

Tractable Random Process:-

Recall:

Given,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ , index set  $T$  and Statespace  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow X^T$$

Characterised by,

$$F_{x_s}: \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad \forall \text{ finite } S \subseteq T.$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{x_s}(x_s) \triangleq P\left(\bigcap_{s \in S} X_s(\omega) \leq x_s\right) \rightarrow$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
all  $F_{x_1, \dots, x_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$m_x(t) = E[X_t]$$

$$R_x(t, s) = E[X_t X_s]$$

$$C_x(t, s) = E[X_t - m_x(t)][X_s - m_x(s)]$$

}  $\Rightarrow$  already done in previous tutorial.

Example

(1) You have 100 Rupees in an account with interest rate 'R' compounded annually. (Find  $m_x(n)$ ;  $R_x(n, k)$ ;  $C_x(n, k)$ .)

$X_n$  is the value of amount in the account at year 'n'.

$$X_n = 100(1+R)^n$$

$R \sim \text{Uniform}(0.04, 0.05)$

$\hookrightarrow$  Random Variable once

it is fixed at the start

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$$m_x(n) = E[X_n] = 100 E[(1+R)^n]$$

$$= 100 E[(R')^n]$$

$\begin{matrix} 1.05 \\ \uparrow \\ P \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 1.04 \\ \downarrow \\ P \end{matrix} \quad \dots \quad \dots$

$R' \sim \text{Uniform}(1.04, 1.05)$

$$= 100 \mathbb{E}[(R')^n] \quad R' \sim \text{uniform}(1.04, 1.05)$$

$$= 100 \int_{1.04}^{1.05} 100 \cdot (r')^n \cdot dr'$$

$$= \frac{10^4}{n+1} (r')^{n+1} \Big|_{1.04}^{1.05}$$

$$= \frac{10^4}{n+1} ((1.05)^{n+1} - (1.04)^{n+1})$$

$$R_x(n, k) = \mathbb{E}[X_n X_k] = 10^4 \mathbb{E}[(1+R)^n (1+R)^k]$$

$$= 10^4 \mathbb{E}[(R')^{n+k}]$$

$$= \frac{10^6}{n+k+1} [(1.05)^{n+k+1} - (1.04)^{n+k+1}]$$

$$C_x(n, k) = \mathbb{E}[X_n - \mathbb{E}[X_n]] [X_k - \mathbb{E}[X_k]] \quad \rightarrow \text{calculate}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad X_t = A + Bt$$

$A$  and  $B \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 1)$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are independent

$$m_x(t) = \mathbb{E}[X_t]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[A + Bt]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[A] + \mathbb{E}[Bt]$$

$$= 1 + t \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty)$$

$$R_x(t_1, t_2) = \mathbb{E}[X_{t_1} \cdot X_{t_2}]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[(A + Bt_1)(A + Bt_2)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[A^2 + ABt_2 + ABt_1 + B^2 t_1 t_2]$$

$$= 2 + t_2 + t_1 + 2t_1 t_2 \quad \forall t_1, t_2 \in [0, \infty)$$

$$C_x(t_1, t_2) =$$

$$1 + t_1 t_2 \quad \text{(calculate)}$$

Independent and identically distributed Process:-

$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^T$  is iid for any finite  $S \subseteq T$  and  $x_s \in \mathbb{R}^S$

...  $\Rightarrow$  for any finite  $S \subseteq I$  and  $x_s \in \mathbb{K}$

$$F_{X_S}(x_S) = P\left(\bigcap_{s \in S} \{X_s(\omega) \leq x_s\}\right) = \prod_{s \in S} F_{X_s}(x_s)$$

independence } identical

we can also write,

for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_{X_i}(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(x_i)$$

independence } identical

Remark: independent Random process and two Random process are independent are different concepts.

Stationary Process:

$X: \Omega \rightarrow X^{\mathbb{T}}$  is stationary if for any  $t$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$F_{X_S}(x_S) = F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = F_{X_1+t, X_2+t, \dots, X_n+t}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Stationary (Shift invariant)

iid  $\Rightarrow$  stationary (was done in class)

stationary  $\not\Rightarrow$  iid (gives an example)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_0 = x_0 \\ X_1 = x_0 \\ X_2 = x_1 \\ \vdots \\ X_n = x_{n-1} \end{array} \right. \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Remark: Stationary Stochastic process  $\Rightarrow$  All moments are shift invariant.

Weak or Wide Sense Stationarity:

$$\rightarrow m_x(t) = m_x(t+s) \quad \forall s, t \in T \text{ and}$$

$$\rightarrow R_x(t, s) = R_x(t+u, s+u) \quad \forall s, t, u \in T$$

$$SSS \Rightarrow WSS$$

but  $WSS \not\Rightarrow SSS \rightarrow$  Example

$$X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{N}}$$

$$X_{2n} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{w.p. } 1/3 \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1/3 \\ 1 & \text{w.p. } 1/3 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{2n+1} = |X_{2n}| - 2/3$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_x(n, m) &= E[X_n \cdot X_m] \quad \text{if } n \text{ and } m \text{ are even} \\ &= E[X_n] \cdot E[X_m] = 0 \quad \text{for } n, m \text{ any other pairing.} \\ &E[X_{2n} \cdot X_{2n+1}] \\ &= E[X_{2n} \cdot (|X_{2n}| - 2/3)] \\ &= E[X_{2n} \cdot |X_{2n}|] - 2/3 E[X_{2n}] \\ &= -1/3 + 0 + 1/3 - 2/3 \cdot 0 \quad \therefore \text{this is} \\ &= 0 \quad \underline{WSS} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore R_x(n, m) = 0 \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P[(X_0, X_2) = (1, 1)] &= 1/9 \\ P[(X_1, X_3) = (1, 1)] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \underline{\text{"not stationary"}}$$

### Random Walk

discrete time random process

$$X_0 = 0$$

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + U_n$$

$U = (U_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is iid

change 'X's' to 'S's'

$$X = (X_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$$

and U's  $\rightarrow$  X's

$u_{n+1} = u_n + u_n$   
 $u = (u_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is iid

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= X_t - X_0 \\ &= (X_t - X_s) + (X_s - X_0) \\ \Rightarrow X_t - X_s &= (X_t - X_0) - (X_s - X_0) \\ &= \sum_{s+1}^{t-1} u_i \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore X_t - X_s$  depends on  $u_s, \dots, u_{t-1}$ ,  
 $X_s - X_0$  depends on  $u_0, \dots, u_{s-1}$ .  
 as  $u$  is iid these both are independent.

(Independent increment property of Random Walk?)

let  $E[u_i] = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(u_i) = \sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_X(n) &= E[X_n] = E[X_{n-1} + u_{n-1}] = E[X_{n-1}] + \mu \\ &= E[X_{n-2}] + 2\mu \\ &\vdots \\ &= n\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_X(n, m) &= E[X_n \cdot X_m] \\ &= E[(X_n - X_0)(X_m - X_0)] \\ &= E[(X_n - X_0)(X_m - X_n + X_n - X_0)] \\ &= E[(X_n - X_0)(X_m - X_n)] + E[(X_n - X_0)^2] \\ &= E[(X_n - X_0)]E[(X_m - X_n)] + E[X_n^2] \\ &= (n\mu)(m-n)\mu + n\sigma^2 + n^2\mu^2 \\ &= nm\mu^2 - n^2\mu^2 + n^2\mu^2 + n\sigma^2 \\ &= \underline{\underline{nm\mu^2 + n\sigma^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_X(n, n) = E[X_n^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_x(n, n) &= \mathbb{E}[x_n^2] \\
&= \text{Var}(x_n) + (\mathbb{E}[x_n])^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(x_{n-1} + u_{n-1}) + n^2 \mu^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(x_{n-1}) + \sigma^2 + n^2 \mu^2 \\
&= n \sigma^2 + n^2 \mu^2
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Random Walk  $\Rightarrow$  not WSS  $\Rightarrow$  not stationary.

Lévy Process :-

(L1) increments are independent ; for any instants  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \dots < t_n < \infty$ .

$X_{t_2} - X_{t_1}, X_{t_3} - X_{t_2}, \dots$  independent.

(L2) increments are stationary.

(L3) continuous in probability.

Markov process :-

$$\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(X_s, s \leq t)$$

for  $u > t$

$$P(\{X_u \leq x_u\} | \mathcal{F}_t) = P(\{X_u \leq x_u\} | \sigma(X_t))$$

Example Random Walk :-

$S: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{Z}_+}$  is RW with

iid step size  $\rightarrow X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is Markov

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\{S_{n+1} = y\} | \{S_n = x, S_{n-1} = S_{n-1}, \dots, S_1 = S_1\}) & \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{increments} \\ \text{are independent} \end{array} \\
= P(\{S_{n+1} - S_n = y - x\}) & \\
= P(\{S_{n+1} = y\} | \{S_n = x\}) &
\end{aligned}$$

## Stopping times

$\mathcal{G}_\bullet \triangleq (\mathcal{G}_t \subseteq \mathcal{F} \mid t \in T)$  is called filtration is  $\mathcal{G}_s \subseteq \mathcal{G}_t$   
 $\forall s \leq t$ .  
↳ "collection of event spaces"

def:-  $\tau: \Omega \rightarrow T$  is a stopping time with respect to  $\mathcal{G}_\bullet$  if

- (a) the event  $\tau^{-1}(-\infty, t] \in \mathcal{F}_t$  for all  $t \in T$
- (b)  $P\{\tau < \infty\} = 1$

Interpretation:- Given the history upto time 'n' of the process

$\{X_m: m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , we can tell whether  $\{\tau = n\}$  (or  $\{\tau \leq n\}$ ) has happened

$$P(\tau = n \mid \sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

## Example

(1)  $N = \inf\{n \geq 1: X_n \in A\} =$  (first hitting time of set A)

$$\{N > n\} = \{X_1 \notin A, \dots, X_n \notin A\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{N > n\} \in \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n) \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \{N \leq n\} \in \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n) \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$\therefore N$  is a stopping time.

Problem:-  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$      $S: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_+^{\mathbb{N}}$ ;  $S_0 = 0$

let  $A = \{1\}$

$\therefore \tau_S^A := \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N}: S_n = 1\}$  is stopping time.

$$P(\tau_X^A = n) = P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{n-1} \{X_k = 0\} \cap \{X_n = 1\}\right)$$

$$= (1-p)^{n-1} p$$

$$P(\tau_X^A < \infty) = P\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{\tau_X^A = n\}\right)$$

—  $n-1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(Z_x^A < \infty) &= P\left(\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \{Z_x^A = n\}\right) \\
 &= \sum_1 P(\{Z_x^A = n\}) = \sum_1 (1-p)^{n-1} p = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$  Geometric distribution (PMF)

② let,

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \quad ; \quad n \geq 1 \quad (X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \geq 0$$

$$N_t = \sup \{n \geq 1 : S_n \leq t\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{N_t = n\} &= \{S_1 \leq t, S_2 \leq t, \dots, S_n \leq t, S_{n+1} > t, \dots\} \\
 &= \bigcap_{k=1}^n \{S_k \leq t\} \cap \underbrace{\bigcap_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \{S_k > t\}}_{\text{depends on } X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore N_t$  is not a stopping time.

③  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be iid seq of Bernoulli RV

$$N_n := \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{X_k=1\}} = \# \text{ success upto time } n.$$

$$\text{as } \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{X_k=1\}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

$$T_m := \inf \{n \geq 1 : N_n = m\}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{T_m \leq n\} &= \{N_n \geq m\} \xrightarrow{\forall n \geq 1} \# \text{ of success at time 'n' } \geq m \\
 &\text{first time } m\text{-success happens is less than 'n'}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{X_k=1\}} \geq m \right\}$$

$$\in \sigma(X_1, \dots, X_n)$$



$\therefore T_m$  is a stopping time.

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Wald's lemma - Random walk :  $S: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}^+}$  with iid step size  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

$E|X_1| < \infty$  and  $T =$  finite mean stopping time.

problem - Consider  $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$ .

$$P(X_n = 1) = \alpha$$

$$P(X_n = -1) = \beta$$

$i \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $S_0 = i$

$$S_n := S_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n X_k$$

let  $\alpha < \beta$  and for some  $j < i$

$$N := \inf \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : S_n = j \}$$

Show that  $N$  is a stopping time; and compute  $E[N]$

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Solution :-

$$E[X_1] = \alpha - \beta$$

By SLLN

$$\frac{S_n - S_0}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \alpha - \beta < 0$$

$\implies$   $\exists$  a set  $A$  such that  $P(A) = 1$  for  $\omega \in A$

$$\frac{S_n(\omega) - S_0}{n} \longrightarrow \alpha - \beta < 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{lt } \frac{S_n(\omega) - S_0}{n} = -\infty \quad \forall \omega \in A.$$

$\therefore$  with probability '1'  $S_n - S_0$  will cross any negative integer value

in finite time.

$$\therefore N(\omega) \leq n^*(\omega) < \infty$$

$$P(N(\omega) < \infty) = 1$$

and  $N := \inf \{n \in \mathbb{N} : S_n = m\}$

$$\{N = n\} \in \sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

$\therefore N$  is Stopping time.

$$E[S_N - S_0] = E\left[\sum_{k=1}^N x_k\right] = E[N] E[x_1]$$

$$E[N] = \frac{E[S_N] - E[S_0]}{E[x_1]} = \frac{j - i}{\alpha - \beta} \checkmark$$