

# An infinite-times renewal equation: finite-dimensional approximation and long-time behaviour of the infinite-dimensional PDE

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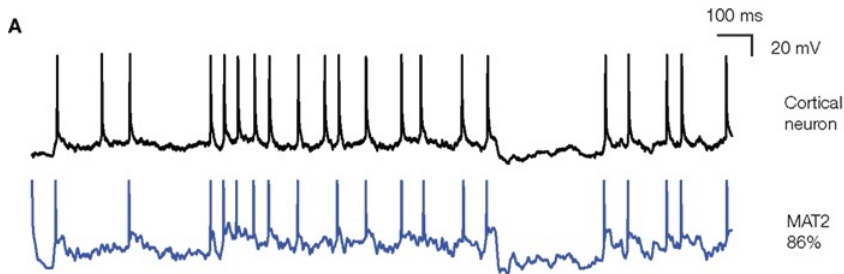
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## Motivations from Neuroscience

In neuroscience, membrane potential is widely used to describe the dynamics of a neuron. A **spike** refers to a rapid rising of the membrane potential for a neuron, which is illustrated in the figure below. Especially in a connected neural network, a spike of a neuron will greatly affect the dynamics of its adjacent neurons. Thus, the analysis of the **spike train** of a neuron is of great importance in mathematical neuroscience.



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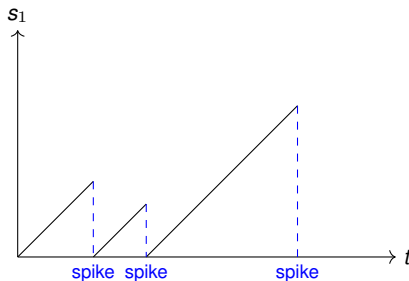
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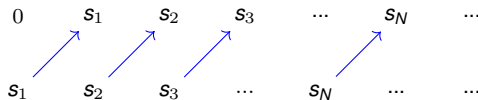
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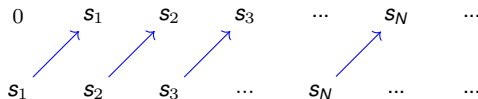
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**Formally**, we can write the **infinite-times renewal equation**, with  $[s]_\infty := (s_1, s_2, \dots)$

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- ▶ In **Hawkes process**, the renewal rate is of the form,

$$p_\infty([s]_\infty) = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} h(s_i). \quad (5)$$

This process has wide applications in neuroscience, genome analysis, and financial analysis etc.

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Thus,

$$\|n_{\infty}^1 - n_{\infty}^2\|_{\text{TV}} \equiv 2 \quad (8)$$

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- ▶ **Marginal distribution** for  $1 \leq N \leq +\infty$ ,

$$n_N^{(K)}(t, [s]_K) = \int n_N(t, [s]_K, [s]_{K+1,N}) d[s]_{K+1,N} \quad (9)$$

# Assumptions

Generally speaking, we are working under the following assumptions:

- **Boundedness:** for  $1 \leq N \leq +\infty$ , we have

$$0 < a_- \leq p_N([s]_N) \leq a_+ < +\infty. \quad (10)$$

- **Finite-dimensional Approximation of renewal rate:**

$$p_\infty([s]_\infty) = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \varphi_i([s]_i), \quad (11)$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \|\varphi_i\|_{L^\infty} < +\infty.$$

- Usually, given a  $p_\infty$ , we will use  $p_N$  as  $p_N([s]_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi_i([s]_i)$ .

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- ▶ Advantage: Don't need to deal with  $\mathcal{C}_\infty \subset \mathbb{R}^\mathbb{N}$ .

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- **Two formulation of solutions are equivalent.**

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(iii)  $\{n_\infty^{(K)}\}_K$  is the **unique consistent weak solution** of the hierarchy system (14)–(15).

- If  $\|\varphi_i\|_\infty$  has a 'rapid' decay relative to  $i$ , then the local-in-time strong approximation can be extended to **uniform-in-time**,

$$n_N^{(K)} \rightarrow n_\infty^{(K)} \quad \text{in } C([0, +\infty); L^1(\mathcal{C}_K)). \quad (20)$$

# Finite-times Renewal Equation: Exponential Convergence in $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{M}^1}$

## Doebelin Theorem:

- ▶ Doeblin's condition:  $P_t$  a Markov semi-group, there exists  $t_0 > 0$  and  $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$  s.t.

$$P_{t_0}\mu \geq \alpha\nu, \quad \forall \mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X}) \quad (21)$$

- ▶ Assume  $P_t$  satisfies Doeblin's condition. Then the semigroup has a unique equilibrium  $\mu^* \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$  and,

$$\|P_t\mu - \mu^*\|_{\mathcal{M}^1} \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} e^{-\lambda t} \|\mu - \mu^*\|_{\mathcal{M}^1}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (22)$$

Here  $\lambda = -\frac{\ln(1-\alpha)}{t_0} > 0$ .

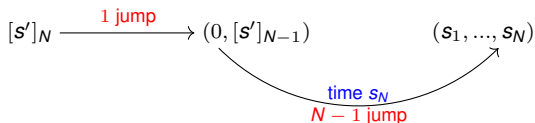
- ▶ Can we choose a  $t_N^* > 0$  such that  $n_N(t_N^*)$  has a lower bound measure, uniform for arbitrary initial distribution  $n_N(0)$ ?
- ▶ Given a particle at  $[s']_N$ , what is the **probability density** of it jumping to  $[s]_N$ , after time  $s_N$ ?

# Finite-times Renewal Equation: Exponential Convergence in $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{M}^1}$

Using knowledge of exponential distribution,

- ▶ A particle has at least  $a_-$  probability to have a jump **right now**.
- ▶ A particle has at least  $e^{-a_+ u}$  probability to do not have a jump **during** time  $u$ .

Thus,  $[s']_N$  jump to  $[s]_N$  after time  $s_N$ , **with probability at least**  $a_-^N e^{-a_+ s_N}$ .



Intuition:

- ▶  $a_-^N$  refers to the  **$N$  times of jump**.
- ▶  $e^{-a_+ s_N}$  refers to the **time without jump of length  $s_N$** .

## Finite-times Renewal Equation: Exponential Convergence in $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{M}^1}$

- ▶ Thus,  $[s']_N$  jump to  $[s]_N$  after time  $s_N$ , **with probability at least**  $a_-^N e^{-a_+ s_N}$ .
- ▶ For a chosen  $t_N^*$  and  $[s]_N$  with  $s_N \leq t_N^*$ , we have the lower bound,

$$n_N(t, [s]_N) \geq a_-^N e^{-a_+ s_N} \int n_N(t, [s']_N) d[s']_N = a_-^N e^{-a_+ s_N} \quad (23)$$

- ▶ By integration over the domain  $s_N \leq t_N^*$ , we have the total measure of the lower bound approximately as  $(\frac{a_-}{a_+})^N$ .
- ▶ Now we have the rate of exponential convergence **approximately as**  $(\frac{a_-}{a_+})^N$ .

As dimension  $N \rightarrow +\infty$ , the  $\mathcal{M}^1$ -convergence rate will goes to 0

- ▶ Recall the counterexample  $\|n_{\infty,1}(t) - n_{\infty,2}(t)\|_{\mathcal{M}^1}$ .

Need to find other metrics on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}_\infty)$ .

# Exponential Convergence in Monge-Kantorovich Distance

For  $1 \leq N \leq +\infty$ , given a transport cost function  $V([s]_N, [s']_N)$ , we have the **Monge-Kantorovich (M.-K.) distance** on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}_N)$  defined as,

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{T}_V(n_N, m_N) := \inf_{\omega_N \in \mathcal{H}(n_N, m_N)} \iint V([s]_N, [s']_N) \omega_N(d[s]_N, d[s']_N), \\ \mathcal{H}(n_N, m_N) = \{\omega_N \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}_N \times \mathcal{C}_N) \text{ with marginals } n_N \text{ and } m_N\}. \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

We will define and use the cost function  $V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)$ ,

$$V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{|s_i - s'_i| \wedge a}{(1 + \beta)^i} \leq \frac{a}{\beta}, \quad (25)$$

- ▶  $\beta$ : decay of the weight.
- ▶  $a$ : truncation, to make  $V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)$  finite.

# Exponential Convergence in Monge-Kantorovich Distance

A vital constant is the **Lipschitz constant** of  $p_\infty([s]_\infty)$  relative to  $V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)$ ,

$$\delta := \sup_{[s]_\infty, [s']_\infty} \frac{|p_\infty([s]_\infty) - p_\infty([s']_\infty)|}{V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)} \quad (26)$$

To prove the convergence of M.-K. distance, we need a **quantitative condition** for  $\delta$ ,

$$\gamma := \frac{\beta a_-}{1 + \beta} - \frac{a\delta}{\beta} > 0 \quad (27)$$

- ▶ Recall  $a_-$  is the lower bound of  $p_\infty([s]_\infty)$ .
- ▶ The two terms in  $\gamma$  represents **two competing effects**, which we will see later.

**Theorem.** Assume  $p_\infty([s]_\infty)$  satisfies (10) and (11), and  $\delta$  satisfies the quantitative condition. Given  $n_\infty(0), m_\infty(0) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}_\infty)$ , the unique  $n_\infty(t)$  and  $m_\infty(t)$  satisfy,

$$\mathcal{T}_{V_{\beta,a}}(n_\infty(t), m_\infty(t)) \leq \mathcal{T}_{V_{\beta,a}}(n_\infty(0), m_\infty(0)) e^{-\gamma t} \quad (28)$$

# Exponential Convergence: Coupling Measure

- ▶ Control  $\mathcal{T}_{V_{\beta,a}}(n_{\infty}(t), m_{\infty}(t))$ :  $\omega_{\infty}(t)$  a **coupling measure** of  $n_{\infty}(t)$  and  $m_{\infty}(t)$ ,

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}_{\infty} \times \mathcal{C}_{\infty}} \omega_{\infty}(t, d[s]_{\infty}, d[s']_{\infty}) V_{\beta,a}([s]_{\infty}, [s']_{\infty}) \geq \mathcal{T}_{V_{\beta,a}}(n_{\infty}(t), m_{\infty}(t))$$

- ▶ How to construct a proper coupling measure?

**Couple the stochastic process  $[s(t)]_{\infty}$  and  $[s'(t)]_{\infty}$ .**

- ▶  $[s(t)]_{\infty}$  has jump rate  $p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty})$ ;  $[s'(t)]_{\infty}$  has jump rate  $p_{\infty}([s']_{\infty})$ .

- ▶ **Synchronous jump:**

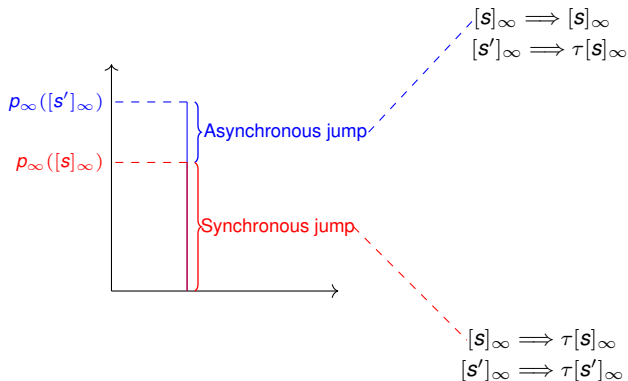
$[s(t)]_{\infty}$  and  $[s'(t)]_{\infty}$  has rate  $p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty}) \wedge p_{\infty}([s']_{\infty})$  to jump at the same time.

- ▶ **Asynchronous jump:**

$[s(t)]_{\infty}$  jump with  $[s'(t)]_{\infty}$  fixed, of rate  $(p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty}) - p_{\infty}([s']_{\infty}))_+$

$[s'(t)]_{\infty}$  jump with  $[s(t)]_{\infty}$  fixed, of rate  $(p_{\infty}([s']_{\infty}) - p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty}))_+$ .

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Recall the shift operator  $\tau$  (for a jump),

$$\tau[s]_{\infty} = (0, [s]_{\infty}) \quad (29)$$

**Vital Observation: Synchronous jump  $\implies$  Exponential decay**

$$V_{\beta,a}(\tau[s]_{\infty}, \tau[s']_{\infty}) = \frac{1}{1+\beta} V_{\beta,a}([s]_{\infty}, [s']_{\infty}) \quad (30)$$

This is because by  $V_{\beta,a}([s]_{\infty}, [s']_{\infty}) = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \frac{|s_i - s'_i| \wedge a}{(1+\beta)^i}$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \frac{|s_1 - s'_1| \wedge a}{1+\beta} & \frac{|s_2 - s'_2| \wedge a}{(1+\beta)^2} & & \dots & & \dots & \\ & \searrow & & & & \searrow & \\ \frac{|0 - 0| \wedge a}{1+\beta} = 0 & \frac{|s_1 - s'_1| \wedge a}{(1+\beta)^2} & & & & \frac{|s_2 - s'_2| \wedge a}{(1+\beta)^3} & \dots \end{array}$$

# Exponential Convergence: Competing Effects

A differential equation for M.-K. distance's upper bound,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty \times \mathcal{C}_\infty} V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \omega_\infty(t, d[s]_\infty, d[s']_\infty) \\
 &= \iint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty \times \mathcal{C}_\infty} \left( [V_{\beta,a}(\tau[s]_\infty, \tau[s']_\infty) - V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)] \overbrace{(p_\infty([s]_\infty) \wedge p_\infty([s']_\infty))}^{\text{Synchronous}} \right. \\
 &+ [V_{\beta,a}(\tau[s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) - V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)] (p_\infty([s]_\infty) - p_\infty([s']_\infty))_+ \\
 &+ [V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, \tau[s']_\infty) - V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty)] \underbrace{(p_\infty([s']_\infty) - p_\infty([s]_\infty))_+}_{\text{Asynchronous}} \Big) \omega_\infty dt
 \end{aligned}$$

# Exponential Convergence: Competing Effects

For the synchronous jump,

- recall  $a_-$  is the lower bound of  $p_\infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ V_{\beta,a}(\tau[s]_\infty, \tau[s']_\infty) - V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \right] (p_\infty([s]_\infty) \wedge p_\infty([s']_\infty)) \\ & \leq -\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) a_- \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

For the asynchronous jump,

- recall  $\frac{a}{\beta}$  is the upper bound of  $V_{\infty,\beta,a}$ .
- recall  $\delta$  is the Lipschitz constant of  $p_\infty$  relative to  $V_{\infty,\beta,a}$ .

$$\left| V_{\beta,a}(\tau[s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) - V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \right| \leq \frac{a}{\beta},$$

$$\left| V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, \tau[s']_\infty) - V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \right| \leq \frac{a}{\beta},$$

$$(p_\infty([s]_\infty) - p_\infty([s']_\infty))_+ + (p_\infty([s']_\infty) - p_\infty([s]_\infty))_+ \leq \delta V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty).$$

# Exponential Convergence: Competing Effects

Collecting different terms, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{C}_\infty \times \mathcal{C}_\infty} V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \omega_\infty(t, d[s]_\infty, d[s']_\infty) \\ & \leq - \iint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty \times \mathcal{C}_\infty} \frac{\beta a_-}{1 + \beta} V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \omega_\infty(t, d[s]_\infty, d[s']_\infty) \\ & \quad + \iint_{\mathcal{C}_\infty \times \mathcal{C}_\infty} \frac{a\delta}{\beta} V_{\beta,a}([s]_\infty, [s']_\infty) \omega_\infty(t, d[s]_\infty, d[s']_\infty). \end{aligned}$$

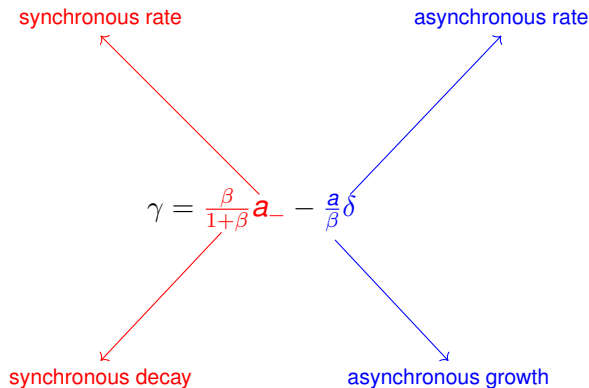
This can be written in a more compact way,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} T_{V_{\beta,a}}(\omega_\infty(t)) & \leq T_{V_{\beta,a}}(\omega_\infty(t)) \left( -\frac{\beta a_-}{1 + \beta} + \frac{a\delta}{\beta} \right) = -\gamma T_{V_{\beta,a}}(\omega_\infty(t)), \\ \gamma & = \frac{\beta a_-}{1 + \beta} - \frac{a\delta}{\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have the desired exponential convergence,

$$T_{V_{\beta,a}}(n_\infty(t), m_\infty(t)) \leq T_{V_{\beta,a}}(n_\infty(0), m_\infty(0)) e^{-\gamma t} \quad (32)$$

# Exponential Convergence: Competing Effects



# Exponential Convergence: Explicit Conditions

We define the **weighted Lipschitz constant and fluctuation bound**,

$$\begin{cases} L_{\infty}(\beta) := \max_{1 \leq i \leq \infty} \sup_{[s]_i, [s']_i} (1 + \beta)^i \frac{|\varphi_i([s]_i) - \varphi_i([s']_i)|}{|s_i - s'_i|}, \\ F_{\infty}(\beta) := \max_{1 \leq i \leq \infty} \sup_{[s]_i, [s']_i} (1 + \beta)^i \left| \varphi_i([s]_i) - \varphi_i([s']_i) \right|. \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

We can express the Lipschitz constant  $\delta$  of  $p_{\infty}$  relative  $V_{\beta,a}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty}) - p_{\infty}([s']_{\infty})|}{V_{\beta,a}([s]_{\infty}, [s']_{\infty})} &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\varphi_i([s]_i) - \varphi_i([s']_i)|}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+\beta)^i} (|s_i - s'_i| \wedge a)} \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq \infty} \left\{ \frac{|\varphi_i([s]_i) - \varphi_i([s']_i)|}{\frac{1}{(1+\beta)^i} (|s_i - s'_i| \wedge a)} \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{F_{\infty}(\beta)}{a} \vee L_{\infty}(\beta) := \delta. \end{aligned}$$

To make  $\delta$  small, we only need to make the fluctuation and Lipschitz constant of  $\varphi_i$  to exponentially decay.

**Exponential decay in  $t \iff$  Exponential decay in  $\varphi_i$  along  $i$**

# Exponential Convergence: Examples of Renewal Rate

- ▶ We can set the renewal rate as,

$$p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty}) = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(a_{-} \vee s_i) \wedge Ca_{-}}{(1 + \beta)^i}.$$

- ▶ Here  $F_{\infty}(\beta) = (C - 1)a_{-}$  and  $L_{\infty}(\beta) \leq 1$ .
- ▶ We generalize the renewal rate to,

$$p_{\infty}([s]_{\infty}) = \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(a_{-} \vee f(s_i)) \wedge Ca_{-}}{(1 + \beta)^i},$$

where  $f(\cdot)$  is a Lipschitz continuous function.

**Thanks for your attention!**

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