

Advanced Monte Carlo Methods

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Some refs/more refined:

(AAP2011), (FTML2011), (CRC2013) [compact/minorization conditions]

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(cf. Example 3/Sect. 4-2 in (AAP-1998) & Sect 2-3-2 in (Sp2000)),...

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Triangular array of Markov transitions \rightsquigarrow **stability properties**

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Triangular arrays/Stability FK/Positive semigroups:

\rightsquigarrow (CRAS1999)/(IHP2021),(SP2000),..., (AAP2023), (SAA2023).

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- Sub-Markov models (hard/soft obstacles)

- Self avoiding walks

- Level crossing excursions

- Filtering problems

- Approximate Bayesian Computation

- Kalman filter/Linear Gaussian

- Nonlinear Kalman/McKean-Vlasov

- The Ensemble Kalman filter

- EnKF vs Particle Filter

- Branching processes

- Quasi-invariant measures

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Feynman-Kac measures

A variety of interpretations/targets/...

Feynman-Kac particle recipes/methodologies

- Genealogical/Ancestral trees

- Backward particle models

- Island models

- Many-body FK models

- Particle Gibbs

- Quenched/Annealed models

- (Particle) Metropolis-Hasting

- Conditional Linear-Gaussian models

- Interacting Kalman filters

Performance/Convergence analysis

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\rightsquigarrow **unbiased unnormalized particle measures**

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Design unnormalized particle measures + unbiasedness + variance

\rightsquigarrow (MPRF-1996), ..., (IHP2011), ...

\rightsquigarrow cf. books+refs: (FK2004), (FTML2012), (CRC2013)

Unbiasedness property/Random ancestral lines

$$\mathbb{E}(\gamma_n^N(f)) = \gamma_n(f)$$

with historical $\mathbb{X}_n := (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \rightsquigarrow \xi_n^i = (\xi_{0,n}^i, \xi_{1,n}^i, \dots, \xi_{n,n}^i)$



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with a randomly chosen ancestral line

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Metropolis-Hasting with reversible local θ move: $\theta \rightsquigarrow \theta' \rightsquigarrow z'$

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Only $X_n = b(X_{n-1}) + \sqrt{\theta} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \rightsquigarrow$ inverse Gamma

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Signal processing/Bayesian inference/machine learning/Physics/Risk-rare events/Maths-bio/...

▷ *Filtering/smoothing, first moment spatial branching, tube conditioning, self-avoiding RW, "quasi"-invariant, rare events, level splitting, interacting MCMC, ground states, leading eigen-triple Schrödinger semigroups, ...*

Real world examples (discrete time):

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A variety of interpretations/targets/...

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Origins/Bias/CLT/Stability/Time-uniform propagation of chaos/...

+Guionnet (LSP No. 03-1998), (CRAS-99)/(IHP-00), +Miclo [Sem.Prob-00], time-uniform exponential concentration (AAP-11)(FTML-11), strong large deviations, books+refs ...

↪ **stability analysis of linear/nonlinear semigroups.**

Caution: CLT variance uniformly bounded w.r.t. time BUT GA blows up for "unstable" mutations

Variational techniques $X_n(x)$ stoch. flow

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↓

First variational (matrix-valued) equation

$$\nabla X_n(x) = \nabla X_{n-1}(x) \nabla \mathcal{F}_n(X_{n-1}(x))$$

$$\text{Hyp: } \mathbb{E}(\nabla \mathcal{F}_n(\mathbf{y}) \nabla \mathcal{F}_n(\mathbf{y})') \leq (1 - \delta_n) I$$

$$\implies \nabla X_n(x) \nabla X_n(x)' \leq (1 - \delta_n) \nabla X_{n-1}(x) \nabla X_{n-1}(x)' \leq \prod_{1 \leq p \leq n} (1 - \delta_p) I$$

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Note:

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