

# Stochastic Processes

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**Lectures Notes, No. 7**

**Consultations (RC 5112):**

Wednesday 3.30 pm  $\rightsquigarrow$  4.30 pm & Thursday 3.30 pm  $\rightsquigarrow$  4.30 pm

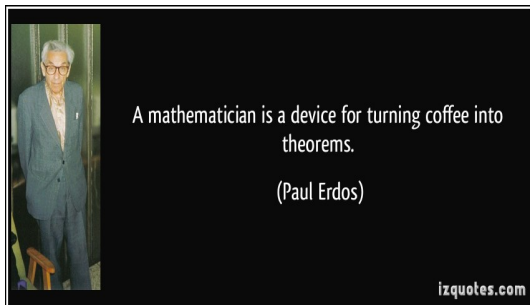
## References in the slides

- ▶ **Material for research projects**  $\rightsquigarrow$  Moodle  
(*Stochastic Processes and Applications*  $\ni$  variety of applications)
- ▶ **Important results**

$\subset$  **Assessment/Final exam** = LOGO =



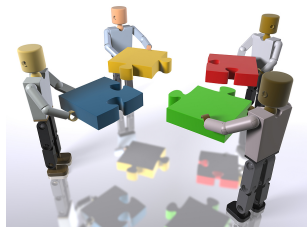
## Citations of the day



– *Paul Erdős (1913-1996)*

# Plan of the lecture

- ▶ Jump -diffusion processes
  - ▶ Time discretization / Simulation tool
  - ▶ Ito calculus
  - ▶ Infinitesimal generators
  - ▶ Martingale decompositions
  - ▶ Link to integro-differential equations
- ▶ Some applications:
  - ▶ Birth & death / Logistic processes
  - ▶ Moran genetic models  $\oplus$  diffusion limit
  - ▶ Cellular dynamic models
- ▶ Nonlinear Markov models
  - ▶ Mean field interacting particle
  - ▶ Self-interacting - Reinforcement
  - ▶ Applications : fluid mechanics, computational physics,...



# Three objectives



- ▶ **Recognize** a stochastic process given its (infinitesimal) generator



- ⊕ perform Ito-Taylor type expansions



- ⊕ **Inversely**, describe a process with its generator

- ⊕ *DESIGN YOUR OWN STOCH PROCESSES!*

- ▶ **Simulate** any process using the discrete time interpretation.



- ▶ **When possible (quite rare)** work out explicit calculations.

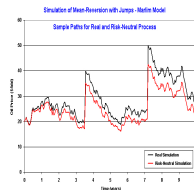


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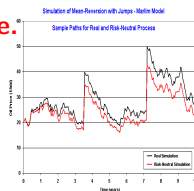
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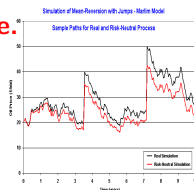
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- ▶ **Jump selection (Markov) transition  $S_t(x, dy)$ :**

$$X_{T_{n+1}-} \rightsquigarrow X_{T_{n+1}} \text{ r.v. with distribution } S_{T_{n+1}}(X_{T_{n+1}-}, dx)$$





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*Bernoulli process*

$$X_{t+dt} = (1 - \epsilon_t) \mathbf{Y}_t + \epsilon_t Z_t \quad \text{with} \quad Z_t \sim S_t(\mathbf{Y}_t, dx)$$

*and the  $\{0, 1\}$ -valued r.v.  $\epsilon_t$  with jump probability*

$$\mathbb{P}(\epsilon_t = 1 \mid \mathbf{Y}_t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda_t(\mathbf{Y}_t)dt} \simeq \lambda_t(\mathbf{Y}_t)dt$$

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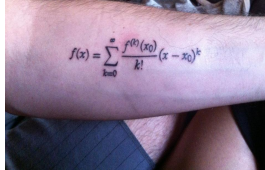
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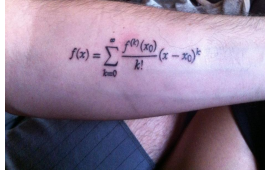
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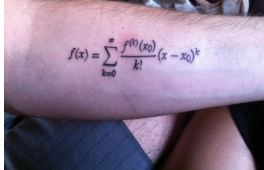


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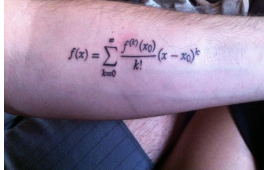
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\Delta f(t, X_t) \mid X_t = x) &= \lambda_t(x) dt \int (f(t, y) - f(t, x)) S_t(x, dy) \\ &:= L_t^d(f)(x) dt\end{aligned}$$

↓

## Predictable and martingale parts

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta f(t, X_t) &= \mathbb{E}(\Delta f(t, X_t) \mid \mathcal{F}_t) + \Delta f(t, X_t) - \mathbb{E}(\Delta f(t, X_t) \mid \mathcal{F}_t) \\ &= L_t^d(f)(X_t) dt + dM_t^d(f)\end{aligned}$$

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Geometric Brownian-Poisson process

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Integro-diff. eq.  $S_t(x, dy) = s_t(x, y) dy$



$$df(X_t) = (L_t^c + L_t^d)(f)(X_t) dt + \text{Martingale increment}$$

$\Leftrightarrow [\rho_t(x) dx = \mathbb{P}(X_t \in dx)]$  whenever it exists

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# Logistic proc./birth and death process



## Epidemic evolution - State $\{0, 1, \dots, d\}$

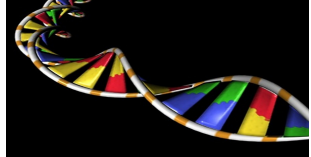
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with the infection and the recovery rates

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- ▶  $\frac{x}{d}$  = proportion of infected individuals.
- ▶ Every infected individual (in a pool of  $x$ ) remains infected for an exponential rate  $\beta$ .

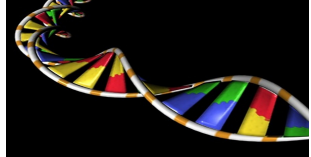
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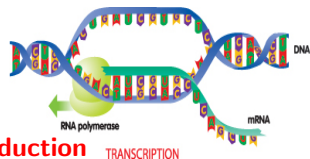
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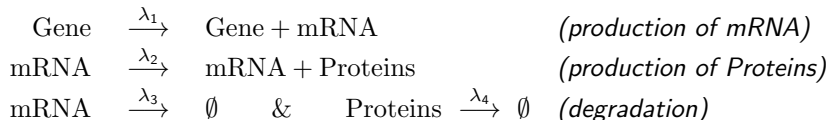


# Cellular dynamic models



## Genes (DNA)

↔ **Messenger molecule (mRNA)** ↔ **protein production**



## Jump process:

$X_t = (Y_t, Z_t) =$  (number of mRNA-Molecules, Proteins).

$$\begin{aligned} L(f)(y, z) = & \lambda_1 [f(y + 1, z) - f(y, z)] + \lambda_2 y [f(y, z + 1) - f(y, z)] \\ & + \lambda_3 y [f(y - 1, z) - f(y, z)] + \lambda_4 z [f(y, z - 1) - f(y, z)] \end{aligned}$$



BREAK



# Nonlinear stochastic processes



- ▶ Nonlinear Markov chains  $\rightsquigarrow$  **interacting** particle systems.
- ▶ Self-interacting Markov chains  $\rightsquigarrow$  **reinforcement** process.
- ▶ Discrete or Continuous time models

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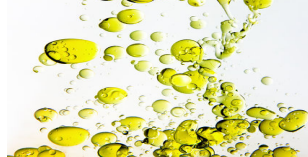
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# Illustrations



- ▶ McKean-Vlasov fluid diffusions models
- ▶ Fouque-Sun Financial systemic risk model
- ▶ Dyson model - Gaussian Orthogonal Ensemble
- ▶ Feynman-Kac models - Interacting jumps.



↪ scilab prog. + more info (Tutorial X 3rd year) [solutions on demand]

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### "Diffusion like model"

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### Application domains:

*Condense matter models, fluid mechanics, McKean-Vlasov diffusions, ...*

# Fouque-Sun Financial systemic risk mode



© J.P. Fouque & L. H. Sun Systemic Risk (math finance)

$X_t^i = \text{log-monetary reserve of banks}$

- ▶ Borrowing and lending to each other
- ▶ Mean reversion rate  $\alpha$
- ▶ Interaction degree [swarming behavior]



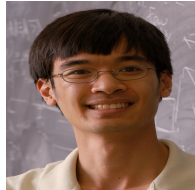
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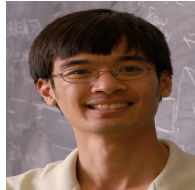
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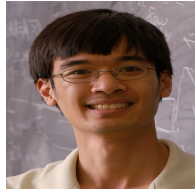
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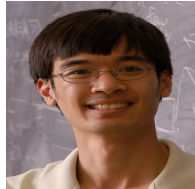
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⊂ **Feynman-Kac models** (cf. section 8.4 & 8.5)  $\rightsquigarrow$  **Application:**  
*Any conditional distribution, molecular chemistry, interacting MCMC, ...*

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