Angus Lewis

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EDUCATION

2018 - Present

PhD (Applied Mathematics)

The University of Adelaide

Thesis: "Theory and computation for stochastic fluid-fluid models" (expected: early 2022). My work is centred around developing practical methods for approximating probabilities associated with a type of random process called a stochastic fluid-fluid model. Using a combination of probabilistic techniques, differential equations, approximation, and simulation, my research develops new mathematics to enable the practical application of these models. My numerical methods are implemented in Julia and available on github.

2016 - 2018

Master of Philosophy (Applied Mathematics & Statistics)

The University of Adelaide

Thesis: "Inference of statistical models for South Australian electricity prices."

My work developed state-of-the-art computational statistical methods to learn parameters of, and assess goodness-of-fit for, stochastic models of electricity prices. I applied my methods to model the South Australian wholesale electricity market. The main challenge in fitting these models was to overcome the computational burden inherent in the models. I developed two statistical approaches to model fitting; a Bayesian methodology which employed Monte Carlo techniques, and a maximum-likelihood methodology for which I developed a novel optimisation (EM) algorithm. Both approaches are coded in MATLAB and available on github.

2012 - 2016

Bachelor of Mathematics & Computer Science

The University of Adelaide

Major: Applied Mathematics & Statistics

2012 - 2016

Bachelor of Finance

The University of Adelaide

Professional Experience

2016 - Present

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Associate Lecturer, Applied Probability - Semester 1, 2019

- I delivered the course Applied Probability to 3rd year undergraduates which covered introductory analysis of stochastic processes, i.e. Markov chains and Martingales.
- Group project: predictive-text (natural language processing) algorithms using Markov chains to write new song lyrics, incorporating rhythm and rhyme.

Tutor, Practical Supervisor, Casual Lecturer, Marker - Continuing

- Courses:
 - Stochastic Decision Theory III (a course on stochastic optimisation).
 - Foundations of Data Science.
 - Introduction to Financial Maths.
- Teach skills in MATLAB, R, SPSS, Python.
- Communication Skills III.
- Probability & Statistics II.
- Statistical Practice I.
- Maths IA.

ARC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MATHEMATICAL & STATISTICAL FRONTIERS Research Associate, Statistics - Semester 2, 2018

- Optimisation algorithms for Bayesian experimental designs.
- Used techniques such as surrogate models/kriging, and genetic algorithms.

2009 - 2016 | MacBryde Horwood Agencies

Warehouse assistant, cook

Publications & Key Industry Engagements

Bean, N., Lewis, A., Nguyen, G. (2020). Estimation of Markovian-Regime-Switching models with independent regimes. Submitted for review. ArXiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.07957.

Bean, N., Lewis, A., Nguyen, G. (2020). Bayesian estimation of trend components within Markovian regime switching models for wholesale electricity prices: an application to the South Australian wholesale electricity market. Submitted for review. ArXiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.07471.

Bean, N., Lewis, A., Nguyen, G., O'Reilly, M. M., Sunkara, V. (2020). A discontinuous Galerkin method for approximating the stationary distribution of stochastic fluid-fluid processes. In preparation.

Participant: Planning, valuation and optimisation of long-distance electricity transmission lines. Maths in Industry Study Group (MISG), Adelaide, 2018. About: utilised stochastic linear programming to value long-distance power transmission lines.

Participant: Optimisation of electricity microgrid controllers. Maths in Industry Study Group (MISG), Adelaide, 2017. About: utilised linear programming to optimise the use of battery storage systems for small communities of cooperative households.

SKILLS

- Programming skills in Julia, MATLAB and R.
- Communication of technical topics, evidenced by teaching and the preparation of manuscripts.
- Passion for solving real-world problems with quantitative approaches.
- Fast learner.

AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

2018-2021	Australian Research Training Program Stipend
2018-2021	ACEMS (Centre of Excellence) Student Support Scheme Scholarship
2016-2018	University of Adelaide Master of Philosophy Scholarship
2018	Applied Probability Trust Prize, University of Adelaide Prize for best Master's thesis in applied probability.
2017	Postgraduate representative, School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Adelaide
2017	ACEMS student representative, retreat organiser
2016	RB Potts Prize for Applied Mathematics Prize for highest coursework grade in applied mathematics.
2015-2016	Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) summer research scholarship Topic: Approximating heavy-tailed distributions with Phase-type distributions with infinitely many phases.

Referees available on request