

Picard/Lalesco kernel

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Integral equation

$$f(x) = S_0(x) + c \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x-t|} f(t) dt$$

$$In[®] := \text{Picard`K}[x_] := \frac{1}{2} \text{Exp}[-\text{Abs}[x]]$$

This kernel has a known explicit H-function [d'Eon and McCormick 2019]

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Applications

The Picard kernel arises for isotropic scattering problems including:

- classical exponential random flights in a 1D rod
- BesselK0 random flights in the 1D rod
- Gamma/Erlang-2 random flights in 3D
- $\frac{1}{2} e^{-s} (1 + s)$ random flights in 4D
- $\frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{d}{2}} d s^{\frac{1}{2}(-1+d)} \text{BesselK}\left[\frac{1}{2}(-1+d), s\right]}{\sqrt{\pi} \text{Gamma}\left[1+\frac{d}{2}\right]}$ random flights in dD

Normalization

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In[ ]:= Integrate[Picard`K[x], {x, -Infinity, Infinity}]
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Out[ ]:= 1
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Fourier transform

Plane-parallel

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In[ ]:=  $\sqrt{2 \text{ Pi}}$  FourierTransform[Picard`K[x], x, z]
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Out[ ]:=  $\frac{1}{1 + z^2}$ 
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Radial symmetry

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In[ ]:= Picard`pc[r_, d_] :=  $\frac{2^{-d/2} d r^{d/2} \text{BesselK}\left[\frac{1}{2}(-2 + d), r\right]}{\text{Gamma}\left[1 + \frac{d}{2}\right]}$ 
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In[ ]:= TableForm[Table[{"d = " <> ToString[d], Picard`pc[r, d]}, {d, Range[10]}]]
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Out[ ]//TableForm=
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d = 1	e^{-r}
d = 2	$r \text{BesselK}[0, r]$
d = 3	$e^{-r} r$
d = 4	$\frac{1}{2} r^2 \text{BesselK}[1, r]$
d = 5	$\frac{1}{3} e^{-r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{r}\right) r^2$
d = 6	$\frac{1}{8} r^3 \text{BesselK}[2, r]$
d = 7	$\frac{1}{15} e^{-r} \left(1 + \frac{3}{r^2} + \frac{3}{r}\right) r^3$
d = 8	$\frac{1}{48} r^4 \text{BesselK}[3, r]$
d = 9	$\frac{1}{105} e^{-r} \left(1 + \frac{15}{r^3} + \frac{15}{r^2} + \frac{6}{r}\right) r^4$
d = 10	$\frac{1}{384} r^5 \text{BesselK}[4, r]$

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In[ ]:= FullSimplify[ $\pi d$ [d, Picard`pc[r, d]], Assumptions  $\rightarrow z > 0$ ]
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Out[ ]:=  $\frac{1}{1 + z^2}$ 
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Laplace transform

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In[ ]:= LaplaceTransform[Picard`K[x], x, s]
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Out[ ]:=  $\frac{1}{2 (1 + s)}$ 
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Laplace expression of the kernel

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{Picard`k}[s_]:= \frac{\text{DiracDelta}[s-1]}{2}$$

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{LaplaceTransform}[\text{Picard`k}[s], s, \text{Abs}[x]]$$

$$\text{Out}[*]= \frac{1}{2} e^{-\text{Abs}[x]}$$

Resolvent / solution

[Atkinson 1969], p.382:

Resolvent

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{R}[x0_, x_, c_] := \frac{(-2 + 2 \sqrt{1-c} + c) e^{-\sqrt{1-c} (x+x0)} + c e^{-\sqrt{1-c} \text{Abs}[-x+x0]}}{2 \sqrt{1-c}}$$

Solution

Test with a gamma forcing function:

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{S0}[t_]:= \text{Exp}[-t] t$$

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{S0}[x] + \text{Integrate}[\text{R}[x, t, c] \times \text{S0}[t], \{t, 0, \text{Infinity}\}, \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow x > 0 \&\& 0 < c < 1]$$

$$\text{Out}[*]= e^{-x} x + \frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{1-c})^2 \sqrt{1-c} c} e^{-(1+2\sqrt{1-c})x + \sqrt{1-c}x} \left(4 e^x + 4 \sqrt{1-c} e^x - 5 c e^x - \sqrt{1-c} c e^x + c^2 e^x - 4 e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} - 4 \sqrt{1-c} e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} + 4 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} + 2 \sqrt{1-c} c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} - 2 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} x - 2 \sqrt{1-c} c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} x + 2 c^2 e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} x + \sqrt{1-c} c^2 e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} x \right)$$

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{FullSimplify}[\%, \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow x > 0 \&\& 0 < c < 1]$$

$$\text{Out}[*]= \frac{e^{-(1+\sqrt{1-c})x} \left((-1 + \sqrt{1-c}) (-4 + c) e^x - 2 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} \right)}{c^2}$$

$$\text{S0}[x] + c \text{Integrate} \left[\left(\frac{e^{-(1+\sqrt{1-c})x} \left((-1 + \sqrt{1-c}) (-4 + c) e^x - 2 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} \right)}{c^2} \right) /. x \rightarrow t \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Picard`K}[t-x], \{t, 0, \text{Infinity}\}, \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow x > 0 \&\& 0 < c < 1] - \\ & \left(\frac{e^{-(1+\sqrt{1-c})x} \left((-1 + \sqrt{1-c}) (-4 + c) e^x - 2 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} \right)}{c^2} \right) \\ \text{Out}[*]= & - \frac{e^{(-1-\sqrt{1-c})x} \left((-1 + \sqrt{1-c}) (-4 + c) e^x - 2 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} \right)}{c^2} + e^{-x} x + \\ & \frac{e^{-x-\sqrt{1-c}x} \left(4 e^x - 4 \sqrt{1-c} e^x - c e^x + \sqrt{1-c} c e^x - 2 c e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} - c^2 e^{\sqrt{1-c}x} x \right)}{c^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{In}[*]:= \text{FullSimplify}[\%, \text{Assumptions} \rightarrow 0 < c < 1 \&\& x > 0] // \text{Expand}$$

$$\text{Out}[*]= 0$$