

LIMIT THEOREM FOR FLUCTUATIONS OF NEARLY CRITICAL BRANCHING PROCESSES WITH IMMIGRATION

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Abstract: The article considers nearly critical Galton -Watson branching processes with immigration and a functional limit theorem is proven for the fluctuation of a nearly critical branching process with immigration in the case where the average number of descendants of one particle slowly tends to unity from above .

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In this paper we will consider sequences of Galton -Watson branching processes with immigration $X^{(n)} = \{X_k^{(n)}, k = 0\}$ $n \in \mathbb{N}$ defined by the following recurrence relations

$$X_0^{(n)} = 0, X_k^{(n)} = \sum_{j=1}^{X_{k-1}^{(n)}} \xi_{k,j}^{(n)} + \varepsilon_k^{(n)}, n = N,$$

where for each $n = N$ set $\{\xi_{k,j}^{(n)}, k, j = N\}$ and $\{\varepsilon_k^{(n)}, k = N\}$ are sets of independent non-negative integer-valued and identically distributed random variables, independent of each other. Suppose that for each $n = N$ $E(\xi_{1,1}^{(n)})^2 < \infty$, and random variables $\varepsilon_k^{(n)}$ take only the values 1 and 0 with probabilities p_n and $1 - p_n$ respectively $0 < p_n < 1$.

Let us introduce the following notations

$$m_n = E\xi_{1,1}^{(n)}, \sigma_n^2 = \text{var} \xi_{1,1}^{(n)}.$$

The process $X^{(n)}$ is called almost critical if $m_n \rightarrow 1$ at $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Let us assume that the following conditions are met:

when $n \rightarrow \infty$ the quantity m_n has an asymptotic representation

$$m_n = 1 + \alpha d_n^{-1} + o(d_n^{-1}), \quad (5)$$

where $\alpha > 0$, d_n is some sequence of positive numbers such that $d_n \rightarrow 0$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

In works [5-9] the asymptotic behavior of the process is investigated $X^{(n)}$ in the case when the sequence nd_n^{-1} at $n \rightarrow \infty$ has a finite limit.

Theorem 1. Let the following conditions be satisfied:

- 1) $m_n = 1 + \alpha d_n^{-1} + o(d_n^{-1})$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\alpha > 0$, d_n is a sequence of positive numbers such that $nd_n^{-1} \rightarrow b$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$,
- 2) $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$, $\sigma_n^2 \rightarrow \sigma^2$, $d_n^{-1} b^2 \rightarrow b^2$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$,
- 3) $m_n^{-2n} d_n^{-2} \text{cov}(X_{n+m}^{(n)}, X_n^{(n)}) \rightarrow (2\alpha)^{-1} (b^2 + \alpha^{-1} \lambda \sigma^2)$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$ all $m > 0$.

Then, when $n \rightarrow \infty$ the random variable $W_n = (m_n^n d_n)^{-1} X_n^{(n)}$ converges in the mean square to some random variable W , and

$$EW = \alpha^{-1} \lambda, \quad DW = (2\alpha)^{-1} (b^2 + \alpha^{-1} \lambda \sigma^2).$$

The following theorem covers the case where immigration into the population decreases as the series number increases.

Theorem 2. Let the following conditions be satisfied:

- 1) $m_n = 1 + \alpha d_n^{-1} + o(d_n^{-1})$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\alpha > 0$, d_n is a sequence of positive numbers such that $nd_n^{-1} \rightarrow b$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$,
- 2) $d_n \lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$, $d_n \sigma_n^2 \rightarrow \sigma^2$, $d_n b^2 \rightarrow b^2$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$,
- 3) $m_n^{-2n} \text{cov}(X_{n+m}^{(n)}, X_n^{(n)}) \rightarrow (2\alpha)^{-1} (b^2 + \alpha^{-1} \lambda \sigma^2)$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$ all $m > 0$.

Then, when $n \rightarrow \infty$ the random variable $W_n = m_n^{-n} X_n^{(n)}$ converges in the mean square to some random variable W , and

$$EW = \alpha^{-1} \lambda, \quad DW = (2\alpha)^{-1} (b^2 + \alpha^{-1} \lambda \sigma^2).$$

The aim of this paper is to study the asymptotic behavior of fluctuations $X_n(t) - EX_n(t)$ in the case when $m_n = 1 + \alpha d_n^{-1} + o(d_n^{-1})$, where $\alpha > 0$, d_n is a sequence of positive numbers such that $d_n \rightarrow \infty$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$. In [54], a functional limit theorem for fluctuations is proved $n^{-\frac{1}{2}}(X_n(t) - EX_n(t))$, $t \geq 0$ in the case when $m_n = 1 + \alpha n^{-1} + o(n^{-1})$. In [40], the asymptotic behavior of fluctuations is studied in the case when $m_n = 1 + \alpha d_n^{-1} + o(d_n^{-1})$, where d_n is a sequence of positive numbers such that $nd_n^{-1} \rightarrow \beta < \infty$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$.

The following theorem defines the asymptotic behavior of the fluctuation process $X_n(t)$, $t \geq 0$ in the case when $m_n = 1 + 2\alpha n^{-\frac{1}{2}} + o(n^{-\frac{1}{2}})$, where $\alpha > 0$.

Theorem 3. Let the following conditions be satisfied:

- 1) $m_n = 1 + 2\alpha n^{-\frac{1}{2}} + o(n^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\alpha > 0$;
- 2) $\sigma_n^2 \rightarrow \sigma^2$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$;
- 3) $n^{-1}\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$, $n^{-\frac{3}{2}}b_n^2 \rightarrow b^2$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$;
- 4) $E(\xi_{1,1}^{(n)} - m_n)^2 I(|\xi_{1,1}^{(n)} - m_n| > \theta n) \rightarrow 0$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$ any $\theta > 0$;
- 5) $n^{-\frac{3}{2}}E(\varepsilon_1^{(n)} - \lambda_n)^2 I(|\varepsilon_1^{(n)} - \lambda_n| > \theta n) \rightarrow 0$ for $n \rightarrow \infty$ any $\theta > 0$.

Then weak convergence takes place

$$(m_n^{[nt]}n)^{-1}(X_n(t) - EX_n(t)) \rightarrow W\left((2\alpha)^{-1}(\alpha^{-1}\lambda\sigma^2 + b^2)\right), \text{ at } n \rightarrow \infty$$

in the space $D[0, T]$, where W is the standard Wiener process.

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