

Some theoretical aspects of Genetic particle algorithms

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Lectures 4

↔ ~ **Joint works (1990's-...):**

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Standard notation

E measurable space, $\mathcal{P}(E)$ proba. on E , $\mathcal{B}(E)$ bounded meas. functions.

- $(\mu, f) \in \mathcal{P}(E) \times \mathcal{B}(E) \longrightarrow \mu(f) = \int \mu(dx) f(x)$
- $M(x, dy)$ **integral operator on E**

$$M(f)(x) = \int M(x, dy) f(y)$$

$$[\mu M](dy) = \int \mu(dx) M(x, dy) \quad (\implies [\mu M](f) = \mu[M(f)])$$

- **Bayes-Boltzmann-Gibbs transformation** : $G : E \rightarrow [0, \infty[$ with $\mu(G) > 0$

$$\Psi_G(\mu)(dx) = \frac{1}{\mu(G)} G(x) \mu(dx)$$

If $\mu = \text{Law}(X)$ and $M(x, dy) := \mathbb{P}(Y \in dy \mid X = x)$

Then

- **Expectation operators**

$$\mu(f) = \int \mathbb{P}(X \in dx) f(x) = \mathbb{E}(f(X))$$

$$M(f)(x) = \int \mathbb{P}(Y \in dy \mid X = x) f(y) = \mathbb{E}(f(Y) \mid X = x)$$

$$[\mu M](dy) = \int \mathbb{P}(Y \in dy \mid X = x) \mathbb{P}(X \in dx) = \mathbb{P}(Y \in dy)$$

- **Bayes rule ($Y = y$ fixed observation) :**

$$\mu(dx) := p(x) dx \quad \text{and} \quad G(x) = p(y \mid x)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\Psi_G(\mu)(dx) = \frac{1}{\mu(G)} G(x) \mu(dx) = p(x \mid y) dx$$

Only 3 Ingredients

- **A state space :**

E_n with $n = \text{time/level index}$ [transitions, paths, excursions,...].

$$X_n := (X'_{n-1}, X'_n), \quad X'_{[0,n]}, \quad X'_{[t_{n-1}, t_n]}, \quad X'_{[T_{n-1}, T_n]}, \dots$$

- **A Markov Proposal/Exploration/Mutation transition :**

$$M_n(x_{n-1}, dx_n) := \mathbb{P}(X_n \in dx_n \mid X_{n-1} = x_{n-1})$$

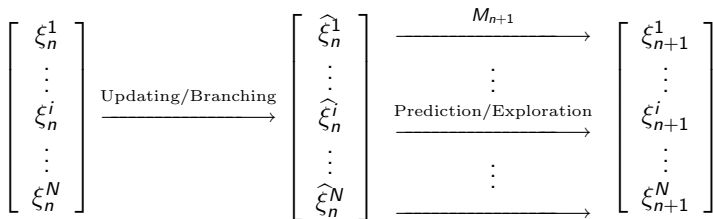
- **A potential/likelihood/fitness/weight function on E_n :**

$$G_n : x_n \in E_n \longrightarrow G_n(x_n) \in [0, \infty[$$

Running Examples :

- [Confinement] $X_n = \text{Simple random walk (SRW) on } E_n = \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } G_n = 1_A.$
- [Filtering] $M_n = \text{signal transitions, } G_n = \text{Likelihood weight function.}$

SMC/Genetic type branching particle model :



Selection/Branching : $(\forall \epsilon_n \geq 0 \text{ s.t. } \epsilon_n(x^1, \dots, x^N) \times G_n(x^i) \in [0, 1])$

- **Acceptance probability:**

$$\hat{\xi}_n^i = \xi_n^i \quad \text{with probability} \quad \epsilon_n(\xi_n^1, \dots, \xi_n^N) G_n(\xi_n^i)$$

- **Otherwise :**

$$\hat{\xi}_n^i = \xi_n^j \quad \text{with probability} \quad \frac{G_n(\xi_n^j)}{\sum_{k=1}^N G_n(\xi_n^k)}$$

Running examples: [Confinement & Filtering] = $[(G_n = 1_A) \& (G_n = \text{Likelihood})]$.

Some remarks :

- $\epsilon_n = 0 \implies$ *Simple Mutation-Selection Genetic model.*
- $G_n = \exp \{-V_t \Delta t\}$ & $\epsilon_n = 1 \implies V_t$ -*expo-clocks* \oplus uniform selection
- $G_n \in [0, 1]$ & $\epsilon_n = 1 \implies$ *Interacting Acceptance-Rejection Sampling.*
- **Better fitted individuals acceptance :**

$$\text{For } \epsilon_n(x^1, \dots, x^N) G_n(x^i) = G_n(x^i) / \sup_{1 \leq j \leq N} G_n(x^j)$$

- **Related branching rules:**

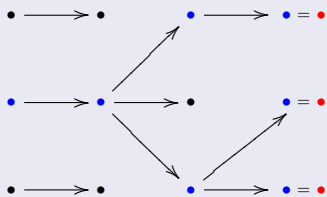
[DM-Crisan-Lyons MPRF 99, DM 04] (Given $\xi_n = (\xi_n^i)_i$)

$P_n^i :=$ Proportion of offsprings of the individual ξ_n^i

- **Unbiasedness property :** $\mathbb{E}(P_n^i) = G_n(\xi_n^i) / \sum_{k=1}^N G_n(\xi_n^k)$
- **Local mean error :** $\mathbb{E} \left(\left[\sum_{i=1}^N [P_n^i - \mathbb{E}(P_n^i)] f(\xi_n^i) \right]^2 \right) \leq \frac{Cte}{N}$

Interacting-Branching proc. \hookrightarrow 3 Particle/SMC occupation measures:

($N = 3$)



- **Current population** $\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{\xi_n^i} \leftarrow i\text{-th individual at time } n$
- **Historical/genealogical tree** $\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{(\xi_{0,n}^i, \xi_{1,n}^i, \dots, \xi_{n,n}^i)} \leftarrow i\text{-th ancestral line}$
- **Complete genealogical tree** $\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{(\xi_0^i, \xi_1^i, \dots, \xi_n^i)}$
- \oplus **Mean potential values [Success proportions ($G_n = 1_A$)]** $\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N G_n(\xi_n^i)$

- **Occupation measures of the Current population**

$$\eta_n^N(f) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\xi_n^i) \xrightarrow{N \uparrow \infty} \eta_n(f) := \frac{\gamma_n(f)}{\gamma_n(\mathbf{1})}$$

with the Feynman-Kac measures (X_n Markov with transitions M_n):

$$\gamma_n(f) := \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

- *Running examples :*

- *Confinement $G_n = 1_A$:*

$$\gamma_n(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbb{P}(\forall 0 \leq p < n \quad X_p \in A) \quad \& \quad \eta_n = \text{Law}(X_n \mid \forall 0 \leq p < n \quad X_p \in A)$$

- *Filtering: $G_n = \text{Likelihood function}$:*

$$\gamma_n(\mathbf{1}) = p_n(y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) \quad \& \quad \eta_n = \text{Law}(X_n \mid Y_0 = y_0, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1})$$

Limiting measures

("Test" function on path space $f_n : E_n = (E'_0 \times \dots \times E'_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

- **Occupation measures of the historical/genealogical tree**

$$\eta_n^N(f_n) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_n(\xi_{0,n}^i, \xi_{1,n}^i, \dots, \xi_{n,n}^i) \xrightarrow{N \uparrow \infty} \eta_n(f_n) := \frac{\gamma_n(f_n)}{\gamma_n(\mathbf{1})}$$

with the Feynman-Kac measures on path space :

$$\gamma_n(f_n) := \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X'_0, \dots, X'_p) \right)$$

- **Running examples :** $X_n = (X'_0, \dots, X'_n)$ SRW & $G_n(X_n) = 1_A(X'_n)$

$$\gamma_n(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbb{P}(\forall 0 \leq p < n \quad X'_p \in A)$$

$$\eta_n = \text{Law}((X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \mid \forall 0 \leq p < n \quad X'_p \in A)$$

Filtering $\rightsquigarrow \eta_n = \text{Law}((X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \mid Y_0 = y_0, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1})$

Updated Feynman-Kac models

$$\hat{\gamma}_n(f_n) := \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} G_p(X'_0, \dots, X'_p) \right)$$

$$\Updownarrow \text{ [Path space models] } x_n = (x'_0, \dots, x'_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\gamma}_n(dx_n) &= \left\{ \eta'_0(dx'_0) \prod_{p=1}^n M'_p(x'_{p-1}, dx'_p) \right\} \times \left\{ \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} G_p(x'_0, \dots, x'_p) \right\} \\ &= \hat{\gamma}_{n-1}(dx_{n-1}) \times M'_n(x'_{n-1}, dx'_n) \times G_n(x_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

(SMC) Updating weight functions : $G_n(x_n) = \frac{\hat{\gamma}_n(dx_n)}{\hat{\gamma}_{n-1}(dx_{n-1}) \times M'_n(x'_{n-1}, dx'_n)}$

Local explorations : $x_{n-1} \rightsquigarrow x_n = (x_{n-1}, x'_n)$ with $x'_n \sim M'_n(x'_{n-1}, dx'_n)$

Limiting measures

("Test" function on path space $F_n : (E_0 \times \dots \times E_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$)

- Occupation measures of the complete genealogical tree ($\epsilon_n = 0$)

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N F_n(\xi_0^i, \xi_1^i, \dots, \xi_n^i) \xrightarrow{N \uparrow \infty} (\eta_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \eta_n)(F_n)$$

with the Feynman-Kac tensor product measures :

$$(\eta_0 \otimes \dots \otimes \eta_n)(F_n) = \int_{E_0} \dots \int_{E_n} \eta_0(dx_0) \dots \eta_n(dx_n) F_n(x_0, \dots, x_n)$$

- Acceptance parameter $\epsilon_n \neq 0 \rightsquigarrow$ **Limiting McKean measures.**

$$\eta_n = \text{Law}(\bar{X}_n) \quad \text{with Markov transition} \quad \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{\eta_n} \bar{X}_{n+1}$$

Interacting-Branching model = Mean-field interpretation of \bar{X}_n

Limiting mean potential/success proportions ($G_n = 1_A$)

$$\eta_n^N(G_n) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N G_n(\xi_n^i) \xrightarrow{N \uparrow \infty} \eta_n(G_n) \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \frac{\gamma_n(G_n)}{\gamma_n(1)} = \frac{\gamma_{n+1}(1)}{\gamma_n(1)} \quad (1)$$

⇒ **Unbiased estimate of the normalizing cts/partition functions :**

$$\gamma_n^N(1) := \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p^N(G_p) \xrightarrow{N \uparrow \infty} \gamma_n(1) = \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p(G_p)$$

with the key product formula :

$$(1) \implies \gamma_n(1) := \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p) \right) = \prod_{0 \leq p < n} \eta_p(G_p)$$

Running ex. : [X_n SRW & $G_n = 1_A$]

$$\prod_{0 \leq p < n} \text{(Success proportion time } p) \simeq \mathbb{P}(\forall 0 \leq p < n \quad X_p \in A)$$

Summary-Conclusions

SMC/Genetic type branching/particle model

[M_n -free exploration \oplus G_n -weighted branchings/adaptation]

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Feynman-Kac measures

[M_n -free motion \oplus G_n -potential functions]

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Some evolutionary sampling recipes

Nonlinear Feynman-Kac measures $\sim (G_n, M_n)$

$$\eta_n(f) = \gamma_n(f)/\gamma_n(1) \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma_n(f) = \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

- \rightsquigarrow Interacting stochastic algorithm :

accept/reject/select/branch/prune/clone/spawn/enrich $\rightsquigarrow G_n$
exploration/proposition/prediction/mutation/free evolution $\rightsquigarrow M_n$

And Inversely !

- Normalizing constants \rightsquigarrow key multiplicative formula.
- Path space models \rightsquigarrow path-particles=ancestral lines

Occupation meas. of genealogical trees $\simeq \eta_n \in \text{path-space}$

- Tuning parameters: $(G_n, M_n) \sim$ change of ref. measures, path/excursion spaces, selection periods, weights interpretations,...

Some "wrong" approximation ideas

- "Pure" weighted Monte Carlo methods : X^i iid copies of X

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f_n(X_n^i) \left\{ \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p^i) \right\} \simeq \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

\rightsquigarrow bad grids $X^i \oplus$ degenerate weights (running ex $G_n = 1_A$)

\oplus DM, Jacod J. : Interacting particle filtering with discrete-time observations: asymptotic behaviour in the **Gaussian case**. Stochastics in infinite dimensions, Trends in Mathematics, Birkhauser (2001).

- Uncorrelated MCMC for **each** target measure η_n (\uparrow complex.).
- "Pure" branching \rightsquigarrow **critical** random population sizes

$$G_n(x) = \mathbb{E}(g_n(x)) \quad \text{with } g_n(x) \text{ r.v. } \in \mathbb{N}$$

- Harmonic/(Gaussian+linearisation) approximations.
- $G.M(H) \propto H \rightsquigarrow G \propto H/M(H) \rightsquigarrow H$ -process X^H (**unknown**).

A nonlinear approach \sim Feynman-Kac evolution equation

$[\eta_n \in \mathcal{P}(E_n)$ probability measures \uparrow complexity].

$$\eta_{n+1} = \Phi_{n+1}(\eta_n) = \Psi_{G_n}(\eta_n) M_{n+1}$$

With only 2 transformations:

- Bayes-Boltzmann-Gibbs updating transformation :

$$\Psi_{G_n}(\eta_n)(dx) := \frac{1}{\eta_n(G_n)} G_n(x) \eta_n(dx)$$

- X-Free Markov transport/prediction eq. : $[X_n$ Markov $M_n]$

$$\mu(dx) \rightsquigarrow (\mu M_n)(dy) := \int \mu(dx) M_n(x, dy)$$



(Updating/Prediction) \simeq (Select./Mutation) = (Branching/Exploration)

$$\eta_n \xrightarrow{\text{Updating}} \Psi_{G_n}(\eta_n) \xrightarrow{\text{Prediction}} \eta_{n+1} = \Psi_{G_n}(\eta_n) M_{n+1}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\xi_n = (\xi_n^i)_{1 \leq i \leq N} \xrightarrow{\text{Branching/Selection}} \hat{\xi}_n = (\hat{\xi}_n^i)_{1 \leq i \leq N} \xrightarrow{\text{Exploration/Mutation}} \xi_{n+1}$$

2 Local sources of randomness with mean :

$$\mathbb{E}(\eta_{n+1}^N(f) \mid \xi_n) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{G_n(\xi_n^i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N G_n(\xi_n^j)} M_{n+1}(f)(\xi_n^i) = \Phi_{n+1}(\eta_n^N)(f)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

The particle measures η_n^N "almost" solve the updating/prediction system :

$$\mathbb{E}([\eta_{n+1}^N - \Phi_{n+1}(\eta_n^N)](f) \mid \xi_n) = 0 \iff \eta_{n+1} = \Phi_{n+1}(\eta_n)$$

Up to the local fluctuation errors :

$$\eta_{n+1}^N = \Phi_{n+1}(\eta_n^N) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}}_{\text{Monte Carlo precision}} \times \underbrace{\left[\sqrt{N} (\eta_{n+1}^N - \Phi_{n+1}(\eta_n^N)) \right]}_{:= W_n^N \simeq \text{Gaussian Field}}$$

Monte Carlo precision $:= W_n^N \simeq \text{Gaussian Field}$

Some key advantages

- \rightsquigarrow **Stochastic linearization/perturbation model** :

$$\eta_n^N = \Phi_n(\eta_{n-1}^N) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} W_n^N$$

with $W_n^N \simeq W_n$ **independent and centered Gauss fields.**

- **If $\eta_n = \Phi_n(\eta_{n-1})$ stable dynamical system**
 - \implies local errors do not propagate
 - \implies **uniform control of errors w.r.t. the time parameter**
- "No need" to study the cv of equilibrium of MCMC models.
- Adaptive stochastic grid approximations
- Take advantage of the nonlinearity of the system to define beneficial interactions. Non intrusive methods.
- Natural and easy to implement, etc.

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Filtering models

- **Signal-Observation likelihood functions** (X_n, G_n) :

$$\eta_n = \text{Law}((X_0, \dots, X_n) \mid (Y_0, \dots, Y_n))$$

$$L_n = \frac{1}{n} \log \gamma_n(1) = \text{Log-likelihood function}$$

- **Example :**

$$Y_n = H_n(X_n) + V_n \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbb{P}(V_n \in dv_n) = g_n(v_n) dv_n$$

$$\Downarrow [Y_n = y_n]$$

$$G_n(x_n) = g_n(y_n - H_n(x_n))$$

- \rightsquigarrow Particle filters, sampling/resampling alg., bootstrap filter, genetic filter,...

Rare events analysis

- Confinements potentials: $G_n = 1_{A_n}$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_n &= \text{Law}((X_0, \dots, X_n) \mid X_0 \in A_0, \dots, X_n \in A_n) \\ \mathcal{Z}_n &= \mathbb{P}(X_0 \in A_0, \dots, X_n \in A_n)\end{aligned}$$

↪ Interacting acceptance/rejection stochastic simulation

- Twisted measures $\sim \mathbb{P}(V_n(X_n) \geq a)$?

$$\mathbb{E}(f_n(X_n) e^{\lambda V_n(X_n)}) = \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} e^{\lambda(V_p(X_p) - V_{p-1}(X_{p-1}))} \right)$$

↪ Interacting particle simulation of twisted measures

Hitting B before C

- Multi-level decomposition $B_0 \supset B_1 \supset \dots \supset B_m, B_0 \cap C = \emptyset$.
- Inter-level excursions :

$$T_n = \inf \{p \geq T_{n-1} : Y_p \in B_n \cup C\}$$

- Level excursions and level detection potentials:

$$X_n = (Y_p ; T_{n-1} \leq p \leq T_n) \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(X_n) = 1_{B_n}(Y_{T_n})$$

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \text{ hits } B_m \text{ before } C) = \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{1 \leq p \leq m} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}(f(Y_0, \dots, Y_{T_m}) 1_{B_m}(Y_{T_m})) = \mathbb{E} \left(f(X_0, \dots, X_m) \prod_{1 \leq p \leq m} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

\rightsquigarrow **Branching-multilevel splitting algorithms**

Objectives - Markov processes with fixed terminal values

- X_n Markov with transitions $L(x, dy)$ on E
- $\text{Law}(X_0) = \pi$ only known up to a normalizing constant.
- For a given fixed **terminal value** x solve/sample inductively the following flow of measures

$$n \mapsto \text{Law}_\pi((X_0, \dots, X_n) \mid X_n = x)$$

FK-formulation - Markov processes with fixed terminal values

- π "target type" measure + (K, L) pair Markov transitions

$$\text{Metropolis potential } G(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\pi(dx_2)L(x_2, dx_1)}{\pi(dx_1)K(x_1, dx_2)}$$

- Theorem [Time reversal formula] :

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_{\pi}^L(f_n(X_n, X_{n-1}, \dots, X_0) | X_n = x) \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_x^K(f_n(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) \{\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G(X_p, X_{p+1})\})}{\mathbb{E}_x^K(\{\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G(X_p, X_{p+1})\})} \end{aligned}$$

- \rightsquigarrow time reversal genealogical tree simulation
- \rightsquigarrow Interacting Metropolis-Hastings algorithms

Non intersecting random walks (& connectivity constants)

$$X_n := (X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(X_n) = 1_{\notin \{X'_p, p < n\}}(X'_n)$$

\Downarrow

$$\eta_n = \text{Law}((X'_0, \dots, X'_n) \mid \forall p < q < n \quad X'_p \neq X'_q)$$

\rightsquigarrow Dynamic Pruning-Enrichment Rosenbluth Monte Carlo model

Molecular simulation \sim Particle absorption models

- X_n Markov $\in (E_n, \mathcal{E}_n)$ with transitions M_n , and $G_n : E_n \rightarrow [0, 1]$

$$Q_n(x, dy) = G_{n-1}(x) M_n(x, dy) \quad \text{sub-Markov operator}$$

- $\rightsquigarrow E_n^c = E_n \cup \{c\}$.

$$X_n^c \in E_n^c \xrightarrow{\text{absorption } \sim G_n} \widehat{X}_n^c \xrightarrow{\text{exploration } \sim M_n} X_{n+1}^c$$

With:

- Absorption:** $\widehat{X}_n^c = X_n^c$, with proba $G(X_n^c)$; otherwise $\widehat{X}_n^c = c$.
- Exploration:** elementary free explorations $X_n \rightsquigarrow X_{n+1}$

Feynman-Kac integral model

- $T = \inf \{n : \widehat{X}_n^c = c\}$ **absorption time** : $\forall f_n \in \mathcal{B}_b(E_n)$

$$\mathbb{P}(T \geq n) = \gamma_n(1) := \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{0 \leq p < n} G(X_p) \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}(f_n(X_n^c) ; (T \geq n)) = \gamma_n(f_n) := \mathbb{E} \left(f_n(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

- **Continuous time models** : $\Delta =$ time step

$$(M, G) = (Id + \Delta L, e^{-V\Delta}) \implies Q \rightsquigarrow L^V := L - V$$

$\rightsquigarrow L$ -motions \oplus expo. clocks rate $V \oplus$ Uniform selection.

Spectral radius-Lyapunov exponents

- $Q(x, dy) = G(x)M(x, dy)$ sub-Markov operator on $\mathcal{B}_b(E)$
- **Normalized FK-model** : $\eta_n(f) = \gamma_n(f)/\gamma_n(1)$.

$$\mathbb{P}(T \geq n) = \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} G(X_p) \right) = \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} \eta_p(G) \simeq e^{-\lambda n}$$

with $e^{-\lambda} \stackrel{M}{=} \text{reg.}$ Q-top eigenvalue or

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= -\text{LogLyap}(Q) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{n} \log \|Q^n\| \\ &= -\frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P}(T \geq n) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{0 \leq p \leq n} \log \eta_p(G) = -\log \eta_\infty(G) \end{aligned}$$

Feynman-Kac-Shroedinger ground states energies

M μ – reversible :

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(f(X_n^c) \mid T > n) \simeq \frac{\mu(H f)}{\mu(H)} \quad \text{with} \quad Q(H) = e^{-\lambda H}$$

Limiting FK-measures

$$\eta_n = \Phi(\eta_{n-1}) \xrightarrow{n \uparrow \infty} \eta_\infty \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\eta_\infty(G f)}{\eta_\infty(G)} = \frac{\mu(H f)}{\mu(H)}$$

\rightsquigarrow Branching particle approximations :

$$\lambda \simeq_{n, N \uparrow} \lambda_n^N := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{0 \leq p \leq n} \log \eta_p^N(G) \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_\infty \simeq_{n, N \uparrow} \eta_n^N$$

Law $((X_0^c, \dots, X_n^c) \mid (T \geq n)) \simeq$ Genealogical tree measures



Diffusion and quantum Monte Carlo models

Boltzmann-Gibbs measures

- X r.v. $\in (E, \mathcal{E})$ with $\mu = \text{Law}(X)$
- Target measures associated with $g_n : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

$$\eta_n(dx) := \Psi_{g_n}(\mu)(dx) = \frac{1}{\mu(g_n)} g_n(x) \mu(dx)$$

Running examples :

$$g_n = 1_{A_n} \Rightarrow \eta_n(dx) \propto 1_{A_n}(x) \mu(dx)$$

$$g_n = e^{-\beta_n V} \Rightarrow \eta_n(dx) \propto e^{-\beta_n V(x)} \mu(dx)$$

$$g_n = \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} h_p \Rightarrow \eta_n(dx) \propto \left\{ \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} h_p(x) \right\} \mu(dx)$$

Applications : global optimization pb., tails distributions, hidden Markov chain models, etc.

Boltzmann-Gibbs distribution flows

- Target distribution flow : $\eta_n(dx) \propto g_n(x) \mu(dx)$
- Product hypothesis :

$$g_n = g_{n-1} \times G_{n-1} \implies \eta_n = \Psi_{G_{n-1}}(\eta_{n-1})$$

Running Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} g_n &= 1_{A_n} & \text{with } A_n \downarrow & \implies G_{n-1} = 1_{A_n} \\ g_n &= e^{-\beta_n V} & \text{with } \beta_n \uparrow & \implies G_{n-1} = e^{-(\beta_n - \beta_{n-1})V} \\ g_n &= \prod_{0 \leq p \leq n} h_p & & \implies G_{n-1} = h_n \end{aligned}$$

- **Problem** : $\eta_n = \Psi_{G_{n-1}}(\eta_{n-1}) = \text{unstable equation.}$

FK-stabilization

- Choose $M_n(x, dy)$ s.t. local fixed point eq. $\rightarrow \eta_n = \eta_n M_n$ (Metropolis, Gibbs,...)
- **Stable equation :**

$$\begin{aligned}g_n = g_{n-1} \times G_{n-1} &\implies \eta_n = \Psi_{G_{n-1}}(\eta_{n-1}) \\ &\implies \eta_n = \eta_n M_n = \Psi_{G_{n-1}}(\eta_{n-1}) M_n\end{aligned}$$

- **Feynman-Kac "dynamical" formulation (X_n Markov M_n)**

$$\int f(x) g_n(x) \mu(dx) \propto \mathbb{E} \left(f(X_n) \prod_{0 \leq p < n} G_p(X_p) \right)$$

- \rightsquigarrow **Interacting Metropolis/Gibbs/... stochastic algorithms.**

- 1 A simple mathematical model
- 2 Some Feynman-Kac sampling recipes
- 3 A series of applications
- 4 Some theoretical aspects
 - Non asymptotic results (bias, \mathbb{L}_p and exponential estimates)
 - A stochastic perturbation model \Leftrightarrow Uniform estimates w.r.t. time
 - Asymptotic results (+ sketched proof of a functional CLT)

- **Weak estimates** \leftrightarrow **Bias estimates** (\leftrightarrow **Propagations of chaos**)

Law(q particles among N at time n) $\simeq_{N \uparrow \infty}$ Law(q iid r.v. w.r.t. η_n)

- 1 Total variation = $\frac{q^2}{N} c(n)$, Boltzmann entropy = $\frac{q}{N} c(n)$.
- 2 **Stable models: uniform estimates w.r.t. time** $\sup_n c(n) < \infty$.
- 3 Path space and genealogical tree models $c(n) = c \times n$.
- 4 Explicit weak decompositions at any order $\frac{1}{N^k}$.

\hookrightarrow http-ref : DM-Patras-Rubenthaler, Coalescent tree based functional representations for some Feynman-Kac particle models, Hal-INRIA (2006).

- **\mathbb{L}_p -mean error bounds** [(2),(3) as above]

$$\sup_{N \geq 1} \sqrt{N} \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{f_n \in \mathcal{F}_n} |\eta_n^N(f_n) - \eta_n(f_n)|^p \right) \leq b(p) c(n)$$

- **Exponential estimates** [(2) as above & empirical processes $\sim \mathcal{F}_n$]

$$\mathbb{P}(|\eta_n^N(f_n) - \eta_n(f_n)| > \epsilon) \leq c(n) \exp \{-\epsilon^2 N / c(n)\}$$

A stochastic perturbation model \Leftrightarrow Uniform estimates w.r.t. time

Feynman-Kac (nonlinear) dynamical semigroup :

$$\eta_p \rightsquigarrow \Phi_{p,n}(\eta_p) := \eta_n$$

A local transport formulation (works \forall approximation scheme $\eta_n^N \simeq \eta_n$!)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \eta_0 & \rightarrow & \eta_1 = \Phi_1(\eta_0) & \rightarrow & \eta_2 = \Phi_{0,2}(\eta_0) & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & \eta_n = \Phi_{0,n}(\eta_0) \\
 \Downarrow & & & & & & & & \\
 \eta_0^N & \rightarrow & \Phi_1(\eta_0^N) & \rightarrow & \Phi_{0,2}(\eta_0^N) & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & \Phi_{0,n}(\eta_0^N) \\
 & & \Downarrow & & & & & & \\
 & & \eta_1^N & \rightarrow & \Phi_2(\eta_1^N) & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & \Phi_{1,n}(\eta_1^N) \\
 & & & & \Downarrow & & & & \\
 & & & & \eta_2^N & \rightarrow & \dots & \rightarrow & \Phi_{2,n}(\eta_2^N) \\
 & & & & & & & & \\
 & & & & & & & \Downarrow & \\
 & & & & & & & \eta_{n-1}^N & \rightarrow & \Phi_n(\eta_{n-1}^N) \\
 & & & & & & & \Downarrow & & \\
 & & & & & & & & & \eta_n^N
 \end{array}$$

\rightsquigarrow Key decomposition formula

$$\eta_n^N - \eta_n = \sum_{q=0}^n [\Phi_{q,n}(\eta_q^N) - \Phi_{q,n}(\Phi_q(\eta_{q-1}^N))] \simeq \sum_{q=0}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} e^{-\lambda(n-q)}$$

Some crude uniform estimates w.r.t. time

Hypothesis : (Time homogeneous models) $\exists(m, r)$ s.t. for any (x, y)

$$M^m(x, \cdot) \geq \epsilon M^m(y, \cdot) \quad \text{and} \quad G_n(x) \leq r G_n(y)$$

- **Limiting system stability properties :**

$$\|\Phi_{p,p+nm}(\eta) - \Phi_{p,p+nm}(\mu)\|_{tv} \leq (1 - \epsilon^2/r^{m-1})^n$$

and w.r.t. Csiszár's H -entropy criteria

$$H(\Phi_{p,p+nm}(\mu), \Phi_{p,p+nm}(\eta)) \leq \alpha_H(r^m/\epsilon) (1 - \epsilon^2/r^{m-1})^n H(\mu, \eta)$$

- **Examples :**

$\alpha_H(t) = t$ (tv norm & Boltzmann entropy), $\alpha_H(t) = t^{1+p}$ (Havrdá-Charvat & Kakutani-Hellinger p -integrals, $\alpha_H(t) = t^3$ (\mathbb{L}_2 -norm),...

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- \mathbb{L}_p -mean error bounds

$$\sup_{n \geq 0} \sup_{N \geq 1} \sqrt{N} \mathbb{E} \left(\left| [\eta_n^N - \eta_n](f) \right|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq 2 b(p) m r^{2m-1} / \epsilon^3$$

with $b(2p)^{2p} = (2p)_p 2^{-p}$ and $b(2p+1)^{2p+1} = \frac{(2p+1)_{(p+1)}}{\sqrt{p+1/2}} 2^{-(p+1/2)}$

- Uniform concentration estimates :

$$\sup_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{P} \left(\left| [\eta_n^N - \eta_n](f) \right| \geq \delta \right) \leq 6 \exp \left(-N \delta^2 \epsilon^5 / (32mr^{4m-1}) \right)$$

- Extensions to Zolotarev's seminorms $\| \eta_n^N - \eta_n \|_{\mathcal{F}} = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} | [\eta_n^N - \eta_n](f) |$

- **Central Limit Theorems** [Sharp \mathbb{L}_p estimates]

{http-ref : 1999 \rightsquigarrow 2004 : DM, Guionnet, Jacod, Ledoux, Tindel}

$$V_n^N(f) := \sqrt{N} [\eta_n^N(f) - \eta_n(f)] \implies V_n(f) = \text{Centered Gaussian r.v.}$$

- 1 **Functional Central Limit Theorems.** [$\forall d, \forall (f^i)_{1 \leq i \leq d}$]

$$(V_n^N(f^1), \dots, V_n^N(f^d)) \implies (V_n(f^1), \dots, V_n(f^d))$$

- 2 Empirical processes \rightsquigarrow Donsker type theorems.
 - 3 Convergence rates \rightsquigarrow Berry Esseen type theorems.
 - 4 Path space models (Complete tree and genealogical tree).
- **Large deviations principles** [Sharp asymptotic expo estimates]

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \mathbb{P} (\eta_n^N \notin \mathcal{V}(\eta_n))$$

Example : $\mathcal{V}(\eta_n) = \{\mu : |\eta_n^N(f) - \eta_n(f)| \leq \epsilon\}$ (weak and strong τ -topo).

{http-ref 1998 \rightsquigarrow 2004 : DM, Dawson, Guionnet, Zajic}

LOCAL FLUCTUATION THEOREM : $W_n^N := \sqrt{N} [\eta_n^N - \Phi_n(\eta_{n-1}^N)] \simeq W_n$ Centered and Independent Gaussian field

Local transport formulation :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \eta_0 & \rightarrow & \eta_1 = \Phi_1(\eta_0) & \rightarrow & \eta_2 = \Phi_{0,2}(\eta_0) & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow \Phi_{0,n}(\eta_0) \\
 \downarrow & & & & & & \\
 \eta_0^N & \rightarrow & \Phi_1(\eta_0^N) & \rightarrow & \Phi_{0,2}(\eta_0^N) & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow \Phi_{0,n}(\eta_0^N) \\
 & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 & & \eta_1^N & \rightarrow & \Phi_2(\eta_1^N) & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow \Phi_{1,n}(\eta_1^N) \\
 & & & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & & & \eta_2^N & \rightarrow & \dots \rightarrow \Phi_{2,n}(\eta_2^N) \\
 & & & & & & \vdots \\
 & & & & & & \eta_{n-1}^N \rightarrow \Phi_n(\eta_{n-1}^N) \\
 & & & & & & \downarrow \\
 & & & & & & \eta_n^N
 \end{array}$$

→ Key decomposition formula entering the stability of the limiting system:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_n^N - \eta_n &= \sum_{q=0}^n [\Phi_{q,n}(\eta_q^N) - \Phi_{q,n}(\Phi_q(\eta_{q-1}^N))] \\
 &\simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{q=0}^n W_q^N D_{q,n} \leftrightarrow \text{First order decomp. } \Phi_{p,n}(\eta) - \Phi_{p,n}(\mu) \simeq (\eta - \mu)D_{p,n} + (\eta - \mu)^{\otimes 2} \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Two lines proof of a Functional CLT : } \sqrt{N} [\eta_n^N - \eta_n] \simeq \sum_{q=0}^n W_q D_{q,n}$$