

MCSM6.47

Let Q be the instrumental matrix of a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Assume we have a finite state markov Chain with transition probability matrix(t.p.m) $P = ((p_{ij}))$.
Then

$$p_{ij} = \min\left\{\frac{\pi_j q_{ji}}{\pi_i q_{ij}}, 1\right\} = q_{ij} \alpha_{ij}$$

where $\alpha_{ij} = \min\left\{\frac{\pi_j q_{ji}}{\pi_i q_{ij}^2}, \frac{1}{q_{ij}}\right\}$ and π_i 's are stationary probabilities.

Now consider

$$\begin{aligned} p_{ij} = \frac{q_{ij} s_{ij}}{(1 + \frac{\pi_i q_{ij}}{\pi_j q_{ji}})} &\leq q_{ij} s_{ij} \min\left\{\frac{1}{\frac{\pi_i q_{ij}}{\pi_j q_{ji}}}, 1\right\} \\ &\leq q_{ij} \min\left\{\frac{\pi_j q_{ji}}{\pi_i q_{ij}}, 1\right\} \text{ setting } s_{ij} = 1 \\ &= p_{ij}^* \text{ say} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

For $i = j$ $p_{ii} = p_{ii}^*$ and for $i \neq j$ $p_{ij} < p_{ij}^*$ so if $P^* = ((p_{ij}^*))$, then $P \leq P^*$.

Hence the chain with t.p.m P^* is better than that of P .(by Peskun 1973) i.e.the chain with t.p.m P^* is optimal in the sense of problem 6.46.