

# Some Specific RWs.

## ① One-dimension RW:

### ① Gambler's ruin estimate:

$S_n = S_0 + \sum_1^n X_k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}'$ .  $X_k \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathbb{E} X_1 = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E} X_1^2 > 0$ .

Set:  $\eta_r \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \min\{n \geq 0 \mid S_n \leq 0 \text{ or } S_n \geq r\}$ .  $\eta \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \min\{S_n \leq 0\}$ .

Prop. For  $j = k$ , positive integer:  $P^j(S_{2k} = k) = \frac{j}{k}$

If:  $B_j$  optimal sampling then.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Pf}}, \quad P'(C_{2>2n}) &\stackrel{i)}{=} P'(S_{2n} > 0) - P'(S_{2n} < 0) \\ &\stackrel{ii)}{=} P'(S_{2n} = 0) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2n}} + O(n^{-\frac{1}{2}}). \end{aligned}$$

Pf:  $B_j$  reflection prin:

$$P'(C_{\eta \leq 2n, S_{2n} = x}) = P'(C_{\eta \leq 2n, S_{2n} = -x})$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum_{x \geq 0} P'(C_{\eta \leq 2n, S_{2n} = x}) \\ &= \sum_{x \geq 0} P'(C_{S_{2n} = x}) - P'(C_{\eta \leq 2n, S_{2n} = -x}) \\ &\stackrel{i)}{=} \sum_{x \geq 0} (P_{2n}(1, x) - P_{2n}(1, -x)) \\ &= P_{2n}(1, 1) + \sum_{x \geq 0} (P_{2n}(1, x+2) - P_{2n}(1, -x)) \\ &\stackrel{ii)}{=} P'(C_{S_{2n} = 0}) = F^{-n}\left(\frac{2n}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Prop. If  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $k = \infty$ ,  $\exists 0 < c_1 < c_2 < \infty$ . St. if

$\mathbb{P}(|X_i| \geq k) = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X_i \geq \varepsilon) \geq \varepsilon$ . then:

$$c_1 \frac{x+1}{r} \leq \mathbb{P}^x(S_{qr} \geq r) \leq c_2 \frac{x+1}{r}, \quad \forall 0 < x < r.$$

Rmk.  $c_1, c_2$  may depend on  $k, \varepsilon$ .

If: 1') Check  $S_{nqr}$  is a u.i. mart.

$$2') \text{ Show } \frac{x}{r+k} \leq \mathbb{P}^x(S_{qr} \geq r) \leq \frac{x+k}{r}.$$

for  $\forall k \leq x \leq r$ . by 1'). ( $\mathbb{E}^x(S_{qr}) = x$ )

$$3') \mathbb{P}^x(S_{qr} \geq k) \geq \mathbb{P}^x(X_i \geq \varepsilon, i \in \lfloor \frac{k}{\varepsilon} \rfloor)$$
$$\geq \sum \varepsilon^{k/\varepsilon}$$

By Markov:  $\sum \mathbb{P}^k(S_{qr} \geq r) \leq \mathbb{P}^k(S_r \geq r) = \mathbb{P}^k(\text{col})$

Prop. If  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $k < \infty$ ,  $\exists 0 < c_1 < c_2 < \infty$ . St. if

$\mathbb{P}(|X_i| \geq k) = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X_i \geq \varepsilon) \geq \varepsilon$ . then:

$$c_1 \frac{x+1}{r} \leq \mathbb{P}^x(\eta \geq r) \leq c_2 \frac{x+1}{r}, \quad \forall x > 0, r > 1.$$

③ killed walk:

Def: i)  $P_\infty = 1 - \sum_k p_k$ , the killing rate.  $T := \min \{j \mid S_j = \infty\}$

$\sim \text{har}(P_\infty)$  is killing time for RW.

$$ii) V_+ = \{S_j > 0 \mid 1 \leq j \leq T-1\}, \quad \bar{V}_+ = \{S_j \geq 0 \mid 1 \leq j \leq T-1\},$$

$$V_- = \{S_j < 0 \mid 1 \leq j \leq T-1\}, \quad \bar{V}_- = \{S_j \leq 0 \mid 1 \leq j \leq T-1\}$$

Rmk:  $\mathbb{P}(V_+ = V_-) = \mathbb{P}(V_+ \cap \bar{V}_-) = \mathbb{P}(T=1) = P_{\infty}$ .

prop.  $\bar{V}_+$  is indep of  $V_-$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cor. } \mathbb{P}(V_-) &= \mathbb{P}(V_+) = (1 - P_{0,+}) \mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_+) \\ &= (P_{\infty}(1 - P_{0,+}))^{\frac{1}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{k,+} = \sum_{j \geq 1} \mathbb{P}(S_j = k, j \leq T, S_l < 0, 1 \leq l < j-1)$

Pf: Note  $\mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_+) = \mathbb{P}(V_-) + P_{0,+} \mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_-)$

$$\text{with } P_{\infty} = \mathbb{P}(V_+) \mathbb{P}(\bar{V}_-) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(V_+)^2}{1 - P_{0,+}}$$

Pf:  $\Leftrightarrow$  prove:  $\bar{V}_+$  is indep of  $V_-$ .

Note  $\bar{V}_+ \cap V_- = \{T \geq 1, S_i \in \{0, 1, \dots\}, i \leq T-1\}$

Consider  $\ell = \max \{k \mid S_j = k, j \leq T-1\}$ .

$S_k = \max \{j \mid S_j = k, j \leq T-1\}$ .

use the symmetry of RW and translate  
-k steps (let the farthest point be origin)

(2) Simple RW:

① Poisson kernel:

Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{Z}^1 \mid y > 0\}$ .  $\overline{(x, y)} = (x_1, -y)$

Prop. (For half plane)

For SRW in  $\mathbb{Z}^k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ .  $z, w \in \mathcal{N}$ .

i)  $h_{\mathcal{N}}(z, w) = h(z, w) - h(z - \bar{w})$ .

$$h_{\mathcal{N}}(z, 0) = \frac{1}{2k} (h(z - e_k) - h(z - \bar{e}_k))$$

ii)  $h_{\mathcal{N}}(z, 0) = h_{\mathcal{M}}(z, 0) \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{|z|^2}\right)\right) + O(|z|^{-k+1})$ .

where  $h_{\mathcal{M}}(z, 0) = 2\gamma / 2z^{1/2} / \pi \cdot \frac{1}{2}, |z|^k$ . for

$z = (x, \eta) \in \mathbb{Z}^{k-1} \times \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ . Poisson kernel for  $B_m$ .

③ Approx. conti. harmonic func.

Prop.  $\exists C < \infty$ . St.  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ .  $\mathcal{N} := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k \mid |x| = 1\}$

$f: \text{conti. } \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}'$  is harmonic. Then  $\exists \hat{f}$  on  $\bar{B}_n$ . s.t.  $\mathcal{L}f = 0$  on  $B_n$ . and  $|f(x) - \hat{f}(x)| \leq C \|f\|_{\infty} / n^2$ .  $\forall x \in B_n$ .  $\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^k S_{j,n}$ .

Pf: use mult.  $S_{j,n,k} = \sum_{|x|=1}^k \mathcal{L}f(x_k)$

prop. (Converse)

$f_n$  seq. func. on  $\mathbb{Z}^k$ . s.t.  $\mathcal{L}f_n = 0$  on  $B_n$ .

and  $\sup_x |f_n(x)| \leq 1$ . Set  $g_n: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}'$ . by

$g_n(x) = f_n(x_0)$  and extend by conti. Then:

$\exists c, r_j$ .  $g$  harmonic on  $\{|x| < 1\}$ . St.  $g_{n_j} \xrightarrow{n_j \rightarrow \infty} g$ .