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Identification methods and procedures of climate-weather change process including extreme weather hazards for maritime ferry operating at Baltic Sea open waters

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Abstract

There are presented the methods of identification of the climate-weather change process. These are the methods and procedures for estimating the unknown basic parameters of the climate-weather change process semi-Markov model and identifying the distributions of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn times at the climate-weather states. There are given the formulae estimating the probabilities of the climate-weather change process staying at the particular climate-weather states at the initial moment, the probabilities of the climate-weather change transitions between the climate-weather states and the parameters of the distributions suitable and typical for the description of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn times at the particular climate-weather states. The proposed statistical methods applications for the unknown parameters identification of the climate-weather change process model determining the climate-weather change process parameters for maritime ferry operating at Baltic Sea open waters are presented.

1. Introduction

The general model of the climate-weather change processes is proposed in [3] and [13]. The safety models of various multistate complex technical systems are considered in [5]. Consequently, the general joint models linking these system safety models with the model of their climate-weather processes, allowing us for the safety analysis of the complex technical systems at the variable climate-weather conditions, are constructed in [6]. To be able to apply these general models practically in the evaluation and prediction of the reliability and safety of real complex technical systems it is necessary to have the statistical methods concerned with determining the unknown parameters of the proposed models [1]-[2], [7]-[8], [10]-[11], [22]. Particularly,

concerning the climate-weather process, the probabilities of the climate-weather change process staying at the particular climate-weather states at the initial moment, the probabilities of the climate-weather process transitions between the climate-weather states and the distributions of the conditional sojourn times of the climate-weather process at the particular climate-weather states should be identified [9], [15]-[16]. It is also necessary to use the methods of testing the hypotheses concerned with the climate-weather process conditional sojourn times at the climate-weather states [15].

2. Identification and modeling of climateweather change process

We consider the climate-weather change process

C(t), $t \in <0,+\infty>$, for the critical infrastructure operating area with w, $w \in N$, different climateweather change states c_1 , c_2 , ..., c_w from the set $\{c_1, c_2, ..., c_w\}$. We assume a semi-Markov model [14]-[20], of the climate-weather change process C(t) and we mark by C_{bl} its random conditional sojourn times at the climate-weather states c_b , when its next climate-weather state is c_l , b,l=1,2,...,w, $b \neq l$.

Let Θ be the duration time of the experiment. Furthermore, we denote by n(0) the realisation of the total number of the climate-weather change process stay at the particular climate-weather states at the initial moment t = 0 and by $[n_b(0)]_{1 \times w}$, b =1,2,...,w, the vector of realisations of the numbers of staying of the climate-weather change process respectively at the climate-weather states $c_1, c_2, ...,$ c_w , at the initial moments t = 0 of all n(0)observed realizations of the climate-weather change process. Moreover, we denote by $[n_{bl}]_{w \times w}$ the matrix the realizations of the numbers of $b, l = 1, 2, ..., w, b \neq l$, of the transitions of the climateweather change process from the climate-weather state c_b into the climate-weather state c_l at all observed realizations of the climate-weather change process. We also denote by $[n_b]_{1\times w}$, the vector of the realizations of the numbers n_b , b = 1,2,...,w, of departures of the climate-weather change process from the climate-weather states c_b .

Under these assumptions, the climate-weather change process may be described by the vector $[q_b(0)]_{1xw}$ of probabilities of the climate-weather change process staying at the particular climateweather states at the initial moment t = 0, the matrix $[q_{bl}(t)]_{wxw}$ of the probabilities of the climateweather change process transitions between the climate-weather states and the matrix $[C_{bl}(t)]_{wxw}$ of the distribution functions of the conditional sojourn times C_{bl} of the climate-weather change process at the climate-weather states or equivalently by the matrix $[c_{bl}(t)]_{wxw}$ of the density functions of the conditional sojourn times C_{bl} , b,l = 1,2,...,w, $b \neq l$, of the climate-weather change process at the climateweather states. These all parameters of the climateweather change process are unknown and before their use to the prognosis of this process characteristics have to be estimated on the basis of statistical data coming from practice.

3. Statistical identification of climate-weather change process for maritime ferry

3.1. Defining parameters and data collection of climate-weather change process for maritime ferry

The unknown parameters of the climate-weather change process semi-Markov model are:

- the initial probabilities $q_b(0)$, b=1,2,...,6, of the climate-weather change process staying at the particular states c_b at the moment t=0,
- the probabilities q_{bl} , b,l=1,2,...,6, $b \neq l$, of the climate-weather change process transitions from the climate-weather state c_b into the climate-weather state c_l ,
- the distributions of the climate-weather change conditional sojourn times C_{bl} , b,l=1,2,...,6, $b \neq l$, at the particular climate-weather states and their mean values $M_{bl} = E[C_{bl}]$, b,l=1,2,...,6, $b \neq l$.

To identify all these parameters of the climateweather change process the statistical data about this process is needed.

The collected by the system operators statistical data necessary to evaluating the initial transient probabilities of the climate-weather change process at the particular states are:

- the climate-weather change process observation / experiment time $\Theta = 6$ years (1988-1993),
- the number of the climate-weather change process realizations n(0) = 170,
- the vector of realizations of the numbers of the climate-weather change process staying at the particular climate-weather state c_b at the initial moment t=0

$$[n_h(0)] = [102, 59, 0, 0, 7, 2].$$

The collected statistical data necessary to evaluating the probabilities of transitions of the climate-weather state change process C(t) between the climate-weather states are:

- the matrix of realizations of the numbers of climate-weather change process transitions from the state c_b into the state c_l during the experiment time

- the matrix

- the vector of realizations of the total numbers of the climate-weather change process transitions from the climate-weather state c_b during the experiment time

$$[n_h] = [145, 96, 0, 1, 23, 4].$$

The statistical data for the conditional sojourn times C_{bl} at the climate-weather states c_b when the next climate-weather state is c_l , b,l=1,2,...,6, $b \ne l$, are as follows:

- the realizations C_{12} : 9, 48, 36, 12, 30, 18, 132, 123, 99, 75, 51, 27, 3, 93, 84, 60, 36, 12, 75, 54, 30, 6, 36, 33, 9, 138, 12, 84, 72, 48, 24, 9, 3, 30, 21, 462, 447, 423, 399, 375, 351, 327, 51, 27, 3, 6, 33, 12, 9, 6, 171, 168, 144, 120, 96, 72, 48, 24, 3, 12, 6, 192, 174, 150, 126, 102, 78, 54, 30, 6, 6, 63, 57, 33, 9, 39, 27, 3, 63, 51, 27, 3, 21, 57, 54, 30, 6, 12, 15, 201, 72, 63, 39, 15, 18, 6, 30, 15, 45, 42, 18, 54, 51, 27, 3, 6, 18, 90, 84, 60, 36, 12, 9, 138, 132, 108, 84, 60, 48, 27, 3, 264, 240, 216, 192, 168, 144, 120, 96, 72, 48, 24, 42, 24, 18, 12, 15, 39, 21, 507, 486, 462, 438, 414;
- the realizations C_{14} : 6;
- the realizations C_{21} : 72, 60, 36, 12, 48, 36, 12, 45, 39, 15, 12, 15, 39, 21, 15, 18, 15, 42, 18, 21, 15, 60, 57, 33, 9, 18, 15, 3, 36, 27, 3, 33, 21, 21, 12, 36, 12, 27, 3, 6, 12, 21, 57, 42, 18, 3, 21, 15, 30, 21, 51, 33, 9, 6, 33, 27, 3, 15, 57, 33, 9, 18, 30, 21, 27, 60, 39, 15, 24, 3, 9, 21, 69, 48, 24, 6, 12, 6, 3, 12, 6;
- the realizations *C*₂₅: 69, 24, 9, 9, 6, 3, 24, 21, 6, 6, 15, 12, 3, 9, 15;
- the realizations C_{45} : 3;
- the realizations C_{52} : 24, 36, 21, 3, 6, 3, 3, 3, 6, 9, 3, 24, 3, 3;
- the realizations C_{56} : 12, 6, 12, 12, 9;
- the realizations C_{65} : 6, 12, 18, 12.

3.2. Evaluating basic parameters of climateweather change process for maritime ferry

On the basis of the statistical data from Section 3.1, it is possible to evaluate the following unknown basic parameters of the climate-weather change process:

- the vector

$$[q_b(0)] = [0.600, 0.347, 0, 0, 0.041, 0.012].$$
 of the initial probabilities $q_b(0)$, $b,l = 1,2,...,6$, of the climate-weather change process staying at the particular states c_b at the $t = 0$,

of the probabilities q_{bl} , b,l=1,2,...,6, of transitions of the climate-weather change process from the climate-weather state c_b into the climate-weather state c_l .

3.3. Evaluating parameters of distributions of climate-weather change process for maritime ferry

On the basis of the statistical data partly presented in Section 3.1 using the procedure and the formulae given in [13], it is possible to determine the empirical parameters of the conditional sojourn times of the climate-weather change process at the particular climate-weather states. To illustrate the application of this procedure and these formulae, we perform it for the conditional sojourn time C_{12} , and the results are:

- the realization \overline{C}_{12} of the defined by (2.7) mean value of the conditional sojourn time C_{12} of the climate-weather change process at the climate-weather state c_1 when the next transition is to the climate-weather state c_2

$$\overline{C}_{12} = \frac{1}{144} \sum_{k=1}^{144} C_{12}^k = \frac{12591}{144} \cong 87.44,$$

- the number \bar{r}_{12} of the disjoint intervals $I_j = \langle a_{12}^j, b_{12}^j \rangle$, $j = 1, 2, ..., \bar{r}_{12}$, that include the realizations C_{12}^k , k = 1, 2, ..., 144 of the conditional sojourn times C_{12} at the climate-weather state c_1 when the next transition is to the climate-weather state c_2

$$\bar{r}_{12} \cong \sqrt{144} = 12,$$

- the length d_{12} of the intervals $I_j = \langle a_{12}^j, b_{12}^j \rangle$, j = 1, 2, ..., 12, that after considering

$$\overline{R}_{12} = \max_{1 \le k \le 144} C_{12}^k - \min_{1 \le k \le 144} C_{12}^k = 507 - 3 = 504$$
,

is

$$d_{12} = \frac{\overline{R}_{12}}{\overline{r}_{12} - 1} = \frac{504}{11} \cong 45.82,$$

- the ends a_{12}^j , b_{12}^j , of the intervals $I_j = \langle a_{12}^j, b_{12}^j \rangle$, j = 1, 2, ..., 12, that after considering

$$\min_{1 \le k \le 144} C_{12}^k - \frac{d_{12}}{2} = 3 - \frac{45.82}{2} \cong -19.91,$$

are

$$\begin{aligned} a_{12}^1 &= \max\{-19.91, 0\} = 0\,,\\ b_{12}^1 &= a_{12}^1 + 45.82 = 0 + 45.82 = 45.82\,,\\ a_{12}^2 &= b_{12}^1 = 45.82\,,\\ b_{12}^2 &= a_{12}^1 + 2 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 91.64 = 91.64\,,\\ a_{12}^3 &= b_{12}^2 = 91.64\,,\\ b_{12}^3 &= a_{12}^1 + 3 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 137.46 = 137.46\,,\\ a_{12}^4 &= b_{12}^3 = 137.46\,,\\ b_{12}^4 &= a_{12}^1 + 4 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 183.28 = 183.28\,,\\ a_{12}^5 &= b_{12}^4 = 229.1\,,\\ b_{12}^5 &= a_{12}^1 + 5 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 229.1 = 229.1\,,\\ a_{12}^6 &= a_{12}^1 + 6 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 274.92 = 274.92\,,\\ a_{12}^7 &= b_{12}^6 = 274.92\,,\\ b_{12}^7 &= a_{12}^1 + 7 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 320.74 = 320.74\,,\\ a_{12}^8 &= b_{12}^7 = 320.74\,,\\ b_{12}^8 &= a_{12}^1 + 8 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 366.56 = 366.56\,,\\ a_{12}^9 &= b_{12}^8 = 366.56\,,\\ b_{12}^9 &= a_{12}^1 + 9 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 412.38 = 412.38\,,\\ a_{12}^{10} &= b_{12}^9 = 412.38\,,\\ b_{12}^{10} &= a_{12}^1 + 10 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 458.20 = 458.20\,,\\ a_{12}^{11} &= b_{12}^{10} = 458.20\,,\\ b_{12}^{11} &= a_{12}^1 + 11 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 504.02 = 504.02\,,\\ a_{12}^{12} &= b_{12}^{11} = 504.02\,,\\ a_{12}^{12} &= b_{12}^{11} = 504.02\,,\\ \end{aligned}$$

$$b_{12}^{12} = a_{12}^1 + 12 \cdot 45.82 = 0 + 549.84 = 549.84,$$

- the numbers n_{12}^j of the realizations C_{12}^k in particular intervals $I_j = \langle a_{12}^j, b_{12}^j \rangle$, j = 1, 2, ..., 12,

$$n_{12}^1 = 72$$
, $n_{12}^2 = 33$, $n_{12}^3 = 12$, $n_{12}^4 = 9$, $n_{12}^5 = 4$,
 $n_{12}^6 = 2$, $n_{12}^7 = 0$, $n_{12}^8 = 2$, $n_{12}^9 = 2$, $n_{12}^{10} = 4$,
 $n_{12}^{11} = 3$, $n_{12}^{12} = 1$,

3.4. Identification of distribution functions of climate-weather change process for maritime ferry

Using the procedure given in [4], [16] and the statistical data from Section 3.1 and the results from Section 3.3, we may verify the hypotheses on the distributions of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn times C_{bl} , $b,l=1,2,...,6,b\neq l$, at the particular states. To do this, we need a sufficient number of realizations of these variables [2], [8], [21], [23]-[24], namely, the sets of their realizations should contain at least 30 realizations coming from the experiment. This condition is not satisfied for the statistical data we have in disposal and that are presented in Section 3.1. However, to make the procedure familiar to the reader, we perform it for the conditional sojourn time C_{12} having sufficiently numerous set of realizations and preliminarily analyzed in Section 3.3.

Table 1. The realization of the histogram of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn time C_{12}

Histogram of the conditional sojourn time C_{12}												
$I_j = \langle a_{12}^j, b_{12}^j \rangle$	0 - 45.82	45.82 - 91.64	91.64 - 137.46	137.46 - 183.28	183.28 - 229.1	229.1 - 274.92	274.92 - 320.74	320.74 - 366.56	366.56 - 412.38	412.38 - 458.20	458.20 - 504.02	504.02 - 549.84
n_{12}^{j}	72	33	12	9	4	2	0	2	2	4	3	1
$\overline{h}_{12}(t) = n_{12}^{j} / n_{12}$	72/ 144	33/ 144	12/ 144	9/ 144	4/ 144	2/ 144	0/ 144	2/ 144	2/ 144	4/ 144	3/ 144	1/ 144

The realization \overline{c}_{12} of the histogram of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn time C_{12} , is presented in *Table 1* and illustrated in *Figure 1*.

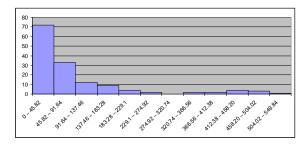


Figure 1. The graph of the histogram of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn time C_{12}

After analyzing and comparing the realization $\bar{c}_{12}(t)$ of the histogram with the graphs of the density functions $c_{bl}(t)$ of the previously distinguished in [3] distributions, we formulate the null hypothesis H_0 in the following form:

 H_0 : The climate-weather change process conditional sojourn time C_{12} at the climate-weather state c_3 when the next transition is to the climate-weather state c_2 , has the exponential distribution with the density function defined by (4.5) in [3] of the form

$$c_{12}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < x_{12} \\ \alpha_{12} \exp[-\alpha_{12}(t - x_{12})], & t \ge x_{12}. \end{cases}$$
 (8)

We estimate the unknown parameters of the density function of the hypothetical exponential distribution using the formula (2.13) and we obtain the following results

$$x_{12} = a_{12}^1 = 0,$$

 $\alpha_{12} = \frac{1}{\overline{C}_{12} - x_{12}} = \frac{1}{87.44 - 0} \approx 0.0114.$

Considering a very long right tail of the histogram, we join the intervals defined in the realization of the histogram $\overline{h}_{12}(t)$ that have the numbers n_{12}^{j} , of realizations less than 4 into new intervals and we perform the following steps:

- we fix the new number of intervals $\overline{r}_{12} = 5$,
- we determine the new intervals and we fix the numbers of realizations in the new intervals

Table 2. The numbers of the conditional sojourn time C_{12} realizations in the intervals \bar{I}_i

$\bar{I}_j = \langle \bar{a}_{12}, \bar{b}_{12}^j \rangle$	0 -	45.82 –	91.64 –	137.46 -	183.28 −
	45.82	91.64	137.46	183.28	+∞
n_{12}	72	33	12	9	18

- we calculate the hypothetical probabilities that the variable C_{12} takes values from the new intervals

$$\begin{split} p_1 &= P(C_{12} \in \bar{I}_1) = P(0 \leq C_{12} < 45.82) \\ &= C_{12}(45.82) - C_{12}(0) = 0.41 - 0 = 0.41, \\ p_2 &= P(C_{12} \in \bar{I}_2) = P(45.82 \leq C_{12} < 91.64) \\ &= C_{12}(91.64) - C_{12}(45.82) = 0.65 - 0.41 = 0.24, \\ p_3 &= P(C_{12} \in \bar{I}_3) = P(91.64 \leq C_{12} < 137.46) \\ &= C_{12}(137.46) - C_{12}(91.64) = 0.79 - 0.65 = 0.14, \\ p_4 &= P(C_{12} \in \bar{I}_4) = P(137.46 \leq C_{12} < 183.28) \\ &= C_{12}(183.28) - C_{12}(137.46) = 0.88 - 0.79 = 0.09, \\ p_5 &= P(C_{12} \in \bar{I}_5) = P(183.28 \leq C_{12} < +\infty) \\ &= C_{12}(+\infty) - C_{12}(183.28) = 1 - 0.88 = 0.12, \end{split}$$

- we calculate the realization of the χ^2 (chi-square)-Pearson's statistics

$$u_{12} = \sum_{j=1}^{5} \frac{(\overline{n}_{12}^{j} - n_{12} \cdot p_{j})^{2}}{n_{12} \cdot p_{j}} = \frac{(72 - 144 \cdot 0.41)^{2}}{144 \cdot 0.41}$$

$$+ \frac{(33 - 144 \cdot 0.24)^{2}}{144 \cdot 0.24} + \frac{(12 - 144 \cdot 0.14)^{2}}{144 \cdot 0.14}$$

$$+ \frac{(9 - 144 \cdot 0.09)^{2}}{144 \cdot 0.09} + \frac{(18 - 144 \cdot 0.12)^{2}}{144 \cdot 0.12}$$

$$\approx 2.8449 + 0.0704 + 3.3029 + 1.2100$$

$$+ 0.030 = 7.4582 \approx 7.46,$$

- we assume the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$,
- we fix the number of degrees of freedom

$$\overline{\overline{r}}_{12} - l - 1 = 5 - 1 - 1 = 3$$
,

- we read from the tables of the χ^2 - Pearson's distribution the value u_{α} for the fixed values of the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ and the number of degrees of freedom $\overline{r}_{12} - l - 1 = 3$, such that, according to (2.48), the following equality holds

$$P(U_{12} > u_{\alpha}) = \alpha = 0.05$$

that amounts $u_{\alpha} = 7.81$ and we determine the critical domain in the form of the interval (7.81, $+\infty$) and the acceptance domain in the form of the interval < 0, 7.81 >.

- we compare the obtained value $u_{12} = 7.46$ of the realization of the statistics U_{12} with the read from the tables critical value $u_{\alpha} = 7.81$ of the chi-square random variable and since the value $u_{12} = 7.46$ does not belong to the critical domain, i.e.

$$u_{12} = 7.46 \le u_{\alpha} = 7.81$$
,

then we do not reject the hypothesis H_0 , that the sojourn time C_{12} has the exponential distribution with the density function given by (8).

For the remaining cases, when the realizations of conditional sojourn times C_{bl} , b,l=1,2,...,6, $b \neq l$, at the particular climate-weather states are more than 30, proceeding afterwards in an analogous way as in the case of the conditional sojourn time C_{12} , we can get, that the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn time C_{21} has the Gamma distribution with the density function defined by (4.8) in [3] of the form

$$c_{21}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < x_{21} \\ \frac{(t - x_{21})^{\alpha_{21} - 1} \cdot \exp[-(t - x_{21})/\beta_{21}]}{\beta_{21}^{\alpha_{21}} \cdot \Gamma(\alpha_{21})}, & t \ge x_{21}, \end{cases}$$

with the parameters

$$x_{21} = a_{21}^{1} = 0,$$

$$\alpha_{21} = \frac{(\overline{C}_{21} - x_{21})^{2}}{(S_{21}^{*})^{2}} \cong 2.054,$$

$$\beta_{21} = \frac{(S_{21}^{*})^{2}}{\overline{C}_{21} - x_{21}} \cong 12.065,$$

where $(S_{21}^*)^2$ is the variance of C_{21} given by

$$(S_{21}^*)^2 = \frac{1}{80} \sum_{k=1}^{81} (C_{21}^k - \overline{C}_{21})^2 = \frac{23918}{80} \cong 298.98.$$

For the distributions identified in this section, by application either the general formulae for the mean value given by (2.12) or the particular formulae (2.13)-(2.19) in [16], the mean values $M_{bl} = E[\theta_{bl}]$, $b,l = 1,2,...,6, \ b \neq l$, of the maritime ferry climateweather change process conditional sojourn times at the particular climate-weather states can be determined and they amount:

$$M_{12} \cong 87.72, \ M_{21} \cong 24.78.$$

Because of the lack of sufficient numbers of realizations of the climate-weather change process conditional sojourn times at the climate-weather states, it is not possible to identify statistically their distributions. In those cases of not identified distributions it is possible to find the approximate empirical values of the mean values $M_{bl} = E[C_{bl}]$ of

the conditional sojourn times at the particular climate-weather states that are as follows:

$$M_{12} \cong 87.44, M_{14} = 6.00, M_{21} \cong 24.78, M_{25} = 15.40, M_{45} = 3.00, M_{52} = 10.50, M_{56} = 10.20, M_{65} = 12.00.$$

As there are no realizations of the maritime ferry climate-weather change process conditional sojourn times at the climate-weather states

$$C_{13}$$
, C_{15} , C_{16} , C_{23} , C_{24} , C_{26} , C_{31} , C_{32} , C_{34} , C_{35} , C_{36} , C_{41} , C_{42} , C_{43} , C_{46} , C_{51} , C_{53} , C_{54} , C_{61} , C_{62} , C_{63} , C_{64} ,

then it is impossible to estimate their empirical conditional mean values

$$M_{13}$$
, M_{15} , M_{16} , M_{23} , M_{24} , M_{26} , M_{31} , M_{32} , M_{34} , M_{35} , M_{36} , M_{41} , M_{42} , M_{43} , M_{46} , M_{51} , M_{53} , M_{54} , M_{61} , M_{62} , M_{63} , M_{64} .

4. Conclusions

The proposed statistical methods of identification of the unknown parameters of the climate-weather change processes allow us for the identification of the models discussed in [6] and next their practical applications in evaluation, prediction and optimization of reliability, availability and safety of real complex critical infrastructures.

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