

# Mine Gas Emission Prediction Based on Grey Markov Prediction Model

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## Abstract

This article puts forward the gray markov prediction model to predict mine gas emission by combining grey system theory and markov chain theory. And GM (1, 1) model is established in the first place for grey data by the model. To eliminate the error, and improve the prediction accuracy of the model, secondary parameters fitting was done on the basis of GM (1, 1) model. And we get second parameter fitting for trend prediction. Then using Markov state transfer probability matrix prediction method to do quadratic fitting for its predictive value, which can improve the prediction precision of the volatile random variables. It proves the prediction results of the model are satisfactory by analyzing history data of gas emission prediction. This conclusion broadens the application scope of grey forecast model and provides a new method for mine gas emission scientific forecast.

## Keywords

Parameter Fitting, Grey System, Markov Chain, Gas Emission

## 1. Preface

Gas disaster is one of the most serious disasters in coal mine, the prevention and control of gas has been the focus of every country coal mine safety. Precisely predicting the amount of mine gas emission has important practical significance for guiding the design of mine and production safety. Mine gas emission prediction methods can be divided into mine statistical method, the point source prediction method, the gas gradient method, the mathematical model of coal bed gas content and gas geology, and so on at present [1]-[7]. The above each method has its own application conditions, their prediction processes are static, without considering gas emission is a complicated nonlinear dynamic system [8] [9] [10] [11], so they have difficulties in mine gas emission prediction. Based on

this, in view of the mine gas emission prediction has a trend and the characteristics of randomness at the same time, this article analyzes the mine gas emission by using grey model and markov prediction model for random process, thus puts forward the gray markov prediction model.

## 2. Solution of the Second Parameter Fitting Method of GM (1, 1) Model

Grey system was firstly put forward by Deng Julong in 1982 [12]. Grey system refers to the system of information incomplete and uncertain, which is between white and black system. It is used to solve the incomplete information system. Furthermore, it is a combination of automatic control and operational research, and it has penetrated into many fields such as agriculture, economy, transportation, and meteorological and shows a broad application prospect in short more than ten years development. Based on the thought of the known data related to the time combination, which according to certain rules, grey forecasting forms a white model and finally improve the bleaching degree of grey module by some rules. Grey prediction can be divided into season series forecast, disaster forecast, disaster forecast, topological prediction and forecast system whose characteristic is using few data to establish model, but the accuracy is lower the forecasts for stochastic volatility series fitting is poorer.

Single sequence 1 order linear model, one of the series forecast, short for GM (1, 1). We set the original observation sequence as  $x^0(t) (t=1, 2, \dots, n)$ . And make a accumulation:  $x^{(1)} = \{x^{(1)}(1), x^{(1)}(2), \dots, x^{(1)}(n)\}$ , in which,  $x^{(1)}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k x^0(i)$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots, n$

We can establish an albino form:

$$\frac{dx^{(1)}}{dt} + ax^{(1)} = U \tag{1}$$

In the formula,  $a$  and  $U$  are undetermined constants.

Then, solving the parameter by means of least square method:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{u} \end{pmatrix} = (B^T B)^{-1} B^T Y_n \tag{2}$$

In which,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2[x^{(1)}(1) + x^{(1)}(2)] & 1 \\ -1/2[x^{(1)}(2) + x^{(1)}(3)] & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -1/2[x^{(1)}(n-1) + x^{(1)}(n)] & 1 \end{bmatrix}, Y_n = \begin{pmatrix} x^0(2) \\ x^0(3) \\ \vdots \\ x^0(n) \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

At the same time,  $B^T$  is the transposed matrix of matrix  $B$ .

Grey prediction equation of  $x^{(0)}$  is,

$$\hat{x}^{(1)}(k+1) = \left(x^{(0)}(1) - \frac{u}{a}\right)e^{-ak} + \frac{u}{a} \tag{4}$$

Equation (4) is the time response of GM (1, 1) model equation. There are

large amount of data proved that original data will produce error if we use Equation (4) to fit. In order to improve the fitting precision and prediction precision, we do secondary parameter fitting to Equation (4) [13] and change it into,

$$\hat{x}^{(1)}(k+1) = \alpha e^{-ak} + \beta \tag{5}$$

According to the first estimate of a value  $a$  and estimation of original series  $x^{(1)}$  to  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(1)}(1) &= \alpha e^0 + \beta \\ x^{(1)}(2) &= \alpha e^{-a} + \beta \\ &\vdots \\ x^{(1)}(n) &= \alpha e^{-a(n-1)} + \beta \end{aligned} \quad \text{written in matrix form is}$$

$$x^{(1)} = G \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \tag{6}$$

In which,  $x^{(1)} = [x^{(1)}(1), x^{(1)}(2), \dots, x^{(1)}(n)]^T$ ,  $G = \begin{pmatrix} e^0 & 1 \\ e^{-a} & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ e^{-a(n-1)} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , according to

the least square method,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = (G^T G)^{-1} G^T x^{(1)} \tag{7}$$

At last, second parameter fitting of GM (1, 1) model was got, combined Equation (7) with Equation (5).

### 3. Markov Forecast Model

Markov prediction is a kind of forecast method based on markov theory, suitable for stochastic volatility forecast problem. According to markov chain, the data sequence is divided into several states,  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$  to represent. According to time sequence, we will transfer time off for  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ , probability of sequence, which By  $E_i$  after  $k$  step into  $E_j$  expressed by  $p_{ij}^{(k)}$ , that is

$$p_{ij}^{(k)} = \frac{n_{ij}^{(k)}}{N_i} \tag{8}$$

state  $E_i$  after the number of  $k$  step into  $E_j$  while  $N_i$  represent the total number of occurrence of state  $E_i$ . So, state transition probability matrix of  $K$  steps is

$$R^{(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11}^{(k)} & p_{12}^{(k)} & \cdots & p_{1j}^{(k)} \\ p_{21}^{(k)} & p_{22}^{(k)} & \cdots & p_{2j}^{(k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{j1}^{(k)} & p_{j2}^{(k)} & \cdots & p_{jj}^{(k)} \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

By means of state transfer probability matrix, we can determine the sequence in the variable of the state and its maximum probability  $\max [p_{ij}^{(k)}]$ , and iden-

tify the next step of the variable. Then, according to the turning probability, we modified the forecast value by means of markov [14]. If the maximum probability of the matrix  $R^{(k)}$  in the first  $k$  lines, have two or more than two same or similar, changes in relative gas emission are hard to be predicted by  $R^{(1)}$ , so it is need that we investigate in such matrix like  $R^{(2)}$ ,  $R^{(3)}$  and so on, until it can determine the future changes in relative gas emission.

Because of the markov state transfer probability matrix has the ability of tracking variables random fluctuations and ineffectiveness, we combine the State transfer probability matrix and the organic combination of GM (1, 1) model to realize the complementary advantages, thus the prediction precision of the model can be improved.

## 4. Prediction Model in the Application of the Gas Emission Forecast Instance

### 4.1. The Establishment of the Model

There is a mine gas outburst seriously in Huaibei mining group Co., LTD whose safety is very serious, so that we cannot ignore the prediction and prevention of the mine gas. The relative mine gas emission from 1996 to 2008 is shown in **Table 1**. And we analyze the model on the basis of the table.

1) We establish GM (1, 1) model for the original sequence  $x^0(t)$  ( $t=1, 2, \dots, n$ ),

$$\hat{x}^{(1)}(k+1) = 324.44839e^{0.031747k} - 313.84839 \quad (10)$$

Let be

$$\hat{x}^{(0)}(k+1) = \hat{x}^{(1)}(k+1) - \hat{x}^{(1)}(k) \quad (11)$$

trend fitting values and residual can be calculated by Equation (9) and Equation (10), which is

$$\Delta x(i) = \hat{x}^{(0)}(i) - x(i),$$

and the relative error is  $\Delta p(i) = \frac{\Delta x(i)}{x^{(0)}(i)}$ .

The calculation results are shown in **Table 2**.

The second parameter fitting for grey GM (1, 1) model is

$$\hat{x}'^{(1)}(k+1) = 325.97679e^{0.031747k} - 315.72746. \quad (12)$$

At the same way we can also figure out residual error and relative error, which can be seen in **Table 2**.

2) The model needs to be test with posterior error and qualified one can be used in extreme value forecast. After Markov correction posterior ratio  $c = 0.022$  and  $p = 1$ , which can be seen in **Table 3**. So, the model with high precision proved that it can be used in forecast. And the Grey Markov fitting curve of coal mine gas emission in 12 months has been shown in **Figure 1**.

3) We divide quadratic fitting error of GM (1, 1) forecast model according to different state and establish markov model. Because of the uncertainty of the

state boundaries, this example uses the optimal algorithms when solving the state transition probability matrix [15]: At first, taking a set of critical value sequence generation whose residual has already been known into the Equation (8). Then, transfer probability matrix can be obtained and tested by known data either. At last, the one who with high coincidence rate can be chosen as transition probability matrix. In this case, residual sequence can be divided into four intervals. And its probability has been shown in **Table 3**.

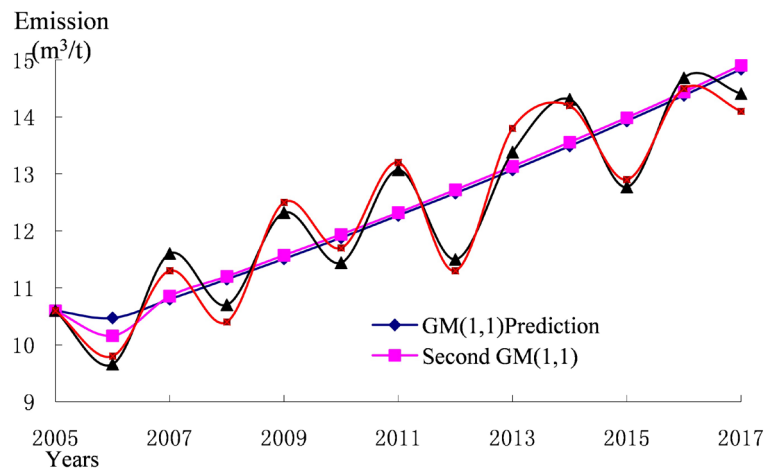
The state of the residual sequence is shown in **Table 4** in this case.

4) After the trend values can be obtained with quadratic fitting of GM (1, 1) model, we do Markov correction for the residual and get second fitting values. Next, we can get the second residual error and relative error, as shown in **Table 2**.

### 4.2. Markov Forecast Model of Relative Coal Mine Gas Emission

Mine gas emission in 2017 could be forecast by using the grey Markov model. And according to Equations (9) (10) and **Table 4**, we can get one step transition probability matrix of relative coal mine gas emission:

$$R^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.33 & 0.67 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.25 & 0 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Figure 1.** Mine years relative gas emission measurement and prediction chart.

**Table 1.** The mine gas emission inventory.

years	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Gas emission quantity (m³/t)	10.60	9.80	11.30	10.40	12.50	11.70	13.20
years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Gas emission quantity (m³/t)	11.30	13.80	14.20	12.90	14.50	14.90	

**Table 2.** Prediction of grey markov model.

Time	Observed values	GM (1, 1) model		GM (1, 1) model with the second parameter fitting			GM (1, 1) with second parameter fitting-Markov model		
		Fitted values (m <sup>3</sup> /t)	Relative error %	Fitted value (m <sup>3</sup> /t)	residual (m <sup>3</sup> /t)	Relative error %	Fitted value (m <sup>3</sup> /t)	Residual (m <sup>3</sup> /t)	Relative error %
2005	10.60	10.60	0.00	10.60	0.00	0.00	10.60	0	0.00
2006	9.80	10.47	-6.79	10.16	-0.36	-3.72	9.66	0.14	1.43
2007	11.30	10.80	4.40	10.85	0.45	3.95	11.60	-0.3	-2.65
2008	10.40	11.15	-7.23	11.20	-0.80	-7.73	10.70	-0.3	-2.88
2009	12.50	11.51	7.91	11.57	0.93	7.48	12.32	0.18	1.44
2010	11.70	11.88	-1.56	11.94	-0.24	-2.04	11.44	0.26	2.22
2011	13.20	12.27	7.08	12.32	0.88	6.64	13.07	0.13	0.98
2012	11.30	12.66	-12.05	12.72	-1.42	-12.58	11.50	-0.2	-1.77
2013	13.80	13.07	5.29	13.13	0.67	4.84	13.38	0.42	3.04
2014	14.20	13.49	4.99	13.56	0.64	4.54	14.31	-0.11	-0.77
2015	12.90	13.93	-7.96	13.99	-1.09	-8.47	12.77	0.13	1.01
2016	14.50	14.38	0.85	14.44	0.06	0.39	14.69	-0.19	-1.31
2017	14.10	14.84	-5.25	14.91	-0.81	-5.74	14.41	-0.31	-2.2

**Table 3.** State probability partition.

State boundaries	[-1.45 - -1.00]	[-1.00 - 0.00]	[0.00 - 0.50]	[0.50 - 1.00]
State	I	II	III	IV

**Table 4.** State of the residual sequence.

Years	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
State	III	II	III	II	IV	II	IV	I	IV	IV	I	III

Because the relative mine gas emission in 2016 is GM (1, 1) model prediction error III state, but  $\max(p_{3i}) = p_{32}$  so the relative gas emission error in this area in 2017 is most likely to turn to II state. According to Mark off revised forecast, the maximum possible value of the relative gas emission in this area in 2017 is 14.41 m<sup>3</sup>/t known when this area is known. The relative annual gas emission is 14.10 m<sup>3</sup>/t, and the relative error is -2.2%. The prediction accuracy is fully consistent with the actual requirements.

### 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we established a grey Markov model to forecast the relative gas emission in Huaibei coal mine. And we got the conclusion as follows:

- 1) We combined grey forecast model with Markov model, and established grey Markov model to forecast mine gas emission. New model both has the advantages of grey model and Markov model. We can not only use less data estab-

lishing model to forecast overall trend but also suitable for volatile random sequence forecast. The accuracy of new established model is significantly higher than the grey system GM (1, 1) model and the second parameter fitting of GM (1, 1) model.

2) We combined grey system GM (1, 1) forecast model and Markov chain to supply a new way to understand the characteristic of gas emission. Its advantage is the historical data can be fully used, and weakening many uncertain factors. So it can extend the application of grey system prediction and Markov chain prediction.

3) The proposed mine years relative gas emission prediction model also can be used to forecast different depth excavation working face gas emission and gas emission in the process of working face. And it has strong portability.

### Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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