

Pure jump processes

1. Prove that the process X_t in Definition 7.1 in the notes satisfy

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{t+h} = y | X_t = x) = hq(x, y) + o(h).$$

and it is Markov.

2. Define

$$P_t(x, y) = \mathbb{P}(X_t = y | X_0 = x).$$

and show the Kolmogorov equations

$$P'_t = QP_t \quad (\text{Kolmogorov Backward equations})$$

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for all $t \geq 0$, where P'_t is the matrix having as entries $p'_t(x, y)$ the derivatives of the entries of the matrix P_t .

3. We say that π is an *stationary distribution* for (X_t) if $\sum_x \pi(x) = 1$ and it satisfies the *balance equations*:

$$\sum_x \pi(x)p_t(x, y) = \pi(y)$$

Prove that a distribution π is stationary for a process with rates $q(x, y)$ if and only if

$$\sum_x \pi(x)q(x, y) = \pi(y) \sum_z q(y, z). \quad (1)$$

4. Prove that if $\pi(x)q(x, y) = \pi(y)q(y, x)$ then π is reversible for the process and π is invariant.
5. Consider a queuing system with 1 server and bounded waiting place. The state space is $\{0, 1, 2\}$ and X_t is the number of customers in the system at time t . Customers arrive at rate λ and services are exponential at rate μ :

$$q(0, 1) = q(1, 2) = \lambda \quad (2)$$

$$q(1, 0) = \mu; \quad q(2, 1) = 2\mu \quad (3)$$

$$q(x, y) = 0, \text{ otherwise.} \quad (4)$$

Compute the invariant measure for this process and decide if it is reversible.

Perfect simulation

6. Let

$$Z_t := X_{[\tau(t), t]}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

Prove that Z_t is jump Markov with rates Q and it is stationary: $P(Z_t = z)$ does not depend on t .

7. Construct a stationary version of $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ for the process of exercise 5 using a Poisson process in \mathbb{R}^2 .