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Scaling limits for
self-interacting random
walks and diffusions, (5)

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Complex processes

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CLT / invariance principle for additive
functionals of Markov processes - a la
"Kipnis - Varadhan" (and more ...)

(Ω, π) probability space, $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\Omega, \pi)$

$t \mapsto \eta(t)$ stationary & ergodic on (Ω, π)

G : the infinitesimal generator of the
semigroup $P_t f = \mathbb{E}(f(\eta(t)) | \mathcal{F}_0)$
on $L^2(\Omega, \pi)$

G^* : adjoint generator

$$S := -\frac{1}{2}(G + G^*) \quad ; \quad A = \frac{1}{2}(G - G^*)$$

assumption: S & A well defined ...

Q: let $f \in L^2(\Omega, \pi)$, $\int f d\pi = 0$

? CLT for $t^{-1/2} \int_0^t f(\eta(s)) ds$?

The variance:

$$c(s) := \mathbb{E} (f(\eta(t)) f(\eta(t+s))) = (f, e^{sG} f)$$

$$\tilde{D}(t) := \text{Var} \left(t^{-1/2} \int_0^t f(\eta(s)) ds \right)$$

$$= 2 \int_0^t \frac{t-s}{t} c(s) ds$$

$$\hat{D}(\lambda) := 2 \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} c(s) ds = (f, (\lambda - G)^{-1} f)$$

$$\hat{D}(\lambda) = \lambda^2 \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} s \tilde{D}(s) ds$$

Hence:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{D}(t) \leq \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \hat{D}(\lambda) \leq \overline{\lim}_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \hat{D}(\lambda) \leq \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{D}(t)$$

$$\text{Wanted: } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{D}(t) = \overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{D}(t) =: \sigma^2 \in (0, \infty)$$

Remark: If $G = G^*$, then $c(s) > 0$ and

$\exists \sigma^2 \in (0, \infty]$ granted a priori

Variational formula for the variance:

$$(f, (\lambda - G)^{-1} f) =$$

$$\sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}} \{ 2(f, g) - (g, (\lambda + S)g) - (Ag, (\lambda + S)^{-1} Ag) \}$$

notation: $(\lambda - G)^{-1} =: R_\lambda$

Proof:

$$(f, R_\lambda f) = (R_\lambda f, (\lambda - G)R_\lambda f)$$

$$= (R_\lambda f, (\lambda + S)R_\lambda f)$$

$$= \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}} \{ 2(g, R_\lambda f) - (g, (\lambda + S)g) \}$$

$$= \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}} \{ 2(g, f) - ((\lambda - G^*)g, (\lambda + S)^{-1}(\lambda - G^*)g) \}$$

$$= \sup_{g \in \mathcal{H}} \{ 2(g, f) - (g, (\lambda + S)g) - (Ag, (\lambda + S)^{-1} Ag) \} \quad \square$$

In particular:

$$0 < \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{lower bound from} \\ \text{cleverly chosen} \\ g \in \mathcal{H} \end{array} \right\} \leq (f, (\lambda - G)^{-1} f) \leq (f, (\lambda + S)^{-1} f)$$

The simplest case, Gordin-Lifshitz '78 :

$$f \in \text{Ran}(G) ; f = -Gg, \quad g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}, \pi)$$

Then:

$$\int_0^t f(\eta(s)) ds = - \int_0^t Gg(\eta(s)) ds$$

$$= M(t) - g(\eta(t)) + g(\eta(0))$$

$$M(t) := g(\eta(t)) - g(\eta(0)) - \int_0^t Gg(\eta(s)) ds$$

martingale with stationary & ergodic increments

$$\frac{M(t)}{\sigma\sqrt{t}} \Rightarrow N(0,1)$$

(actually: invariance principle)
holds

by martingale CLT

$$\sigma^2 = -2(g, Gg) = -2(f, G^{-1}f)$$

$$\frac{g(\eta(t)) - g(\eta(0))}{\sqrt{t}} \xrightarrow{L^2} 0$$

done ✓

Kipnis-Varadhan '86: $G = G^* = -S$ [reversible process]

Thm CLT holds iff

$$\sigma^2 := 2 \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} (f, (\lambda - G)^{-1} f) < \infty$$

Equivalently: iff $f \in \text{Ran}(S^{1/2})$

(H₋₁)

$$\|S^{-1/2} f\|^2 =: \|f\|_{-1}^2 < \infty.$$

Proof: martingale approximation + spectral calculus
[see later]

Applications to reversible cases:

Tagged particle in symmetric simple exclusion

r.w. in symmetric r.e.

many more...

Non-reversible processes:

resolvent (rather than spectral) calculus

$$R_\lambda := (\lambda I - G)^{-1} = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} P_s ds$$

$$u_\lambda := R_\lambda f; \quad \lambda u_\lambda - G u_\lambda = f$$

resolvent eq.

A priori bounds:

$$R_\lambda = (\lambda + S - A)^{-1} = (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda (\lambda + S)^{-1/2}$$

$$K_\lambda := \left(I - \underbrace{(\lambda + S)^{-1/2} A (\lambda + S)^{-1/2}}_{B_\lambda} \right)^{-1}$$

$$B_\lambda^* = -B_\lambda \quad [\text{some attention needed...}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \|K_\lambda\| \leq 1 \quad (\text{actually} = 1)$$

Proposition (notation as before)

(1) $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lambda \|u_\lambda\| = 0, \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \|Gu_\lambda + f\| = 0$

(2) if in addition: $f \in \text{Ran}(S^{1/2})$:

(H_-) $\|f\|_-^2 := \|S^{1/2}f\|^2 < \infty$

then $\overline{\lim}_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lambda^{1/2} \|u_\lambda\| \leq \|S^{-1/2}f\| < \infty$

Proof:

(1)

$$\lambda u_\lambda = \lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda \lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} f$$

$$\|\lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2}\| = 1$$

$$\|K_\lambda\| = 1$$

$$\lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} f \rightarrow 0.$$

(2)

$$\lambda^{1/2} u_\lambda = \lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} f$$

$$(\lambda + S)^{-1/2} f = (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} S^{1/2} S^{-1/2} f$$

$$\| S^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} \| \leq 1$$

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Theorem - Martingale approximation:

- If
- (A) $\lambda^{1/2} \mu_\lambda \rightarrow 0$
 - (B) $\underbrace{S^{1/2} \mu_\lambda}_{\lambda > 0, \text{ is Cauchy}} \rightarrow \nu$ in \mathcal{H} , as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$

Then

$$\sigma^2 := 2 \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} (U_\lambda, f) \in (0, \infty)$$

and there exists a martingale $t \mapsto M(t)$ with stationary & ergodic increments (on the same probability space) with

$$\mathbb{E}(M(t)^2) = \sigma^2 t$$

and

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\left(\int_0^t f(\eta(s)) ds - M(t) \right)^2 \right) = o(t)$$

Corollary: $t^{-1/2} \int_0^t f(\eta(s)) ds \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma)$.

Remarks:

① (A) + (B) \Leftrightarrow (C)

② (C): $\lim_{\lambda, \mu \rightarrow 0} (\lambda + \mu) (u_\lambda, u_\mu) = 0$

② BT '86 - applied to a RWRE

Varadhan '95 • Thm + "sector condition"
 applied to tagged particle in zero
 mean asymmetric exclusion

Sethuraman, Varadhan, Xu '00 : Thm + "graded sector
 condition: tagged particle in asymmetric
 simple exclusion, $d \geq 3$

③ If $G = G^*$ then (A) \Leftrightarrow (B) \Leftrightarrow $\{\sigma^2 < \infty\}$

so this extends Kipnis-Varadhan

Proof (follows the main lines of K-V.)

$$(u_\lambda, f) = (u_\lambda, (\lambda - G)u_\lambda) = \lambda \|u_\lambda\|^2 + \|S^{1/2}u_\lambda\|^2$$

Thus: (A) + (B) $\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = 2 \|v\|^2$.

$$M_\lambda(t) := u_\lambda(\eta(t)) - u_\lambda(\eta(0)) - \int_0^t (Gu_\lambda)(\eta(s)) ds$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} (M_\lambda(s) - M_\mu(s))^2 \right) \leq 4t \|S^{1/2}u_\lambda - S^{1/2}u_\mu\|^2$$

By (B) $\exists t \mapsto M(t)$ martingale.

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{\alpha \wedge \lambda \leq t} (M_\lambda(s) - M(s))^2 \right) \leq 4t \|S^{1/2}u_\lambda - v\|^2$$

$$\mathbb{E} (M(t)^2) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{E} (M_\lambda(t)^2) = 2 \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} (u_\lambda, f).$$

The martingale approximation:

$$\int_0^t f(\eta(s)) ds = M(t) + (M_\lambda(t) - M(t)) - \mu_\lambda(\eta(t)) + \mu_\lambda(\eta(0)) + \int_0^t \lambda \mu_\lambda(\eta(s)) ds$$

The error terms:

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} (M_\lambda(s) - M(s))^2 \right) \leq 4t \|S_{\mu_\lambda}^{1/2} - \sigma\|^2$$

$$\mathbb{E} (\mu_\lambda(\eta(t))^2) = t (t\lambda)^{-1} \lambda \|\mu_\lambda\|^2$$

$$\mathbb{E} (\mu_\lambda(\eta(0))^2) = t (t\lambda)^{-1} \lambda \|\mu_\lambda\|^2$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \left(\int_0^s \lambda \mu_\lambda(\eta(r)) dr \right)^2 \right) \leq t \mathbb{E} \left(\int_0^t \lambda^2 \mu_\lambda(\eta(r))^2 dr \right)$$

$$= t (t\lambda) \cdot \lambda \|\mu_\lambda\|^2$$

choose $\lambda = t^{-1}$, then all error terms are $o(t^{1/2})$ in L^2 \square

How to check conditions $(A) + (B) \Leftrightarrow (C)$?

BT '86 : "persistent RWRE": computational

Varadhan '95 :

The Sector Condition :

$\forall g, h \in \mathcal{H} :$

$$|(h, Ag)|^2 \leq C (h, Sh)(g, Sg)$$

equiv: $S^{\frac{1}{2}}AS^{\frac{1}{2}} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

$$\{S.C.\} + \{ \|S^{-\frac{1}{2}}f\|^2 < \infty \} \Rightarrow (A) + (B)$$

Setthuraman, Varadhan, \mathbb{H}_{-1} for 100:

The Graded Sector Condition

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$$\{G.S.C.\} + \{ \mathbb{H}_{-1} \} \Rightarrow (A) + (B)$$

A reasonably weaker sufficient
condition:

$$\lambda^{1/2} u_\lambda = \lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} f$$

$$S^{1/2} u_\lambda = S^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} f$$

assume $f \in \text{Ran}(S^{1/2})$; $f = S^{1/2} g$ (H_1)

equiv: $\| S^{-1/2} f \|^2 < \infty$

Then:

$$\lambda^{1/2} u_\lambda = \lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda S^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} g$$

$$S^{1/2} u_\lambda = S^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} K_\lambda S^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} g$$

$$S^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} \xrightarrow[\text{top}]{\text{st. op.}} \Pi, \quad \Pi h = h - \int h d\mu$$

$$\lambda^{1/2} (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} \xrightarrow[\text{top}]{\text{st. op.}} 0.$$

A sufficient condition:

$$K_\lambda \xrightarrow[\text{top}]{\text{st op}} K \in B(\mathcal{H}), \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 0.$$

Proposition \mathcal{H} a Hilbert space. Let $B_n, n \leq \infty$, densely defined closed operators over the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Assume that

① for some $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$, $\mu \in \bigcap_{n \leq \infty} \text{Res}(B_n)$

$$\sup_{n \leq \infty} \|(\mu - B_n)^{-1}\| \leq C < \infty$$

② there is a dense subspace $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$ which is a core for B_∞ and $\mathcal{L} \subset \text{Dom}(B_n), n < \infty$ such that for $\forall g \in \mathcal{L}$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|B_n g - B_\infty g\| = 0.$$

Then: $(\mu - B_n)^{-1} \xrightarrow[\text{top}]{\text{st op}} (\mu - B_\infty)^{-1}$.

Proof: (follows proof of Thm VIII.25 from Reed-Simon)

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}} := \{ \tilde{g} = (\mu - B_\infty)g : g \in \mathcal{E} \}$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$ is dense in \mathcal{H} (since \mathcal{E} is a core for B_∞ and $\mu \in \text{Res}(B_\infty)$).

Hence:

$$\{ (\mu - B_n)^{-1} - (\mu - B_\infty)^{-1} \} \tilde{g} =$$

$$(\mu - B_n)^{-1} (B_n - B_\infty) (\mu - B_\infty)^{-1} \tilde{g} =$$

$$\underbrace{(\mu - B_n)^{-1}}_{\|\cdot\| \leq C} \underbrace{(B_n g - B_\infty g)}_{\rightarrow 0}$$

$$\|\cdot\| \leq C$$

$$\rightarrow 0$$

□

Condition... (find a good name...)

The operator

$$B := S^{-1/2} A S^{-1/2}$$

makes sense, as densely defined, closed, skew self adjoint operator.

On a common core \mathcal{C} of the skew self adjoint operators

$$B_\lambda := (\lambda + S)^{-1/2} A (\lambda + S)^{-1/2},$$

for $g \in \mathcal{C}$:

$$\exists \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} B_\lambda g =: B_0 g$$

This implies $M_\lambda \xrightarrow[\text{top}]{\text{stop}} M$.

Thm Condition... + (H_1)

$$\Rightarrow (A) + (B)$$

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Remarks

① Varadhan's Sector Condition is equivalent to $S^{-1/2} A S^{-1/2} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

② Varadhan et al.'s Graded Sector Condition is equivalent to $S^{-1/2} A S^{-1/2} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_n, \mathcal{H}_{n-1} \oplus \mathcal{H}_{n+1})$