues on the unit circle. For example, choose some p such that $p(x, X) \leq r$ for all x , where $r < 1$. Then it is immediately seen that $\|T_\infty\|_\infty \leq r$ so that, by a well-known theorem, each eigenvalue λ of T_∞ satisfies $|\lambda| \leq r$.

Example 3. On the other hand, if p is transient and not stochastic, the corresponding operator T_∞ may still have some eigenvalues on the unit circle; this may be seen by the following example. First, choose for each $n = 1, 2, \dots$ some number b_n , $0 < b_n < 1$, such that the infinite product $\prod_{n=1}^\infty b_n = b$ exists, and $0 < b < 1$. (E.g., we may put $b_n = \exp[-1/n^2]$, so that $\prod_{n=1}^\infty b_n = \exp[-\sum_{n=1}^\infty 1/n^2] = \exp[-\pi^2/6]$.) Further, choose also a_n such that $0 < a_n < 1 - b_n$. Now, take $X = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, and define the transition function p by

$$\begin{aligned} p(0, 1) &= p(0, -1) = \frac{1}{4}, \\ p(n, n+1) &= p(-n, -n-1) = b_n \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, \\ p(n, n-1) &= p(-n, -n+1) = a_n \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$p(j, k) = 0$ otherwise. Note that, in particular, $p(x, X) < 1$ for all $x \in X$.

We shall now construct a function $f \in L_\infty(\mu)$ satisfying $T_\infty f = f$. First, setting $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = 1$, $f(-1) = -1$, we have clearly $(T_\infty f)(0) = f(0)$. Further, $T_\infty f = f$ means, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} (13) \quad f(n) &= p(n, n+1)f(n+1) + p(n, n-1)f(n-1) = \\ &= b_n f(n+1) + a_n f(n-1), \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$(14) \quad f(n+1) = \frac{1}{b_n} [f(n) - a_n f(n-1)].$$

Therefore, evidently, the values $f(n+1)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, can be computed successively from (14). Finally, put $f(-n) = -f(n)$ for $n = 2, 3, \dots$

Now, we shall prove

$$(15) \quad f(n) > f(n-1) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Clearly, these inequalities (15) are true for $n = 1$. Further, if (15) is true for some n , then (13) and (15) gives

$$f(n) \leq b_n f(n+1) + (1 - b_n) f(n-1) < b_n f(n+1) + (1 - b_n) f(n),$$

that is $f(n) < f(n+1)$, which shows the validity of (15) in general. On the other hand, (14) and (15) entail, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$,

$$(16) \quad f(n+1) \leq \frac{f(n)}{b_n} \leq \frac{f(n-1)}{b_n b_{n-1}} \leq \dots \leq \frac{1}{b_n b_{n-1} \dots b_1} \leq \frac{1}{\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n} = \frac{1}{b} < \infty.$$

Thus $0 \leq f(n) \leq b^{-1}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and, more generally, $-b^{-1} \leq f(n) \leq b^{-1}$ for all $n \in X$. Therefore, on gathering the results, we have $f \in L_{\infty}(\mu)$, $f \not\equiv 0$, $T_{\infty} f = f$, so that the number 1 is the eigenvalue of T_{∞} .

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Резюме

СОБСТВЕННЫЕ ЗНАЧЕНИЯ ОПЕРАТОРОВ В ПРОСТРАНСТВАХ L_p ДЛЯ ЦЕПЕЙ МАРКОВА С ПРОИЗВОЛЬНОЙ СИСТЕМОЙ СОСТОЯНИЙ

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Рассматривается неприводимая субстохастическая переходная функция $p = p(x, A)$ в произвольном пространстве X состояний x , для которой существует субинвариантная мера μ . Обозначим через $L_{\alpha}(\mu)$ ($1 \leq \alpha < \infty$) пространство всех комплексных функций f на X , для которых $\|f\|_{\alpha} = [\int_X |f(x)|^{\alpha} \mu(dx)]^{1/\alpha}$ конечна; $L_{\infty}(\mu)$ будет аналогичное пространство тех f , для которых $\|f\|_{\infty} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mu} |f(x)|$ конечна. Определим оператор T_{α} ($1 \leq \alpha \leq \infty$) в пространстве $L_{\alpha}(\mu)$ соотношением $T_{\alpha} f = \int_X f(y) p(\cdot, dy)$.

При некоторых предположениях (тех же самых, как в [3], [4], но очень широких) доказывается: Для положительной возвратной p с периодом d множество всех собственных значений T_α ($1 \leq \alpha < \infty$) на единичной окружности совпадает с множеством $\{e^{2\pi ik/d}, k = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1\}$, и собственные подпространства, принадлежащие к этим значениям, одномерны; аналогичный результат верен для T_∞ и возвратной p . Для нулевой возвратной и для невозвратной p оператор T_α ($1 \leq \alpha < \infty$) не имеет никаких собственных значений на единичной окружности. Для невозвратной стохастической p все числа $e^{2\pi ik/d}, k = 0, 1, \dots, \dots, d - 1$, являются собственными значениями T_∞ , и нельзя утверждать больше.