

Final exam : April 22nd.

- Similar formats, requirements, etc
- 6 pages of cheat sheets (double-sided)
- Cover everything (uniformly).
- office hours (to be announced).

Recall : general formula.

$$dZ_t = X_t dt + Y_t dB_t.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then. } df(t, Z_t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, Z_t) dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial Z}(t, Z_t) dZ_t \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial Z^2}(t, Z_t) \cdot Y_t^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

Corollary :

$$\begin{aligned} d\left(\begin{matrix} Z_t^{(1)} \\ Z_t^{(2)} \end{matrix}\right) &= \begin{matrix} Z_t^{(1)} dZ_t^{(2)} \\ Z_t^{(2)} dZ_t^{(1)} \end{matrix} + \underbrace{d\langle Z^{(1)}, Z^{(2)} \rangle_t}_{= Y_t^{(1)} Y_t^{(2)} dt}. \end{aligned}$$

eg. (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process)

$$dZ_t = -Z_t dt + dB_t$$

$(Z_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is defined via stochastic differential eq.

Let's assume \exists solution).

If we don't have dB_t , consider $(e^t Z_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a constant

$$\begin{aligned} d(e^t Z_t) &= e^t dZ_t + e^t Z_t dt + 0 \\ &= e^t dB_t. \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_t = e^{-t} \left(z_0 + \underbrace{\int_0^t e^s dB_s}_{\text{Gaussian r.v. (by definition)}} \right)$$

Gaussian r.v. (by definition)

Marginally,

$$Z_t \sim \mathcal{N} \left(e^{-t} z_0, e^{-2t} \int_0^t e^{-2s} ds \right)$$

$(Z_t)_{t \geq 0}$ as a Markov process: exponential convergence to stationarity.

eg. $dZ_t = rZ_t dt + bZ_t dB_t$, $Z_0 = 1$.

Guess the solution form

$$Z_t = \exp(at + kB_t)$$

$$dZ_t = a \cdot Z_t dt + k \cdot Z_t dB_t + \frac{k^2}{2} Z_t dt$$

Let $\begin{cases} k=b \\ a = r - \frac{b^2}{2} \end{cases}$

So the solution is

$$Z_t = \exp\left(\left(r - \frac{b^2}{2}\right)t + bB_t\right)$$

• "geometric Brownian motion"

• When $r=0$. martingale.

Similar to the discrete-time
multiplicative gambling.

Multivariable versions.

$$B_t = (B_t^{(1)}, B_t^{(2)}, \dots, B_t^{(d)}) \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

^{df} each $B_t^{(i)}$ are independent.

$$df(t, B_t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, B_t) dt + \nabla_x f(t, B_t)^T dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_x f(t, B_t) dt$$

$$\left(\Delta_x f(t, x) = \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j^2}(t, x) \right)$$

Generally,

$$dZ_t = X_t dt + Y_t dB_t \quad (X_t \in \mathbb{R}^d, Y_t \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$$

$$df(t, Z_t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, Z_t) dt + \nabla_x f(t, Z_t)^T dZ_t + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(Y_t^T \nabla_x^2 f(t, Z_t) Y_t \right) dt.$$

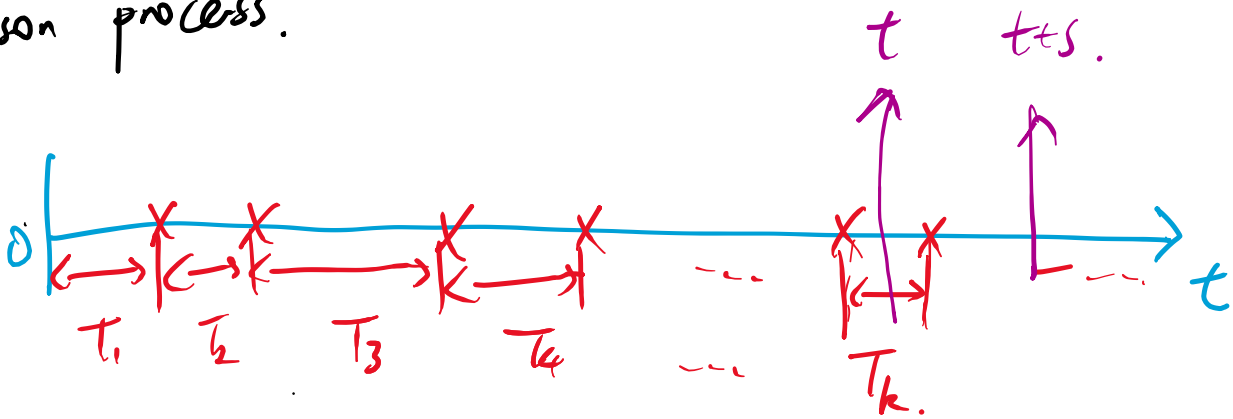
Continuous-time Discrete-space processes.

• Poisson process review.

$$N \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda)$$

$$\text{if } \mathbb{P}(N=n) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} \\ (n=0,1,2,\dots)$$

Poisson process.



$T_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$.

$$P_\lambda(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & (t \geq 0) \\ 0 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$$

$N(t) := \# \text{ marked pts within } [0, t]$

Why exp time? — Markov property.

$$P(T_i \geq t+s \mid T_i \geq t) = P(T_i \geq s)$$

Facts.

- Marginally, $N(t) \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda t)$.
- Markov.
- Indp Poisson increments.

$$N(t+s) - N(t) \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda s)$$

indp of the past.

• $(N(t) - \lambda t)_{t \geq 0}$ is MG.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[N(t) - \lambda t | \mathcal{F}_s] &= \mathbb{E}[N(t) - N(s) | \mathcal{F}_s] + (N(s) - \lambda s) - \lambda(t-s) \\ &= N(s) - \lambda s. \end{aligned}$$

• Axiomatic definition, non-constructive.

$(N(t))_{t \geq 0}$ taking non-neg int values, non-dec.

$$\bullet \mathbb{P}(N(t+h) - N(t) = 1) = \lambda h + o(h) \quad (h \rightarrow 0).$$

$$\bullet \mathbb{P}(N(t+h) - N(t) \geq 2) = o(h).$$

$(PP(\lambda))$ is the only process satisfying this.

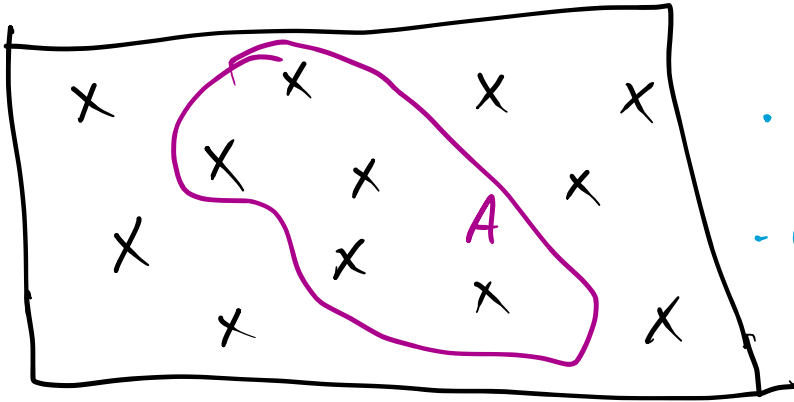
Generalization:

$$\mathbb{P}(N(t+h) - N(t) = 1 | \mathcal{F}_t) = \lambda(t, N(t)) h + o(h)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N(t+h) - N(t) \geq 2 | \mathcal{F}_t) = o(h).$$

Markov process. SDE driven by PP instead of BM

- Extension: Poisson point process.



Construction:

- Sample $N \sim \text{Poi}\left(\int_S \lambda(x) dx\right)$

- Conditioned on N ,
sample N iid marked pts

$$p(x) = \frac{\lambda(x)}{\int_S \lambda(y) dy}$$

for $A \subseteq S$.

$N(A) := \#$ marked pts in A

PPP: $N(A) \sim \text{Poi}\left(\int_A \lambda(x) dx\right)$

- For disjoint A, B , $N(A) \perp N(B)$.

- $\text{PP}(\lambda)$ is a special case of PPP

with $S = \mathbb{R}^T$, $\lambda(x) \equiv \lambda$.

- Construction specialized to PP: equivalent def.

— Sample $N(T) \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda T)$

— Conditioned on N , sample N iid marked pts $\sim \text{Unif}([0, T])$

— Let $N(t) := \# \text{ marked pts within } [0, t]$
($\forall t \in [0, T]$)

From this construction, we can derive:

• Superposition property:

Let $(N_1(t))_{t \geq 0}$ and $(N_2(t))_{t \geq 0}$ indep PP
with intensity λ_1, λ_2 .

Then $(N_1(t) + N_2(t))_{t \geq 0} \sim \text{PP}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

• "Thinning property".

$(N(t))_{t \geq 0} \sim \text{PP}(\lambda)$.

For each marked pt, label it with type i

w.p. p_i , iid across marked pts.

$\forall i, N_i(t) := \# \text{ marked pts of type } i \text{ in } [0, t]$

$(N_i(t))_{i \geq 0}$ are indep $\text{PP}(\lambda p_i)$

• Cts-time Discrete-space Markov processes.

Generally, consider state space S (finite or countable)
initial distribution ν on S .

Defn. $(X(t))_{t \geq 0}$ Markov if

$$\forall 0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_0 = i_0, X_1 = i_1, \dots, X_{t_n} = i_n)$$

$$= \nu_{i_0} P_{i_0, i_1}^{(t_1)} P_{i_1, i_2}^{(t_2 - t_1)} \dots P_{i_{n-1}, i_n}^{(t_n - t_{n-1})}$$

• eg. $PP(\lambda)$ is a CTMC.

$$P_{ij}^{(t)} = \begin{cases} 0 & (j < i) \\ \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^{j-i}}{(j-i)!} & (j \geq i). \end{cases}$$

Def.

$$q_{ij} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{P_{ij}^{(t)} - \delta_{ij}}{t} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} P_{ij}^{(t)} \right|_{t=0}.$$

(where $\delta_{ij} = \mathbb{1}_{\{i=j\}}$.)

under mild conditions,

generator $(g_{ij})_{i,j \in S}$ exists.

Basic properties:

$$\bullet g_{ii} \leq 0 \quad (\forall i \in S)$$

$$\bullet g_{ij} \geq 0 \quad (i \neq j)$$

$$\bullet \sum_{j \in S} g_{ij} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sum_{j \in S} p_{ij}^{(t)} - 1}{t} = 0.$$

Thm. If G is generator,

then $P^{(t)} = (p_{ij}^{(t)})_{i,j \in S} = \exp(tG).$

$$\left(\exp(tG) = I + tG + \frac{t^2 G^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^n G^n}{n!} + \dots \right)$$

(Computationally, you can exponentiate eigen-values).

eg. $PP(\lambda)$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & \lambda & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda & \lambda & 0 & \dots \\ & & & \ddots & & 0 \\ 0 & & & & & \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof idea:

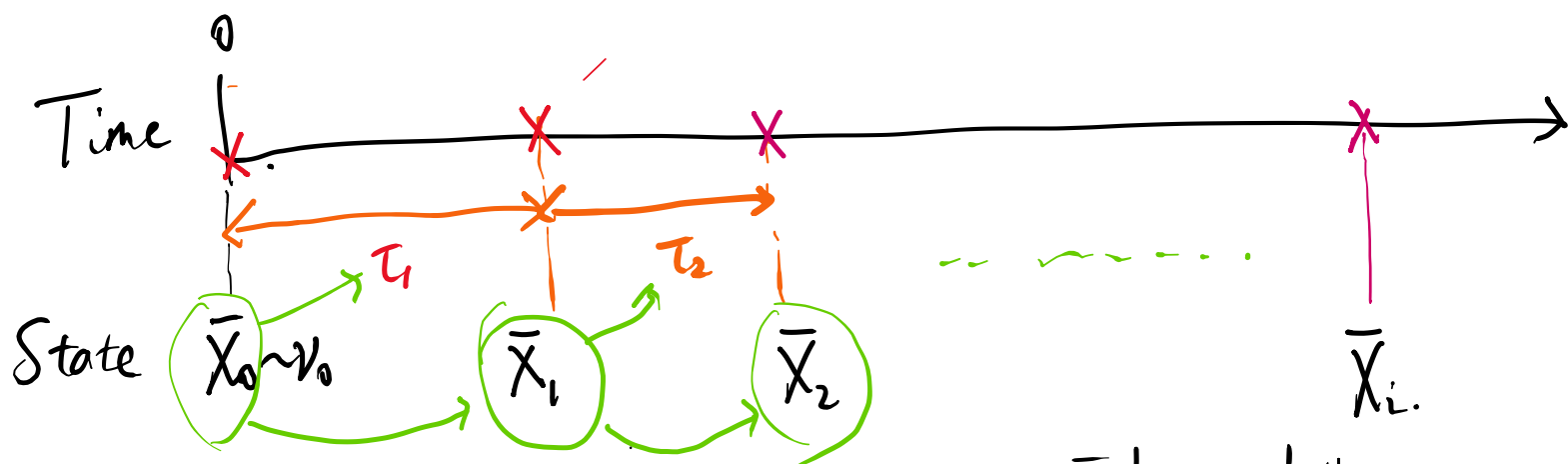
$$P^{(t)} = \left(P^{(t/n)} \right)^n \quad \text{take } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Taylor expansion, $P^{(t/n)} = I + \frac{t}{n} G + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$

Constructive characterization.

Given generator $G = (g_{ij})_{i,j \in S}$,

how does $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ look like?



$$X_t = \bar{X}_k \quad \text{when } t \in \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \tau_i, \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \tau_i \right).$$

Conditionally on first i jumps

at time $\sum_{j=1}^i \tau_j$

Based on \bar{X}_i , we independently sample

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T_{i+1} \sim \text{Exp}(|g_{xx}|) \quad \text{where } x = \bar{X}_i \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{(if } g_{xx} = 0, \text{ absorbing state).} \\ \bar{X}_{i+1} \sim \left(\frac{g_{xy}}{|g_{xx}|} \right)_{y \in S}. \end{array} \right.$$

All DTMC properties transfer to here.

- Recurrence/transience
 - Convergence to start.
 - Time averaging — weight by $|g_{xx}|$.
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Final review.

- DTMC.
 - Recurrence/transience
 - f -expansion, hitting time computation.

— Convergence to stationary, positive recurrence.

• DT martingales.

— OST 

— Convergence

— Conditions for these theorems.
(uniform integrability).

• CT processes.

— BM. reflection principle.

— Stochastic calculus.

— PP and CTMC, equivalent characterizations.