# Stochastic Processes

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# 1 Laplace Transform

- $\mathcal{L}{f}(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st}dt$
- Property

$$-tf(t) \leftrightarrow -F'(s)$$

$$-\frac{f(t)}{t} \leftrightarrow \int_{s}^{\infty} F(\sigma) d\sigma$$

$$-f'(t) \leftrightarrow sF(s) - f(0^{-})$$

$$-\int_{0}^{t} f(\tau) d\tau \leftrightarrow \frac{F(s)}{s}$$

$$-e^{at} f(t) \leftrightarrow F(s-a)$$

$$-f(t-a)u(t-a) \leftrightarrow e^{-at} F(s)$$

# 2 Moment Generating Function

- Moment Generating Function:  $\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]$ 
  - Property:

\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$$
\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E[X^k] \frac{t^k}{k!}$$

$$\cdot e^{tx} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(tx)^k}{k!}$$

$$\cdot E[e^{tX}] = E[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(tX)^k}{k!}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} E[X^k] \frac{t^k}{k!}$$
\* 
$$\frac{d\mathbb{E}[e^{tX}]}{dt} = \mathbb{E}[X]$$
\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[e^{t(aX+b)}] = e^t b \mathbb{E}[e^{taX}]$$

- $\ast$  Not all random variables have Moment generating function
- Characteristic Function:  $\mathbb{E}[e^{itX}]$ 
  - Property:
    - \* All random variables have Moment generating function
- Joint Moment Generating Function:  $G(x,y) = \mathbb{E}[e^{xX}e^{yY}]$
- Property:
  - (Joint) moment generating function uniquely determines the (joint) CDF
- Example
  - Trapped miner's random walk
    - \* Miner has probability of  $\frac{1}{3}$  to waste 3 hours in vain,  $\frac{1}{3}$  to waste 5 hours in vain, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to spend 2 hours to go out of the mine.
    - \* X is the random variables of the hours to go out of the mine
    - \*  $Y_i$  is the random variables of the hours for the *i*-th action.
    - $$\begin{split} * \ \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}] &= \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}|Y_1 = 2] + \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}|Y_1 = 3] + \mathbb{E}[e^{tX}|Y_1 = 5] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[e^{2t}] + \mathbb{E}[e^{t(X+3)}] + \mathbb{E}[e^{t(X+5)}] \end{split}$$
    - \* Find expectation and variance by joint moment generating function

#### 3 Expectation

- $\bullet$  N i.i.d. events, when N is a random variable
  - Suppose N is a integer random variable
  - Suppose  $X_1, \ldots, X_i, \ldots, X_N$  are i.i.d random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$
  - $-Y = \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i$
  - $-\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[N]\mu$

$$\begin{split} * \ \mathbb{E}[Y] &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i | N = n] P[N = n] \\ &= \mu \times \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P[N = n] = \mathbb{E}[N] \mu \\ &- \ \mathbb{E}[Y^2] &= \mathbb{E}[N] \mathbb{E}[X^2] + \mathbb{E}[N^2] \mu^2 - \mathbb{E}[N] \mu^2 \end{split}$$

\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[Y^2] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[(\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i)^2 | N = n] P[N = n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] + n(n-1)\mu^2) P[N = n] = \mathbb{E}[N] \mathbb{E}[X^2] + \mathbb{E}[N^2] \mu^2 - \mathbb{E}[N] \mu^2$$

- $Var(Y) = \mathbb{E}[N]\sigma^2 + Var(N)\mu^2$
- Expectation by P[X > x]
  - $\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x} P[X > x]$ , when X is a non-negative discrete random variable

\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x P[X = x] = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \sum_{y=0}^{x-1} P[X = x] = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \sum_{x=y+1}^{\infty} P[X = x] = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} P[X > y]$$

 $-\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty P[X > x] dx$ , when X is a non-negative continuous random variable

\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty x f_X(x) dx = \int_0^\infty \int_0^x f_X(x) dy dx = \int_0^\infty \int_y^\infty f_X(x) dx dy = \int_0^\infty P[X > y] dy$$

#### Inequality 4

• Markov Inequality

Definition:

– Suppose 
$$X \ge 0$$
, then  $P[X \ge \epsilon] \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{\epsilon}$ 

Proof:

1. 
$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_0^\infty x f_X(x) \ge \int_\epsilon^\infty x f_X(x) \ge \epsilon \int_\epsilon^\infty f_X(x) = \epsilon P[X \ge \epsilon]$$

2. 
$$X(\omega) \ge \epsilon \mathbb{1}_{X(\omega) \ge \epsilon}, \forall \omega \in S$$

Calculate expectation on both side.

$$- \mathbb{E}[X] \ge \epsilon P[X \ge \epsilon]$$

Property:

- The equality happens when  $P[X = k] = 0, \forall k \notin \{0, \epsilon\}.$
- Chebyshev Inequality

Definition:

– Suppose 
$$m = \mathbb{E}[X], \sigma^2 = Var(X)$$
, then  $P[|X - m| \ge \epsilon] \le \frac{\sigma^2}{\epsilon^2}$ 

Proof:

$$-P[|X-m| \ge \epsilon] = P[(X-m)^2 \ge \epsilon^2]$$

– 
$$P[(X-m)^2 \ge \epsilon^2] \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X-m)^2]}{\epsilon^2}$$
 (by Markov Inequality)

Property:

- The equality happens when  $P[X = k] = 0, \forall k \notin \{m \epsilon, m, m + \epsilon\}.$
- Might be tighter than Markov Inequality since it requires  $m, \sigma$
- Chernoff Inequality

Definition:

- Suppose  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  are independent identically distributed Bernoulli random variable with probability p and  $X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$
- $P[X \ge \epsilon] \le \frac{(pe^t + 1 p)^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} \le \frac{e^{np(e^t 1)}}{e^{t\epsilon}}$

$$* P[X \ge \epsilon] = P[e^{tX} \ge e^{t\epsilon}] \le \frac{E[e^{tX}]}{e^{t\epsilon}} = \frac{(E[e^{tX_i}])^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} = \frac{(pe^t + 1 - p)^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} \le \frac{e^{np(e^t - 1)}}{e^{t\epsilon}}$$

$$* P[X \ge \epsilon] = P[e^{tX} \ge e^{t\epsilon}] \le \frac{E[e^{tX}]}{e^{t\epsilon}} = \frac{(E[e^{tX_i}])^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} = \frac{(pe^t + 1 - p)^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} \le \frac{e^{np(e^t - 1)}}{e^{t\epsilon}}$$
$$- P[X \ge np(1 + \epsilon)] \le \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon}}{(1 + \epsilon)^{1 + \epsilon}}\right)^{np} \le \begin{cases} e^{\frac{-\epsilon^2 np}{3}} & \text{if } 0 \le \epsilon \le 1\\ e^{\frac{-\epsilon^2 np}{(2 + \epsilon)}} & \text{if } \epsilon \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

- \* Substitude  $\epsilon$  with  $np(1+\epsilon)$
- \* Substitude t with  $\log(1+\epsilon)$
- \* the last inequality is without proof

$$- P[X \le \epsilon] \le \frac{(pe^t + 1 - p)^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} \le \frac{e^{np(e^t - 1)}}{e^{t\epsilon}}$$

$$* P[X \le \epsilon] = P[e^{-tX} \ge e^{-t\epsilon}] \le \frac{E[e^{-tX}]}{e^{-t\epsilon}} = \frac{(E[e^{-tX_i}])^n}{e^{-t\epsilon}} = \frac{(pe^{-t}+1-p)^n}{e^{-t\epsilon}} \le \frac{e^{np(e^{-t}-1)}}{e^{-t\epsilon}}$$

$$-P[X \le np(1-\epsilon)] \le \left(\frac{e^{-\epsilon}}{(1-\epsilon)^{1-\epsilon}}\right)^{np} \le e^{\frac{-\epsilon^2 np}{2}}$$

- \* Substitude  $\epsilon$  with  $np(1-\epsilon)$
- \* Substitude t with  $-\log(1-\epsilon)$
- \* the last inequality is without proof
- Chernoff/ Hoeffding Lemma

Definition:

- Suppose  $X_1, \ldots, X_n$  are independent distributed random variable and  $a_i \leq X_i \leq b_i$
- Suppose  $X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$  and  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$
- $-P[|X-\mu| > \epsilon] < 2e^{\frac{-2\epsilon^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i a_i)^2}}$  without proof
- Application:
  - Balls in Bins

Definition: Throw n balls into n bins, find bounds for the maximum number of balls in all bins

- \* P[ maximum number of balls in all bins  $\geq \epsilon ]$ 
  - $= P[\bigcup_{i=1}^{n} \text{ number of balls in } i\text{-th bin } \geq \epsilon]$
  - $\leq n \times P[$  number of balls in one bin  $\geq \epsilon]$
- \* By Markov inequality:
  - · P[ number of balls in one bin  $\geq \epsilon$ ]  $\leq \frac{1}{\epsilon} \rightarrow$  useless
- \* By Chebyshev inequality:
  - · P[ number of balls in one bin  $\geq \epsilon] \leq \frac{(1-\frac{1}{n})}{\epsilon^2}$
  - · P[ maximum number of balls in all bins  $\geq n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \leq \frac{(1-\frac{1}{n})}{n^{2\epsilon}}$
  - · when  $n \to \infty$ , the maximum number of balls should less than  $n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon}$
- \* By Chernoff inequality:
  - ·  $P[\text{ number of balls in one bin } \geq 2\log n] \leq \frac{e^{np(e^t-1)}}{n^{2t}}$
  - · P[ maximum number of balls in all bins  $\geq 2 \log n] \leq \frac{e^{np(e^t-1)}}{n^{2t-1}}$
  - · when t is a constant  $\geq 0.5$  and  $n \to \infty$ , the maximum number of balls should less than  $2 \log n$

#### Law of Large Numbers 5

- $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of pairwise uncorrelated random variable with  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = m, Var(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$
- $\bullet \ M_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
- $M_n \to m$  almost surely, in mean square and in probability.

# 6 Memoryless

• Definition:  $P[X > x_1 + x_2 | X > x_1] = P[X > x_2]$ 

• Property:

- Exponential random variable is the only continuous memoryless random variable

- Bernoulli random variable is the only discrete memoryless random variable

## 7 Famous Random Variable

• Poisson:

$$P[X = k] = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \exp(-\lambda)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \exp(-\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \lambda \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \exp(-\lambda) = \lambda$$

Interpretation:

- Cut total time into infinite period in Binomial random variable,  $n \to \infty, p \to \frac{\lambda}{n}$ 

$$- \to P[X=k] = \lim_{n \to \infty} \binom{n}{k} (\frac{\lambda}{n})^k (\frac{n-\lambda}{n})^{n-k} = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} (1 - \frac{\lambda}{n})^n = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \exp(-\lambda)$$

• Erlang:

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\lambda^n x^{n-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{(n-1)!}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{n}{\lambda}$$

Interpretation:

– Suppose  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  are i.i.d exponential random variable with  $\lambda$ .

$$-X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

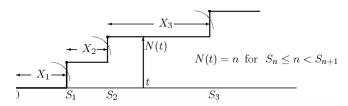
- Proof by induction:

Suppose 
$$n=2, f_X(x)=\int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \lambda e^{-\lambda (x-t)} dt = \lambda^2 x e^{-\lambda x}$$

# 8 Stochastic Processes

• Stochastic Process: a collection of random variable

Arrival Process: a sequence of arriving event in continuous time



 $-X_i$ : the time between the *i*-th event and the i-1-th event

 $-S_i$ : the time from start to *i*-th event

-N(t): the number of the arrived event at time t

- X and S Relation:

$$* X_1 = S_1, X_i = S_i - S_{i-1}$$

- N and S Relation:

\* 
$$N(t) < n \leftrightarrow S_{n+1} > t$$

\* 
$$N(t) \ge n \leftrightarrow S_n \le t$$

\* 
$$N(t) = n \leftrightarrow S_n \le t < S_{n+1}$$

$$* N(t) = \max\{n : S_n \le t\}$$

- Renewal Process: an arrival process with i.i.d  $X_i$ 

Delayed Renewal Process: the process becomes a renewal process after several arrivals

 $X_i$  Property

\* if  $X_i$  is dependent on the interval states, then  $X_i$  might be dependent on  $X_{i-1} \to \text{not}$  renewal

## $S_i$ Property

\*  $P[\lim_{n\to\infty} S_n = \infty] = 1$ Proof:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} P[S_n = \infty] = \lim_{n\to\infty} P[\sum_{i=1}^n X_n = n \times \mathbb{E}[X_i]] = 1$ Interpretation: infinite events do not take finite time

## N(t) Property

\* for any  $t, P[N(t) < \infty] = 1$ Proof:  $P[\lim_{n\to\infty} S_n = \infty] = 1 \to \text{ for any } t, P[\lim_{n\to\infty} S_{n+1} > t] = 1$ Interpretation: infinite events do not take finite time

\*  $P[\lim_{t\to\infty} N(t) \to \infty] = 1$ Proof: if  $P[\lim_{t\to\infty} N(t) = k] > 0 \to P[X_{k+1} = \infty] > 0$ Interpretation: finite events do not take infinite time

\* 
$$P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$$
  
Proof:  $P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{S_{N(t)+1}} \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t}] = 1$  and  $P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{S_{N(t)+1}} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$   
 $P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t} \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{S_{N(t)}}] = 1$  and  $P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{S_{N(t)}} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$ 

## Inspection Paradox

\*  $\mathbb{E}[X_{N(t)+1}] \geq \mathbb{E}[X_i]$ : inspection paradox Interpretation:

$$\cdot f_{X_{N(t)+1}}(x) = \lambda x f_{X_i}(x)$$

when selecting t with equal probability, we tend to choose  $X_i$  with longer period

\* 
$$P[\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (S_{N(t)+1} - s) ds = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{2\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$$
  
Proof:

$$P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{0} (S_{N(t)+1} - s) ds = \frac{1}{2\mathbb{E}[X_{i}]} = 1$$
Proof:
$$P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=i}^{N(t)} \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_{i}^{2}]}{2} \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{0}^{t} (S_{N(t)+1} - s) ds = 1 \text{ and } P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=i}^{N(t)} \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_{i}^{2}]}{2} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_{i}^{2}]}{2\mathbb{E}[X_{i}]} = 1$$

$$P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (S_{N(t)+1} - s) ds \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=i}^{N(t)+1} \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{2}] = 1 \text{ and } P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=i}^{N(t)+1} \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{2} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{2\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$$

\* 
$$P[\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (s-S_{N(t)}) ds = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{2\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$$
  
Proof: similar to above

\* 
$$P[\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t X_{N(t)} ds = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$$

Proof:  $P[\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t X_{N(t)} ds = \lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t (S_{N(t)+1} - S_{N(t)}) ds] = 1$ 

\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[X_{N(t)+1}] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}$$

Proof: 
$$P[\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t X_{N(t)} ds = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = P[\mathbb{E}[X_{N(t)+1}] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$$

### Central Limit Theorem

\* 
$$\mu = \mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

$$* \sigma = \sqrt{Var(X_i)}$$

\* 
$$Z \sim \text{Normal}(0,1)$$

\* 
$$\lim_{t\to\infty} P[N(t) \le \frac{t}{\mu} + k \frac{\sigma\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\mu^3}}] = P[Z \le k]$$
  
Proof:

1. Suppose 
$$n(t) = \frac{t}{\mu} + k \frac{\sigma \sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{\mu^3}}$$

2. 
$$P[N(t) \ge n(t)] = P[S_{n(t)} \le t] = P[\frac{S_{n(t)} - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le \frac{t - n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}].$$

3. When 
$$t \to \infty$$
,  $\frac{t-n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \to k$ 

4. By law of large number, 
$$\lim_{t\to\infty} P\left[\frac{S_{n(t)}-n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \le k\right] = P[Z \le k]$$

Interpretation:

- $\cdot \frac{t}{u}$  is approximately the mean of N(t)
- $k \frac{\sigma\sqrt{t}}{\sqrt{n^3}}$  is  $k\sigma\sqrt{n}$  after dividing by  $\mu$ , the ratio between t and N(t) and changing n with  $\frac{t}{\mu}$

### Wald's Identity

- \* Stopping Times: a random variable  $\tau$  s.t.  $\{\tau = n\}$  is independent of  $\{X_i\}_{i=n+1}^{\infty}$
- \* Stopping Condition: a condition to stop if we can consider  $\tau = \min\{n : \text{condition}(n) = \top\}$
- \* Example: N(t) + 1 is a stopping times and can be consider  $N(t) + 1 = \min\{n : S_n > t\}$
- \*  $\mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=1}^\tau X_i] = \mathbb{E}[\tau]\mathbb{E}[X_i]$  if  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] < \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[N] < \infty$ 
  - 1.  $\mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=1}^{\tau} X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_i \times \mathbb{1}_{i \leq \tau}]$  (by Fubin's Theorem without proof) (if  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] < \infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[N] < \infty$ )
  - 2.  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[X_i \times \mathbb{1}_{i \leq \tau}] = \mathbb{E}[X_i] \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{i \leq \tau}] \text{ (by } P[\tau \geq i] = 1 P[\tau < i] \text{ is independent of } X_i)$
- $3. \mathbb{E}[X_i] \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_{i \leq \tau}] = \mathbb{E}[\tau] \mathbb{E}[X_i]$   $* \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[N(t)]}{t} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}$

## Proof:

- · Suppose  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X_i]$
- ·  $\frac{\mathbb{E}[N(t)]}{t} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[S_{N(t)+1}]}{t \times \mu} \frac{1}{t}$  (by considering N(t) + 1 as the stopping time)
- ·  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[N(t)]}{t} \ge \frac{1}{\mu} \text{ (by } \mathbb{E}[S_{N(t)+1}] > t)$
- · Suppose  $\hat{X}_n = \min\{X_n, T\}$ , where T is a constant
- $\begin{array}{l} \cdot \ \frac{\mathbb{E}[N(t)]}{t} \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[\hat{N}(t)]}{t} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[S_{\hat{N}(t)+1}]}{t \times \hat{\mu}} \frac{1}{t} \leq \frac{t+T}{t \times \hat{\mu}} \frac{1}{t} \\ \cdot \ \lim_{n = \sqrt{t}, t \to \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[N(t)]}{t} \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \end{array}$

#### Blackwell's Theorem

$$\begin{split} * & \mathbb{E}[N(t)] = F_{X_i}(t) + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[N(t-x)] f_{X_i}(t) dt \\ & \text{Proof: } \mathbb{E}[N(t)] = \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[N(t)|X_1 = x] f_{X_1}(x) dx \\ & = \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[N(t-x) + 1] f_{X_1}(x) dx = F_{X_i}(t) + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[N(t-x)] f_{X_i}(t) dt \\ * & \mathcal{L}\{\mathbb{E}[N(t)]\}(s) = \frac{\mathcal{L}\{f_{X_i}\}(s)}{s(1-\mathcal{L}\{f_{X_i}\}(s))} \\ & \text{Proof: Laplace transform both sides} \end{split}$$

$$= \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[N(t-x) + 1] f_{X_1}(x) dx = F_{X_i}(t) + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}[N(t-x)] f_{X_i}(t) dt$$

- \* Lattice/ Non-Lattice: N(t) is lattice iff  $X_i$  only takes on values that are  $nd, n \in \mathbb{N}, d \in \mathbb{R}$
- \* For a non-lattice process:  $\lim_{t\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[N(t+\delta)-N(t)] = \frac{\delta}{\mathbb{E}[X_t]}$ , for any  $\delta$

**Proof: Without Proof** 

Interpretation:  $\mathbb{E}[N(t)]$  will converge to be linear

\* For a lattice process and period d:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ events at } t=nd] = \frac{d}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}$ **Proof: Without Proof** 

Interpretation:  $\mathbb{E}[N(t)]$  will converge to be stairs with width d and height  $\frac{d}{\mathbb{E}[X_t]}$ 

- Renewal-Reward Process:

#### Definition

\* A renewal process N(t) and  $\{R_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $(X_i, R_i)$  are i.i.d.  $(X_i, R_j, i \neq j \text{ are independent, but } X_i, R_i \text{ might be dependent})$ 

## Property

- \*  $P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} R_i = \frac{\mathbb{E}[R_i]}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]}] = 1$ Proof:  $P[\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} R_i = \lim_{t \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} \frac{R_i}{N(t)} \times \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t}] = 1$
- Poisson Process: a renewal process with  $X_i \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$

#### $S_i$ Property

- \*  $S_i$  is an Erlang random variable
  - Erlang is the sum of the Exponential random variables
- \* Joint Distribution  $f_{S_1,\ldots,S_n}(s_1,\ldots,s_n)=\lambda^n e^{-\lambda s_n}$ Prove by induction.

Induce by  $f_{S_1,\ldots,S_n}(s_1,\ldots,s_n) = f_{S_1,\ldots,S_{n-1}}(s_1,\ldots,s_{n-1}) \times f_{S_n|S_1,\ldots,S_{n-1}}(s_n,s_1,\ldots,s_{n-1})$ 

### N(t) Property

- \*  $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t), P[N(t) = n] = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t}$ Prove by  $P[N(t) = n] = P[S_n \le t \text{ and } S_{n+1} > t]$
- \* Conditioned on N(t) = n, the set of arrival times  $\{s_1, \ldots, s_n\}$  have the same distribution with a set of n sorted i.i.d. Uniform(0,t) random variables

Prove by 
$$f_{S_1,...,S_n|N(t)}(s_1,...,s_n,n) = \frac{f_{S_1,...,S_n}(s_1,...,s_n)P[X_{n+1}>t-s_n]}{P[N(t)=n]} = \frac{n!}{t^n}$$

### Property

\* Z is the interval from t to the first arrival  $\to Z$  is exponential random variable with same  $\lambda$  and independent of N(t) and the arrival time before t

$$P[Z > z] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{0}^{\infty} P[Z > z | N(t) = n, S_{1} = s_{1}, \dots, S_{n} = s_{n}] ds_{1} \dots ds_{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{0}^{\infty} P[X_{n+1} > z + t - s_{n} | N(t) = n, S_{1} = s_{1}, \dots, S_{n} = s_{n}] ds_{1} \dots ds_{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{0}^{\infty} P[X_{n+1} > z + t - s_{n} | X_{n+1} > t - s_{n}] ds_{1} \dots ds_{n} = e^{-\lambda z}$$

- \* Stationary Increments:  $N(t_1+t_2)-N(t_1)$  and  $N(t_2)$  share the same distribution Without Proof
- \* Independent Increments:  $\forall 0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots, t_k, N(t_1), N(t_2) N(t_1), \dots$  are independent Without Proof
- \* Any arrival process with stationary and independent increments must be a Poisson process Without Proof

#### Exercise

- \*  $\mathbb{E}[S_i|N(t)=n]=\frac{t\times i}{n+1}$ 
  - $\mathbb{E}[S_i|N(t)=n] = i \times \mathbb{E}[X_1|N(t)=n] = i \int_0^t \int_0^{s_n} \cdots \int_0^{s_2} s_1 \times \frac{n!}{t^n} ds_1 \dots ds_{n-1} ds_n = \frac{t \times i}{n+1}$
- \*  $\mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{N(t)} S_i\right] = \frac{\lambda t^2}{2}$ 
  - $\mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=0}^{N(t)} S_i] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=0}^{n} S_i | N(t) = n] P[N(t) = n]$   $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{nt}{2} P[N(t) = n] = \frac{\lambda t^2}{2}$

## 2D Poisson Process

- \* Definition:
  - · For any region R: number of points in R is a Poisson random variable
  - · number of points in the non-overlapping region is independent

## Combining Poisson Process

- \*  $N^1(t), N^2(t)$  are two independent Poisson process with  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$
- \*  $X_i$  is the first arrival of  $X_i^1, X_i^2$
- \* Property
  - .  $X_i$  is independent of  $\{X_i^1 < X_i^2\}$  and  $\{X_i^1 > X_i^2\}$ Proof:  $P[X_1^1 < X_1^2] = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$   $P[X_1 > x] = P[X_1^1 > x, X_1^2 > x] = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)x}$  $P[X_1 > x, X_1^1 < X_1^2] = P[X_1 > x]P[X_1^1 < X_1^2]$
  - ·  $X_i$  is a Poisson Process with  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$
  - ·  $\min(X_1, X_2)$  is an exponential random variable with  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$

#### Splitting Poisson Process

- \*  $N^1(t), N^2(t)$  are two independent Poisson process with  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$
- \* N(t) is a random process with  $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ 
  - ·  $N^{1*}(t)$  is the process of the first event when N(t) arrives consider it as first event with probability  $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$
  - ·  $N^{2*}(t)$  is the process of the second event when N(t) arrives consider it as second event with probability  $\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$
- \*  $N^i(t)$  and  $N^{i*}(t)$  share the same distribution
- \* Proof:
  - ·  $B_n(k)$  is a Binomial random variable with  $p = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$
  - $P[N^{1*}(t) = m, N^{2*}(t) = n] = P[N(t) = m + n, B_{m+n}(m)] = P[N^{1}(t) = m, N^{2}(t) = n]$

### Compound Poisson Process

- \* N(t) is a Poisson Process
- \*  $A_n$  is a sequence of cost
- \*  $A(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N(t)} A_n$  is the summation of cost over Poisson Process

Non-Homogeneous Poisson Process

\* 
$$N(t) - N(s) \sim \text{Poisson}(\int_{s}^{t} \lambda(x) dx)$$

Queuing Theory

- \* Definition: Arrival Process/Service Process/number of services
  - $\cdot$  M: memoryless (Poisson) process
  - $\cdot$  D: deterministic process
  - $\cdot$  G: general renewal process
- st T: the random variable of the processing time for each customer
- \* Y(t): number of cutomers in the service
  - $\cdot Y(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda \int_0^t P[T > x] dx)$
  - · Proof

Consider Y(t) is a splitting Poisson Process. Since the distribution for the arrival given N(t) is universal, the probability the arrival is still in service:  $\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t P[T > t - x] dx = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t P[T > x] dx$ 

## 9 Markov Chain

- Definition
  - Model with states and transition probability matrix
  - States:  $\{X_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$
  - Transition Probability Matrix:  $[P]_{ij} = P[X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i]$
- Terminology
  - $-p^n = [P[X_n = 0], P[X_n = 1], \dots]^T$ : distribution at step n
  - $-T_i = \min\{n \geq 1 : X_n = i\}$ : a random variable of the minimum time step to go to state i
  - $-f_{ij} = P[T_j < \infty | X_0 = i]$ : the probability of starting at i and ever reaching j
  - $-\mu_{ij} = \mathbb{E}[T_i|X_0 = i]$
  - $-i \rightarrow j$  iff  $f_{ij} > 0$ : j is reachable from i with probability greater than 0
  - $N_i(n)$ : number of visits to i by time n
  - Irreducible:  $i \leftrightarrow j, \forall$  states i, j
  - aperiodic: period of  $X_n = i$  is 1,  $\forall$  states i
- Property
  - Consider a given distribution as an event  $\tau: [P[X_n = 0|\tau], P[X_n = 1|\tau], \dots]^T$
  - Updating distribution
    - $p^n = p^0 P^n$
  - Markovian: transition probability depend only on current state

\* 
$$P[X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i, ..., X_0 = x_0] = [P]_{ij}$$

- Stationary Distribution: p s.t. if  $p^n = p \rightarrow p^{n+1} = p$ 

Property from renewal process

- \* consider  $X_n = j$  as a event  $\rightarrow$  Markov Chain becomes a delayed renewal process
- \* If  $i \leftrightarrow j$  and the model starts from i, then following holds
- \*  $P[\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{N_j(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{\mu_{jj}}] = 1$
- \*  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[N_j(n)]}{n} = \frac{1}{\mu_{jj}}$
- \* if the period of  $X_n = j$  is  $d \to \lim_{n \to \infty} p_j^{nd} = \frac{d}{\mu_{jj}}$

Theorem of an irreducible, aperiodic Markov Chain

- \* Either
  - · All states have  $\mu_{ii} = \infty$
  - · All states have  $\mu_{ii} < \infty$  and  $p_i = \frac{1}{\mu_{ii}}$  is the unique stationary distribution
- \* Proof
  - · From if the period of  $X_n = j$  is  $d \to \lim_{n \to \infty} p_j^{nd} = \frac{d}{\mu_{jj}}$ Proof:  $\lim_{n \to \infty} p_j^{nd} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{E}[\# \text{ events at } nd]$

Theorem of an irreducible, aperiodic Markov Chain

\* All states have  $\mu_{ii} < \infty$  and  $p_i = \frac{1}{\mu_{ii}}$  is the unique stationary distribution

p can be calculated as the eigenvector corresponds to eigenvalue 1 of  $P^T$ 

Detailed Balance

Definition:

- \* Given a distribution  $\pi$
- $* \pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j P_{ji}, \forall i, j$

Property:

- \* distribution  $\pi$  satisfying Detailed Balance is the stationary distribution p
- \* symmetric transition probability matrix  $\rightarrow$  uniform stationary distribution
- Reversible

Definition: A Markov Chain with stationary distribution p is reversible if it satisfies detailed balance Interpretation

- \* Transitions forward and backward in the stationary distribution have the same probability
- $* P[X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i] = P_{ij}$

\* 
$$P[X_{n-1} = j | X_n = i] = \frac{P[X_{n-1} = j, X_n = i]}{P[X_n = i]} = \frac{p_j P_{ji}}{p_i} = P_{ij}$$

- Metropolis Update Rule

Definition

\* Given a Markov Chain and distribution p', find P' such that p' is the stationary distribution

Procedure

- \* For each pair (i,j),  $P'_{ij} = P_{ij} \times \min\{1, \frac{p'_j P_{ji}}{p'_i P_{ij}}\}$
- \* construct self loop to satisfy  $\sum_{i} P'_{ij} = 1$

Proof

- \* To satisfy detailed balance, for each pair (i, j), we should set  $p'_i P'_{ij} = \min\{p'_i P_{ij}, p'_j P_{ji}\}$
- Distance between Probability Measure

Definition:

\* Total Variation Distance between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is:  $d_{TV}(P_1, P_2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\omega} |P_1[\omega] - P_2[\omega]|$ 

Interpretation:

- \* consider the distributions as events  $\tau_1, \tau_2$
- \*  $P_i[\omega] = P[\omega|\tau_i]$

\* 
$$d_{TV}(P_1, P_2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\omega} |P[\omega|\tau_1] - P[\omega|\tau_2]| = \sum_{\omega} |P[\omega \wedge \tau_1] - P[\omega \wedge \tau_2]|$$

- Mixing Time

Definition

\* Mixing time  $\tau$  is the least t such that for all initial state  $p^0$ ,  $d_{TV}(p, p^0 P^t) \leq \frac{1}{2e}$ 

Interpretation

- \* the factor  $\frac{1}{2e}$  is set such that  $d_{TV}(p, p^0 P^t) \le \epsilon$  if  $t \ge \tau \times \log(\frac{1}{\epsilon})$  Without proof
- Example

Random Walk on Graph

- \* Definition: move from vertex i to vertex j with probability  $P_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (i,j) \notin E \\ \frac{1}{\deg \operatorname{reg}(i)} & \text{if } (i,j) \in E \end{cases}$
- \* Distribution  $\pi$ ,  $\pi_i = \frac{\text{degree}(x)}{2|E|}$  satisfies detailed balance
- \* If we want stationary distribution to be uniform  $\rightarrow P'_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\text{degree}(i)} & \text{if degree}(i) \geq \text{degree}(j) \\ \frac{1}{\text{degree}(j)} & \text{if degree}(i) < \text{degree}(j) \end{cases}$

## Random graph coloring

- \* Given a graph with V vertices, maximum degree  $\Delta$  and q colors, to color each vertex one color such that adjacent vertex do not share the same color
- \* Assume  $q > 4\Delta$
- \* Markov Chain Transition:
  - · Pick random vertex and random color, if the color is changeable then change
- \* Property
  - · Aperiodic: there exist self loops
  - · Symmetric: symmetric transition
  - · Irreducible
- \* Mixing time is  $O(V \log V)$

#### Proof:

- $\cdot$  Assume X is a event s.t. Markov Chain starts with any valid coloring and Y is a event s.t. Markov Chain starts with uniform distribution
- · Apply same transition on both X and Y
- ·  $D_n$  is a random variable for the number of vertices in different colors in X and Y at time n
- · Good moves: number of vertices in different colors decrease  $\geq D_n \times (q-2\Delta) \geq (2\Delta+1)D_n$  (vertices with different colors  $\times$  color that is different with any adjacent color in X and Y)
- · Bad moves: number of vertices in different colors increase  $\leq (D_n \Delta) \times 2$  (vertices adjacent to different colors vertices  $\times$  color of the different colors vertices)
- $\cdot \mathbb{E}[D_{n+1} D_n] \le V(1 \frac{1}{qV})^n$
- $\cdot \mathbb{E}[D_n] \le V(1 \frac{1}{qV})^n$
- $P[D_n \ge 1] \le V(1 \frac{1}{qV})^n$
- Hidden Markov Chain
  - Definition: output is a function of the state
  - Interpretation: if the model is not markovian, then reformulate the model as a hidden markov chain
    by complicating the states and rendering the output as a function of the state

## 10 Continuous Markov Chain

- Interpretation
  - $v_i$ : coefficient of exponential distribution, where time in state i before next step is  $\sim$  Exponential  $(v_i)$
- Definition
  - Model with states and transition rate matrix
  - States:  $X(t), \forall 0 \le t < \infty$
  - Transition Probability Matrix R
- $\bullet$   $P_{ij}(t)$ 
  - Definition:  $P_{ij}(t) = P[X(t) = j|X(0) = i]$
  - Chapman-Kolmogorov Equation
    - \* Definition:  $P(s+t) = P(s) \times P(t)$
    - \* Proof

$$\begin{array}{l} \cdot \ P_{ij}(s+t) = P[X(s+t) = j | X(0) = i] \\ = \sum_k P[X(s+t) = j | X(s) = k, X(0) = i] P[X(s) = k | X(0) = i] \\ = \sum_k P[X(s+t) = j | X(s) = k] P[X(s) = k | X(0) = i] = \sum_k P_{kj}(t) P_{ik}(s) \end{array}$$

- Kolmogorov's Differential Equation
  - \* Forward:  $\frac{dP(t)}{dt} = P(t)R$ Interpretation:
    - · Change of distribution at t equals the distribution at  $t \times R$

$$\frac{dP(t)}{dt} = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \frac{P(t+\delta) - P(t)}{\delta} = P(t) \lim_{\delta \to 0} \frac{P(\delta) - P(0)}{\delta} = P(t)R$$

\* Backward:  $\frac{dP(t)}{dt} = RP(t)$ 

Interpretation:

· Change of distribution at t equals the distribution at  $t = 0 \times P(t)$ 

$$\cdot \frac{dP(t)}{dt} = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \frac{P(t+\delta) - P(t)}{\delta} = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \frac{P(\delta) - P(0)}{\delta} P(t) = RP(t)$$
 \* Solution:  $P(t) = e^{Rt}$ 

### R

- Definition:

\* 
$$R_{ij} = \frac{dP_{ij}(t)}{dt}|_{t=0}$$
  
\*  $R_{ij} = \begin{cases} -v_i & \text{if } i=j\\ v_i P_{ij} & \text{if } i\neq j \end{cases}$  (if there is no self-transition)

- Interpretation
  - \*  $\pi R$  is the change of distribution of  $\pi$  (by Kolmogorov's Differential Equation)
  - \* simulation by transition from state i to j when  $e^{-R_{ij}t}$  event arrives
    - $\frac{dP_{ii}(t)}{dt} = R_{ii}P_{ii}(t) \to P_{ii}(t) = e^{-R_{ii}t}$
    - · simulate the transition out of state i by  $e^{-R_{ii}t}$  and transition to j state by probability  $\frac{R_{ij}}{R_{ii}}$ is the same as transition from state i to j when  $e^{-R_{ij}t}$  event arrives

Property

- · Continuous Markov Chain with same R are of the same functionality
- - \*  $\sum_{i} R_{ij} = 0$ : sum of element is a row of R is 0

#### Property

- Self Transition:
  - \* Since R defines the Markov Chain, we can modify  $v_i$  to conduct self transition without changing
- Uniformization:
  - \* Since R defines the Markov Chain, we can modify  $v_i$  such that  $v_i$  are the same for all states without changing R
- Stationary Distribution: p s.t.  $pR = 0, pe^{Rt} = p$

Interpretation:

\* 
$$\frac{dpP(t)}{dt} = p\frac{dP(t)}{dt} = pRP(t) = 0$$

\* p is the eigenvector of eigenvalue 0 of R, then p is the eigenvector of eigenvalue 1 of  $e^{Rt} \to the$ distribution would not change, if start with p

Trick:

- \* cluster states such that every state in the cluster share the same  $R_{ij}$  to calculate the stationary distribution of the cluster
- \* assume distribution is independent of the cluster and check pR = 0 after the calculation
- Poisson process is a special case of Continuous Markov Chain

- \*  $v_i = \lambda, \forall i$
- \* i-th state transition to i + 1-th state
- Exploding process: only if  $v_i \to \infty$ 
  - \* exploding process: traverse infinite states in finite time

# 11 Martingales

- Definition
  - Discrete

General Discrete Martingales

- \*  $\{Z_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  such that
  - 1.  $\mathbb{E}[|Z_n|] < \infty$
  - 2.  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,\ldots,Z_n] = Z_n$
  - · sub-martingales:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,\ldots,Z_n] \geq Z_n$
  - · super-martingales:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,\ldots,Z_n] \leq Z_n$

Discrete Martingales with respect to  $X_i$ 

- \*  $\{Z_i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  such that
  - 1.  $\mathbb{E}[|Z_n|] < \infty$
  - 2.  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|X_0,\ldots,X_n]=Z_n$
  - · sub-martingales:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|X_0,\ldots,X_n] \geq Z_n$
  - · super-martingales:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|X_0,\ldots,X_n] \leq Z_n$
- \*  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|X_0,\ldots,X_n]=Z_n$  implies  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,\ldots,Z_n]=Z_n$ 
  - $\cdot Z_n$  is a function of  $X_0, \ldots, X_n$
  - $E[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,...,Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|X_0,...,X_n,Z_0,...,Z_n]|Z_0,...,Z_n]$   $= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|X_0,...,X_n]|Z_0,...,Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[Z_n|Z_0,...,Z_n] = Z_n$
- Continuous Martingales with respect to N(t)
  - \* Y(t) such that
    - 1.  $\mathbb{E}[|Y(t)|] < \infty$
    - 2.  $\mathbb{E}[Y(t)|\{N(s)|0 < s < \tau\}] = Y(\tau), \forall \tau < t$
    - · sub-martingales:  $\mathbb{E}[Y(t)|\{N(s)|0\leq s\leq \tau\}]\geq Y(\tau), \forall \tau\leq t$
    - · super-martingales:  $\mathbb{E}[Y(t)|\{N(s)|0\leq s\leq \tau\}]\leq Y(\tau), \forall \tau\leq t$
- Property
  - $\mathbb{E}[Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[Z_1]$

Proof: 
$$\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1} - Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1} - Z_n | Z_0, \dots, Z_n]] = 0$$

 $-\mathbb{E}[Z_n | \{Z_i | i \in S\}] = Z_{\max_{i \in S} i}$ , where  $\forall i \in S, i < n$ 

Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_n|Z_i] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Z_n|Z_0,\ldots,Z_{n-1}]|Z_i] = \mathbb{E}[Z_{n-1}|Z_i]$ 

- Azuma's Inequality
  - \*  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[Z_0]$
  - $* -a_i \le Z_i Z_{i-1} \le b_i$
  - \*  $P[|Z_n \mu| \ge \delta] \le 2e^{-\frac{2\delta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i + a_i)^2}}$
- Kolmogorov's sub-martingales inequality
  - \*  $P[\sup_{n>1} Z_n \ge a] \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[Z_1]}{a}$
- Martingales Stopping Theorem
  - \* Stopping Times: a random variable  $\tau$  s.t.  $\{\tau = n\}$  is independent of  $\{X_i\}_{i=n+1}^{\infty}$
  - \* Stopping Condition: a condition to stop if we can consider  $\tau = \min\{n : \text{ condition}(n) = \top\}$
  - \*  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{\tau}] = \mathbb{E}[Z_0]$  if the either of the following holds
    - 1.  $P[\tau \le k] = 1$

- 2.  $P[\max_{i < \tau} |Z_{\tau}| \le k] = 1$
- 3.  $\mathbb{E}[\tau] < k$  and  $\mathbb{E}[|Z_{n+1} Z_n||Z_0, \dots, Z_n] < k$
- Application for generating Martingales
  - Sum of iid. random variables
    - \*  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  are iid. random variables
    - \*  $Z_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i n\mathbb{E}[X_i]$  is a martingales.
    - \* Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,...,Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[Z_n + X_{n+1} \mathbb{E}[X_i]|Z_0,...,Z_n] = Z_n$
  - Squre of sum of iid. random variables
    - \*  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  are iid. random variables and  $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$
    - \*  $Z_n = (\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)^2 n\mathbb{E}[X_i^2]$  is a martingales.
    - \* Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,\ldots,Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[Z_n + X_{n+1}^2 + 2X_{n+1}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i) \mathbb{E}[X_i^2]|Z_0,\ldots,Z_n] = Z_n$
  - Product of iid. random variables
    - \*  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  are iid. random variables
    - \*  $Z_n = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n X_i}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]^n}$  is a martingales.
    - \* Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Z_0,...,Z_n] = \mathbb{E}[Z_n(\frac{X_{n+1}}{\mathbb{E}[X_i]})|Z_0,...,Z_n] = Z_n$
  - Poisson Process
    - \* N(t) is a poisson process
    - \*  $Y(t) = N(t) \lambda t$  is a martingales.
    - \* Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[Y(t)|\{N(s)|0\leq s\leq \tau\}] = \mathbb{E}[Y(\tau)+Y(t)-Y(\tau)|\{N(s)|0\leq s\leq \tau\}]$  $= Y(\tau) + \mathbb{E}[N(t) - N(\tau) + \lambda(t - \tau) | \{N(s) | 0 \le s \le \tau\}] = Y(\tau)$
  - Doob-type Martingales
    - \*  $X, \{Y_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  are random variables
    - \*  $Z_n = \mathbb{E}[X|Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$  is a martingales
    - \* Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{n+1}|Y_1,\ldots,Y_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Y_1,Y_2,\ldots,Y_n,Y_{n+1}]|Y_1,Y_2,\ldots,Y_n]$  $= \mathbb{E}[X|Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n] = Z_n$
- Example
  - Symmetric Random Walk
    - p = 0.5
    - $* \tau = \min\{i | \sum_{i=0}^{n} X_i \in \{-a, b\}\}$
    - \*  $Z_n = \sum_{i=0}^n X_i$ , by second rule of Martingales Stopping Theorem:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_\tau] = 0$   $\to P[Z_\tau \text{ at } a] = \frac{b}{a+b}, P[Z_\tau \text{ at } b] = \frac{a}{a+b}$
    - \*  $Z_n = (\sum_{i=0}^n X_i)^2 n$ , by third rule of Martingales Stopping Theorem:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_\tau] = 0$   $\to \mathbb{E}[\tau] = ab$
  - Unbiased Random Walk

    - \*  $\tau = \min\{i | \sum_{i=0}^{n} X_i \in \{-a, b\}\}$ \*  $Z_n = (\frac{1-p}{p})^{\sum_{i=0}^{n} X_i}$ , by second rule of Martingales Stopping Theorem:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_{\tau}] = 0$  $P[Z_{\tau} \text{ at } a] = \frac{(\frac{1-p}{p})^b - 1}{(\frac{1-p}{p})^b - (\frac{1-p}{p})^{-a}}, P[Z_{\tau} \text{ at } b] = \frac{1 - (\frac{1-p}{p})^{-a}}{(\frac{1-p}{p})^b - (\frac{1-p}{p})^{-a}}$
    - \*  $Z_n = \sum_{i=0}^n X_i n\mathbb{E}[X_0]$ , by third rule of Martingales Stopping Theorem:  $\mathbb{E}[Z_\tau] = 0$   $\to \mathbb{E}[\tau] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\sum_{i=0}^\tau X_i]}{\mathbb{E}[X_0]}$

#### Random Walk 12

- Definition
  - $\ X_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{with probability } p \\ -1 & \text{with probability } 1-p \end{array} \right.$
  - $S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n X_i$

- The monkey at the cliff
  - $-P_k = P[\exists n \text{ such that } S_n = k] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \ge \frac{1}{2} \\ (\frac{p}{1-n})^k & \text{if } p < \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

- \*  $P_k = P_1^k$  by memoryless property
- \*  $P_1 = p + q \times P_2 \to P_1 = 1 \text{ or } \frac{p}{1-p}$
- \* if  $p > 0.5 \rightarrow P_1 = 1 \ (P_1 < 1)$

\* if  $p < 0.5 \rightarrow P_1 = \frac{p}{1-p}$ Since  $P_1 \leq \frac{p}{1-p}$  by induction on n to  $\infty$  for  $P_1(n) = P[S_n = k]$ 

$$- \mathbb{E}_k = \mathbb{E}[\min\{n : S_n = k\}] = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } p \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{k}{2p-1} & \text{if } p > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof

- \*  $\mathbb{E}_k = \mathbb{E}_1 \times k$  by memoryless property
- $* \mathbb{E}_1 = 1 + 0 \times p + \mathbb{E}_2 \times (1 p)$
- \* if  $p < 0.5 \rightarrow P_1 = \frac{p}{1-p} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_1 = \infty$
- \* if  $p = 0.5 \to \mathbb{E}_1 = 1 + \mathbb{E}_1$  (no solution)  $\to \mathbb{E}_1 = \infty$
- \* if  $p > 0.5 \to \mathbb{E}_1 = \frac{1}{2n-1}$
- $-P_0 = P[\exists n \text{ such that } S_n = 0] = 1 |2p 1| \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{N}$

\* 
$$P_0 = p \times P_{-1} + (1-p) \times P_1$$

- $-\mathbb{E}_0 = \mathbb{E}[\min\{n : S_n = 0\}] = \infty$ 
  - \* if  $p \neq \frac{1}{2} \to P_0 \neq 1 \to \mathbb{E}_0 = \infty$
  - \* if  $p = \frac{1}{2} \to \mathbb{E}_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{-1} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_1 = \infty$
- The Gambler's Ruin
  - Definition:  $\tau = \min\{i | S_n \in \{-a, b\}\}$
  - $-A_k = P[S_\tau = b|X_0 = k]$

$$* A_k = pA_{k+1} + (1-p)A_{k-1}$$

$$- A_0 = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{a+b} & \text{if } p = \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{(\frac{1-p}{p})^a - 1}{(\frac{1-p}{p})^{a+b} - 1} & \text{if } p \neq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Solved by previous recursive equation

$$- E_k = \mathbb{E}[\tau | X_0 = k]$$

\* 
$$E_k = 1 + pE_{k+1} + (1-p)E_{k-1}$$

$$-E_0 = \begin{cases} ab & \text{if } p = \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{a}{1-2p} - \frac{a+b}{1-2p} \times \frac{(\frac{1-p}{p})^a - 1}{(\frac{1-p}{p})^{a+b} - 1} & \text{if } p \neq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

Solved by previous recursive equation

- Observation
  - $-S_n = O(n)$

Upperbound:  $\lim_{n\to\infty} P[S_n \le k\sqrt{n}] = \int_{-\infty}^k \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$ 

Lowerbound:  $P[|S_n| \ge k\sqrt{n}] \le 2e^{-\frac{k^2}{2}}$ 

#### 13 **Brownian Motion**

• Interpretation: generalize discrete time and space to continuous time and space

$$- S_t = \delta_x \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{t}{\delta_t}} X_i \right)$$

- let 
$$\delta_x = \sqrt{\delta_t}$$
 and  $\delta_x \to 0$ 

$$- \mathbb{E}[S_t] = 0$$

$$- Var(S_t) = \delta_x^2 \frac{t}{\delta_t} = t$$

#### • Definition:

$$-X(0)=0$$

$$-X(t) \sim N(0, \sigma^2 = t)$$

- -X(t) has independent, stationary increment
  - \* independent:  $X(t_{i_2}) X(t_{i_1})$  and  $X(t_{i_1}) X(t_{i_0})$  are independent
  - \* stationary: X(s+t) X(t) = X(s)

## • Property

- Distribution self-similarity
  - \*  $X(t) \sim N(0,t)$
  - \*  $\sqrt{k}X(\frac{t}{k}) \sim N(0,t)$
- Nowhere Differentiable
  - st With probability 1, X(t) is nowhere differentiable

\* 
$$\lim_{\delta_t \to 0} \frac{X(t+\delta_t) - X(t)}{\delta_t} = \lim_{\delta_t \to 0} \frac{N(0, \delta_t}{\delta_t} = \lim_{\delta_t \to 0} N(0, \frac{1}{\delta_t})$$

- Unbounded Variation
  - \* Length of distance  $\to \infty$  in finite time t

\* 
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \sum_{j=1}^n |X(\frac{jt}{n}) - X(\frac{(j-1)t}{n})| = \infty$$

Proof: 
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |X(\frac{jt}{n}) - X(\frac{(j-1)t}{n})| = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |X(\frac{t}{n})| = n \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{t}{n} = \infty$$

- Hitting Time
  - \* The monkey at the cliff

$$\cdot \ \tau = \min\{t \geq 0 : X(t) = B\}$$

$$P[\tau < \infty] = 1$$

Prove by discretization  $X(t) = \delta_x(\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{t}{\delta_t}} X_i)$ 

$$\cdot \mathbb{E}[\tau] = \infty$$

Prove by discretization  $X(t) = \delta_x(\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{t}{\delta_t}} X_i)$ 

- \* The Gambler's Ruin
  - $\cdot \ \tau = \min\{t \geq 0: X(t) \in \{-A,B\}\}$
  - ·  $P[X(\tau) = B] = \frac{A}{A+B}$  Prove By discretization  $X(t) = \delta_x(\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{t}{\delta_t}} X_i) \to P[X(\tau) = B] = \frac{\frac{A}{\delta_x}}{\frac{A}{\delta_x} + \frac{B}{\delta_x}}$
  - $\cdot \mathbb{E}[\tau] = AB$

Prove By discretization 
$$X(t) = \delta_x(\sum_{i=0}^{\frac{t}{\delta_t}} X_i) \to \mathbb{E}[\tau] = \delta_t \frac{A}{\delta_x} \frac{B}{\delta_x}$$

- Diffusion Equation
  - \* Forward Diffusion Equation:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$
  - \* Backward Diffusion Equation:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \frac{-1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$
  - \*  $f(X(t_2) = x | X(t_1) = k)$  satisfies Forward Diffusion equation
  - \*  $f(X(t_2) = k | X(t_1) = x)$  satisfies Backward Diffusion equation

#### • Gaussian Process

- Definition: A stochastic process  $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$  such that for every  $\{t_i\}_{i=1}^n, [X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_n)]$  is a joint Gaussian distribution
  - \* Defined by
    - $\cdot \mathbb{E}[X(t)], \forall t$
    - $\cdot Cov(X(s), X(t)), \forall s, t$
- Property
  - \* Brownian Motion is a Gaussian Process with  $\mathbb{E}[X(t)] = 0$ ,  $Cov(X(s), X(t)) = \min\{s, t\}$

$$Cov(X(s), X(t)) = \min(s, t) \text{ (by } X(t) = X(s) + X(t - s) \text{ if } t > s)$$

### • Brownian Bridge

- Definition: the distribution of  $t_1$  given the result of the future  $X(t_2)$

$$f_{X(t_1)|X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{f_{X(t_1), X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X(t_2)}(x_2)} \sim N(\frac{t_1}{t_2} x_2, \frac{t_1(t_2 - t_1)}{t_2})$$

\* let 
$$s = t_2 - t_1$$

\* 
$$f_{X(t_1)|X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{f_{X(t_1),X(t_2)}(x_1, x_2)}{f_{X(t_2)}(x_2)}$$
  
=  $\frac{f_{X(t_1),X(s)}(x_1, x_2 - x_1)}{f_{X(t_2)}(x_2)}$  (By transformation of 2-D random variables)

$$= \frac{f_{X(t_1),X(s)}(x_1,x_2-x_1)}{f_{X(t_2)}(x_2)}$$
 (By transformation of 2-D random variables)

$$= \frac{f_{X(t_1)}(x_1)f_{X(s)}(x_2 - x_1)}{f_{X(t_2)}(x_2)} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t_1}} e^{\frac{-x_1^2}{2t_1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi (t_2 - t_1)}} e^{\frac{-(x_2 - x_1)^2}{2(t_2 - t_1)}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t_2}} e^{\frac{-x_2^2}{2t_2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \frac{t_1(t_2-t_1)}{t_2}}} e^{\frac{-(x_1 - \frac{t_1}{t_2}x_2)^2}{\frac{2t_1(t_2-t_1)}{t_2}}} \to X(t_1) - \frac{t_1}{t_2}X(t_2) \sim N(0, \frac{t_1(t_2-t_1)}{t_2})$$

\* 
$$\mathbb{E}[X(t_1)|X(t_2)] = \frac{t_1}{t_2}X(t_2)$$

\* 
$$Var(X(t_1)|X(t_2)) = \frac{t_1(t_2-t_1)}{t_2}$$

\* 
$$Y(t_1) = X(t_1) - \frac{t_1}{t_2}X(t_2)$$
 share the same distribution as  $X(t_1)|X(t_2) = 0$ 

$$Cov(X(t_1), X(t_2)|X(t_3)) = \frac{t_1(t_3 - t_2)}{t_3}$$

\* 
$$Cov(X(t_1), X(t_2)|X(t_3))$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)X(t_2)|X(t_3)] - \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)|X(t_3)] \times \mathbb{E}[X(t_2)|X(t_3)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)^2 + X(t_1)(X(t_2) - X(t_1))|X(t_3)] - \frac{212}{t_3^2}X(t_3)^2$$

$$\begin{split} &= \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)X(t_2)|X(t_3)] - \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)|X(t_3)] \times \mathbb{E}[X(t_2)|X(t_3)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)^2 + X(t_1)(X(t_2) - X(t_1))|X(t_3)] - \frac{t_1t_2}{t_3^2}X(t_3)^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X(t_1)(X(t_2) - X(t_1))|X(t_3)] + \frac{t_1(t_1 - t_2)}{t_3^2}X(t_3)^2 + \frac{t_1(t_3 - t_1)}{t_3} \end{split}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \frac{t_1(t_3-t_1)}{t_3}}} e^{\frac{-(x_1 - \frac{t_1}{t_3}X(3))^2}{2\frac{t_1(t_3-t_1)}{t_3}}} \mathbb{E}[x_1(X(t_2) - x_1)|X(t_3), X(t_1) = x_1] dx_1 + \frac{t_1(t_1-t_2)}{t_3^2}X(t_3)^2 + \frac{t_1(t_3-t_1)}{t_3}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \frac{t_1(t_3 - t_1)}{t_3}}} e^{-\frac{2 \frac{t_1 - t_2}{t_3}}{t_3}} \mathbb{E}[x_1(X(t_2) - x_1) | X(t_3), X(t_1) = x_1] dx_1 + \frac{t_1(t_1 - t_2)}{t_3^2} X(t_3)^2 + \frac{t_2(t_1 - t_1)}{t_3} X(t_3)^2 + \frac{t_2(t_3 - t_1)}{t_3} X(t_3)^2 + \frac{t$$

$$= \frac{t_1(t_2 - t_1)}{t_3^2} X(t_3)^2 - \frac{t_1(t_2 - t_1)}{t_3} + \frac{t_1(t_1 - t_2)}{t_3^2} X(t_3)^2 + \frac{t_1(t_3 - t_1)}{t_3}$$

$$= \frac{t_1(t_3 - t_2)}{t_3}$$