

# Networks and Random Processes Assignment 2

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## 1 Kingman's Coalescent

### 1.1 A

$N_t$  is the number of particles at time  $t$  with  $N_0 = L$ . The process  $(N_t : t \geq 0)$  has the state space  $\{1, \dots, L\}$

#### 1.1.1 Transition Rate of the process

$$r(n, n-1) = \binom{L}{2}, n \geq 2$$

QUESTION - WHAT ABOUT SAME STATE?  $r(n, n) =$

QUESTION - WHAT ABOUT OTHER STATES - HOW TO WRITE IT?  
 $r(n, y) = , y \neq n, n-1$

#### 1.1.2 Generator

This is a jump process, so the generator is

$$(\mathcal{L}f)(x) = \int_{\mathcal{R}} r(x, y)[f(y) - f(x)]dy$$

For this process

$$(\mathcal{L}f)(n) = r(n, n-1)(f(n-1) - f(n))$$

$$(\mathcal{L}f)(n) = \binom{n}{2}(f(n-1) - f(n))$$

#### 1.1.3 Master Equation

The master equation is

$$\frac{d}{dt}\pi_t(n) = \pi_t(n+1)r(n+1, n) - \pi_t(n)r(n, n-1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\pi_t(n) = \pi_t(n+1)\binom{n+1}{2} - \pi_t(n)\binom{n}{2}$$

QUESTION - IS THIS RIGHT? QUESTION - IS THE NOTATION OKAY?  
QUESTION - WHAT ABOUT EDGES?

#### 1.1.4 Ergodicity

The process is ergodic.

#### 1.1.5 Absorbing States

The unique absorbing state is  $N = 1$ .

#### 1.1.6 Stationary Distributions

Let a distribution  $\pi = [N = 1, N = 2, \dots, N = L]$

The unique stationary distribution is

$$\pi_0 = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$$

### 1.2 B - Mean Time to Asorption

The rate of coalescence, ie moving to the next state, for each state is

$$\lambda_n = r(n, n-1) = \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

The times in each state are expnentially dsitributed as

$$f_t(n) = \binom{n}{2} e^{-\binom{n}{2}t}$$

The expected time in each state, or the waiting time, is given by

$$\beta_n = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} = \frac{2}{n(n-1)}$$

The expected time to absorption is the sum of the expected waiting times in each of the states

$$E(T) = \sum_{n=2}^L \frac{2}{n(n-1)}$$

Bringing the 2 outside of the summand and splitting up into partial fractions

$$E(T) = 2 \sum_{n=2}^L \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$E(T) = 2\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots - \frac{1}{L-1} + \frac{1}{L+1} - \frac{1}{L}\right)$$

All but the first and last terms cancel giving

$$E(T) = 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{L}\right)$$

### 1.3 C - Rescaled process

Rescale the process to  $N_t/L$

$$(\mathcal{L}^L f)(n/L) = \frac{1}{L} \binom{n}{2} \left(f\left(\frac{n-1}{L}\right) - f\left(\frac{n}{L}\right)\right)$$

Taylor expand and let  $x = \frac{n}{L}$ :

$$(\mathcal{L}^L f)(x) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \left(f(x) - \frac{1}{L} f'(x) + \frac{1}{L^2} f''(x) + O\left(\frac{1}{L^3}\right) - f(x)\right)$$

Cancel terms, substitute  $n = Lx$  and rearrange

$$(\mathcal{L}^L f)(x) = \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x}{2L}\right) (-f'(x) + \frac{1}{L} f''(x) + O\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right))$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (\mathcal{L}^L f)(x) = \frac{-x^2}{2} f'(x)$$

QUESTION - STATE SPACE? QUESTION - INITIAL CONDITION?

#### 1.3.1 Deterministic

The generator has no diffusion term, only drift. So there is no variance in the process and it must be entirely deterministic.

WHAT IS THE CALCULATION FOR  $X_T$ ?

### 1.4 D - Simulations

QUESTION - WHAT IS THE ADD THIS LINE BIT OF CODE IN EMMA'S WORKBOOK

## 2 Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

### 2.1 A

The mean:

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} E(X_t) = E(-\alpha X_t) = -\alpha E(X_t)$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -\alpha m(t)$$

$X_t^2$ :

$$\frac{d}{dt}E(X_t^2) = E(-\alpha 2X_t^2 + \sigma^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}E(X_t^2) = -2\alpha E(X_t^2) + \sigma^2$$

The variance:

$$v(t) = E(X_t^2) - m(t)^2$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}E(X_t^2) - 2m \frac{dm}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -2\alpha E(X_t^2) + \sigma^2 + 2m^2$$

## 2.2 B

### 2.2.1 Solution of $m(t)$

Solving for  $m(t)$ , and considering the initial conditions,  $c = x_0$

$$m(t) = x_0 e^{-\alpha t}$$

### 2.2.2 Solution of $v(t)$

Solving for  $v(t)$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -2\alpha(v + m^2) + \sigma^2 + 2\alpha m^2$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + 2\alpha v = \sigma^2$$

Homogenous solution:

$$v_{hom} = c_2 e^{-2\alpha t}$$

Particular solution:

$$v_{part} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}$$

Full solution:

$$v(t) = c_2 e^{-2\alpha t} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}$$

From initial conditions,  $v(0) = 0$ :

$$v(t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}(1 - e^{-2\alpha t})$$

### 2.2.3 Distribution

As a Gaussian process, the distribution is fully described by the mean and variance.

$$f(X_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2\pi\sigma^2(1-e^{-2\alpha t})}{2\alpha}}} \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha(x - x_0 e^{-\alpha t})^2}{\sigma^2(1 - e^{-2\alpha t})}\right)$$

IS THAT RIGHT?

### 2.2.4 Stationary Distribution

Given enough time, the process will converge to a Gaussian stationary distribution.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} m(t) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}$$

The stationary distribution is  $\sim N(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha})$

$$f_0(X_t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi\sigma^2}{\alpha}}} \exp\left(\frac{-\alpha x^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

CHECK IF THAT IS RIGHT

## 2.3 Simulation

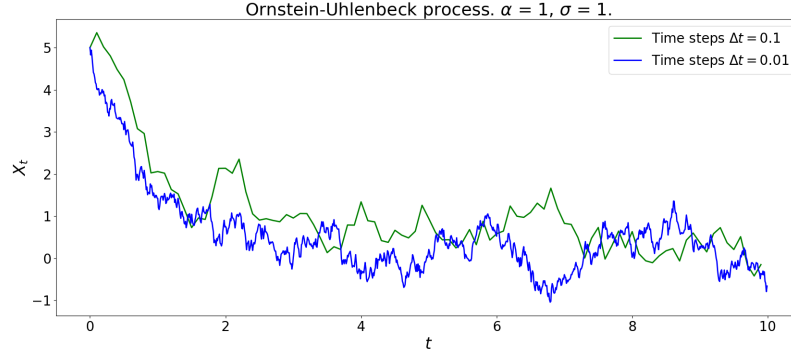


Figure 1: The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\sigma^2 = 1$  and  $X_0 = 5$ . Simulated for 10 seconds with timesteps  $\Delta t = 0.1$  and  $0.01$

Figure 1 shows the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process simulated. The process begins at  $X_0 = 5$ , and experiences a "force" pulling it towards zero. As time progresses, the process moves towards  $X_t = 0$  and the noise term begins to dominate the behaviour. Both choices of timestep give a similar result.

## 3 Moran Model and Wright-Fisher diffusion

### 3.1 A

#### 3.1.1 State space

Let the total possible L types be

$$T = \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$$

Each of the L individuals can have any of those types, so the state space is

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, L\}^L$$

#### 3.1.2 Irreducibility

It is not irreducible because there are absorbing states.

#### 3.1.3 Stationary distributions

The absorbing states are where all individuals have the same type

$$x_k = [k, k, \dots, k] \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, L\}$$

The stationary distributions are any linear combination of the absorbing states that sum to 1.

$$\pi(y) = \sum_{k=1}^L \alpha_k \pi_k(y)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^L \alpha_k = 1$$

The coefficients,  $\alpha_k$ , are determined by the initial conditions and can be thought of as the probability of each type "winning" and taking over all individuals.

## 3.2 B

### 3.2.1 Markov process

$N_t : t \geq 0$  is a Markov process. It's future distribution is determined only by it's current state, not the specific history.

### 3.2.2 State space

Each type can have any integer between 0 and L types, and there are L types, so the state space is

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, L\}^L$$

### 3.2.3 Generator

For each type, we assume that the number of individuals of that type,  $n$ , can only increase and decrease by 1 at one moment in time, i.e only one event happens at a time. The rates of gain and loss can be described as:

$$r(n, n+1) = \frac{n(L-n)}{L-1}$$

$$r(n, n-1) = \frac{n(L-n)}{L-1}$$

These are symmetrical.

??? WHERE TO GO FROM HERE???

### 3.2.4 Irreducibility

The process is not irreducible because there are absorbing states.

### 3.2.5 Stationary distributions

The absorbing states are where one type has  $N_k = L$  and the rest  $N_k = 0$ . i.e

$$\pi_k(y) = \delta_{y,k} = \begin{cases} L & , \quad y = k \\ 0 & , \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

?? IS THAT RIGHT?

### 3.2.6 Limiting distribution

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$  with initial condition  $N_0 = 1$ , the limiting distribution is

$$[\frac{L-1}{L}, 0, 0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{L}]$$

**3.3 C**

**3.4 D**

**3.5 E**

**3.6 F**