

# Theoretical Crawling

A guide to the mathematics and statistics  
of animal movement

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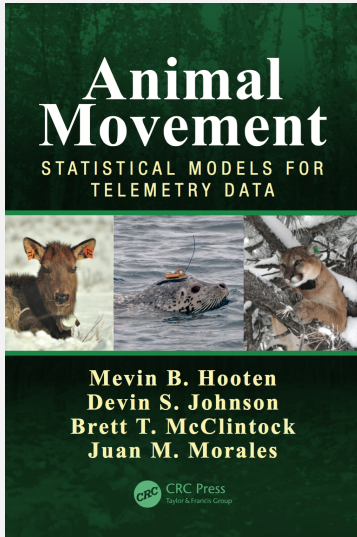
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# For more information...



- Available from Amazon (\$86)
- Soon to be available at the MML library
- Borrow from me (maybe Brett)

Part I

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# Discrete-time models

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## Notation (discrete time)

- $\mu_t = (\mu_{x,t}, \mu_{y,t})$  is the location of the animal at time  $t$ .
- $\mathbf{s}_t = (s_{x,t}, s_{y,t})$  is the observed location at time  $t$ .
- $d\mu_t = \mu_t - \mu_{t-1}$  is *movement*!

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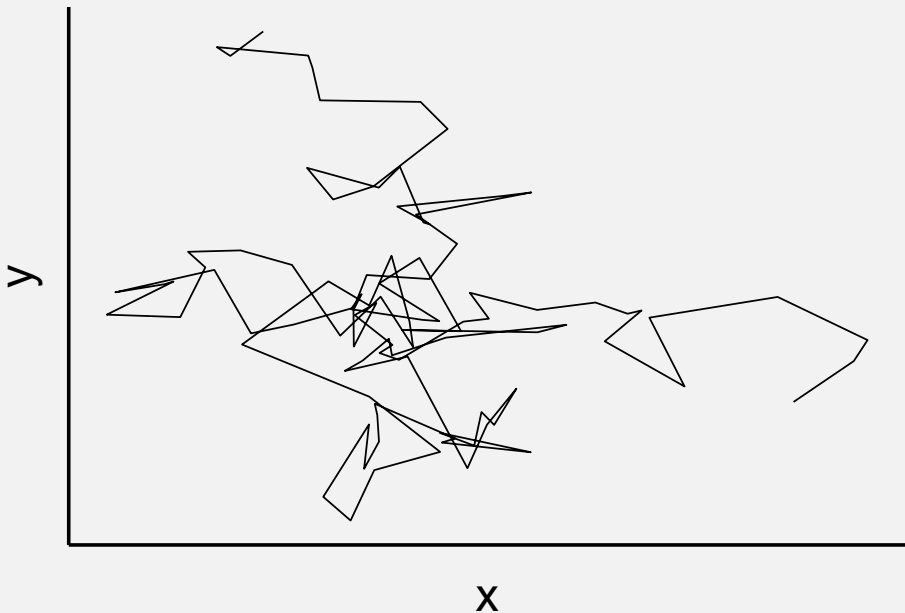
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## An unconditional view

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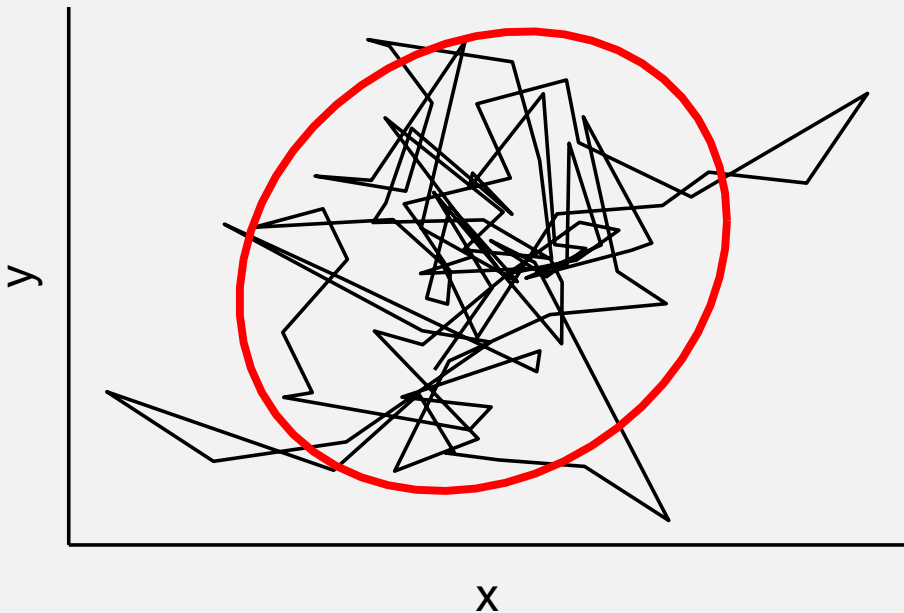
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- What happens if  $\gamma \rightarrow 1$ ?

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## Why CRW?

- Step at time  $t$ ,  $d\mu_t$ , tends to be similar to the previous step,  $d\mu_{t-1}$
- The correlation in steps produces a *superdiffusive* process for  $\mu_t$
- Why is it useful? Better model of movement in the short term (i.e.,  $t \ll \infty$ )

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Notice that there was no distributional assumption for  $d\mu_t$ .  
It's a simple recursion.



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## The $\mathbf{M}$ matrix

Turning angle specification

$$\mathbf{M} = \gamma \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\theta$  represents mean turning angle (probably close to 0)
- $0 < \gamma < 1$  controls the correlation in velocity

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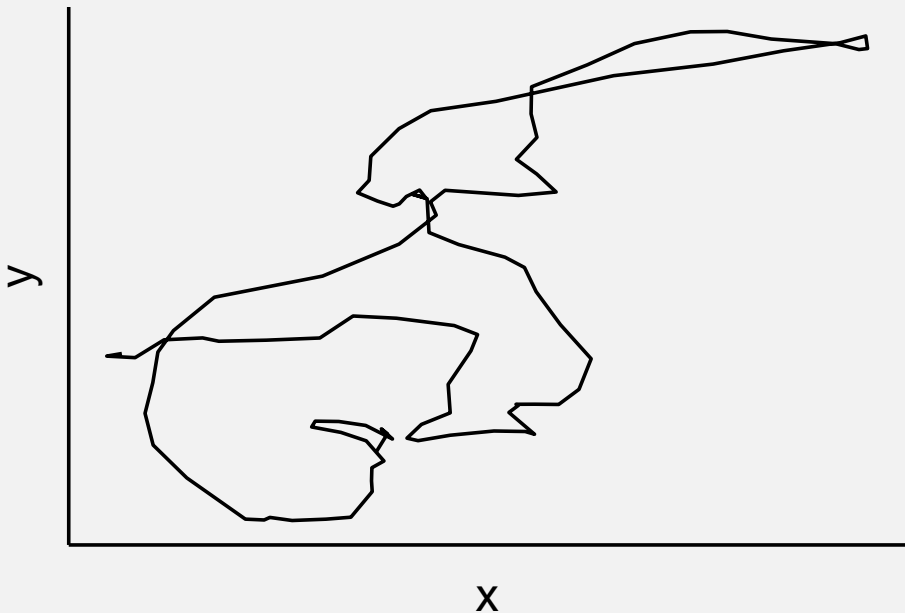
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But let's reparameterize  $\gamma = e^{-\beta}$ , then

- $\gamma \approx 1 \implies \beta \approx 0$
- $\gamma \approx 0 \implies \beta$  very large (sort of)

So,  $\text{corr}(d\boldsymbol{\mu}_t, d\boldsymbol{\mu}_s) = e^{-\beta|t-s|}$

# discrete time CRW (n = 100)



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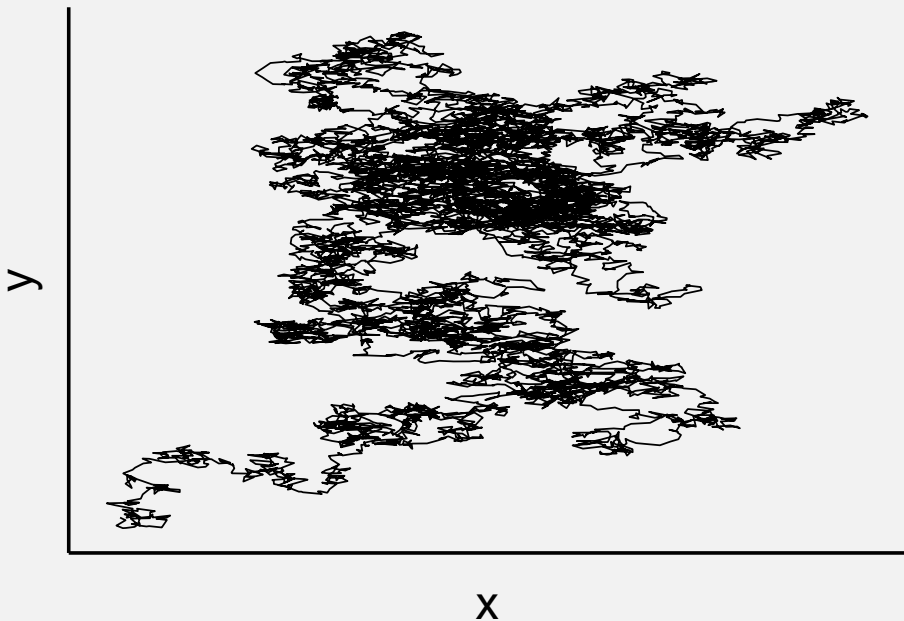
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- $\mathbf{b}_\tau$  is a continuous function of time with no classical derivative
- Trivia fact for the bar: Here ' $\int$ ' represents an Ito integral

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## Properties

- $\text{Mean}[\mathbf{b}_\tau] = \mathbf{0}$
- $\text{Var}[\mathbf{b}_\tau] = \tau \mathbf{I}$
- Independent increments ...  
 $\mathbf{b}_{\tau_2} - \mathbf{b}_{\tau_1}$  is independent of  $\mathbf{b}_{\tau_4} - \mathbf{b}_{\tau_3}$  if  $[\tau_1, \tau_2]$  does not overlap  $[\tau_3, \tau_4]$ .

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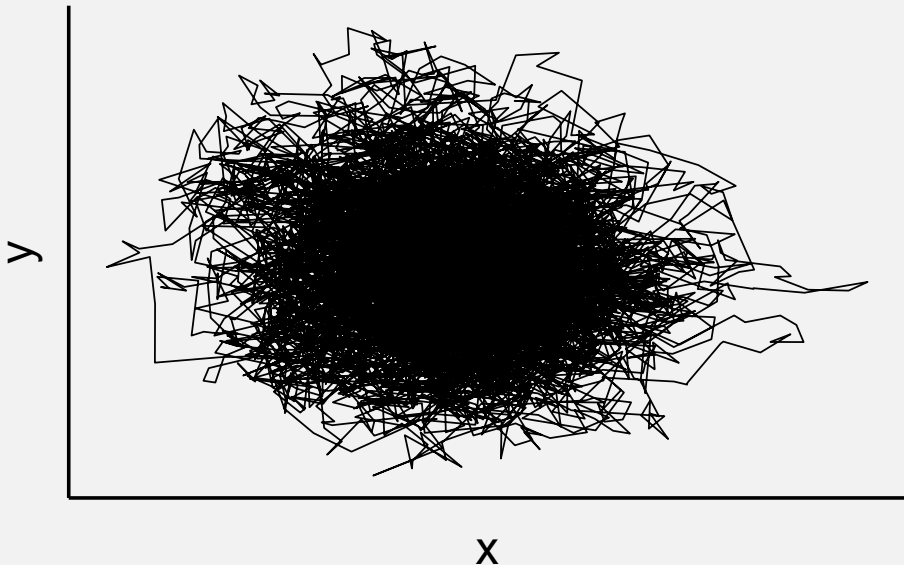
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# Ornstein–Uhlenbeck motion

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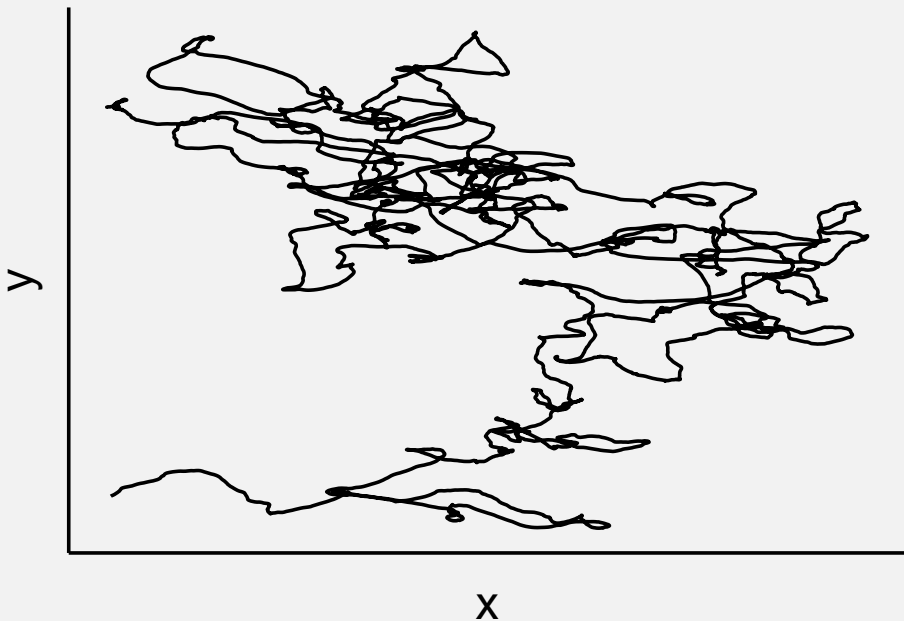
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 $\mu_{\tau}, \mu_{\tau+3/\beta}, \mu_{\tau+6/\beta}, \dots$  not really distinguishable from Brownian motion

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Notice that  $\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\tau}$  process disappears and there is a spatial component,  $\nabla H(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\tau})$ ! Something missing from the standard CTCRW model.

## Part II

# Statistics of animal movement

# Inference refresher

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## Penalized likelihood

Sometimes the likelihood is hard to maximize or parameters are not full identifiable. So, a penalty term is added

$$\log L_p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = \log L(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) + \kappa J(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

We'll see some examples later. But this is how spline regressions are fit (e.g., see `mgcv` package).

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## Bayes rule and posterior distribution

$$[\theta|\mathbf{d}] = \frac{L(\theta|\mathbf{d}) [\theta]}{\int [\mathbf{d}|\theta'] [\theta'] d\theta'}$$

Or, we can look at it on the log scale

$$\log[\theta|\mathbf{d}] = \log L(\theta|\mathbf{d}) + \log[\theta] - \text{const.}$$

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How do we find these for general posteriors?

- Approximate with a sample  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$  from  $[\theta|\mathbf{d}]$  and use sample versions
- Numerically (including Monte Carlo) approximate integrals necessary
- Approximate with known distribution that is similar

# Telemetry analysis

# State-space models

## Notation

- $\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n$  are observed locations
- $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  are the observation times
- $\boldsymbol{\mu}_\tau$  is the continuous path of the animal at time  $\tau$
- $\boldsymbol{\nu}_\tau$  is the velocity at time  $\tau$
- $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_\tau = (\mu_{\tau,x}, \nu_{\tau,x}, \mu_{\tau,y}, \nu_{\tau,y})$ ,

# State-space models

## CTCRW model

$$\mathbf{s}_i = \mathbf{z}'\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\tau_i} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$$
$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\tau_{i+1}} = \mathbf{T}_i\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\tau_i} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_i$$

- $[\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i] = N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{V}_i)$ ;  $\mathbf{V}_i$  is the location error variance.
- $\mathbf{z} = (1, 0, 1, 0)$
- $\mathbf{T}_i$  is a function of  $\beta$  and  $\delta_i = \tau_{i+1} - \tau_i$
- $[\boldsymbol{\eta}_i] = N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}_i)$
- $\mathbf{Q}_i$  depends only on  $\beta$ ,  $\delta_i$ , and  $\sigma$

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## Temporally dynamic movement model

$$\mathbf{s}_i = \begin{cases} \mathbf{z}'_i \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\tau_i} + \epsilon_i & \text{for } \tau_i \text{ an observed time} \\ \text{NA} & \text{for } \tau_i \text{ in } \tau_1^*, \dots, \tau_m^* \end{cases}$$

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Movement model is still continuous in time!

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Method to calculate likelihood, *NOT* a model!

## Likelihood for state-space models

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**Kalman filter** is a numerical algorithm that allows calculation of  $L(\theta | \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n)$  in an efficient manner.

- moves forward through the complete likelihood integrating on the way
- requires linear form and normal errors



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Kalman smoother is an algorithm to calculate mean and variance of  $[\alpha_i | \mathbf{s}_{1:n}, \boldsymbol{\theta}]$

- uses output from Kalman filter to go backwards through the model/data to calculate these quantities
- $\alpha_i | \mathbf{s}_{1:n}, \boldsymbol{\theta}$  is normally distributed.

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## Approach

- 1 Approximate  $[\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{s}]$  with something easy to sample from, say  $[\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{s}]^*$
- 2 Draw  $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i)} \sim [\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{s}]^*$  then draw  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(i)} \sim [\boldsymbol{\alpha} | \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i)}, \mathbf{s}]$   
( $[\boldsymbol{\alpha} | \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i)}, \mathbf{s}]$  easy to sample from using KFS algorithms)
- 3  $(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(1)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(1)}), \dots, (\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(K)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(K)})$  is a posterior sample
- 4  $m_i = f(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(i)})$  will be a sample from  $[m | \mathbf{s}]$

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# Process imputation

- Allows us to account for location uncertainty in other analysis of movement data
- Assume we know  $\mu_\tau$  on a sufficiently fine time scale
- Response variable of interest  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mu)$ , e.g.,
  - Distance traveled,
  - Utilization distribution, or
  - locations of dives
- Model of interest  $[\mathbf{y}|\psi]$ , e.g.,
  - ANOVA,
  - Spatial regression model, or
  - Point process model
- But,... we don't observe  $\mu_\tau$



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## Method

- ① Simulate  $\mu^{(i)} \sim [\mu|\mathbf{s}] \rightarrow$  Calculate  $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$
- ② Calculate summaries of  $[\psi^{(i)}|\mathbf{y}^{(i)}]$ 
  - posterior mean
  - posterior predictions
  - UD<sub>s</sub>
  - MCMC sample
- ③ Summarize over  $\mu^{(i)}$  realizations
  - $E[\psi|\mathbf{s}] = \text{mean}(E[\psi|\mathbf{s}])$
  - $\text{Var}[\psi|\mathbf{s}] = \text{Var}(E[\psi|\mathbf{s}]) + \text{mean}(\text{Var}[\psi|\mathbf{y}])$

# That's all the math folks!

Anyone awake?



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