

# Bootstrap and dependence

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# Outlines

- . The Main Principles in the i.i.d. case : the plug-in rule
- . Main asymptotic results : improvement and failures
- . Generalization to time-series
  - . The moving block approach: stationary times-series
  - . The regenerative approach : Markov chains

# Main principles : the i.i.d. case

## The plug-in rule

- $T: \mathcal{P}$  (probability space)  $\rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  (separable)
- $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  i.i.d  $P$  in  $\mathcal{P}$

$$P_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i} \quad \text{empirical probability}$$

Empirical counterpart :  $T(P_n)$

Ex:  $T(P) = E_P X = \int x P(dx)$  ,  $T(P_n) = \int x P_n(dx) = \bar{X}_n$

$M$  – parameter :  $T(P)$  solution of  $E_P \Psi(X, T(P)) = 0$

$M$  – estimator :  $T(P_n)$  solution of  $n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \Psi(X_i, T(P_n)) = 0$

## **Properties of $T(P_n)$ , linked to**

- . Properties of the empirical process
- . Properties of continuity and differentiability of  $T$

→ Main tools of robustness and semiparametric approach

(cf Huber(1981), Van der Vaart and Wellner (1996),  
Bickel, Ritov, Klassen, Wellner(1993))

## **Goal of the Bootstrap**

Let  $T_n=T(X_1,\dots,X_n)$  be a statistics estimating  $T(P)$

Goal : -giving a good approximation of the distribution of  $T_n$   
-constructing good confidence interval (bounds with a small error, intervals with an exact level close to the original)

$$\theta = T(P) \in R^q, T_n \in R^q, \Sigma_n \in M_{p,p}(R) \quad (\text{standardisation of } T_n)$$

**Parameters of interest** : distributions

$$L_n(x, P) = \Pr_{P^{\otimes n}} (T_n - T(P) < x)$$

$$K_n(x, P) = \Pr_{P^{\otimes n}} (n^{1/2} \Sigma_n^{-1} (T_n - T(P)) < x)$$

seen as sequence of functionals

$L_n(., P)$  or  $K_n(., P)$  from  $\mathbf{P}$  to some space of distributions  $B$

In general, the exact distributions are unknown :

- First classical approach :  $n \rightarrow \infty$  : CLT for  $T_n$
- Second order approach : improve over the CLT, asymptotic expansions (Edgeworth expansion).
- Bootstrap : Plug-in rule  $P \rightarrow P_n$  :  $L_n(x, P_n)$  and  $K_n(., P_n)$



Bootstrap distribution= empirical estimator of the distribution of  $T_n$   
 = random probability measure

$$\hat{K}_n^B(x, P_n) = \hat{\Pr}_{P_n^{\otimes n}}^B \left( n^{1/2} (\Sigma_n^*)^{-1} (T_n^* - T(P_n)) < x \right)$$

$$= B^{-1} \sum_{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n) \in I_B} 1_{n^{1/2} (\Sigma_n^{-1} (X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_n})) \{T_n(X_{i_1}, X_{i_2}, \dots, X_{i_n}) - T_n < x\}}$$

$I_B = \text{subset of } B \text{ } n\text{-uplets}$

Empirical distribution of all the values that may be constructed by  
 Selecting samples with replacement from the original sample

→ Very simple algorithm : Montecarlo in the observations.  
 If n big, only B simulation by drawing with replacement in the observations

# Bootstrap Algorithm : Efron(1979),(1981)

$$m = n$$

$(X_1^*, X_2^*, \dots, X_m^*)$  i.i.d.  $P_n$  (Bootstrap sample)

Compute  $T_m(X_1^*, X_2^*, \dots, X_m^*)$ ,  $\Sigma_m(X_1^*, X_2^*, \dots, X_m^*)$  (Bootstrapped statistics)

Bootstrap dist.  $K_m(x, P_n) = \Pr_{P_n^{\otimes n}}(m^{1/2}(\Sigma_m^*)^{-1}(T_m^* - T_n) < x | P_n)$

is approximated by B Monte-Carlo simulations

Step 1 do until  $i > B$ ;

*Draw a sample  $(x_1^{(i)*}, x_2^{(i)*}, \dots, x_m^{(i)*})$  with replacement from the observations  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ;*

*Compute the values  $T_m^{(i)*} = T(x_1^{(i)*}, x_2^{(i)*}, \dots, x_m^{(i)*})$ ,  $\Sigma_m^{(i)*}$ ;*

*endo;*

Step 2 use the histograms of the  $T_m^{(i)*} - T_n$  or  $t_m^{(i)*} = m^{1/2}(\Sigma_m^{(i)*})^{-1}(T_m^{(i)*} - T_n)$

$i = 1, \dots, B$  as approximations of  $L_n(x, P_n)$  and  $K_n(x, P_n)$

**Asymptotic validity** ( $m=n$ ) : linked to the equicontinuity of the sequence  $K_n(.,Q)$  at the true  $P$  (Bickel & Freedman(1981)).

$$\sup_{x \in R^q} |K_n(x, P_n) - K_n(x, P)| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \quad (\text{in Pr. or a.s.})$$

**Fails** on boundaries (if there are some jumps in the limiting distribution)

- Ex:
- .  $T_n = \max(X_i)$  (3 domains of attractions, three limiting types)
  - . Degenerate U stat.

$$T_n = (\bar{X}_n)^2, \quad \text{when } E_P X^2 < \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(P) = E_P X \neq 0, \quad n^{1/2}(T_n - T(P)) &\xrightarrow{L} N(0, S^2) \\ T(P) = E_P X = 0, \quad n(T_n - T(P))/V_P(X) &\xrightarrow{L} \chi^2(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In general } T(P_n) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Bootstrap failure at 0}$$

- . Statistics with hyperefficiency points: bootstrap fails at hyperefficiency points



# Asymptotic Validity : choosing $m \ll n$ ( $m/n \rightarrow 0$ ) and bootstrapping without replacement always works under minimal assumptions (Subsampling)

Bretagnolle (1983), Ann. Inst. H. P., Politis and Romano(1995), Ann. Stat  
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LOSS IN EFFICIENCY but ROBUSTNESS

Second order validity : The bootstrap distribution is better than the asymptotic distribution for smooth functionals.

If  $T(P)$  is a function of moments (cf Hall(1986), a third order Frechet differentiable functionals (for some adequate metric) then

$$\sup_{x \in R^q} |K_n(x, P) - \Phi(x)| \leq C / n^{1/2} \quad (Berry - Esséen)$$

$$\sup_{x \in R^q} |K_n(x, P_n) - K_n(x, P)| = O_p(n^{-1}) \quad (O(n^{-1} \log \log(n)^{1/2}) \text{ a.s.})$$

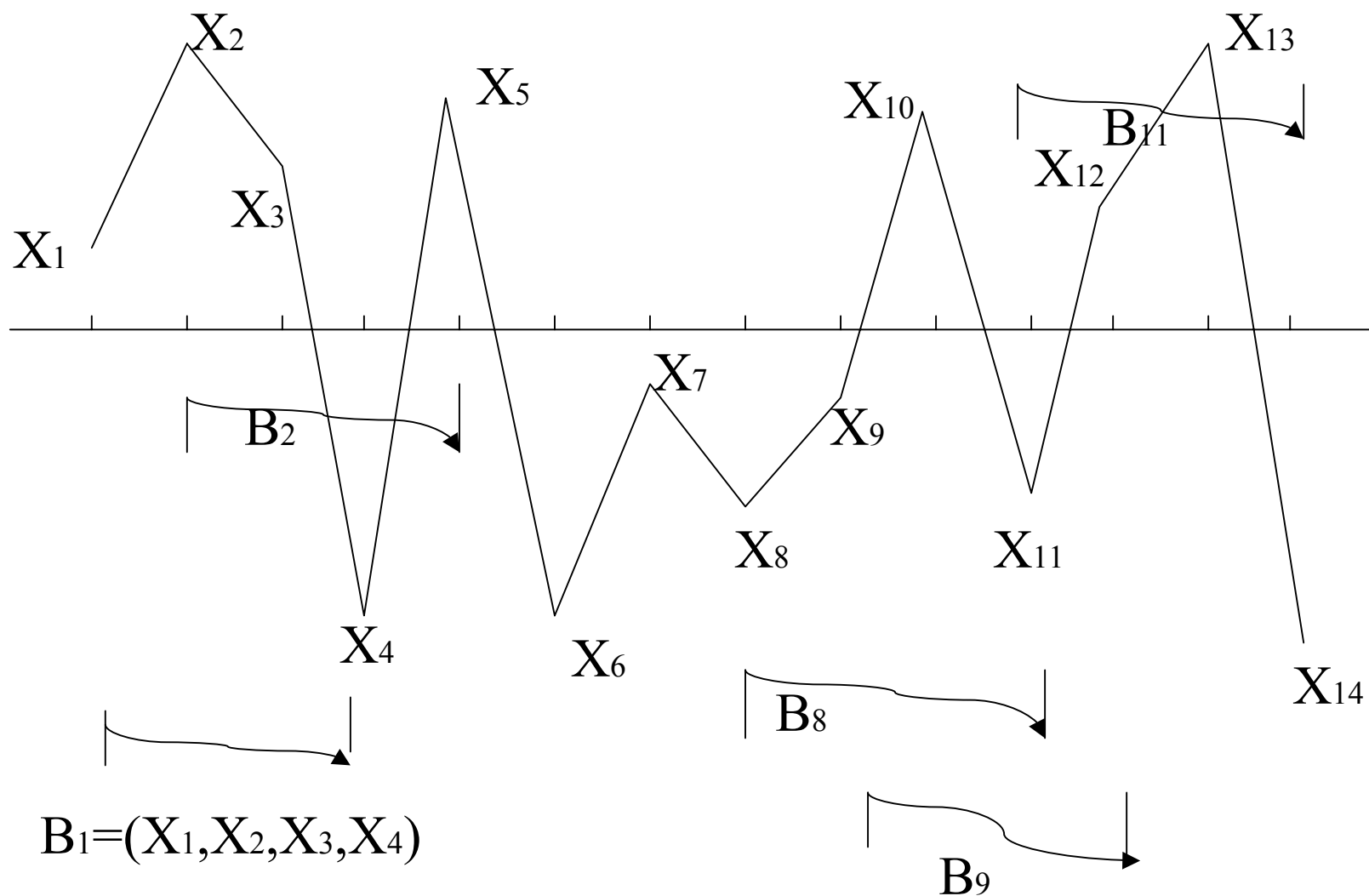
Conditions : Cramer condition on the first gradient(distribution of the first gradient not lattice), moment conditions on the first and second Gradient.

VERY ACCURATE CONFIDENCE INTERVALS BASED ON  $K_n(., P_n)$

# Bootstrap for dependent data

- Moving Block Bootstrap (Künsch (1989)), Ann. Stat, Liu and Singh (1992).
- Model based approach (ARMA model, non-linear AR model) : i.i.d residual reduction (Bose, Ann. Stat. (1988), Mammen and al. (2002), Bernouilli).
  - Sieve approach ( approximation by AR model with « infinite order ») : linear times series (Buhlmann(1997), Bernouilli).
- Markov chains : recent works based on generating pseudo-data via a preliminary estimation of the transition probability (Rajarshi (1990), Paparadotis & Politis(2002), JSPI, Horowitz (2004), Econometrica) : discrete MC.
  - Regenerative Approach (Bertail & Cléménçon (2002)(2003))

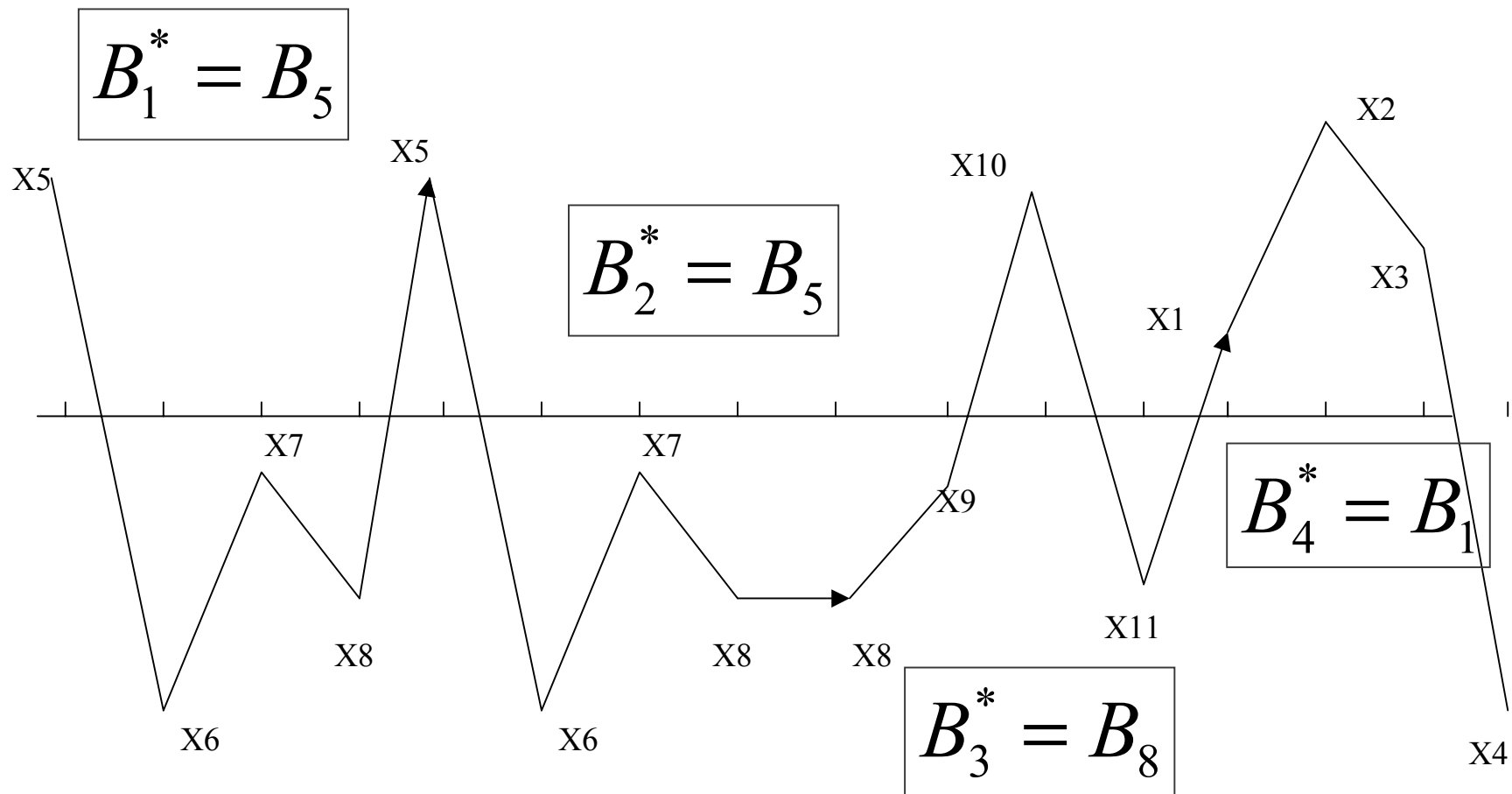
# The Moving-Block Bootstrap



*length of blocks:  $b_n = o(n^{1/2})$*

$$(B_1^*, B_2^*, B_3^*, \dots, B_{[n/b_n]}^*) \text{ i.i.d } F_B = \frac{1}{(n - b_n + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^{n - b_n + 1} \delta_{B_i}$$

Resample blocks with replacement : reconstruct a pseudo times-series



Asymptotic Validity : Kunsch (1989)

Hypotheses : Stationarity + m-dependence or exponentially decreasing strong-mixing coefficients

$$b_n \rightarrow \infty, \frac{b_n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0$$

Second order validity of the naive MBB fails for 2 reasons :

-Bias problem ( $\rightarrow$  recenter by the expected value of the bootstrap mean Lahiri(1992), J. Mult. Anal. )

-The second-order properties are very sensitive to the choice of the standardisation. The variance of the bootstrap distribution has not the correct bias  $\rightarrow$  additional adjustment.

Best achievable rate  $\boxed{O_p(n^{-3/4})}$  (the standardisation may be  $<0$ )  
 $\boxed{O_p(n^{-2/3})}$  (for positive standardisation)

# Regenerative Bootstrap

- Markov chain with state space  $(E, \mathcal{E})$

$$X_0 \sim \nu,$$

$$P(X_{n+1} \in B \mid X_0, \dots, X_n) = \Pi(X_n, B) \text{ a.s. .}$$

- Hypothesis : The chain is positive Harris recurrent for some measure  $\psi$

- $\psi$  Irreducible
- Harris recurrent ( $\psi(B) > 0 \implies P_x(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I\{X_n \in B\} = \infty) = 1$ )
- Positive (Invariant measure  $\mu$ )

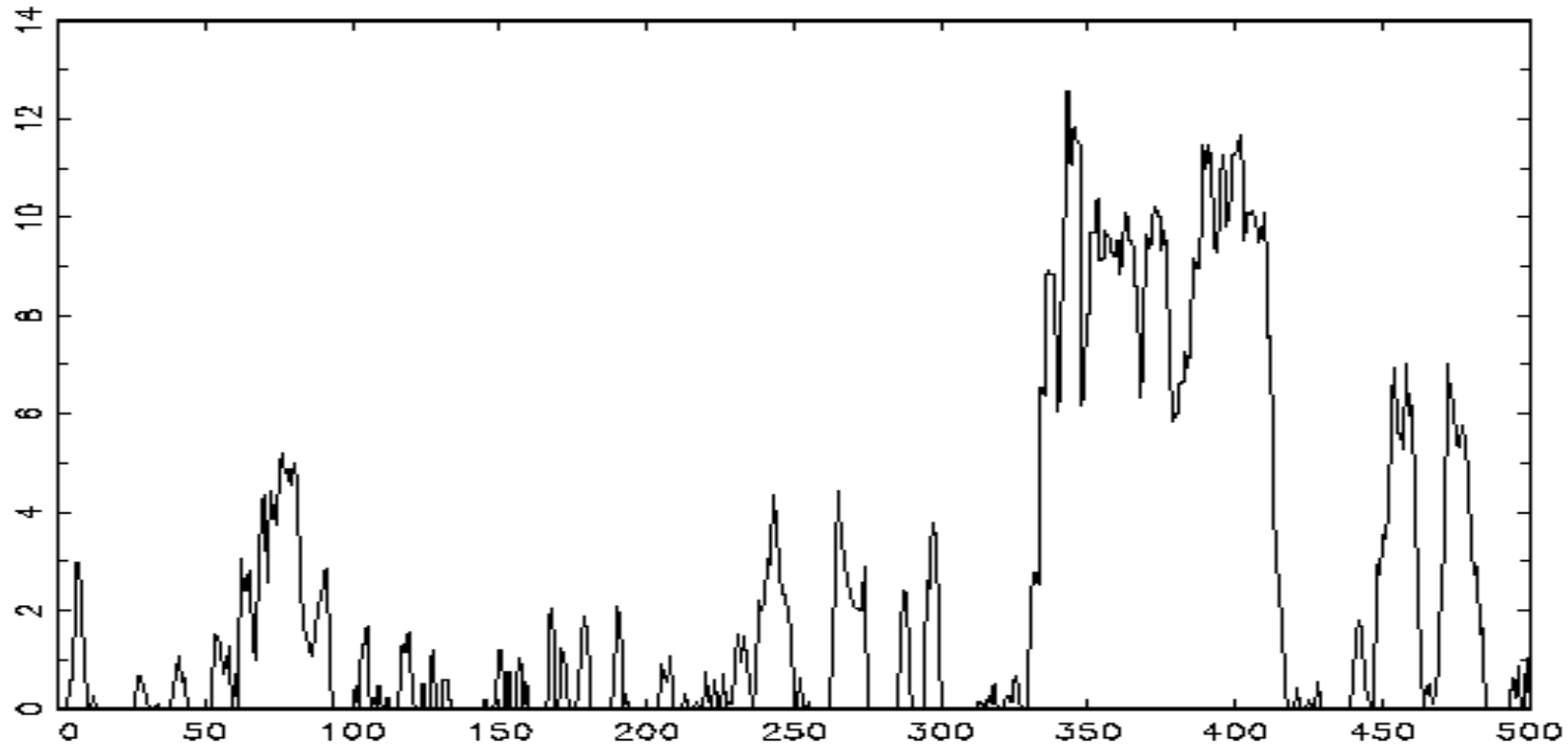
$$\mu \Pi(dy) = \int_{x \in E} \mu(dx) \Pi(x, dy) = \mu(dy)$$

- The chain has an accessible atom  $A$   $\Pi(x, \cdot) = \Pi(y, \cdot)$  and  $\psi(A) > 0$ .

Example : Queuing system with  $E(\text{inter-arrivals}) < E(\text{inter-service})$

$$W_{t+1} = (W_t + \Delta\tau_t - \Delta T_t)_+$$

$$\theta = E_\mu W_t$$



$$A = \{0\}$$

Work-modulated server :  $\Delta\tau_t$  Independent conditionally to  $W_t$

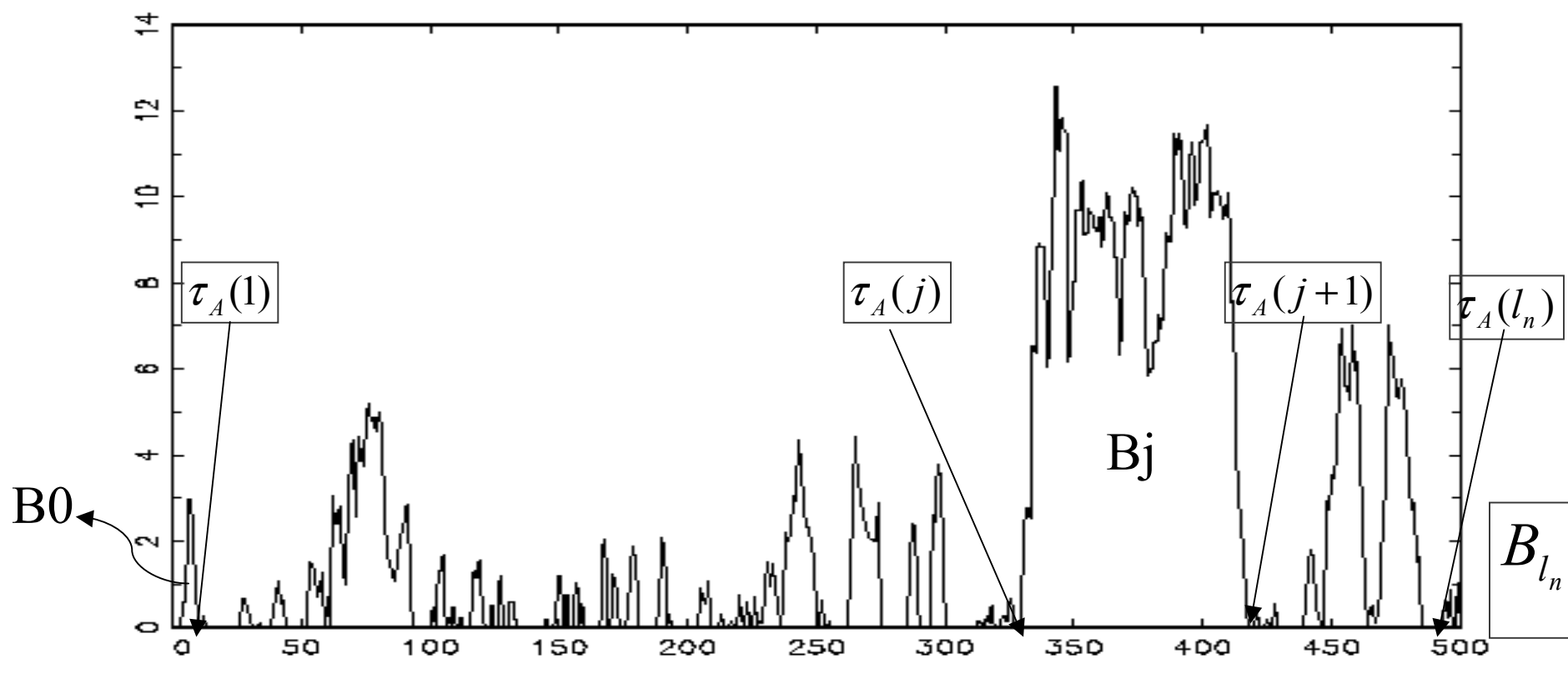


$$\tau_A = \tau_A(1) = \inf \{n \geq 1, X_n \in A\}$$

$$\tau_A(j) = \inf \{n > \tau_A(j-1), X_n \in A\} \text{ for } j \geq 2$$

$$\mathcal{B}_1 = (X_{\tau_A(1)+1}, \dots, X_{\tau_A(2)}) , \dots, \mathcal{B}_j = (X_{\tau_A(j)+1}, \dots, X_{\tau_A(j+1)}) , \dots$$

$$l_n = \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{1}_A(X_i) \quad \text{Number of visits into A}$$



By the strong-markov property, the blocks  $B_1, \dots, B_{l_n}$  are independant.

## Regenerative Bootstrap

$$X^* = (B_1^*, B_2^*, B_3^*, \dots, B_{l_n}^*) \text{ i.i.d } F_B = \frac{1}{l_n} \sum_{i=0}^{l_n-1} \delta_{B_i}$$

Asymptotic validity : Datta and McCormick (1993)  
(based on Rajarshi (1990) : discrete case)

Hypothesis : Stationarity

Strong-mixing rate ( Götze and Hipp (1983))

Moment conditions

This regenerative bootstrap of the mean is NOT second order correct (up to  $O_P(n^{-1/2})$  )

Very Bad finite sample performances

# A second order correct regenerative Bootstrap

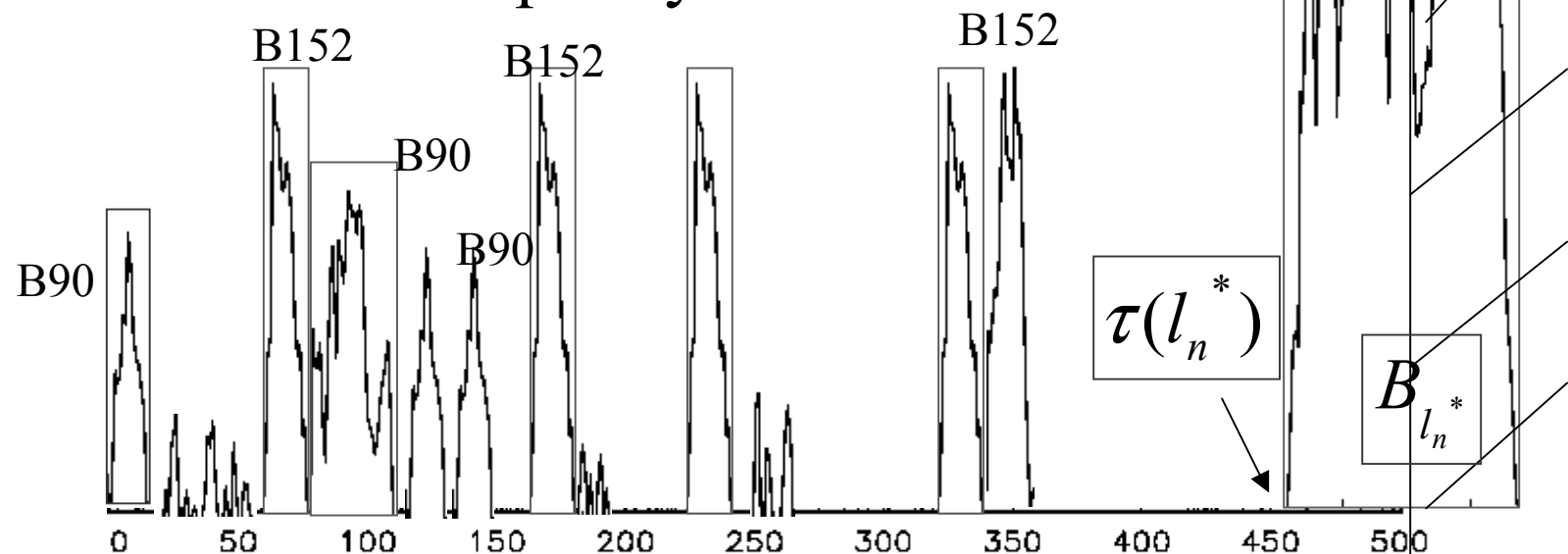
Draw

Rate of approximation :  $O_p(n^{-1} \log(n))$

$$X^* = (B_1^*, B_2^*, B_3^*, \dots, B_{l_n^*}^*) \text{ i.i.d } F_B = \frac{1}{l_n} \sum_{i=0}^{l_n-1} \delta_{B_i}$$

$$\text{until } n^* = \sum_{i=1}^{l_n^*} l(B_i^*) > n$$

Truncate  $X^*$  to keep only  $n$  terms



## Harris recurrent Markov chain : the general case

Idea : a constructive approximation of the Nummelin splitting technique. Extension of the initial chain to a chain with an atom.

Hypothesis : existence of a minorization condition on a small set

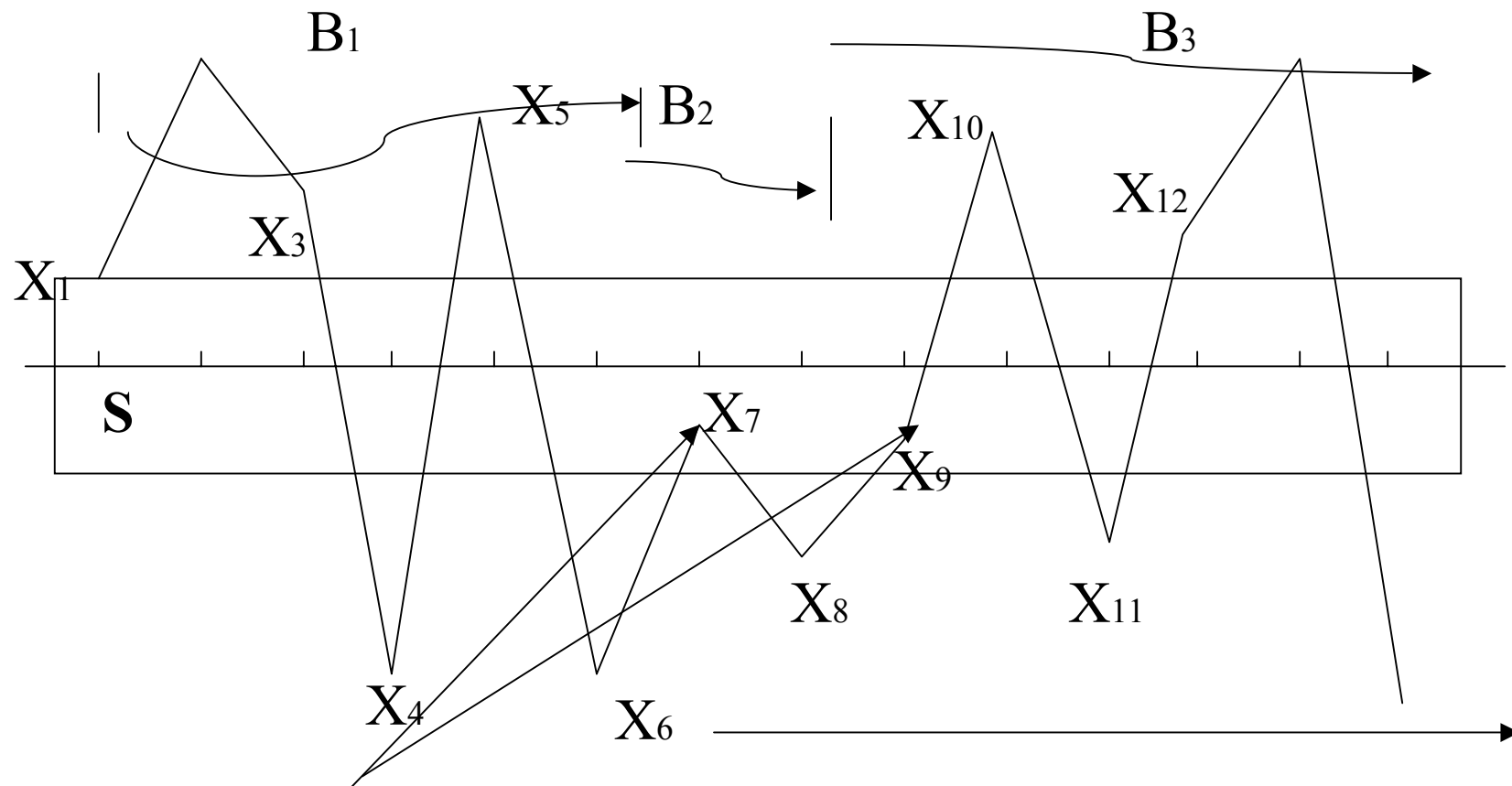
**Definition** □ *For a Markov chain valued in a state space  $(E, \mathcal{E})$  with transition probability  $\Pi$ , a set  $S \in \mathcal{E}$  is said to be small if there exist an integer  $m > 0$ , a probability measure  $\Phi$  supported by  $S$ , and  $\delta > 0$  such that*

$$\forall x \in S, \forall A \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \Pi^m(x, A) \geq \delta \Phi(A),$$

*denoting by  $\Pi^m$  the  $m$ -th iterate of  $\Pi$ . When this holds, we say that the chain satisfies the minorization condition  $\mathcal{M}(m, S, \delta, \phi)$ .*

m=1

# Regenerative Bootstrap for the approximated splitted chain



Randomization  $B(1, \delta\phi(x_i) / \hat{p}_n(x_{i+1}, x_i))$  or  $B_2$

Practical Pb : choice of the small set

Theoretical Pb : error induced by splitting at the wrong place

Theorem : If  $h$  is a bounded functional and

$$E\tau_A^{8+\varepsilon} < \infty \text{ for } \varepsilon > 0$$

if the uniform rate of convergence of  $p_n$  to  $p$  is of order  $\alpha_n$  then the second order validity still holds with a reminder of order  $O_P(n^{-1/2}\alpha_n^{-1})$

Proof : Calculation of the moments of the difference between the empirical moments of the  $f(B_i)$ 's obtained by splitting at the right theoretical place and the  $f(A_i)$ 's obtained by the approximated splitted chain

Use of the linearity of the functional

Remark :

Typically the rate of convergence is of order  $\alpha_n = n^{-s/(2s+1)}$

For very regular chain, we get the i.i.d rate  $O_P(n^{-1})$

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