Classical and quantum processes with random resetting

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Plan

- Markov processes
- Processes with reset
- Project 1: Spectral properties
- Project 2: Large deviations
- Examples

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- Dominic Rose, Igor Lesanovsky, Juan Garrahan (University of Nottingham)

[Rose, HT, Lesanovsky, Garrahan PRE 2018]

Reset processes

Drunkard's walk



2D Brownian motion (BM)



Random walk with resets



- BM: $x_{n+1} = x_n + \sqrt{\Delta t}$ randn()
- RBM: if rand() $< \Gamma \Delta t$ then reset

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• Poisson process for resets

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Applications

Population models



- Random births and deaths
- Reset = decimation

Queueing models



- Random arrivals and service
- Reset = random clearing

Variants

Reset processes

- Reset at fixed point
- Reset at random point
- Different waiting times
- Non Poisson resets
- Many-particle process
- Non-instantaneous resets
- ...

Superposition of processes Compound processes Switching processes

Markov processes

- State: X_t
- Probability distribution: p(x, t)
- Master equation:

$$\partial_t p(x,t) = \mathcal{L} p(x,t)$$

• Ergodic: $\mathcal{L}p_{ss} = 0$

Jump processes

- Discrete states, continuous time
- Queues, population models

Diffusions

- Continuous state, continuous time
- Noise perturbed dynamical systems





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Markov processes (cont'd)

Jump processes

• Transition rates:

$$W(C
ightarrow C') = P(C
ightarrow C' ext{ in } dt)/dt$$

• Escape rates:

$$R(C) = \sum_{C'} W(C \to C')$$

Generator: $\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{W}_{\text{off-diag}} - \underbrace{RI}_{\text{diag}}$



Diffusions

- SDE: $dX_t = F(X_t)dt + \sigma dW_t$
- Generator:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\nabla \cdot F + \frac{D}{2} \nabla^2, \qquad D = \sigma \sigma^2$$



Reset processes

Jump processes

- Reset state: C_0
- Reset rate $\Gamma: P(C \rightarrow C_0 \text{ in time } dt) = \Gamma dt$



Example: Reset Brownian motion

[Evans, Majumdar PRL 2011, JPA 2011]

• Reset diffusion equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}p(x,t) = D\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}p(x,t) - \Gamma p(x,t) + \Gamma \delta(x-x_0)$$

• Stationary solution:

$$p_{ss}(x) = rac{lpha}{2} e^{-lpha |x-x_0|}, \qquad lpha = \sqrt{\Gamma/D}$$

- Reset = weak confining force
- No stationary distribution w/o reset





Project 1: Spectral properties

Markov evolutions

$$\partial_t p(x,t) = \mathcal{L} p(x,t)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{d}{dx}F + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2}$$

- Non-Hermitian generator
- Spectrum not real
- $\lambda_{\max} = 0$
- $\mathcal{L}p_{ss} = 0$ stationary density
- Decay dynamics:

$$i\hbar\partial_t\psi(x,t)=\mathcal{H}\psi(x,t)$$

$$\mathcal{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V$$

- Hermitian generator
- Real spectrum
- $E_{\min} = \text{ground state}$
- $\psi_{\min}(x)$
- Rotation dynamics:

 $\psi(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} e^{-i\hbar E_i} \phi_i(x,t)$

$$p(x,t) = p_{ss}(x) + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} e^{\lambda_i t} f_i(x)$$

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Spectrum of reset processes

$$\partial_t |P(t)\rangle = \mathcal{L}|P(t)\rangle, \qquad |P(t)\rangle = \sum_C P(C,t)|C\rangle, \quad \langle C|C'\rangle = \delta_{CC'}$$

Without reset

• Generator:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{C,C' \neq C} W(C \rightarrow C') |C'\rangle \langle C| - \sum_{C} R(C) |C\rangle \langle C|$$

• Spectral elements:

$$\mathcal{L}|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle = \lambda_i|\mathbf{r}_i\rangle, \qquad \langle I_i|\mathcal{L} = \lambda_i\langle I_i|$$

- Eigenvalues: $\lambda_1 = 0 > \lambda_2 \ge \lambda_3 \ge \cdots$
- Dominant eigenvectors:

$$|r_1\rangle = |P_{ss}\rangle, \qquad \langle I_1| = \sum_{C} \langle C| \equiv \langle -|$$

Spectrum of reset processes (cont'd)

[Rose, HT, Lesanovsky, Garrahan PRE 2018]

With reset

• Generator:

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{\Gamma}} = \mathcal{L} + \underbrace{\mathsf{\Gamma} | \mathcal{C}_0 \rangle \langle -|}_{\text{reset}} - \underbrace{\mathsf{\Gamma}}_{\text{norm}}$$

• Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_1^{\mathsf{\Gamma}} = 0, \qquad \lambda_i^{\mathsf{\Gamma}} = \lambda_i - \mathsf{\Gamma} \qquad (\text{more dissipation})$$

- Right eigenvectors: $|r_i^{\Gamma}\rangle = |r_i\rangle$, i > 1
- Left eigenvectors:

$$\langle I_1^{\Gamma}| = \langle -|, \qquad \langle I_i^{\Gamma}| = \langle I_i| + \frac{\Gamma \langle I_i|C_0\rangle}{\lambda_i - \Gamma} \langle -|$$

• Stationary distribution:

$$|P_{\rm ss}^{\sf \Gamma}\rangle = |P_{\rm ss}\rangle - \sum_{i=2}^{D} \frac{\Gamma\langle I_i | C_0 \rangle}{\lambda_i - \Gamma} |r_i\rangle$$

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Example: Reset Brownian motion

$$\mathcal{L}p(x) = D \frac{d^2 p(x)}{dx^2}, \qquad x \in [-L/2, L/2)$$
 periodic b.c.

- Free quantum particle in box
- Spectral elements:

$$\lambda_n = -D\left(\frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)^2, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \qquad r_n(x) = I_n(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}}e^{2\pi i n x/L}$$

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• Stationary distribution:

$$p_{ss}^{\Gamma}(x) = \frac{\Gamma}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i n x/L}}{D(\frac{2\pi n}{L})^2 + \Gamma}$$

$$\stackrel{L \to \infty}{=} \Gamma \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ikx}}{Dk^2 + \Gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{-\alpha |x|}$$

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Open quantum systems

• Master equation:

$$\partial_t \rho = \mathcal{L}(\rho)$$

• Lindblad operator:

$$\mathcal{L}(\rho) = \underbrace{-i[H,\rho]}_{\text{closed evolution}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j} \left[J_{j}\rho J_{j}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{ J_{j}^{\dagger}J_{j}, \rho \} \right]}_{j}$$

system-environment interaction

Spectral elements:

$$\mathcal{L}(R_i) = \lambda_i R_i, \qquad \mathcal{L}^{\dagger}(L_i) = \lambda_i^* L_i \qquad (eigen-matrices)$$

Reset dynamics

- Reset state: $|\psi\rangle$
- Reset operators: $J_i^{\Gamma} = \sqrt{\Gamma} |\psi\rangle \langle \phi_i |$
- Generator:

 $\mathcal{L}_{\Gamma}(\rho) = \mathcal{L}(\rho) + \Gamma \operatorname{Tr}(\rho) |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| - \Gamma \rho$

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Example: Quantum random walk

- Coherent hopping on a chain
- No environment (closed system) + reset
- Hamiltonian:

$$H = \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} \left(|x+1\rangle \langle x| + |x\rangle \langle x+1| \right) \qquad \text{periodic b.c.}$$

• Reset:
$$J_i^{\Gamma} = \sqrt{\Gamma} |0\rangle \langle \phi_i |$$

- Not same as projective measurement
- Localization with reset
- Compared with classical random walk
- Γ = 1,5
- *N* = 2001 sites



Project 2: Large deviations

[HT Physics Reports 2009]

- Markov process: X_t
- Observable:

$$A_T = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(X_t) \, dt$$

• Large deviation approximation:

$$P(A_T = a) \approx e^{-TI(a)}, \quad T \to \infty$$

• Rate function: *I*(*a*)

Physical observables

- Nonequilibrium: Work, heat, entropy production
- Equilibrium: Rate function = entropy

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Spectral calculation

[HT Physica A 2018]

Scaled cumulant function

$$\Lambda(k) = \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln E[e^{TkA_T}]$$

• $k \in \mathbb{R}$

Markov processes

Garther-Lins Theorem

$$\Lambda(k) \text{ differentiable, then}$$

$$P(A_T = a) \approx e^{-TI(a)}$$

$$I(a) = \sup_k \{ka - \Lambda(k)\}$$

Cärtner Ellie Theorem

 $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$

 $P(A_T = a)$

T = 100

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I(a)

T = 10

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$$\mathcal{L}_k r_k = \Lambda(k) r_k$$

Reset processes

- Tilted (twisted) operator: $\mathcal{L}_k = \mathcal{L} + kf$
- Dominant eigenvalue: $\Lambda(k)$
- Dominant eigenfunction: r_k
- Perron-Frobenius-type result
- Rate function = Legendre transform of SCGF

Generating function with reset

[Meylahn, Sabhapandit, HT PRE 2015]

Generating function:



 $G_{\Gamma}(x, k, T) = E_{x}[e^{TkA_{T}}] = E[e^{k\int_{0}^{T}f(X_{t})dt}|X_{0} = x]$

Generating function with reset (cont'd)

• Laplace transform:

$$\tilde{G}_{\Gamma}(x,k,s) = \int_0^\infty G_{\Gamma}(x,k,T) e^{-sT} dT$$

• Renewal representation:

$$ilde{G}_{\Gamma}(x,k,s) = ilde{G}_0(x,k,s+\Gamma)\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\Gamma^n \ ilde{G}_0(x_r,k,s+\Gamma)^n$$

$$ilde{G}_{\Gamma}(x,k,s) = rac{ ilde{G}_0(x,k,s+\Gamma)}{1-\Gamma ilde{G}_0(x_r,k,s+\Gamma)}$$

Long-time behavior

$$G_{\Gamma}(x,k,T) \sim e^{T\Lambda_{\Gamma}(k)} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \widetilde{G}_{\Gamma}(x,k,s) \sim rac{1}{s-\Lambda_{\Gamma}(k)}$$

- SCGF = largest pole of \tilde{G}_{Γ}
- \tilde{G}_{Γ} = transform of no-reset \tilde{G}_0

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Example: Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process with reset

• Process:

$$dX_t = -\gamma X_t dt + \sigma dW_t$$

• Observable:

$$A_T = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T X_t dt$$

• Spectral decomposition:

$$G_0(x,k,T) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_{k,i}(x) e^{\Lambda_{0,i}(k)T}$$

• Asymptotics:

$$\Lambda_{\Gamma}(k) \approx \Lambda_{0}(k) - \Gamma$$

 $I_{\Gamma}(a) \approx I_0(a) + \Gamma$

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Other results

Dynamical phase transitions

- Phase transitions in fluctuations
- Singularities in $\Lambda_{\Gamma}(k)$ and $I_{\Gamma}(a)$
- Mapping to DNA models with phase transitions

Variants

- Spatially dependent reset rate $\Gamma(x)$
- Non-exponential reset times (non-Poisson = non-Markov)
- Non-instantaneous return, waiting at reset state, etc.

Random search

- Reset search more efficient
- Mean time to random target
- Mean first passage time reduced with reset









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