

**AN ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY METHOD FOR  
APPROXIMATION OF INVARIANT MEASURES  
FOR RANDOM MAPS**

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper we describe an alternative elementary method of approximating invariant measures for random maps. Instead of computing Ulam's matrices associated with the Frobenius-Perron operator for random map we compute matrices which approximate Ulam's matrices.

Let  $T = \{\tau_1(x), \tau_2(x), \dots, \tau_K(x); p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  be a random map which posses a unique absolutely continuous invariant measure  $\hat{\mu}$  with probability density function  $\hat{f}$ . With our elementary method it is possible to develop and implement algorithms for the approximation of the invariant measure  $\hat{\mu}$  with a given bound on the error of the approximation. One of the main advantages of our method is that we do not need to deal with the inverse of the component maps of the random maps. Our result is a generalization of the result of Galatolo and Nisoli (see the paper [12] **Galatolo, S. and Nisoli, I.** *An elementary approach to rigorous approximation of Invariant measures*, SIAM J. Appl. Dynamical Systems, Vol. 13, N0. 2, pp 958–985, 2014) of single piecewise expanding maps to results of random maps. We present a numerical example.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The existence and properties of absolutely continuous invariant measures for random maps reflect their long time behavior and play an important role in understanding their chaotic nature [3, 10, 13]. Absolutely continuous measures which are invariant under the random map  $T = \{\tau_1(x), \tau_2(x), \dots, \tau_K(x); p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  are fixed points of an operator  $\mathcal{D}$  on the space of measures (see Eq. (2.3)). Equivalently, a fixed point of the Frobenius-Perron operator  $P_T$  (see Eq. (2.2)) of a random map is the invariant density  $f$  of an absolutely continuous invariant measure  $\mu$ . Thus, the problem of the computation of absolutely continuous invariant measures for the random map  $T$  reduces to the problem of computing fixed point of the transfer operator  $\mathcal{D}$  or computing fixed point of the Frobenius – Perron operator  $P_T$  (see [23, 10, 13]). The transfer operator equation or the the Frobenius–Perron equation for a random map is a more complicated equation than the transfer operator equation or the Frobenius–Perron equation (respectively) for a single map and it is difficult to solve these functional equations except in some simple cases. The numerical approximation of (absolutely continuous) invariant measures of dynamical systems (single maps or random maps) is of practical importance in the application of ergodic theory and dynamical systems to various applied areas. A number of methods have, therefore, been developed to approximate (absolutely continuous) invariant measures for dynamical systems. Ulam’s method which was suggested by Ulam [28] is one of the simplest, most used and best understood method. For a single piecewise  $C^2$ , piecewise expanding maps of interval satisfying  $|\tau'| > \alpha > 2$  (see [21]), Li [22] first proved the convergence of Ulam’s approximation. Since then, Ulam’s method have been applied to one and higher dimensional single transformations (see for example, [5, 6]). The computation of invariant measures for random maps is not as simple as the computation of invariant densities for single maps. In [10], Froyland extended Ulam’s method for a single transformation to a method for random map with constant probabilities (see [24]). Góra and Boyarsky (see [13]) proved the convergent of Ulam’s method for position dependent random maps. For Markov switching position dependent random maps we developed Ulam’s method in [16]. Recently, Froyland et al. have studied stability and approximation of random invariant densities for Lasota–Yorke map cocycles (see [11]). Almost all of the results in the literature on the approximation of invariant measures provided proofs for the convergence of the corresponding methods. Moreover, asymptotic estimates on the rate of convergence are also provided on some of the results mentioned above. However, results with explicit (rigorous) bound on the error for position dependent random maps are very few.

In an Ulam’s method, first finite dimensional approximations of linear operators are found for the transfer operator or the Frobenius–Perron operator, then eigenvec-

tors of corresponding matrix representation of fine dimensional approximation operators are found. The calculation of the  $(i, j)$ -th entry of these matrices involve the calculation of portion of the pre-image (inverse image) of the interval partition set  $I_j$  under the corresponding on the partition set  $I_i$ . For the error in an Ulam's method, the distance between the fixed point of the discretization approximation operator and the fixed point of the real operator are found using the stability result in [19]. The method requires some estimation which cannot be trivially done in a rigorous way in a reasonable time. In this paper, we describe an approach which requires simpler assumptions and estimations. Our method provides algorithms to approximate invariant measures with a specific bound on the error, that is, we can keep our approximation as sharp as possible. One of the other advantages of our method is that we do not need to use the inverse of corresponding transformations. Our approach is a generalization of the approach of Galatolo and Nisoli in [12] of one dimensional single dynamical systems to an approach for random maps.

The paper is organized in the following way. In Section 2, a present a review for random maps, invariant measures, transfer operator, the Frobenius–Perron operator and the existence of absolutely continuous invariant measures is presented. In Section 3, abstract results on the fixed points of operators are presented. An elementary method for the approximation of invariant measures with error bounds for Ulam method is presented in Section 4. The implementation of the elementary method is presented in Section 5. Numerical examples are presented in Section 6.

## 2. RANDOM MAPS, THE FROBENIUS-PERRON OPERATOR AND INVARIANT MEASURES

### 2.1. RANDOM MAPS WITH CONSTANT PROBABILITIES

Random maps with constant probabilities are an important special case of skew products. Let  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \lambda)$  be a measure space and  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, K\}^{\{0,1,2,\dots\}} = \{\omega = \{\omega_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty} : \omega_i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, K\}\}$  be the set of set of all one sided infinite sequences . Let  $\tau_k : X \rightarrow X, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  be nonsingular piecewise one-to-one transformations and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K$  be constant probabilities such that  $\sum_{i=1}^K p_i = 1$ . The topology on  $\Omega$  is the product of the discrete topology on  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and the Borel probability measure  $\mu_p$  on  $\Omega$  is defined as  $\mu_p(\{\omega : \omega_0 = i_0, \omega_1 = i_1, \dots, \omega_n = i_n\}) = p_{i_0} p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_n}$ . Let  $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be the left shift. Now consider the skew product  $S : \Omega \times X \rightarrow \Omega \times X$  defined by

$$S(\omega, x) = (\sigma(\omega), \tau_{\omega_0}(x)), \omega \in \Omega, x \in X.$$

Now,

$$S^2(\omega, x) = (\sigma^2(\omega), \tau_{\omega_1} \circ \tau_{\omega_0}(x))$$

and for any integer  $N \geq 1$ ,

$$S^N(\omega, x) = (\sigma^N(\omega), \tau_{\omega_{N-1}} \circ \tau_{\omega_{N-2}} \circ \dots \circ \tau_{\omega_1} \circ \tau_{\omega_0}(x))$$

A random map

$$T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\},$$

with constant probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K$  is defined as follows: for any  $x \in X$ ,  $T(x) = \tau_k(x)$  with probability  $p_k$  and for any non-negative integer  $N$ ,  $T^N(x) = \tau_{k_N} \circ \tau_{k_{N-1}} \circ \dots \circ \tau_{k_1}(x)$  with probability  $\prod_{j=1}^N p_{k_j}$ .  $T^N(x)$  can be viewed as the second component of the  $S^N$  of the skew product  $S$ . It can be easily shown that a measure  $\mu$  is  $T$ -invariant if and only if the measure  $\mu_p \times \mu$  is  $S$ -invariant. Pelikan [32] defined a  $T$ -invariant measure  $\mu$  as follows:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T$  be a random map on  $X$  and  $\mu$  be a measure on  $X$ . The measure  $\mu$  is invariant under the random map  $T$  if

$$\mu(E) = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(E)), \quad (2.1)$$

for any measurable set  $E \in \mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a measure on  $X$ . Let  $\mu_p$  be the Borel probability measure on  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, K\}^{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}$ . Then  $\mu$  is  $T$ -invariant if and only if the measure  $\mu_p \times \mu$  on  $\mathcal{B}(\Omega) \times \mathcal{B}$  is  $S$  invariant.

**Proof.** By definition of  $S$  and  $\mu_p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_p \times \mu)(S^{-1}(A \times B)) &= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu_p(A) \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(B)) \\ &= \mu_p(A) \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(B)) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mu$  is  $T$  invariant, then

$$(\mu_p \times \mu)(S^{-1}(A \times B)) = \mu_p(A) \mu(B).$$

Thus,  $\mu_p \times \mu$  is  $S$  invariant. The proof of converse is easy.  $\square$

Let  $f$  be the density of  $\mu$ . Then  $d\mu = f \cdot d\lambda$ . Let  $A \times B$  be a measurable subset of  $\Omega \times X$ . Then

$$(\mu_p \times \mu)(S^{-1}(A \times B)) = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu_p(A) \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(B))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu_p(A) \int_B P_{\tau_k} f d\lambda \\
&= \mu_p(A) \sum_k p_k \int_B P_{\tau_k} f d\lambda.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the density on the second component is  $\sum_i p_i P_{\tau_i} f$ . Hence the Perron-Frobenius operator  $P_T$  for the random map  $T$  is given by

$$P_T f = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k P_{\tau_k} f, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $P_{\tau_k}$  is the Frobenius–Perron operator of the transformation  $\tau_k$ . The operator  $\mathcal{D}$  on measures on  $(I, \mathcal{B})$  defined by

$$\mathcal{D}\mu(A) = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(A)), \quad A \in \mathcal{B} \quad (2.3)$$

is known as the transfer operator of the random map  $T$ . It can be easily shown that (i)  $P_T : L^1([0, 1]) \rightarrow L^1([0, 1])$  is a linear operator; (ii)  $P_T$  is non-negative, i.e.,  $f \in L^1([0, 1])$  and  $f \geq 0 \implies P_T f \geq 0$ ; (iii)  $P_T$  is a contraction, i.e.,  $\|P_T f\|_1 \leq \|f\|_1$ , for any  $f \in L^1([0, 1])$ ; (iv)  $P_T$  satisfies the composition property, i.e., if  $T$  and  $R$  are two position dependent random maps on  $[0, 1]$ , then  $P_{T \circ R} = P_T \circ P_R$ . In particular, for any  $n \geq 1$ ,  $P_T^n = P_{T^n}$ ;

**Lemma 2.3.**  $P_T f^* = f^*$  if and only if  $\mu = f^* \lambda$  is  $T$  invariant.

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mu(A) = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(A))$ , for any  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_A f^* d\lambda &= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \int_{\tau_k^{-1}(A)} f^* d\lambda \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \int_A P_{\tau_k} f^* d\lambda \\
&= \int_A \sum_{k=1}^K p_k P_{\tau_k} f^* d\lambda \\
&= \int_A P_T f^* d\lambda.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $P_T f^* = f^*$ .

Conversely, assume that  $P_T f^* = f^*$  almost everywhere. Then

$$\mu(A) = \int_A f^* d\lambda = \int_A P_T f^* d\lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_A \sum_{k=1}^K p_k P_{\tau_k} f^* d\lambda \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \int_A P_{\tau_k} f^* d\lambda \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \int_{\tau_k^{-1}(A)} f^* d\lambda \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \mu(\tau_k^{-1}(A))
\end{aligned}$$

□

## 2.2. EXISTENCE OF INVARIANT MEASURES FOR RANDOM MAPS

Let  $\mathcal{T}_0(I)$  denote the class of transformations  $\tau : I = [0, 1] \rightarrow I$  that satisfy the following conditions:

(i)  $\tau$  is piecewise monotonic, i.e., there exists a partition  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_i = [x_{i-1}, x_i], i = 1, 2, \dots, q\}$  of  $I$  such that  $\tau_i = \tau|_{J_i}$  is  $C^1$ , and

$$|\tau'_i(x)| \geq \alpha > 0, \quad (2.4)$$

for any  $i$  and for all  $x \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)$ ;

(ii)  $g(x) = \frac{1}{|\tau'_i(x)|}$  is a function of bounded variation, where  $\tau'_i(x)$  is the appropriate one-sided derivative at the end points of  $\mathcal{J}$ .

We say that  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_1(I)$  if  $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_0(I)$  and  $\alpha > 1$  in condition (2.4), i.e.,  $\tau$  is piecewise expanding.

**Lemma 2.4.** [32] *Let  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  be a random map, where  $\tau_k \in \mathcal{T}_0(I)$ , with the common partition  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_q\}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$ . If, for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , the following Pelikan's condition*

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \frac{p_k}{|\tau'_k(x)|} \leq \gamma < 1, \quad (2.5)$$

*is satisfied, then, for any  $f \in BV(I)$ ,*

$$V_I P_T f \leq A V_I f + B \|f\|_1, \text{ where } 0 < A < 1, \text{ and } B > 0 \quad (2.6)$$

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  be a random map, where  $\tau_k \in \mathcal{T}_0(I)$ , with the common partition  $\mathcal{J} = \{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_q\}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, K$ . If, for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , the following Pelikan's condition*

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \frac{p_k}{|\tau'_k(x)|} \leq \gamma < 1, \quad (2.7)$$

*is satisfied, then for all  $f \in L^1 = L^1([0, 1], \lambda)$ :*

(i) *The limit*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P_T^i(f) = f^* \text{ exists in } L^1;$$

(ii)  $P_T(f^*) = f^*$ ;

(iii)  $V_{[0,1]}(f^*) \leq C \cdot \|f\|_1$ , for some constant  $C > 0$ , which is independent of  $f \in L^1$ .

### 3. ABSTRACT RESULTS ON THE FIXED POINTS OF OPERATORS

Let  $\mathcal{M}(I)$  be the space of all measures on  $(I, \mathcal{B})$ . The transfer operator  $\mathcal{D}$  in (2.3) or in (??) which is defined in Section 2 is an operator  $\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{M}(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(I)$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an invariant normed subspace of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Consider a restriction of  $\mathcal{D}$  from  $\mathcal{H}$  into  $\mathcal{H}$ . For simplicity, we denote the restricted operator again by  $\mathcal{D}$ . Let  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}}$  denotes the norm on  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\mathcal{D}_\delta$  be a finite dimensional approximation of  $\mathcal{D}$  and we assume that we can compute the fixed points of  $\mathcal{D}_\delta$ . The parameter  $\delta$  measures the accuracy of the approximation (for example, the size of a grid). Let  $\nu, \nu_\delta \in \mathcal{H}$  be the fixed point of  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_\delta$  respectively. In our approach of approximation  $\nu$ , first, we want to get as much information as possible for the operator  $\mathcal{D}_\delta$  and use these information to approximate  $\nu$ . Recall the following abstract result which was proved in [12]:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that*

1.  $\|D_\delta \nu - D\nu\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \infty$ ,
2. *there exists a positive integer  $\bar{N}$  such that  $\|D_\delta^{\bar{N}}(\nu_\delta - \nu)\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \frac{1}{2} \|\nu_\delta - \nu\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ ,*
3. *for each  $i$ , there exists  $C_i$  such that for all  $g \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\|D_\delta^i g\|_{\mathcal{H}} < C_i \|g\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ .*

*Then*

$$\|\nu_\delta - \nu\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq 2 \|D_\delta \nu - D\nu\|_{\mathcal{H}} \sum_{i \in [0, \bar{N}-1]} C_i. \quad (3.1)$$

#### 4. AN ELEMENTARY METHOD FOR ERROR BOUND ESTIMATION OF ULAM'S METHOD FOR RANDOM MAPS

##### 4.1. ULAM'S METHOD FOR RANDOM MAPS

In this subsection, we consider position dependent random map

$$T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$$

satisfying the following assumptions:

(B)  $T$  has a unique acim  $\mu$  with density  $f^*$ .

Now, we describe Ulam's method for  $T$ . Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Let  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)} = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n\}$  be a partition of the interval  $[0, 1]$  into  $n$  equal subintervals. We assume that  $\max_{I_i \in \mathcal{P}^{(n)}} \lambda(I_i)$  goes to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $F_n$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the partition  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)}$ . For each  $1 \leq k \leq K$ , create the matrix

$$\mathbb{M}_k^{(n)} = \left( \frac{\lambda(\tau_k^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i)}{\lambda(I_i)} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}.$$

Let  $L^{(n)} \subset L^1([0, 1], \lambda)$  be a subspace of  $L^1$  consisting of functions which are constant on elements of the partition  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)}$ . We will represent functions in  $L^{(n)}$  as vectors: vector  $f = [f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n]$  corresponds to the function  $f = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \chi_{I_i}$ . Let  $Q^{(n)}$  be the isometric projection of  $L^1$  onto  $L^{(n)}$ :

$$Q^{(n)}(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\lambda(I_i)} \int_{I_i} f d\lambda \right) \chi_{I_i} = \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda(I_1)} \int_{I_1} f d\lambda, \dots, \frac{1}{\lambda(I_n)} \int_{I_n} f d\lambda \right].$$

It can be easily shown that  $Q^n f = \mathbb{E}(f|F_n)$ ,  $f \in L^1$ . We define the operator  $P_T^{(n)} : L^{(n)} \rightarrow L^{(n)}$  by

$$P_T^{(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \mathbb{M}_k^{(n)} \right)^C, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $C$  denotes the transpose of a matrix. Note that  $P_T^{(n)}$  is a finite dimensional approximation to the operator  $P_T$ . It can be shown that

$$P_T^{(n)} = Q^n \circ P_T \circ Q^n.$$

Equivalently, for  $f \in L^1$ ,

$$P_T^{(n)} f = \mathbb{E}(P_T(\mathbb{E}(f|F_n)) | F_n),$$



where  $F_n$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra associated to the partition  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)}$ . Ulam's matrix for position dependent random map with respect to the partition  $\mathcal{P}^{(n)}$  is

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^K \left( \mathbb{M}_k^{(n)} \right)^C \left( \left[ p_{k,1}^{(n)}, p_{k,2}^{(n)}, \dots, p_{k,n}^{(n)} \right] \right)^C.$$

Note that if the probabilities does not depend on position  $x$ , then the Ulam's matrix  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}$  reduces to

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \mathbb{M}_k^{(n)} \right)^C.$$

In this way the random map is approximated by the finite state Markov chain with transition probabilities  $m_{ij}, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , where  $m_{ij}$  is the  $(i, j)$ th element of the Ulam's matrix  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}$ .

## 4.2. ESTIMATION

We are interested in connecting Theorem 3.1 for explicit estimation for approximation error in Ulam's discretization method with  $L^1$  norm. We assume that the norm  $\|\nu\|_{BV}$  can be estimated and there is an estimation for the norm  $\|P_T^{(n)} - P_T\|_{BV \rightarrow L^1}$ . Thus, the left hand side of condition (1) in Theorem 3.1 reduces to

$$\|P_T^{(n)}\nu - P_T\nu\|_{L^1} \leq \|P_T^{(n)} - P_T\|_{BV \rightarrow L^1} \|\nu\|_{BV}.$$

Note that  $\|\nu\|_{BV}$  is possible if  $P_T$  satisfies conditions similar to (2.6). With these assumptions we have from Theorem 3.1 that

$$\|\nu_\delta - \nu\|_{BV} \leq 2 \sum_{i \in [0, N-1]} C_i \|P_T^{(n)} - P_T\|_{BV \rightarrow L^1} \|\nu\|_{L^1}.$$

Our main goal in this section is to determine  $\bar{N}$  in the Theorem 3.1. Recall that  $P_T^{(n)}$  is the Ulam's approximation of the Frobenius-Perron operator  $P_T$ . Set

$$V_0 = \{f \in L_1([0, 1]) : \int f d\lambda = 0\}.$$

Note that  $\nu - \nu_\delta \in V_0$ . Therefore, if we prove  $\|(P_T^{(n)})^{\bar{N}}|V_0\|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^1} < \frac{1}{2}$  we imply condition (2) in Theorem 3.1. We consider the set of functions in  $L^{(n)}$  with integral zero and for convenience we denote this set by  $V_0$ . In order to determine  $\bar{N}$  in the Theorem 3.1, we consider the Ulam matrix  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}|V_0$  restricted to the set  $V_0$ . Consider the matrix norm of the Ulam's matrix,  $\|\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}|V_0\|_1 = \sup_{|x|_1=1} |\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}(x)|$ . Let  $\mathcal{I} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow L^1$  is the trivial identification of a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with a piecewise constant

function given by the choice of the basis. Then, we have the following (see Section 4.1 in [12]) :

$$\begin{aligned} \| P_T^{(n)} \|_{L_1 \rightarrow L_1} &\leq \| \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} \|_1; \\ \| P_T^{(n)} |V_0 \|_{L_1} &\leq \| \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} |I^{-1}(V_0) \|_1; \\ \| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^{\bar{N}} |V_0 \|_{L_1} &= \| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} \right)^{\bar{N}} |I^{-1}(V_0) \|_1 . \end{aligned}$$

In this way, we can have an estimation of  $\| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^{\bar{N}} |V_0 \|_{L_1 \rightarrow L_1}$  by computing a matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}$  approximating  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} |I^{-1}(V_0)$  and  $\| \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} \right)^{\bar{N}} \|_1$  . Now, compute  $\| \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} \right)^j \|_1$  for each  $j > 0$  iteratively form  $\left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} \right)^{j-1}$  until it finds some  $j$  for which it can deduce that  $\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)} \right)^j |V_0 \|_1 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . This  $j$  will be the output as  $\bar{N}$  required in Theorem 3.1.

#### 4.2.1. ALGORITHM

1. Input the random map and the partition.
2. Compute the matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(n)}}^{*(n)}$  approximating  $P_T^{(n)} |V_0$  and the corresponding approximated fixed point  $\hat{f}_n$  upto some required approximation  $\epsilon_1$ .
3. Compute  $\Delta L$ , an estimate for  $\| P_T^{(n)} f - P_T f \|$  upto some error  $\epsilon_2$
4. Compute  $\bar{N}$  in Theorem 3.1 which is described above.
5. If all computations ends successfully, output  $\hat{f}_n$ .

We have the following lemma:

**Lemma 4.1.**  $I^{-1}(\hat{f}_n)$  is an approximation the invariant measure upto an error  $\epsilon$  given by

$$\epsilon \leq \epsilon_1 + 2\bar{N}(\Delta L + \epsilon_2)$$

#### 4.3. EXPLICIT ESTIMATION OF THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE LASOTA – YORKE INEQUALITY FOR RANDOM MAPS

In this section we present explicit estimation of the co-efficient of the Lasota-Yorke inequality for random maps with respect to the transfer operator  $\mathcal{D}$  (see Eq. (2.3) and Eq. (??)).

Consider the following semi-norm for measures on  $(I, \mathcal{B})$ .

$$\| \mu \| = \sup_{\phi \in C^1, |\phi|_\infty = 1} |\mu(\phi')|. \quad (4.2)$$

Moreover, consider the space of measures,  $\mathcal{M}' = \{\mu : \|\mu\| < \infty\}$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *If  $\|\mu\| < \infty$ , then  $\mu$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the Lebesgue measure.*

**Proof.** See Lemma 1.1 in [23]. □

### 4.3.1. EXPLICIT ESTIMATION OF THE COEFFICIENTS FOR RANDOM MAPS WITH CONSTANT PROBABILITIES

We consider random maps with constant probabilities.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  be an i.i.d. random map on  $I = [0, 1]$ , where  $\tau_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  are piecewise  $C^2$  Lasota-Yorke maps on a common partition  $0 = d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n = 1$ . If the random map  $T$  satisfies the Pelikan's average expanding condition (??) and  $\mu$  is a measure on  $[0, 1]$ , then*

$$\|\mathcal{D}\mu\| \leq \lambda \|\mu\| + B'|\mu|_1, \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$\lambda = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{2p_k}{\inf \tau'_k} \right), \quad B' = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \frac{2}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} + 2 \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau')^2} \right|_\infty \right) \right)$$

and  $|\mu|_1$  is defined in (4.4).

**Proof.**

$$\mathcal{D}\mu(\phi') = \sum_{Z \in \{(d_i, d_{i+1}) | i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}\}} \mathcal{D}\mu(\phi' \chi_Z).$$

For each  $Z$  define  $\phi_Z$  to be linear such that  $\phi_Z = \phi$  on the boundary of  $Z$ . Moreover, define  $\psi_Z = \phi - \phi_Z$  on  $Z$  and extend it to  $[0, 1]$  by setting it to zero outside  $Z$ . In this way, we obtain a continuous function. Moreover, for each  $x \in Z$ ,

$$|\phi'_Z|_\infty \leq \frac{2|\phi|_\infty}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})}.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}\mu(\phi') &= \sum_{Z \in \{(d_i, d_{i+1}) | i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}\}} \mathcal{D}\mu(\phi' \chi_Z) \\ &= \sum_Z \mathcal{D}\mu(\psi'_Z \chi_Z) + \sum_Z \mathcal{D}\mu(\phi'_Z \chi_Z) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$|\mathcal{D}\mu(\phi')| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \sum_Z \left( \mu \left( \psi'_Z \circ \tau_k \chi_{\tau_k^{-1}(Z)} \right) + \mu \left( \phi'_Z \circ \tau_k \chi_{\tau_k^{-1}(Z)} \right) \right) \right|.$$

It can be easily shown that, on  $Z$ ,

$$\psi'_{Z'} \circ \tau_k = \left( \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k} \right) + \frac{(\psi_Z \circ \tau_k) \tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2}, k = 1, 2, \dots, K.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{D}\mu(\phi')| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \left| \sum_Z \mu \left( \left( \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k} \right)' \chi_{\tau_k^{-1}(Z)} \right) \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| \sum_Z \mu \left( \frac{(\psi_Z \circ \tau_k) \tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \chi_{\tau_k^{-1}(Z)} \right) \right| + \frac{2|\phi|_\infty}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} \mu(1) \right) \\ q &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \left| \mu \left( \left( \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k} \right)' \right) \right| + 2|\phi|_\infty \mu \left( \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right| \right) + \frac{2|\phi|_\infty}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} \mu(1) \right). \end{aligned}$$

The function  $\sum_Z \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k}$  is not  $C^1$ , because its derivative has a finite number of points of discontinuity. This function can be approximated by a  $C^1$  function  $\psi_\epsilon$  such that  $|\psi_\epsilon - \sum_Z \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k}|$  and  $\mu \left( |\psi_\epsilon - \sum_Z \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k}| \right)$  are as small as wanted. It is shown in [12] (see also [23]) that

$$\left| \mu \left( \left( \frac{\psi_Z \circ \tau_k}{\tau'_k} \right)' \right) \right| \leq \mu \left\| \frac{2}{\inf \tau'_k} |\phi|_\infty, k = 1, 2, \dots, K \right.$$

Thus,

$$|\mathcal{D}\mu(\phi')| \leq \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \left\| \mu \left\| \frac{2}{\inf \tau'_k} |\phi|_\infty + 2|\phi|_\infty \mu \left( \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right| \right) + \frac{2|\phi|_\infty}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} \mu(1) \right\| \right).$$

Now,

$$\| \mathcal{D}\mu \| \leq \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \frac{2}{\inf \tau'_k} \| \mu \| + 2\mu \left( \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right| \right) + \frac{2}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} \mu(1) \right)$$

Define

$$|\mu|_1 = \sup_{|\phi|_\infty=1} |\mu(\phi)|. \quad (4.4)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \| \mathcal{D}\mu \| &\leq \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \frac{2}{\inf \tau'_k} \| \mu \| + \left( \frac{2}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} + 2 \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right|_\infty \right) |\mu|_1 \right) \\ &= \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{2p_k}{\inf \tau'_k} \right) \| \mu \| + \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \frac{2}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} + 2 \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right|_\infty \right) \right) |\mu|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\lambda = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{2p_k}{\inf \tau'_k} \right), \quad B' = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \frac{2}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} + 2 \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right|_\infty \right) \right).$$

Then,

$$\| \mathcal{D}\mu \| \leq \lambda \| \mu \| + B' |\mu|_1.$$

□

It is not difficult to show that for any integer  $l \geq 1$ ,

$$\| \mathcal{D}^l \mu \| \leq \lambda^l \| \mu \| + \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} B' |\mu|_1.$$

Let  $B = \frac{B'}{1 - \lambda}$ . Then

$$\| \mathcal{D}^l \mu \| \leq \lambda^l \| \mu \| + B |\mu|_1. \quad (4.5)$$

**Lemma 4.4.** *If  $f$  is a fixed point of the Frobenius-Perron operator  $P_T$ , then*

$$\| P_T f - P_T^{(n)} f \|_{L^1} \leq \frac{2}{n} \| f \|_{L^1}$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \| P_T f - P_T^{(n)} f \|_{L^1} &= \| P_T^{(n)} f - P_T f \|_{L^1} = \| P_T^{(n)} f - E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) \\ &\quad + E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1} \\ &\leq \| P_T^{(n)} f - E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) \|_{L^1} + \| E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1} \\ &= \| \mathbb{E}(P_T(\mathbb{E}(f | \mathcal{F}_n)) | \mathcal{F}_n) - E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) \|_{L^1} \\ &\quad + \| E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1} \\ &= \| \mathbb{E}[P_T(\mathbb{E}(f | \mathcal{F}_n)) | \mathcal{F}_n] \|_{L^1} + \| E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1} \\ &\leq \| E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1} + \| E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1} \\ &= 2 \| E(P_T f | \mathcal{F}_n) - P_T f \|_{L^1}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\sum_i |\sup_{I_i}(f) - \inf_{I_i}(f)| \leq \| f \|_{L^1}.$$

Moreover,

$$\inf_{I_i}(f) \leq \mathbb{E}(f | I_i) \leq \sup_{I_i}(f),$$

where  $I_i$  are various intervals composing the sigma algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ . Thus,

$$\int_{I_i} |\mathbb{E}(f | \mathcal{F}_n) - f| \leq \frac{1}{n} |\sup_{I_i}(f) - \inf_{I_i}(f)|$$

and hence

$$\| \mathbb{E}(f|\mathcal{F}_n) - f \|_{L^1} \leq \frac{1}{n} \| f \|_{L^1} .$$

Therefore,

$$\| P_T f - P_T^{(n)} \|_{L^1} \leq \frac{2}{n} \| f \|_{L^1}$$

□

Note that if  $f$  is a fixed point of  $P_T$ , then  $\| P_T f \|_{L^1} \leq \| f \|_{L^1}$  and  $\| \mathbb{E}(f|\mathcal{F}_n) \|_{L^1} \leq \| f \|_{L^1}$ . Note also that  $P_T^{(n)}$  is a composition of  $P_T$  and  $\mathbb{E}$ . Thus, it is not difficult to show that each of the constants  $C_i$  in Theorem 3.1 is 1.

**Theorem 4.5.** *If the random map  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  satisfies the Pelikan's average expanding condition (??) and  $T$  has a unique invariant measure  $\mu$ , then it is possible to approximate the invariant measure at any precision with the above algorithm.*

**Proof.** The proof follows from the proof of Theorem 5.7 in [12]. For the convenient of readers we repeat the proof. Both  $P_T$  and  $P_T^{(n)}$  satisfies the same L-Y inequality and  $\| P_T - P_T^{(n)} \|_{BV \rightarrow L^1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ . By the result of Liverani (Proposition 3.1 and Lemma 6.1) the spectral gap of  $P_T$  combined with the stability of the spectral picture implies that there are  $A^*, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \beta < 1$ , independent of  $n$  such that for  $n$  large enough,  $P_T^{(n)}$  satisfies  $\| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^l |V \|_{BV \rightarrow BV} \leq A^* \beta^l$ . Since  $\| \mathbb{E}(g|\mathcal{F}_n) \geq 2n \| P_T^{(n)} \|_{BV \rightarrow BV}$ , this implies that

$$\| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^l |V \|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^1} \leq 2n \| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^l \|_{BV \rightarrow BV} \leq 2n A^* \beta^l .$$

Hence if  $l \geq \frac{\log(\frac{1}{4nA^*})}{\log \beta}$ , then  $\| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^l |V \|_{L^1 \rightarrow L^1} \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and the algorithm stop. Moreover, upto multiplying constants, the error will be  $O(\frac{\log n}{n})$  (see the proof of Theorem 5.7 in [12]) and can be made as small as possible. □

## 5. IMPLEMENTING THE ALGORITHM

### 5.1. COMPUTING THE ULAM APPROXIMATION

Let  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  be a random map on a common partition  $\{J_1, J_2, \dots, J_n\}$  of  $[0, 1]$  satisfying Pelikan's condition (2.7) in Theorem 2.5. Therefore, there exists an acim  $\mu^*$  with a density  $f^*$ . Moreover, we assume that  $\mu^*$  is unique. In the following we present the implimentation of our algorithm.

Let  $N$  be a multiple of  $n$  and  $\mathcal{P}^{(N)} = \{I_1, I_2, \dots, I_N\}$  be a partition of  $[0, 1]$ . Then each of the component map  $\tau_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$  is monotonic on  $I_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Recall that the Ulam's matrix (see Section 4.1) with respect to the partition  $\mathcal{P}^{(N)}$  is

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)} = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \mathbb{M}_k^{(N)} \right)^C,$$

where  $\left( \mathbb{M}_k^{(N)} \right)^C$  is the matrix representation of the Frobenius-Perron operator of  $\tau_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, K$ . The random map  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  is approximated by the finite state Markov chain with transition probabilities  $m_{ij}, 1 \leq i, j \leq N$ , where  $m_{ij}$  is an element of the Ulam's matrix  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ . Our algorithm does not calculate the Ulam's matrix directly. The main target of our algorithm is to compute a rigorous approximation of the related Markov chain and a faster method to rigorously approximate its steady state. With our rigorous algorithm we compute a matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$  which approximate the Ulam matrix  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ . We use the following algorithm to compute the matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$  which is preliminary to compute  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ .

**Algorithm for computing  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ :** Let  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)} = \left( \hat{m}_{ij}^{*(N)} \right)_{1 \leq i, j \leq N}$ . In the following we describe an algorithm for random maps  $T = \{\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_K; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K\}$  with constant probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_K$ .

**step 1:** Set  $\hat{m}_{ij}^{*(N)} = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

**step 2:** for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$  do

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , partition  $I_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  into  $m$  intervals  $I_{i,l}, l = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

for  $i$  from 1 to  $N$  do for  $k$  from 1 to  $K$  do

set **sum** = 0

for  $l$  from 1 to  $m$  do

compute  $\tau_k(I_{i,l})$ .

if  $\tau_k(I_{i,l}) \subset I_j$  then **sum** = **sum** +  $\lambda(I_{i,l})$

if  $\tau_k(I_{i,l}) \subset (I_j)^C$  then go to the next step.

if  $\tau_k(I_{i,l}) \cap I_j \neq \emptyset$  and  $\tau_k(I_{i,l}) \cap (I_j)^C \neq \emptyset$  and  $\lambda(I_{i,l}) > \nu$  then divide  $I_{i,l}$  into  $m$  intervals

and follow the above steps

if  $\tau_k(I_{i,l}) \cap I_j \neq \emptyset$  and  $\tau_k(I_{i,l}) \cap (I_j)^C \neq \emptyset$  and  $\lambda(I_{i,l}) < \nu$  then add  $\lambda(I_{i,l})$  to  $\epsilon_{k,ij}$ , the

error corresponding  $\tau_k$  and  $I_{i,l}$  and go to the next step

end do.

end do.

sub[k]=sum.

end do.

$\hat{m}_{ij, \mathcal{P}(N)}^{r*(N)} = p_1 sub[1] + p_2 sub[2] + \dots + p_K sub[K]$  and  $error_{ij} = p_1 \epsilon_{1,ij} + p_2 \epsilon_{2,ij} \dots + p_K \epsilon_{K,ij}$

end do.

By applying the above algorithm, we obtain the matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$ . Let  $\epsilon = \max_{i,j} error_{ij}$ . Note that the matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  is not a stochastic matrix. For the rest of the algorithm we closely follow [12]. For each row, we split the difference of the absolute value of the sum of the nonzero entries and 1 equally. In this way we obtain a stochastic matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$ . Let  $\epsilon$  be the maximum of errors  $|\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{ij, \mathcal{P}(N)}^{r*(N)} - \mathbb{M}_{ij, \mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}|$  and let  $nnz_i$  be the number of nonzero elements of the row. It is easy to see that for each row  $i$  the sum of its entries differs from 1 by at most  $nnz_i \cdot \epsilon$ . Thus, the stochastic matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  satisfy

$$|\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{ij, \mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} - \mathbb{M}_{ij, \mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}| < 2\epsilon.$$

Let  $NNZ = \max_i nnz_i$ , then the matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  is such that

$$\|\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} - \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}\|_1 < 2 \cdot NNZ \cdot \epsilon.$$

The largest eigenvalue of  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  is 1 because  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  is a stochastic matrix. Theorem 3.1 allows us to have a rigorous estimate of the  $L^1$  distance between the eigenvectors



of  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$  and  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ . Note that, Remark 8.1 of [12] implies that

$$NNZ \leq \sum_{k=1}^K \sup |\tau'_k| + 4K.$$

In the following two sections (Sec. 5.2 and Sec. 5.3 below) we follow [12] very closely. The derivations in these two sections are very similar to the derivations of Section 8.3 and Section 8.4 in [12]. For the convenience of the reader we present the derivations.

## 5.2. COMPUTING RIGOROUSLY THE STEADY STATE VECTOR AND THE ERROR

In the following we use the power iteration method for the steady state of  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ . Let  $b_0$  be any initial condition. The power iteration method states that if  $b_{l+1} = b_l \cdot \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ , then  $b_l$  converges to the steady state of  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)}$ .

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , define the norm  $\|x\|$  by  $\|x\| = \sum_{i=1}^N |x_i|$ . Moreover, let  $\Delta = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^N | x_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, N, \|x\|_1 = 1\}$  be the nonnegative  $(N-1)$ -dimensional simplex. From the proof of the Perron-Fobenius theorem [?] it is well known that a Markov matrix (aperiodic, irreducible) contracts the simplex  $\Delta$  of vectors  $v$  having norm  $\|v\|$  is equal to 1. Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$  be a basis of the simplex. Then the simplex is given by the convex combination of the vectors of the base. Let  $\text{Diam}$  be the diameter in the distance induced by the norm  $\|\cdot\|_1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Diam}(A^l \Delta) &\leq \max_{i,j} \|A^l(e_i - e_j)\|_1 \leq \max_{i,j} \|A^l(e_1 - e_j)\|_1 + \max_{i,j} \|A^l(e_1 - e_i)\|_1 \\ &\leq 2 \max_i \|A^l(e_1 - e_i)\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we fix an input threshold  $\epsilon_{\text{num}}$ . Then, we iterate the vectors  $\{v_1 - v_j\}_{j=2}^k$  and look at their norm until we find an  $l$  such that  $\text{Diam}(A^l \Delta) < \epsilon_{\text{num}}$ . For any initial condition  $b_0$  iterating it  $l$  times, we get a vector contained in  $A^l(\Delta)$  whose numerical error is enclosed by  $\epsilon_{\text{num}}$ .

## 5.3. ESTIMATION OF THE RIGOROUS ERROR FOR THE INVARIANT MEASURE

Now, we compute the number of iteration  $\bar{N}$  needed for the Ulam approximation  $P_T^{(n)}$  to contract to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the space of average 0 vectors. Note that the vectors  $\{e_1 - e_j\}_{j=1}^k$  are a base for the space of average 0 vectors. Now,

$$\left\| \left( P_T^{(n)} \right)^j |v \right\|_1 \leq \left\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)} \right)^j - \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)} \right)^j + \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}^{(N)}}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\| |v \right\|_1$$

$$\leq \left\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j - \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\|_V + \left\| \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\|_V.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j - \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\|_V &\leq \sum_{i=1}^j \left\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^{j-i} \right\|_V \\ &\quad \cdot \left\| \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} - \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right\|_V \cdot \left\| \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^{i-1} \right\|_V \\ &\leq 2 \cdot j \cdot \text{NNZ} \cdot \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

because  $\left\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\|_V \leq 1$  and  $\left\| \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^{jh} \right\|_V \leq 1$  for every  $j$  and  $h$ . Therefore,

$$\left\| \left( \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\|_V \leq 2 \cdot j \cdot \text{NNZ} \cdot \epsilon + \left\| \left( \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right)^j \right\|_V.$$

Thus, if  $\epsilon$  and  $j$  are small enough then we can estimate the number  $\bar{N}$  of iterates needed for  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  to contract the space  $V_0$  by the number of iterates needed by the matrix  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $f, v_N, \hat{v}_N$  be the fixed point of  $P_T, \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}, \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  respectively and  $\underline{v}$  be numerical approximation of  $\hat{v}_N$ , then*

$$\left\| f - \underline{v} \right\|_1 \leq 2\bar{N} \frac{2B}{N} + 4N_\epsilon \cdot \text{NNZ} \cdot \epsilon + \epsilon_{\text{num}}.$$

**Proof.**

$$\left\| f - \underline{v} \right\|_1 \leq \left\| f - v_N \right\|_1 + \left\| v_N - \hat{v}_N \right\|_1 + \left\| \hat{v}_N - \underline{v} \right\|_1.$$

Let  $N_\epsilon$  be number of iterates needed for  $\hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)}$  to contract to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the space of average zero vectors. Then by Theorem 3.1,

$$\left\| v_N - \hat{v}_N \right\|_1 \leq 2N_\epsilon \left\| \mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} - \hat{\mathbb{M}}_{\mathcal{P}(N)}^{*(N)} \right\|_1 \left\| v_N \right\|_1 \leq 4N_\epsilon \cdot \text{NNZ} \cdot \epsilon.$$

Thus,

$$\left\| f - \underline{v} \right\|_1 \leq 2\bar{N} \frac{2B}{N} + 4N_\epsilon \cdot \text{NNZ} \cdot \epsilon + \epsilon_{\text{num}}.$$

□

## 6. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENT

**Example 6.1.** Consider the random map  $T = \{\tau_1(x), \tau_2(x); p_1, p_2\}$ , where  $\tau_1, \tau_2 : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  are defined by

$$\tau_1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{17}{5}x, & 0 \leq x < \frac{5}{17}, \\ \frac{17}{5}x - 1, & \frac{5}{17} \leq x < \frac{10}{17}, \\ \frac{17}{5}x - 2, & \frac{10}{17} \leq x < \frac{15}{17}, \\ \frac{17}{5}x - 3, & \frac{15}{17} \leq x \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$\tau_2(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x < \frac{5}{17}, \\ 2x - \frac{5}{17}, & \frac{5}{17} \leq x < \frac{10}{17}, \\ 2x - \frac{20}{17}, & \frac{10}{17} \leq x < \frac{15}{17}, \\ \frac{15}{2}x - \frac{225}{34}, & \frac{15}{17} \leq x \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$p_1 = \frac{2}{5}, p_2 = \frac{3}{5}$$

It is easy to show that the random map  $T$  satisfies Pelikan's average expanding condition (2.7). Thus,  $T$  has an acim  $\hat{\mu}$  with density  $\hat{f}$ . It is easy to show that both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  has unique acim. Thus, the random map  $T = \{\tau_1(x), \tau_2(x); p_1, p_2\}$  also has a unique acim (see Proposition 1 in [13]) and thus  $\hat{\mu}$  is unique with density  $\hat{f}$ . Here,  $\lambda = 2 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^2 \frac{p_k}{\inf \tau'_k} = \frac{10}{17}$ ,  $B' = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \left( \frac{2}{\min(d_i - d_{i+1})} + 2 \left| \frac{\tau''_k}{(\tau'_k)^2} \right|_{\infty} \right) \right) = 17$  and  $B = \frac{B'}{1-\lambda} = 7$ . By choosing appropriate  $N, \epsilon, \epsilon_{\text{num}}$  one can find  $N_\epsilon, l$  and  $\bar{N}$  as outputs. Using these inputs and outputs, one can estimate  $\|\hat{f} - \underline{v}\|_1$ .

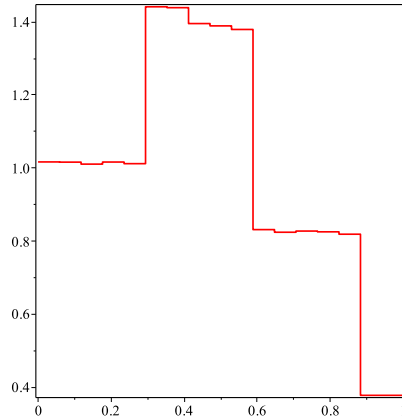


Figure 1: The graph of an approximate density  $\underline{v}$  of the actual density  $\hat{f}$  of the random map  $T$  in Example 6.1.

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