

## 1 Simple Linear Example

Consider a simple driver-response system:

$$\begin{aligned} x_t &= \sin(t) \\ y_t &= x_{t-1} + \eta_t \\ &= \sin(t-1) + \eta_t \\ &= \sin(t) \cos(1) - \cos(t) \sin(1) + \eta_t \end{aligned}$$

with  $\eta_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Define

$$\delta x_t \equiv \frac{dx}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} = x_t - x_{t-1}$$

and

$$\delta y_t \equiv \frac{dy}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = y_t - y_{t-1} .$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta x_t &= \sin(t) - \sin(t-1) \\ &= \sin(t) - (\sin(t) \cos(1) - \cos(t) \sin(1)) \\ &= \sin(t) (1 - \cos(1)) + \sin(1) \cos(t) \\ &\equiv \kappa_1 \sin(t) + \kappa_2 \cos(t) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\kappa_1 = 1 - \cos(1)$  and  $\kappa_2 = \sin(1)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta y_t &= x_{t-1} + \eta_t - x_{t-2} - \eta_{t-1} \\ &= \sin(t-1) - \sin(t-2) + \eta_t - \eta_{t-1} \\ &= (\sin(t) \cos(1) - \cos(t) \sin(1)) - (\sin(t) \cos(2) - \cos(t) \sin(2)) + \eta'_t \\ &= \sin(t) (\cos(1) - \cos(2)) + \cos(t) (\sin(2) - \sin(1)) + \eta'_t \\ &\equiv k_1 \sin(t) + k_2 \cos(t) + \eta'_t \end{aligned}$$

with  $\eta'_t = \eta_t - \eta_{t-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2)^1$ ,  $k_1 = (\cos(1) - \cos(2))$  and  $k_2 = (\sin(2) - \sin(1))$ .

The main idea of Local Impulse Response (LIR) causality inference is to use a subsetting procedure on some (or all) of the four time series  $x_t$ ,  $y_t$ ,  $\delta x_t$ , and  $\delta y_t$  to determine the causality of the system.

Consider a few extreme points in the driver cycle, e.g.  $t = n\pi$  with  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . The driver values are

$$x_{n\pi} = \sin(n\pi) = 0 ,$$

the response values are

$$y_{n\pi} = \sin(n\pi) \cos(1) - \cos(n\pi) \sin(1) + \eta_{n\pi} = \eta_{n\pi} + (-1)^n \sin(1) ,$$

the local change in the driver values are

$$\delta x_{n\pi} = \kappa_1 \sin(n\pi) + \kappa_2 \cos(n\pi) = (-1)^n \kappa_2 ,$$

and the local change in the response values are

$$\delta y_{n\pi} = k_1 \sin(n\pi) + k_2 \cos(n\pi) + \eta'_{n\pi} = \eta'_{n\pi} + (-1)^n k_2 .$$

Consider  $t = n\pi/2$  with  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . The driver values are

$$x_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} = \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = (-1)^n ,$$

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<sup>1</sup>The difference of two normal distributions with means  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$  is another normal distribution with mean  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  and variance  $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$ .

the response values are

$$y_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} = \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cos(1) - \cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \sin(1) + \eta_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} = \eta_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} + (-1)^n \cos(1) ,$$

the local change in the driver values are

$$\delta x_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} = \kappa_1 \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \kappa_2 \cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = (-1)^n \kappa_1 ,$$

and the local change in the response values are

$$\delta y_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} = k_1 \sin\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + k_2 \cos\left(n\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \eta'_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} = \eta'_{n\frac{\pi}{2}} + (-1)^n k_1 .$$

## 2 LIR Approach to Probabilistic Causality

Probabilistic causality is centered on the definition that a cause  $C$  is said to *cause* (or *drive*) an effect  $E$  if

$$P(E|C) > P(E|\bar{C}) ,$$

i.e.  $C$  causes  $E$  if the probability of  $E$  given  $C$  is higher than the probability of  $E$  given not  $C$ . The LIR causal inference method involves using e.g.  $\{x_t\}$ ,  $\{y_t\}$ ,  $\{\delta x_t\}$ , and  $\{\delta y_t\}$  to determine the direction of causal influence in a system of two time series  $\{x_t\}$  and  $\{y_t\}$ . It follows that applying LIR causal inference to probabilistic causality involves evaluating the above inequality given e.g.  $C = \{x_t\}$ ,  $\{y_t\}$ ,  $\{\delta x_t\}$ , or  $\{\delta y_t\}$  and  $E = \{x_t\}$ ,  $\{y_t\}$ ,  $\{\delta x_t\}$ , or  $\{\delta y_t\}$  given  $E \neq C$  and for different temporal offsets.

The conditional probabilities are estimated using histograms of the time series data as follows:

$$P(E|C) \approx \frac{1}{L} H(E|C) = \frac{H(E \cap C)}{H(C)}$$

where  $H(A)$  is an  $m$ -binned histogram of  $A$ ,  $L$  is the library length of the  $E$  and  $C$  time series (which are assumed to be the same length). Similarly,

$$P(E|\bar{C}) \approx \frac{1}{L} H(E|\bar{C}) = \frac{H(E \cap \bar{C})}{H(\bar{C})} .$$

Define the *causal penchant*

$$\rho_{EC} = P(E|C) - P(E|\bar{C}) \approx \frac{H(E \cap C)}{H(C)} - \frac{H(E \cap \bar{C})}{H(\bar{C})} .$$

If  $C$  causes  $E$ , then  $\rho_{EC} > 0$ . Otherwise, i.e.  $\rho_{EC} \leq 0$ , the causal influence of the system is *undefined*(?). Causal influence between a pair of time series is accomplished by comparing penchants.

Consider two short time series  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_t\} = \{0, 1, 2, 1, 0\}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = \{y_t\} = \{0, 0, 1, 2, 1\}$  (i.e.  $\{y_t\} = \{0, 0, 1, 2, 1\}$ ). The time steps are indexed by  $t = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ . The individual joint probabilities can be found using the frequencies of occurrence as

$$P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5} \tag{1}$$

$$P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5} \tag{2}$$

$$P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 0) = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5} \tag{4}$$

$$P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 1) = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5} \tag{6}$$

$$P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 2) = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 2) = \frac{1}{5} \tag{8}$$

$$P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 2) = 0 \tag{9}$$

The individual probabilities are found similarly:

$$P(x_t = 0) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (10)$$

$$P(x_t = 1) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (11)$$

$$P(x_t = 2) = \frac{1}{5} \quad (12)$$

$$P(y_t = 0) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (13)$$

$$P(y_t = 1) = \frac{2}{5} \quad (14)$$

$$P(y_t = 2) = \frac{1}{5} \quad (15)$$

The joint probabilities are symmetric (i.e.  $P(x_t \cap y_t) = P(y_t \cap x_t)$ ). Thus, the two above sets of probabilities are sufficient to find all the conditionals.

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|---|---|---|
| $P(y_t = 0 x_t = 0) = \frac{P(y_t=0 \cap x_t=0)}{P(x_t=0)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(y_t = 0 x_t = 1) = \frac{P(y_t=0 \cap x_t=1)}{P(x_t=1)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(y_t = 0 x_t = 2) = \frac{P(y_t=0 \cap x_t=2)}{P(x_t=2)} = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 1 x_t = 0) = \frac{P(y_t=1 \cap x_t=0)}{P(x_t=0)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(y_t = 1 x_t = 1) = \frac{P(y_t=1 \cap x_t=1)}{P(x_t=1)} = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 x_t = 2) = \frac{P(y_t=1 \cap x_t=2)}{P(x_t=2)} = 1$ |
| $P(y_t = 2 x_t = 0) = \frac{P(y_t=2 \cap x_t=0)}{P(x_t=0)} = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 x_t = 1) = \frac{P(y_t=2 \cap x_t=1)}{P(x_t=1)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(y_t = 2 x_t = 2) = \frac{P(y_t=2 \cap x_t=2)}{P(x_t=2)} = 0$ |

  

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|---|---|---|
| $P(x_t = 0 y_t = 0) = \frac{P(y_t=0 \cap x_t=0)}{P(y_t=0)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 0 y_t = 1) = \frac{P(y_t=1 \cap x_t=0)}{P(y_t=1)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 0 y_t = 2) = \frac{P(y_t=2 \cap x_t=0)}{P(y_t=2)} = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 1 y_t = 0) = \frac{P(y_t=0 \cap x_t=1)}{P(y_t=0)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 1 y_t = 1) = \frac{P(y_t=1 \cap x_t=1)}{P(y_t=1)} = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1 y_t = 2) = \frac{P(y_t=2 \cap x_t=1)}{P(y_t=2)} = 1$ |
| $P(x_t = 2 y_t = 0) = \frac{P(y_t=0 \cap x_t=2)}{P(y_t=0)} = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2 y_t = 1) = \frac{P(y_t=1 \cap x_t=2)}{P(y_t=1)} = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 2 y_t = 2) = \frac{P(y_t=2 \cap x_t=2)}{P(y_t=2)} = 0$ |

The next step is to investigate the difference series:  $\delta \mathbf{x} = \delta x_t = x_t - x_{t-1} = \{0, 1, 1, -1, -1\}$  and  $\delta \mathbf{y} = \delta y_t = y_t - y_{t-1} = \{0, 0, 1, 1, -1\}$ . There are now four time series,  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\delta \mathbf{x}$ , and  $\delta \mathbf{y}$ , with six permutations to investigate,  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ ,  $(\mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ ,  $(\delta \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ ,  $(\delta \mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ ,  $(\mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{x})$ , and  $(\mathbf{y}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ . It has already been determined that no conclusions can be drawn about  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ . The following table is for reference in the counting exercises below:

| t | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\mathbf{y}$ | $\delta \mathbf{x}$ | $\delta \mathbf{y}$ |
|---|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 0            | 0            | 0                   | 0                   |
| 1 | 1            | 0            | 1                   | 0                   |
| 2 | 2            | 1            | 1                   | 1                   |
| 3 | 1            | 2            | -1                  | 1                   |
| 4 | 0            | 1            | -1                  | -1                  |

Consider the three permutations:  $(\mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{x})$ ,  $(\delta \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , and  $(\delta \mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ . The joint probabilities are as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$   |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(\delta y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$             |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(\delta y_t = -1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            |
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$   |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$   |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(\delta y_t = -1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$            |
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           | $P(\delta y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$            |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(\delta y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$  |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(\delta y_t = -1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ |

The last two permutations,  $(\mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{y})$  and  $(\mathbf{y}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ , lead to the following table:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{2}{5}$  |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$            |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$            |
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$            |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  | $P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$  |
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |

The individual probabilities are (the ones printed above have been reprinted for convenience)

$$\begin{array}{l|l} P(x_t = 0) = \frac{2}{5} & P(\delta x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5} \\ P(x_t = 1) = \frac{2}{5} & P(\delta x_t = 1) = \frac{2}{5} \\ P(x_t = 2) = \frac{1}{5} & P(\delta x_t = -1) = \frac{2}{5} \\ \hline P(y_t = 0) = \frac{2}{5} & P(\delta y_t = 0) = \frac{2}{5} \\ P(y_t = 1) = \frac{2}{5} & P(\delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5} \\ P(y_t = 2) = \frac{1}{5} & P(\delta y_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5} \end{array}$$

Consider the penchants for  $(\mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{x})$ . The conditional probability table is

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| $P(x_t = 0 \delta x_t = 0) = 1$            | $P(x_t = 0 \delta x_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(x_t = 0 \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ |
| $P(x_t = 1 \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(x_t = 1 \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(x_t = 1 \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ |
| $P(x_t = 2 \delta x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(x_t = 2 \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(x_t = 2 \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(\delta x_t = 0 x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta x_t = 0 x_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(\delta x_t = 0 x_t = 2) = 0$            |
| $P(\delta x_t = 1 x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(\delta x_t = 1 x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta x_t = 1 x_t = 2) = 1$            |
| $P(\delta x_t = -1 x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = -1 x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = -1 x_t = 2) = 0$           |

Consider the penchants for  $(\delta \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ . The conditional probability table is

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| $P(\delta x_t = 0 y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = 0 y_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(\delta x_t = 0 y_t = 2) = 0$            |
| $P(\delta x_t = 1 y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = 1 y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta x_t = 1 y_t = 2) = 0$            |
| $P(\delta x_t = -1 y_t = 0) = 0$          | $P(\delta x_t = -1 y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = -1 y_t = 2) = 1$           |
| $P(y_t = 0 \delta x_t = 0) = 1$           | $P(y_t = 0 \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(y_t = 0 \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 1 \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(y_t = 1 \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ |
| $P(y_t = 2 \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \delta x_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 2 \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ |

Consider the penchants for  $(\delta \mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ . The conditional probability table is

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| $P(\delta x_t = 0 \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = 0 \delta y_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(\delta x_t = 0 \delta y_t = -1) = 0$            |
| $P(\delta x_t = 1 \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = 1 \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta x_t = 1 \delta y_t = -1) = 0$            |
| $P(\delta x_t = -1 \delta y_t = 0) = 0$          | $P(\delta x_t = -1 \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta x_t = -1 \delta y_t = -1) = 1$           |
| $P(\delta y_t = 0 \delta x_t = 0) = 1$           | $P(\delta y_t = 0 \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 0 \delta x_t = -1) = 0$            |
| $P(\delta y_t = 1 \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(\delta y_t = 1 \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 1 \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$  |
| $P(\delta y_t = -1 \delta x_t = 0) = 0$          | $P(\delta y_t = -1 \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(\delta y_t = -1 \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$ |

Consider the penchants for  $(\mathbf{x}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ . The conditional probability table is

|  |   |                                  |
|--|---|----------------------------------|
| $P(x_t = 0 \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(x_t = 0 \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0 \delta y_t = -1) = 1$ |
| $P(x_t = 1 \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(x_t = 1 \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 1 \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 2 \delta y_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(x_t = 2 \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 2 \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(\delta y_t = 0 x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 0 x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta y_t = 0 x_t = 2) = 0$  |
| $P(\delta y_t = 1 x_t = 0) = 0$            | $P(\delta y_t = 1 x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta y_t = 1 x_t = 2) = 1$  |
| $P(\delta y_t = -1 x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta y_t = -1 x_t = 1) = 0$          | $P(\delta y_t = -1 x_t = 2) = 0$ |

Consider the penchants for  $(\mathbf{y}, \delta \mathbf{y})$ . The conditional probability table is

|                                  |  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| $P(y_t = 0 \delta y_t = 0) = 1$  | $P(y_t = 0 \delta y_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(y_t = 0 \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 1 \delta y_t = 0) = 0$  | $P(y_t = 1 \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(y_t = 1 \delta y_t = -1) = 1$ |
| $P(y_t = 2 \delta y_t = 0) = 0$  | $P(y_t = 2 \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(y_t = 2 \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(\delta y_t = 0 y_t = 0) = 1$  | $P(\delta y_t = 0 y_t = 1) = 0$            | $P(\delta y_t = 0 y_t = 2) = 0$  |
| $P(\delta y_t = 1 y_t = 0) = 0$  | $P(\delta y_t = 1 y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$  | $P(\delta y_t = 1 y_t = 2) = 1$  |
| $P(\delta y_t = -1 y_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(\delta y_t = -1 y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(\delta y_t = -1 y_t = 2) = 0$ |

We now need the three term joint distributions, so

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 0 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ |
| $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(y_t = 1 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ |
| $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(y_t = 2 \cap x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$           |

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| $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = \frac{1}{5}$ |
| $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(x_t = 1 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = \frac{1}{5}$ | $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |
| $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2 \cap y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$           |

The new conditional distributions are

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| $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 1$ | $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 1$ | $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 0   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 1$ |
| $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 1$ | $P(y_t = 1   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 1$ |
| $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(y_t = 2   x_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) = 0$ |

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| $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 1$ |
| $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 0   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = \frac{1}{2}$ | $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 1$ | $P(x_t = 1   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 0 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 1$ | $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 1 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |
| $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 0) = 0$           | $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = 1) = 0$ | $P(x_t = 2   y_t = 2 \cap \delta y_t = -1) = 0$ |

In general, the penchant can be written using the law of total probability, i.e

$$P(E) = P(E|C)P(C) + P(E|\bar{C})P(\bar{C}) ,$$

and Bayes theorem, i.e.

$$P(E|\bar{C}) = P(\bar{C}|E) \frac{P(E)}{P(\bar{C})} .$$

The probability complement rules yield  $P(\bar{C}) = 1 - P(C)$  and  $P(\bar{C}|E) = 1 - P(C|E)$ . Applying Bayes again leads to

$$P(\bar{C}|E) = 1 - P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{P(E)}$$

Thus,

$$P(E|\bar{C}) = \left( 1 - P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{P(E)} \right) \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} .$$

This expression implies

$$\rho = P(E|C) - P(E|\bar{C}) \quad (16)$$

$$= P(E|C) - \left(1 - P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{P(E)}\right) \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (17)$$

$$= P(E|C) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} + P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (18)$$

$$= P(E|C) \left(1 + \frac{P(C)}{1 - P(C)}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (19)$$

$$= \frac{P(E \cap C)}{P(C)} \left(1 + \frac{P(C)}{1 - P(C)}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (20)$$

$$= P(E \cap C) \left(\frac{1}{P(C)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(C)}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (21)$$

This same expression can be derived without Bayes theorem by using the law of total probability rewritten as

$$P(E|\bar{C}) = \frac{P(E)}{P(\bar{C})} - P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{P(\bar{C})}$$

and making the appropriate substitution into the definition of the penchants follows:

$$\rho = P(E|C) - P(E|\bar{C}) \quad (22)$$

$$= P(E|C) - \left(\frac{P(E)}{P(\bar{C})} - P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{P(\bar{C})}\right) \quad (23)$$

$$= P(E|C) - \frac{P(E)}{P(\bar{C})} + P(E|C) \frac{P(C)}{P(\bar{C})} \quad (24)$$

$$= P(E|C) \left(1 + \frac{P(C)}{P(\bar{C})}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{P(\bar{C})} \quad (25)$$

$$= P(E|C) \left(1 + \frac{P(C)}{1 - P(C)}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{P(E \cap C)}{P(C)} \left(1 + \frac{P(C)}{1 - P(C)}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (27)$$

$$= P(E \cap C) \left(\frac{1}{P(C)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(C)}\right) - \frac{P(E)}{1 - P(C)} \quad (28)$$

Consider the cause-effect pair  $(E, C) = (x_t = 0, y_t = 0)$  penchant

$$\rho_{xy}^{(1)} = P(x_t = 0|y_t = 0) - P(x_t = 0|y_t \neq 0) \quad (29)$$

$$= P(x_t = 0|y_t = 0) \left(1 + \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)}\right) - \frac{P(x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{5} \left(1 - \frac{2}{5}\right)^{-1}\right) - \frac{2}{5} \left(1 - \frac{2}{5}\right)^{-1} \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad (32)$$

and its partner

$$\rho_{yx}^{(1)} = P(y_t = 0|x_t = 0) - P(y_t = 0|x_t \neq 0) \quad (33)$$

$$= P(y_t = 0|x_t = 0) \left(1 + \frac{P(x_t = 0)}{1 - P(x_t = 0)}\right) - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(x_t = 0)} \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{2}{5} \left(1 - \frac{2}{5}\right)^{-1}\right) - \frac{2}{5} \left(1 - \frac{2}{5}\right)^{-1} \quad (35)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad (36)$$

In general, a cause-effect pair  $(C, E)$  depends on  $P(E|C)$ ,  $P(E)$ , and  $P(C)$ . Thus, if  $P(E|C) = P(C|E)$  and  $P(E) = P(C)$ , then the  $(C, E)$  penchant is equal to the  $(E, C)$  penchant. It follows that  $\langle \rho_{xy} \rangle = \langle \rho_{yx} \rangle$ .

The hope here is that the penchants for the cause-effect pairs  $(E, C) = (\delta x_t, y_t)$  and its partner will lead to the intuitive conclusion  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ . The first such pair is  $(E, C) = (\delta x_t = 0, y_t = 0)$  which leads to

$$\rho_{\delta xy}^{(1)} = P(\delta x_t = 0 | y_t = 0) - P(\delta x_t = 0 | y_t \neq 0) \quad (37)$$

$$= P(\delta x_t = 0 | y_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \quad (38)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{5} \right)^{-1} \right) - \frac{1}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{5} \right)^{-1} \quad (39)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (40)$$

and

$$\rho_{y\delta x}^{(1)} = P(y_t = 0 | \delta x_t = 0) - P(y_t = 0 | \delta x_t \neq 0) \quad (41)$$

$$= P(y_t = 0 | \delta x_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \quad (42)$$

$$= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{5} \right)^{-1} \right) - \frac{2}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{5} \right)^{-1} \quad (43)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} . \quad (44)$$

Thus,  $\rho_{y\delta x}^{(1)} > \rho_{\delta xy}^{(1)}$  implying  $\delta \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ , as expected. The mean penchants for this cause-effect pair are

$$\langle \rho_{\delta xy} \rangle = \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{i=-1}^1 \sum_{j=0}^2 P(\delta x_t = i | y_t = j) - P(\delta x_t = i | y_t \neq j) \right) \quad (45)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{i=-1}^1 \sum_{j=0}^2 P(\delta x_t = i | y_t = j) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = j)}{1 - P(y_t = j)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = i)}{1 - P(y_t = j)} \right) \quad (46)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( P(\delta x_t = 0 | y_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) \quad (47)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = 0 | y_t = 1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \quad (48)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = 0 | y_t = 2) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \quad (49)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = 1 | y_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \quad (50)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = 1 | y_t = 1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \quad (51)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = 1 | y_t = 2) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \quad (52)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = -1 | y_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \quad (53)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = -1 | y_t = 1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \quad (54)$$

$$P(\delta x_t = -1 | y_t = 2) \left( 1 + \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right) - \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \quad (55)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) \quad (56)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (57)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (59)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (60)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \quad (61)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (62)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (63)$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \quad (64)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{4} \right) \quad (65)$$

$$= 0 \quad (66)$$



and

$$\langle \rho_{y\delta x} \rangle = \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{i=-1}^1 \sum_{j=0}^2 P(y_t = j | \delta x_t = i) - P(y_t = j | \delta x_t \neq i) \right) \quad (67)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{i=-1}^1 \sum_{j=0}^2 P(y_t = j | \delta x_t = i) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = i)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = i)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = j)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = i)} \right) \quad (68)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( P(y_t = 0 | \delta x_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \right) \quad (69)$$

$$P(y_t = 0 | \delta x_t = 1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} \quad (70)$$

$$P(y_t = 0 | \delta x_t = -1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} \quad (71)$$

$$P(y_t = 1 | \delta x_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \quad (72)$$

$$P(y_t = 1 | \delta x_t = 1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} \quad (73)$$

$$P(y_t = 1 | \delta x_t = -1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} \quad (74)$$

$$P(y_t = 2 | \delta x_t = 0) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} \quad (75)$$

$$P(y_t = 2 | \delta x_t = 1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} \quad (76)$$

$$P(y_t = 2 | \delta x_t = -1) \left( 1 + \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} \quad (77)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \right) \quad (78)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (79)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (80)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \quad (81)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (82)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (83)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{5}} \quad (84)$$

$$- \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (85)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \right) - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{2}{5}} \quad (86)$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left( \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (87)$$

$$= 0. \quad (88)$$

It follows that  $\langle \rho_{y\delta x} \rangle = \langle \rho_{\delta xy} \rangle$  which does not imply that  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}$ . The result does not agree with intuition.

There are several other cause-effect pairs to investigate in this example including the “primary penchant



The mean is a linear operator, so in general

$$\Delta_{yx} = \langle \rho_{yx} \rangle - \langle \rho_{xy} \rangle \quad (93)$$

$$= \langle \rho_{yx} - \rho_{xy} \rangle \quad (94)$$

$$= \left\langle \left( P(y_t \cap x_t) \left( \frac{1}{P(x_t)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(x_t)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t)}{1 - P(x_t)} \right) \right. \quad (95)$$

$$\left. - \left( P(x_t \cap y_t) \left( \frac{1}{P(y_t)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t)} \right) - \frac{P(x_t)}{1 - P(y_t)} \right) \right\rangle \quad (96)$$

$$= \left\langle P(y_t \cap x_t) \left( \frac{1}{P(x_t)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(x_t)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t)}{1 - P(x_t)} + \frac{P(x_t)}{1 - P(y_t)} \right\rangle \quad (97)$$

because  $P(A \cap B) = P(B \cap A)$ . As an example, consider the time series  $\delta \mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  from above:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{y\delta x} &= \langle \rho_{y\delta x} \rangle - \langle \rho_{\delta xy} \rangle \\
&= \left\langle P(y_t \cap \delta x_t) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t)} \right) - \frac{P(y_t)}{1 - P(\delta x_t)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t)}{1 - P(y_t)} \right\rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{9} \left( \sum_{i=-1}^1 \sum_{j=0}^2 P(y_t = j \cap \delta x_t = i) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = i)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = i)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = j)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = j)} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = j)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = i)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = i)}{1 - P(y_t = j)} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{9} \left( P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = -1) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = -1)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 0)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = -1) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = -1)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 1)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = -1) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = -1)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 2)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = -1)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = -1)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 0) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = 0)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 0)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 0) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = 0)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 1)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 0) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = 0)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 2)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 0)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 0)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 0 \cap \delta x_t = 1) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = 1)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 0)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 0)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 0)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 1 \cap \delta x_t = 1) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = 1)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 1)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 1)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 1)} \right. \\
&\quad + P(y_t = 2 \cap \delta x_t = 1) \left( \frac{1}{P(\delta x_t = 1)} + \frac{1}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} - \frac{1}{P(y_t = 2)} - \frac{1}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{P(y_t = 2)}{1 - P(\delta x_t = 1)} + \frac{P(\delta x_t = 1)}{1 - P(y_t = 2)} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

...continued...

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{9} \left( -\frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} \right) \right. \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{5}} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{1-\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{2}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{5}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{9} \left( -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{3} \right) \right. \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{1} - \frac{5}{4} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{5}{1} + \frac{5}{4} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{3} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{3} \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{5}{2} + \frac{5}{3} - \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{3} \right) \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{4} \right) \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

as expected from above. The variable  $\Delta_{EC}$  is the mean difference of the available (dependent on the number of bins in the histograms) penchants between two times series (or, in general, any two data sets; the temporal aspect of this causal analysis is only captured in the LIR techniques, i.e. in the definitions of  $\delta x$  and  $\delta y$ , and not in the definitions of the penchants).  $\Delta_{EC}$  will become the workhorse of our causal inference and thus, will be called the *leaning* of the pair of data sets. Giving  $\Delta_{EC}$  a name is simply to help save time typing in the discussions that follow.

Consider the notional time series  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  extended to a library length of  $L = 25$ . This leads to the following plot:

This figure implies

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
x & & y \\
\uparrow & \nearrow & \uparrow \\
dx & \rightarrow & dy
\end{array}$$

Consider the sine time series with varying noise levels and histogram bins:

### 3 Example Time Series 1: Clean Impulse w/ Noisy Response

Consider the time series  $X \equiv \{x_t\}$  and  $Y \equiv \{y_t = x_{t-1} + B\eta_t\}$  with  $\eta_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $B \in [0, 1]$ , and  $x_t = \kappa \forall t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $x_t = 0 \forall t \notin \mathbb{T}$ . The  $X$  peak value  $\kappa$  and the set of times at which the peak values occur,  $\mathbb{T}$ , are assumed to not affect the causal inference between  $X$  and  $Y$  (assuming reasonable  $\mathbb{T}$ , e.g., assuming  $\exists t \notin \mathbb{T}$ ). The truth for this example time series is  $X \rightarrow Y$ .

The following set of “leaning reports” were generated a library length  $L = 20$ ,  $B = 0.3$ ,  $\mathbb{T} = \{1, 5, 15\}$ , and  $\kappa = 2$ ; the full command was

```
[x,y] = wTS(20,0.3,[1 5 15],[2 2 2]);
```

The leaning reports differ only in the number of bins used in the leaning calculations. The report commands are shown for clarity.

```
>> leaning_report(x,y,3,1e-6,[-2,-1,0,1,2])
```

-----  
Lagged Leanings:

```
[lag,leaning] :: guess  
-2,0.2150162 :: x_{t+-2}->y  
-1,0.2649977 :: x_{t+-1}->y  
0,0.3138691 :: x_{t+0}->y  
1,0.1623932 :: x_{t+1}->y  
2,0.1846154 :: x_{t+2}->y
```

-----  
LIR Leanings:

```
[ID,leaning] :: guess  
(x,y),0.3138691 :: x->y  
(dx,y),-0.2027365 :: y->dx  
(dx,dy),0.0150518 :: dx->dy  
(x,dy),0.4682899 :: x->dy  
(dx,x),-0.6050109 :: x->dx  
(dy,y),-0.1274689 :: y->dy  
(x&dx,y),-0.0168633 :: y->x&dx  
(y&dy,x),-0.2476780 :: x->y&dy  
(x&dx,y&dy),0.0034400 :: x&dx->y&dy
```

```
>> leaning_report(x,y,5,1e-6,[-2,-1,0,1,2])
```

-----  
Lagged Leanings:

```
[lag,leaning] :: guess  
-2,0.6428571 :: x_{t+-2}->y  
-1,0.6269024 :: x_{t+-1}->y  
0,0.6431373 :: x_{t+0}->y  
1,0.5428571 :: x_{t+1}->y  
2,0.5743590 :: x_{t+2}->y
```

-----  
LIR Leanings:

```
[ID,leaning] :: guess  
(x,y),0.6431373 :: x->y  
(dx,y),0.0603486 :: dx->y  
(dx,dy),-0.0329019 :: dy->dx  
(x,dy),0.2580981 :: x->dy  
(dx,x),-0.6050109 :: x->dx  
(dy,y),-0.0016151 :: y->dy  
(x&dx,y),-0.1065015 :: y->x&dx  
(y&dy,x),-0.1981424 :: x->y&dy  
(x&dx,y&dy),0.0995528 :: x&dx->y&dy
```

```
>> leaning_report(x,y,10,1e-6,[-2,-1,0,1,2])
```

```
-----
```

Lagged Leanings:

```
[lag,leaning] :: guess
-2,0.4158482 :: x_{t+-2}->y
-1,0.3853554 :: x_{t+-1}->y
0,0.3980392 :: x_{t+0}->y
1,0.3204365 :: x_{t+1}->y
2,0.3225962 :: x_{t+2}->y
```

```
-----
```

LIR Leanings:

```
[ID,leaning] :: guess
(x,y),0.3980392 :: x->y
(dx,y),0.0008913 :: dx->y
(dx,dy),-0.0010890 :: dy->dx
(x,dy),0.1571900 :: x->dy
(dx,x),-0.6050109 :: x->dx
(dy,y),-0.0325069 :: y->dy
(x&dx,y),-0.0548762 :: y->x&dx
(y&dy,x),-0.2935443 :: x->y&dy
(x&dx,y&dy),0.0510836 :: x&dx->y&dy
```

```
>> leaning_report(x,y,15,1e-6,[-2,-1,0,1,2])
```

```
-----
```

Lagged Leanings:

```
[lag,leaning] :: guess
-2,0.3407955 :: x_{t+-2}->y
-1,0.3331653 :: x_{t+-1}->y
0,0.3445715 :: x_{t+0}->y
1,0.2874359 :: x_{t+1}->y
2,0.2793407 :: x_{t+2}->y
```

```
-----
```

LIR Leanings:

```
[ID,leaning] :: guess
(x,y),0.3445715 :: x->y
(dx,y),0.0389137 :: dx->y
(dx,dy),0.0063290 :: dx->dy
(x,dy),0.1098856 :: x->dy
(dx,x),-0.6050109 :: x->dx
(dy,y),-0.0129562 :: y->dy
(x&dx,y),-0.0652997 :: y->x&dx
(y&dy,x),-0.3002158 :: x->y&dy
(x&dx,y&dy),0.0510836 :: x&dx->y&dy
```

Consider the lagged leaning

$x_{t+-1}$

which is

$$\Delta_{y_t x_{t-1}} = \langle \rho_{y_t x_{t-1}} \rangle - \langle \rho_{x_{t-1} y_t} \rangle \quad (98)$$

$$= \langle P(y_t | x_{t-1}) - P(y_t | x_{t' \neq t-1}) \rangle - \langle P(x_{t-1} | y_t) - P(x_{t-1} | y_{t' \neq t}) \rangle \quad (99)$$

Consider

`[x,y] = wTS(20,0,[1 5 15],[2 2 2]);`

which is the clean impulse time series from above with no noise in the response, i.e.  $B = 0$ . The penchants  $\rho_{yx}$ ,  $\rho_{xy}$  and the leaning  $\Delta_{yx}$  are all shown below.

$$\rho_{yx} = \begin{array}{ccc} -0.1765 & 0 & -0.6078 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.1765 & 0 & -0.1765 \end{array}$$

$$\rho_{xy} = \begin{array}{ccc} -0.1765 & 0 & -0.6078 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.1765 & 0 & -0.1765 \end{array}$$

$$\Delta_{yx} = \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 0 & -0.7843 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.7843 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$$



