

Martin 境界 入門

1. Markov chains
2. Harmonic functions
3. Martin boundaries
4. Convergence to the boundary

References

Dynkin : Boundary theory of Markov Processes
 Section 4 の証明 は \mathbb{Z}^d に 限定.
 大體 良 $<$ 参考 \mathbb{Z}^d である.

Sawyer : Martin boundaries & random walks
 "Convergence to the boundary" の
 証明 \mathbb{Z}^d の \mathbb{Z}^d "実は \mathbb{Z}^d である."
 の \mathbb{Z}^d 注意. (P.15. Section 5 の冒頭の
 行を \mathbb{Z}^d である).

Woess : Random walks & infinite graphs & groups
 粗小境界の議論は自散の都合
 の \mathbb{Z}^d \mathbb{Z}^d の証明 \mathbb{Z}^d である.
 曰 $<$ Dynkin の \mathbb{Z}^d \mathbb{Z}^d

Kemeny-Snell : Denumerable Markov chains
 -Knapp "Convergence to the boundary"
 の証明有. (しかし読み易いとは...?)

Review : Markov chains

Discrete に限らないように
おんまじ読んてみるかな。それと
書いてみると思う。

Spitzer : Principles of Random Walks.

\mathbb{Z}^d の T -2 に限るかな。深さ
計算してみる。

本来は

Markov - Doob - Hunt

もろ読み込んでおく方がいいかな。余り読まなかった。
(むづかしかった)

他. 読説で日本語の

国田 - 清江 : Markov chain と Markov 境界

もよいだろう

Section 1. Markov chains

§ 1.1 Markov chains

Notation

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$$

$X =$ denumerable set

$$\#X \leq \# \mathbb{N}$$

Defn 1.1

A X -by- X matrix $P = (p(x,y))_{x,y \in X}$

is a transition matrix

when

$$(1) \quad p(x,y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in X$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{y \in X} p(x,y) = 1 \quad \forall x \in X$$

We call (X, P) a Markov chain.

Rem 1.2.

- $p(x,y)$ the transition probability from x to y in one step

- We sometimes consider P with (1) & (2)'

$$(2)' \quad \sum_{y \in X} p(x,y) \leq 1 \quad \forall x \in X$$

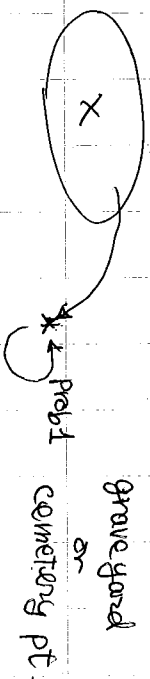
This P extends to \hat{P} as follows:

$$\hat{X} := X \cup \{*\}$$

$$\hat{P} := \begin{bmatrix} P & \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbb{1} - P\mathbb{1}$$

where $\mathbb{1}(x) = 1 \quad \forall x \in X$.

$$(\mathbb{1} - P\mathbb{1})(x) = 1 - \sum_y p(x,y) \geq 0.$$



• $P^n = (P_n(x,y))_{x,y \in X}$ the n -th power of trans. matrix P

$$P_n(x,y) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X} P(x, x_1) P(x_1, x_2) \dots P(x_{n-1}, y)$$

the transition prob from x to y in the n steps

NOTE

$$\sum_{y \in X} P_n(x,y) = 1$$

$$P_n \mathbb{1} = P^{n-1} \mathbb{1} = P^{n-2} \mathbb{1} = \dots = \mathbb{1}$$

• $P^0 = I = (\delta_{x,y})_{x,y \in X}$. $P_0(x,y) := \delta_{x,y}$

Ex. 13

Γ : discrete grp

$$\text{Prob}(\Gamma) := \{ \mu \in \mathcal{Q}(\Gamma) \mid \mu(s) \geq 0 \forall s \in \Gamma, \sum_{s \in \Gamma} \mu(s) = 1 \}$$

$$\text{Prob}(\Gamma) \ni \mu \rightsquigarrow P_\mu = (P_{\mu}(x,y))_{x,y}$$

trans. matrix.

$$P_\mu(x,y) = \mu(x^T y) = P_\mu(t_x, t_y)$$

$$x \xrightarrow{\mu} y \quad \mu(x, x^T y) = \mu(x, y)$$

For $\mu, \nu \in \text{Prob}(\Gamma)$, define $\mu * \nu \in \text{Prob}(\Gamma)$

$$\mu * \nu(s) := \sum_{t \in \Gamma} \mu(t) \nu(t^T s)$$

$$G \times G \rightarrow G = \sum_{x,y \in \Gamma} \mu(x) \nu(y)$$

$\mu * \nu \mapsto \mu * \nu$ $x, y = s$

Push

NOTE

$$\mu * \nu = P_\mu P_\nu$$

$$\sum_y P_\mu(x,y) P_\nu(y,z) = \sum_y \mu(x^T y) \nu(y^T z) = \sum_y \mu(y) \nu(y^T x^T z) = \mu * \nu(x^T z)$$

$\mu * \nu(x^T z)$

• $\text{Supp } \mu := \{ t \in \Gamma \mid \mu(t) > 0 \}$

$$\text{Supp}(\mu * \nu) = \text{Supp } \mu \cdot \text{Supp } \nu = \{ st \mid s \in \text{Supp } \mu, t \in \text{Supp } \nu \}$$

§ 1.2. Irreducibility, recurrence, transience

Green Potential

Defn. 1.4

(X, P) is irreducible

iff $\forall x, \forall y \in X \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $P_n(x, y) > 0$



i.e. $\exists x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X$
 $P(x, x_1) > 0, \dots, P(x_{n-1}, y) > 0$

Defn. 1.6

(X, P) Markov chain

Set

$$G(x, y) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(x, y) \quad x, y \in X$$

$$= \delta_{x,y} + P_1(x, y) + \dots \leq \tau_{xy}$$

$G(x, y)$ is called the Green Potential
 (or potential)

Basic Assumption.

We assume (X, P) irreducible unless otherwise noted.

Ex. 1.5

$\mu \in \text{Prob}(T)$

P_μ irreducible

$$\iff \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \text{supp}(\mu^{*n}) = T$$

i.e. μ is
 (non-degenerate)

$$\mu^{*0} = \delta_e$$

$$P_n(x, y) = \mu^{*n}(x^{-1}y)$$

* Let $G := (G(x, y))_{x, y \in X}$.

$$= I + P + P^2 + \dots$$

(geometric series)

$$\rightarrow I + PG = G = I + GP$$

Ex. 1.9

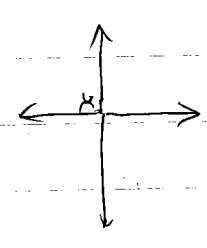
$$\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}^d \quad (d=1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}^d = \mathbb{Z} \varepsilon_1 + \dots + \mathbb{Z} \varepsilon_d$$

$$\varepsilon_B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} < \varepsilon_{B+1}$$

Let $\mu \in \text{Prob}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$

$\mu(\pm \varepsilon_B) = \frac{1}{2d}$ SRW
simple random walk



equal probability

$\rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}^d, P_\mu)$ irr. Markov chain

Thm. 1.10 (Pólya)

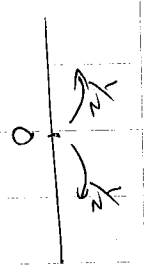
SRW on \mathbb{Z}^d is

- recurrent if $d=1, 2$
- transient if $d=3, 4, \dots$

Proof. 1 (Combinatorics)

$d=1$. We need to check

$$G(0,0) = \tau_\infty$$



$$P_{B_n}(0,0) = \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}}$$

$$P_{\text{odd}}(0,0) = 0$$

Stirling $N! = \sqrt{2\pi N} \left(\frac{N}{e}\right)^N e^{\frac{\theta N}{2N}}$
 $(0 < \theta < 1)$

d general case

$$P_{\text{odd}}(0,0) = 0$$

$$P_{2n}(0,0) = \binom{2n}{n} \sum_{\substack{j_1 + \dots + j_d = n \\ j_i \geq 0}} \frac{n!}{j_1! \dots j_d!} \frac{n!}{j_1! \dots j_d!}$$

+ ε_1 j_1 times
 :
 + ε_d j_d times
 the places of $\{+\varepsilon_1, \dots, +\varepsilon_d\}$

$$= \binom{2n}{n} \sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_d = n} \frac{2^{2n}}{2^{2d}}$$

$$+\varepsilon_1 \dots +\varepsilon_d \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

where

$$g_{j_1 \dots j_d} := \frac{n!}{j_1! \dots j_d!} \frac{1}{d^n}$$

$$\sum_{j_1 \dots j_d} g_{j_1 \dots j_d} = 1.$$

$d=2$

$$g_{j_1 j_2} = \frac{n!}{j_1! j_2!} \frac{1}{2^n} = \binom{n}{j_1} \frac{1}{2^n}$$

$$j_1=0 \dots n$$

$$P_{2n}(0,0) = \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \left[\sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} \right]^2 \frac{1}{2^{2n}}$$

$$\binom{2n}{n}$$

$$= \binom{2n}{n}^2 \frac{1}{2^{2n}} = \left(\binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^n} \right)^2$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}}$$

$$\rightarrow G_{10,0} = t^{\infty}$$

$d \geq 3$.

$$P_{2n}(0,0) = \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sum_{j_1 \dots j_d} g_{j_1 \dots j_d}^2$$

$$\leq \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \max_{j_1 \dots j_d \leq n} g_{j_1 \dots j_d}$$

Let i_1, \dots, i_d satisfies

$$g_{i_1 \dots i_d} = \max_{j_1 \dots j_d \leq n} g_{j_1 \dots j_d}$$

Then $|i_k - i_l| \leq 1$.

Since $i_k - i_l \geq 2$, then we would have

$$\frac{1}{i_k! i_l!} < \frac{1}{(i_k-1)! (i_l+1)!}$$

$$g_{i_1 \dots i_d} \neq g_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_{k+1} \dots i_d}$$

Let $Q := \min \{i_1, \dots, i_d\}$ $(d$ Skines

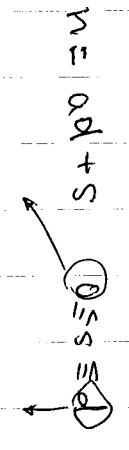
$Q+1$ x $\binom{S}{Q}$ times

$$\rightarrow n = Q(d-S) + (Q+1)S$$

$$= Qd + S \quad S=0, \dots, d \quad n \equiv S.$$

No.

Hence $\max = \frac{n!}{a! (d-s)! s! d^n}$



$\max = \frac{n!}{a! d} = \frac{n!}{(n/d)! d} = \frac{n!}{(n/d)! d^n}$

WMA $0 \leq s \leq d$.

$P_{2n}(0,0) \leq \binom{2n}{n} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \frac{n!}{a! d^s (a+d)!^s} \frac{1}{d^n}$

$\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \frac{n!}{a! d^s (a+d)!^s} \frac{1}{d^n}$

$\propto \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \frac{1}{d^n}$

$\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^{ad} \frac{1}{(a+d)!^s} d^n$

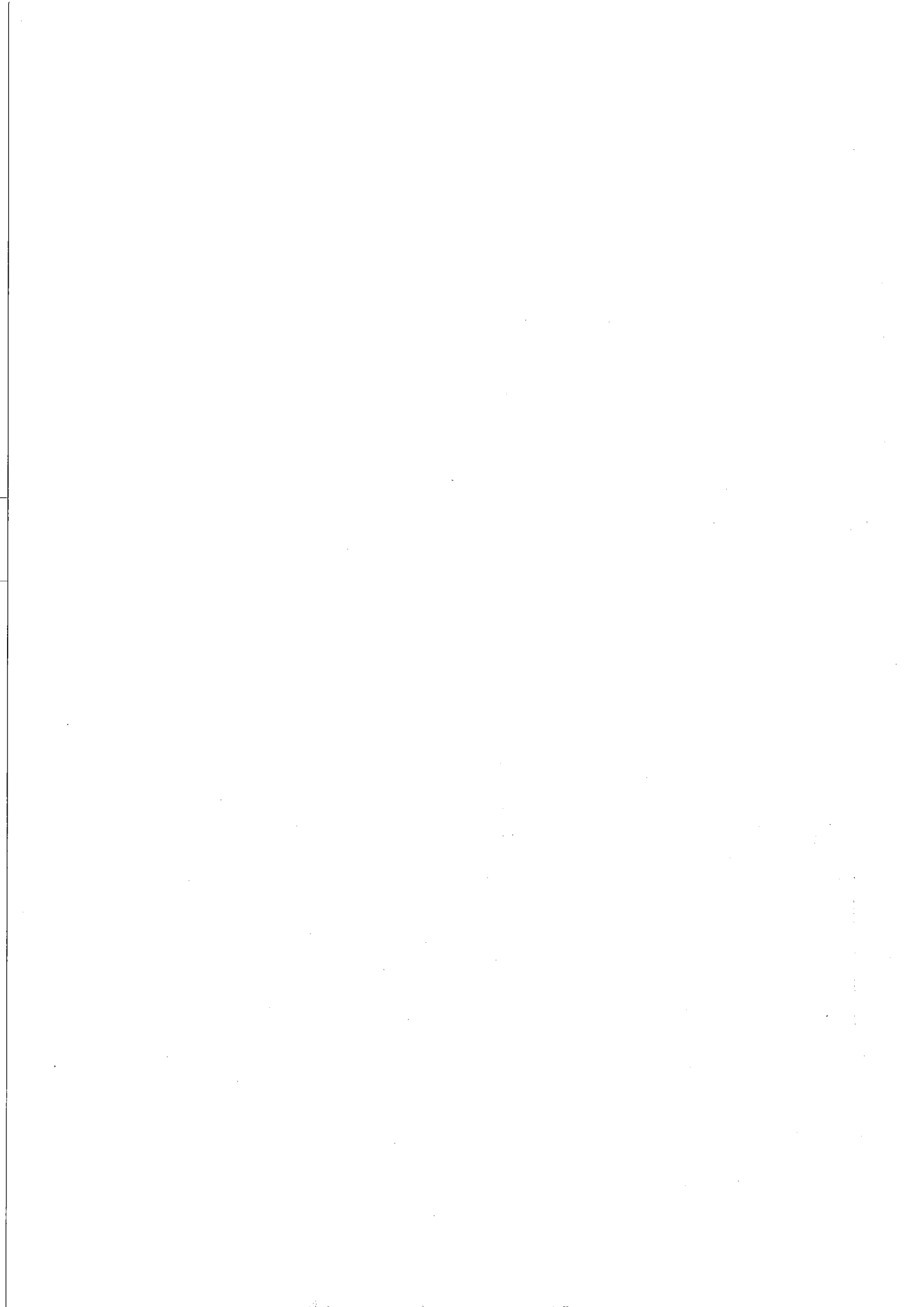
$\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{a} d} \frac{n^n}{a^{n-s} (a+d)^s} \frac{1}{d^n}$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} d} \frac{n^n}{(n-s)^{n-s} (a+d)^s}$

e^{-n+ad}
 $''$
 e^{-s}

$\propto \frac{1}{n^{d/2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{2n}}\right)^n (n-s)^s \cdot \frac{1}{(n+d-s)^s}$
 $\propto \frac{1}{n^{d/2}}$

Hence $d \geq 3 \rightarrow G(0,0) < \infty$.



Proof (Fourier analysis)

$$\widehat{\mathbb{Z}^d} = \mathbb{T}^d = [0, \pi)^d$$

$$t = (t_1, \dots, t_d) \in \mathbb{T}^d$$

$$\frac{dt}{(2\pi)^d} = \frac{dt_1 \dots dt_d}{(2\pi)^d}$$

For $\mu \in \text{Prob}(\mathbb{Z}^d)$,

$$\phi_\mu(t) := \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-i x \cdot t} \mu(x)$$

← inner prod

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\mu * \nu} = \phi_\mu \phi_\nu$$

inversion $\phi_{\mu^{*n}} = \phi_\mu^n$

$$\mu^{*n}(x) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \phi_\mu^n(t) e^{i x \cdot t} dt$$

IF SRW, then

$$\phi_\mu(t) = \sum_{\beta=1}^d \frac{e^{-i \beta \cdot t}}{2d} + \frac{e^{i \beta \cdot t}}{2d} = \frac{\cos t_1 + \dots + \cos t_d}{d}$$

Recall $p_\mu(x, y) = \mu(x+y)$

$$(p_\mu)_n(x, y) = \mu^{*n}(x+y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } n \text{ odd}$$

\int

$$G_\mu(x, y) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \mu^{*n}(x+y)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \phi_\mu^n(t) e^{i(x+y) \cdot t} dt$$

$$G_\mu(0, 0) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \phi_\mu^n(t) dt$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \phi_\mu^n(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \frac{1 - \phi_\mu^2(t)}{1 - \phi_\mu(t)} dt$$

$$< \infty$$



Section 2 Harmonic Functions.

§2.1 Harmonic & Superharmonic Functions.

(X, P) : irred. Markov chain

$$(P \mathbb{1} = \mathbb{1})$$

P acts on a function $f \in \mathbb{R}_+^X$

$$(Pf)(x) = \sum_{y \in X} p(x, y) f(y)$$

$$\leq + \infty.$$

* For $f \in \mathcal{D}^{\infty}(X)$ Pf well-defn

Defn. 2.1

$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is

(1) superharmonic if $Pf \leq f$

(2) harmonic if $Pf = f$

Notation.

$$S^+(X, P) := \{ f \mid P\text{-superharmonic} \}$$

or simply S^+

$$H^+(X, P) := \{ f \mid P\text{-harmonic} \}$$

or simply H^+

Rem. 2.2

$$\mathbb{R}_+ \mathbb{1} \subseteq H^+(X, P) \subseteq S^+(X, P) \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+^X$$

positive subcones.

$$H^+ \subset S^+$$

face in S^+

Let $f_1, f_2 \in S^+$ & $0 < \lambda < 1$.

$$\text{If } \lambda f_1 + (1-\lambda) f_2 =: f \in H^+,$$

$$\text{VIII} \quad \parallel$$

$$\lambda Pf_1 + (1-\lambda) Pf_2 = Pf$$

$$\rightarrow Pf_1 = f_1 \quad Pf_2 = f_2$$

Lem. 2.3 (Minimum principle)

Let $f \in S^+(X, P)$.

Suppose $\exists x_0 \in X$ s.t. $f(x_0) = \min \{ f(x) \mid x \in X \}$.

Then $f(x) = f(x_0) \forall x \in X$.

Proof.

$$f(x_0) \geq (Pf)(x_0)$$

$$= \sum_y p(x_0, y) f(y)$$

$$\geq \sum_y p(x_0, y) f(x_0) = f(x_0)$$

\Rightarrow If $y \in X$, $p(x_0, y) > 0$ then $f(y) = f(x_0)$

By irreducibility, we are done. \square

Lem. 2.4 (Maximum principle)

Let $f \in H^+(X, P)$

Suppose $\exists x_0 \in X$ s.t. $f(x_0) = \max \{ f(x) \mid x \in X \}$

Then $f(x) = f(x_0) \forall x \in X$

Lem. 2.5 Stability

If $f_\lambda \in S^+(X, P)$, $\lambda \in \Lambda$, then $\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} f_\lambda \in S^+(X, P)$

Proof.

$$f := \inf_{\lambda} f_{\lambda}$$

P preserves the order

$$\Rightarrow Pf \leq Pf_{\lambda} \leq f_{\lambda} \forall \lambda$$

$f_{\lambda} \in S^+$

Lem. 2.6

$S^+(X, P)$ is closed in \mathbb{R}_+^X

Proof.

Let $f_{\lambda} \rightarrow f$ pt wise.

$$\bigcap_{\lambda} S^+ \subset \mathbb{R}_+^X$$

Fatou's check!

$$Pf(x_0) = \sum_y p(x_0, y) f(y) \leq \liminf_{\lambda} \sum_y p(x_0, y) f_{\lambda}(y)$$

$$\leq \liminf_{\lambda} f_{\lambda}(x_0) = f(x_0)$$

NOTE

If P has finite range (i.e. $\forall x \# \{y \mid p(x, y) > 0\}$ is finite) then $H^+(X, P)$ is closed.

In general H^+ is Borel.

Thm. 2.7

(X, P) irr Markov chain
 (1) If P recurrent, then $S^+(X, P) = \mathbb{R} \cdot \mathbb{1}$
 (2) If P transient, then $S^+(X, P) = \mathbb{R} \cdot \mathbb{1}$

Proof.

(1) Let $f \in S^+(X, P)$. & $R := f - Pf \geq 0$.

Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^m P^n R = f - P^{m+1} f \geq 0$$

Since $P^m f \searrow$ (decreasing ptwise)

We have $R := \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} P^m f$.

Thus $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P^n R(x)$ converges ptwise.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P^n R(x) = G(x, y) = G(x, y)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} G(x, y) R(y)$$

Since $G(x, y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P^n(x, y)$, this is

possible only when $R \equiv 0$.

Hence $S^+(X, P) = \mathbb{R} \cdot \mathbb{1}(X, P)$.

Take $f \in H^+(X, P)$. & set

$$g := f \wedge f(x_0) \mathbb{1}$$

Then $g \in S^+(X, P)$ by Lem

$$H^+(X, P)$$

But $g(x) \leq f(x_0) = g(x_0)$.

By max princple. $g \equiv f(x_0)$.

$$\rightarrow f = \text{const.}$$

$f(x_0) \equiv f(x)$

(2) We show $G S_x \in S^+$ $\forall x \in X$.

$$P G S_x = (G - I) S_x \leq G S_x$$

Suppose $G S_x = c \mathbb{1}$ ($c \in \mathbb{R}_+$)

$$S_x = c (I - P) \mathbb{1} = 0 \quad \square$$

(2) \square

Ex. 2.8

$$(\mathbb{Z}^d, P_\mu)$$

SRW

$$d=1, 2 \quad \text{recurrent}$$
$$S^+ = H^+ = \mathbb{R}^+ \mathbb{1}$$

$d \geq 3$ transient.

$$S^+ \neq H^+ = \mathbb{R}^+ \mathbb{1}$$

We will show this later.

§ 2.2 Potentials & Riesz decomposition

Defn. 2.9

(X, P) transient. (i.e. $G(x, y) < \infty$)
 A function of the form G_R is called a potential with charge R

Rem. 2.10

- Charge is uniquely determined.
- $$(I-P)GR = R$$

• A potential is superharmonic

$$PGR = (G-I)R \leq GR$$

Notation.

$$\mathcal{P}^+(X, P) := \{GR \mid R \geq 0\}$$

we $\xrightarrow{\text{st. } \uparrow}$
 $GR(x) < \infty$

$\rightarrow \mathcal{P}^+ \subset \mathcal{S}^+$
 \nwarrow subcone.

Thm 2.11 (Riesz decomposition)

(X, P) transient. Then:
 $(\mathcal{S}^+(X, P) = \mathcal{P}^+(X, P) + \mathcal{H}^+(X, P))$
 unique dec.
 $\forall f \in \mathcal{S}^+ \exists! g \in \mathcal{P}^+, \exists! R \in \mathcal{H}^+$
 $\text{st } f = g + R$

Proof.

$$f \geq Pf \geq P^2f \geq \dots \quad \text{ptwise decreasing}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow f(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (P^n f)(x) \quad \text{well-defined.} \\ &= \lim_n P P^n f(x) \\ &\geq P f(x) \quad \text{Fatou} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (P f)(x) &= \sum_y P(x, y) f(y) \\ &= \sum_y P(x, y) \lim_n P^n f(y) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lebesgue}}{=} \lim_n \sum_y P(x, y) P^n f(y) \stackrel{\text{Fatou}}{\leq} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Next let $R = f - Pf \geq 0$

$$\sum_{n=0}^m P^n R = f - P^{m+1} f \quad \checkmark \quad f - R$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P^n R = GR \quad \checkmark \quad GR = f - R$$

Uniqueness

$$f = GR + R' \quad \text{another dec.}$$

$$Pf = PG R' + R'$$

$$(I-P) f = (G-PG) R' = R'$$

$$\parallel$$

□

LEM. 2.12

(x, P) transient

$$(1) f \in \mathbb{R}_+^T S^T \quad f \in \mathcal{D}^T \iff P^N f \nearrow 0.$$

$$(2) \mathcal{D}^T(x, P) \subseteq S^T(x, P) \text{ is redundant.}$$

$$\text{i.e. if } 0 \leq f \leq g \quad \text{then } f \in \mathcal{D}^T$$

$$(3) \mathcal{D}^T(x, P) \subseteq S^T(x, P) \text{ false}$$

Proof

(1) Trivial. from above dec.

(2) Trivial from (1).

(3) $f_1, f_2 \in S^T$ & $\lambda < 1$.

$$\text{If } \lambda f_1 + (1-\lambda) f_2 \in \mathcal{D}^T$$

By redundancy $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{D}^T$.

□

★ From (1) it turns out that $\mathcal{D}^T \subset \mathbb{R}_+^T$ is Borel.

§ 2.3 Extremal Superharmonics.

We fix $0 \in X$. We define convex sets:

$$S_0^+(X, P) := \{f \in S^+(X, P) \mid f(0) = 1\}$$

$$P_0^+(X, P) := \{f \in P^+(X, P) \mid f(0) = 1\}$$

$$H_0^+(X, P) := \{f \in H^+(X, P) \mid f(0) = 1\}$$

$$\star \quad \begin{array}{l} P_0^+ \subset S_0^+ \\ \text{face} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} H_0^+ \subset S_0^+ \\ \text{face} \end{array}$$

Lem. 2.13
 $S_0^+(X, P)$ is a compact convex set. in \mathbb{R}_+^X

Proof.

We know $S_0^+(X, P)$ is closed.

Let $\alpha \in X$. By inductibility,

$$\exists n_\alpha \in \mathbb{N} \text{ st. } \varphi_{n_\alpha}(0, \alpha) > 0.$$

Then for $f \in S_0^+$, we have

$$1 = f(0) \leq (P^{n_\alpha} f)(0) = \sum P_{n_\alpha}(0, y) f(y) \geq \varphi_{n_\alpha}(0, \alpha) f(\alpha).$$

$$\rightarrow 0 \leq f(\alpha) \leq \varphi_{n_\alpha}(0, \alpha)^{-1}$$

Hence.

$$S_0^+ \subset \prod_{\alpha \in X} [0, \varphi_{n_\alpha}(0, \alpha)^{-1}]$$

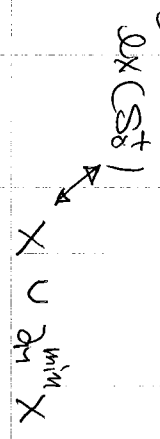
\star Krein-Milman thm says.

$$S_0^+ = \overline{\text{co}}^w(\text{ex}(S_0^+))$$

\rightarrow Want to study $\text{ex}(S_0^+)$.

\star Choquet theory

$$f(\alpha) = \int \text{ex}(S_0^+) g(x) \mu(dg)$$



Lem. 2.14

$$\text{ex}(S_0^+) = \text{ex}(P_0^+) \sqcup \text{ex}(H_0^+)$$

Proof.

\supset : Because $P_0^+, H_0^+ \subset S_0^+$ faces.

\subset : Let $f \in \text{ex}(S_0^+)$

$$f = g + R \quad (\text{Riesz dec})$$

$$P_0^+ \quad H_0^+$$

$$= g_{(1)} \frac{g}{g_{(1)}} + r_{(1)} \frac{R}{r_{(1)}}$$

extremal

$$\rightarrow f = \frac{g}{g_{(1)}} \in P_0^+ \quad \text{or} \quad f = \frac{R}{r_{(1)}} \in H_0^+$$

$$\rightarrow \text{if } r_{(1)} = 0 \rightarrow \text{if } R = 0$$

$$\rightarrow f = g \text{ or } R$$

□

★ $h \in H^+$ is minimal when

if R is ~~an extremal~~ element of H^+ &

$$R' \in R, \text{ then } \exists c \geq 0 \quad R' = cR$$

Easy to see that for $R \in H_0^+$,

$$R \in \text{ex}(H_0^+) \iff R \text{ is minimal extremal.}$$

Lem. 2.15

$$\text{arg}(\mathcal{P}_0^+) = \left\{ \frac{G(x,y)}{G(x,y)} \mid y \in X \right\}$$

Proof:

NOTE $\frac{G(x,y)}{G(x,y)} = \frac{G \delta_y}{G(x,y)} \in \mathcal{P}_0^+$

\subset : Let $g = G R \in \text{arg}(\mathcal{P}_0^+)$

$$g(x) = \sum_{y \in X} G(x,y) R(y)$$

$$y = g(x) = \sum_{y \in X} G(x,y) R(y)$$

prob measure on X.

$$g(x) = \sum_{y \in X} \frac{G(x,y)}{G(x,y)} G(x,y) R(y)$$

\mathcal{P}_0^+

extremality

$$\exists y \in X \quad g(x) = \frac{G(x,y)}{G(x,y)} \quad \forall x \in X$$

\supset : Suppose for $0 < \lambda < 1$, $R_1, R_2 \geq 0$

$$\frac{G \delta_y}{G(x,y)} = \lambda G R_1 + (1-\lambda) G R_2$$

$\downarrow (1-P) \times$

$$\frac{\delta_y}{G(x,y)} = \lambda R_1 + (1-\lambda) R_2$$

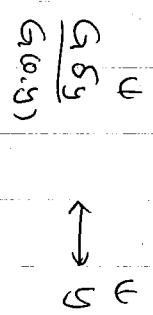
$$\rightarrow R_1 = c_1 \delta_y, \quad R_2 = c_2 \delta_y$$

$$\mathcal{P}_0^+ \ni G R_1 = c_1 G \delta_y$$

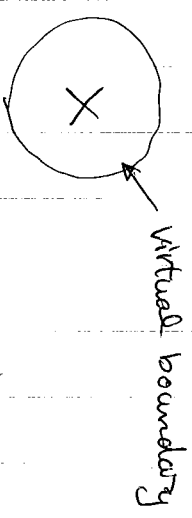
$$\rightarrow c_1 = G(x,y)^{-1} = c_2$$

$$\rightarrow R_1 = R_2 = G(x,y)^{-1} \delta_y$$

Hence $\text{arg}(\mathcal{P}_0^+) \cong X$ as a set.



How about $\text{arg}(H_0^+)$?



$$\text{arg}(H_0^+) \leftrightarrow \partial_{\text{min}} X$$

★ $\text{ax } H_0^+ \neq \emptyset$

NOTE $H_0^+ \subset S_0^+$
↑
Balred cpt convex

$$H^\infty(X, P) := \{ f \in \mathcal{Q}^\infty(X) \mid Pf = f \}$$

$\rightarrow H^\infty \subset \mathcal{Q}^\infty(X)$ σ -weakly closed OS.

$P \sim \mathcal{Q}^\infty(\mathbb{Z}^X)$ σ -w cont.

$\rightarrow H^\infty$'s closed unit ball σ -w cpt.

$\text{ax } H^\infty$ balls $\neq \emptyset$

$\text{ax } H_+^\infty$ balls $\neq \emptyset$.

$H^\infty \cap H_0^+ \subset H_0^+$
↑
face.

§ 2.4 Choquet-Deny Theory

Γ : discrete abelian group, denumerable

0 : the neutral element.

$\mu \in \text{Prob}(\Gamma)$ non-deg.

$$P_\mu = (P_{\mu(x,y)})_{x,y}, \quad P_{\mu(x,y)} = \mu(-x+y)$$

We will describe $\text{ax } H_\mu^+$

$$f \geq 0.$$

$$(P_\mu f)(x) = \sum_y P_{\mu(x,y)} f(y)$$

$$= \sum_y \mu(-x+y) f(y)$$

$$= \sum_y \mu(y) f(x+y)$$

(right) translates

P_μ commutes with translates

$$\rightarrow P_\mu H^+ \subseteq H^+$$

If $R \in \text{ax } (H_0^+)$, then

$$R(x) = \sum_y \mu(y) R(x+y)$$

H^+ w.r.t. x .

$$= \sum_y \underbrace{\mu(y) R(y)}_{\uparrow} \frac{R(x+y)}{R(y)}$$

new prob measure H_0^+ w.r.t. x .

$$1 = R(0) = \sum_y \mu(y) R(y) = \sum_y \mu(y) R(y)$$

extremality

$$R(x) = \frac{R(x+y)}{R(y)}$$

$\forall y \in \text{supp } \mu$
 $\forall x \in \Gamma$

non-deg

$$R(x+y) = R(x) R(y) \quad \forall x, y \in \Gamma$$

Let

$$\mathcal{E}_\mu := \{ f \mid f = \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ "grp Form" "exponential" } \}$$

$$\sum_{y \in \Gamma} \mu(y) f(y) = 1$$

Then

$$\text{ax } (H_0^+) \subseteq \mathcal{E}_\mu.$$

★ We claim that

$$H^{\infty}(\Gamma, P_{\mu}) = \mathbb{C}1. \quad \forall \mu \in \text{Reb}(\Gamma) \text{ non-deg.}$$

Indeed.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{supp}(H_+^{\infty} \cap \text{Reb}(\Gamma)) &\subset \text{supp } H_0^+ \subset \mathcal{E}_{\mu} \\ &\uparrow \\ &= \{1\} \\ &\text{or} \\ &\text{contains} \\ &\text{unbndd. exp.} \end{aligned}$$

Thm 2.16 (Chacost-Dang)

$$\text{supp}(H_0^+(\Gamma, P_{\mu})) = \mathcal{E}_{\mu}$$

Proof.

⊂ ok

⊃ Let $R \in \mathcal{E}_{\mu}$.

We will check the minimality.

Let $f \in H^+$ & $f \equiv R$.

Consider $0 \leq \frac{f}{R} \leq 1$.

R bdd.

$$P_{\mu}^R := (P_{\mu}^h(x, y))_{x, y}$$

$$p_{\mu}^R(x, y) = \frac{1}{R(x)} p_{\mu}(x, y) h(y).$$

$$\sum_y p_{\mu}^R(x, y) = \frac{1}{R(x)} R(x) = 1$$

harmonicity.

→ P_{μ}^R new Markov chain

$$(P_{\mu}^R \cdot \frac{f}{R})(x) = \sum_y p_{\mu}^R(x, y) \frac{f(y)}{R(y)}$$

$$= \sum_y \frac{1}{R(y)} p_{\mu}(x, y) f(y)$$

$$= \frac{f(x)}{R(x)}.$$

→ $\frac{f}{R}$ is P_{μ}^R -harmonic.

$$\rightarrow \frac{f}{R} \in H^{\infty}(\Gamma, P_{\mu}^R) = H^{\infty}(\Gamma, P_{\mu}) = \mathbb{R}1$$

$$P_{\mu}^R(x, y) = p_{\mu}^R(x, y) = h(-x, y) h(x) R(y)$$

T.R.'s technique is called the R-process.

NOTE.

Let (X, P) Markov & $R \in H^+$

non-zero.

$$P^R := (p_n^R(x, y))_{x, y \in X}$$

$$p_n^R(x, y) = \frac{1}{R(x)} p_n(x, y) R(y)$$

(X, P^R) new Markov chain.

Easy to see that

$$S^+(X, P) \rightarrow S^+(X, P^R)$$

bijection affine.

$$H^+(X, P) \rightarrow H^+(X, P^R)$$

$$f \mapsto f/R$$

If $R(x) = 1$, this map induces

$$S_0^+(X, P) \rightarrow S_0^+(X, P^R)$$

$$H_0^+(X, P) \rightarrow H_0^+(X, P^R)$$

& the bijection between the extremals.

$$(P^R)^n =: (p_n^R(x, y))_{x, y}$$

$$p_n^R(x, y) = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}} p_n^h(x, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R(x)} p_n(x, y) h(y)$$

$$G^R(x, y) = \frac{1}{R(x)} G(x, y) h(y)$$

$$\star \frac{G^R(x, y)}{G^R(x, y)} = \frac{1}{R(x)} \frac{G(x, y)}{G(x, y)}$$

\star If $R \in \mathcal{R}_+(H_0^+)$,

$$H^{\infty}(X, P^R)_+ = \mathbb{R}_+ \mathbb{1}$$



$$H^+(X, P) \cap \{f \mid f \leq h\} = \mathbb{R}_+ h$$



Section 3. Martin boundary

§ 3.1 Martin compactification.

(X, P) : irreducible & transient.

$$G(x, y) < \infty \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

$0 \in X$: Fixed origin.

Defn. 3.1

$$\text{Set } K(x, y) := \frac{G(x, y)}{G(0, y)} \quad x, y \in X.$$

$$K := (K(x, y))_{x, y \in X}$$

We call $K(x, y)$ the Martin kernel

Rem. 3.2

$\forall x \in X \exists G_x, G'_x > 0$ s.t.

$$G_x < K(x, y) < G'_x \quad \forall y \in X.$$

hold w.r.t. y

$$\partial X \mathcal{D}_0^+ = \{K(\cdot, y) \mid y \in X\} = \{K_S y \mid y \in X\}$$

Defn. 3.3

$\hat{X}_M :=$ the compactification of X

so that $X \ni y \mapsto K(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+$

continuously extends to \hat{X}_M ($\forall x \in X$)

We call \hat{X}_M the Martin compactification

$\partial_M X := \hat{X}_M \setminus X$ the Martin boundary

Rem. 3.4

$$C(\hat{X}_M) = C_0(X) + C^*(K(x, \cdot) \mid x \in X)$$

$$\subseteq \mathcal{C}^\infty(X)$$

$\rightarrow X \subset \hat{X}_M$ (open) dense.

$\partial_M X$ opt. every $x \in X$ is open.

$$C(\partial_M X) \cong C(\hat{X}_M) / C_0(X)$$

$$f \upharpoonright_{\partial_M X} \longleftarrow f + C_0(X)$$

$$\text{since } K(x, y) = \frac{G(x, y)}{G(0, y)} = \frac{K(x, 0)}{K(0, y)}$$

Notation

- $K(x, \cdot) \in C(\hat{X}_M)$.

For $\alpha \in \hat{X}_M$, $K(x, \alpha) := \langle K(x, \cdot), \alpha \rangle$

God-fund spectrum.

Rem. 3.5

- $\hat{X}_M \cup \alpha \xleftrightarrow{\text{by defn}} \langle f, \alpha_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle f, \alpha \rangle$
 $\forall f \in C_0(X) + C^*(X)$

if $\alpha \in X$, $\exists N \geq 1$ s.t. $n \geq N \Rightarrow \alpha_n = \alpha \in X$

if $\alpha \notin X$, $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha \Leftrightarrow K(x, \alpha_n) \rightarrow K(x, \alpha)$
 $\forall x \in X$

- $K(\cdot, \alpha) \in S_0^+(X, P)$. $\forall \alpha \in \hat{X}_M$.

Indeed, $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha$, then

$$K(\cdot, \alpha_n) \xrightarrow{P_0^+} K(\cdot, \alpha) \text{ ptwise}$$

- When P is of finite range,

(i.e. $\#\{y \mid p(x, y) < \infty \} \forall x \in X$)

$K(\cdot, \alpha) \in H_0^+$ $\forall \alpha \in \mathcal{D}_M X$.

Let $y_n \rightarrow \alpha$

$$P \overset{\text{1st var.}}{K}(\cdot, y_n)(x) = \sum_{y \leftarrow \text{fin sum}} p(x, y) K(y, y_n)$$

$$\sum_y p(x, y) \frac{G(y, y_n)}{G(0, y_n)}$$

$$\frac{G(x, y_n) - \delta_{x, y_n}}{G(0, y_n)} = K(x, y_n) - \frac{\delta_{x, y_n}}{G(0, y_n)}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\sum_{y \leftarrow \text{fin sum}} p(x, y) K(y, \alpha) = K(x, \alpha).$$

Since $\delta_{x, y_n} = 0$ if $n \gg 1$.

Thm. 3.6 (Poisson - Martin integral reprn)

$$\forall h \in H^+(X, P)$$

$\exists \mu$: Radon measure on ∂U_X .

stt.

$$h(x) = \int_{\partial U_X} k(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$

Rem. 3.7

μ is not unique in general.

\rightarrow minimal boundary

Lem. 3.8

$$\forall h \in H^+ \exists g_n \in \mathcal{P}^+, n \in \mathbb{N} \quad g_n \nearrow h$$

Proof. (Balayage Technique)

$A \subset\subset X$ \mathcal{F} -rod.

$$g_A := \inf \{ f \in S^+ \mid h \leq f \text{ on } A \}$$

$$g_A \in S^+ \quad (\text{Lem 2.5})$$

$$g_A \leq h \quad (\{ \cdot \} \geq h)$$

$$g_A = h \text{ on } A \quad (h \leq g_A \text{ on } A)$$

We show $g_A \in \mathcal{P}^+$, then we are done.

(NOTE: $A \subset B \subset\subset X \Rightarrow g_A \leq g_B$.)

$$G(h1_A)(x) = \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) (h1_A)(y)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in A} G(x, y) h(y)$$

$$\stackrel{\forall x \in A}{\geq} G(x, x) h(x)$$

$$\geq h(x)$$

$$\rightarrow g_A \leq G(h1_A)$$

$$\mathcal{P}^+$$

$$\rightarrow g_A \in \mathcal{P}^+ \quad (\text{Lem 2.12})$$



Form Proof of Thm 3.6

Let $R \in H^+$ take $g_n \nearrow R$.

\mathbb{P}^+

$$g_n = G R_n \quad R_n \geq 0.$$

$$g_n(x) = \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) R_n(y)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in X} K(x, y) G(x, y) R_n(y)$$

$$= \int_{\hat{X}_n} K(x, \alpha) \mu_n(d\alpha)$$

$$\mu_n = \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) R_n(y) \delta_y$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_n(\hat{X}_n) = \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) R_n(y)$$

$$= G R_n(x) \leq R(x).$$

unif. bdd.

Take a subseq $\mu_{n_k} \xrightarrow{w^*} \mu$ in $\mu(\hat{X}_n)$.

Then

$$f_n(x) = \int_{\hat{X}_n} K(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha) \quad \forall x \in X.$$

We show $\mu(\{y\}) = 0 \quad \forall y \in X$.

$$f_n(x) = \int_{\mathbb{P}^+} K(x, y) \mu(\{y\}) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{y\}} K(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$

By Riesz decomposition, $K(x, y) \mu(\{y\}) = 0$
(Thm 2.11)



§3.2 Minimal Martin Boundary

Each extremal (minimal) harmonic has unique integral repr.

Prop. 3.9

Let $f \in \mathcal{H}(H_0^+)$ &

$$f(x) = \int_{\partial_n X} k(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$

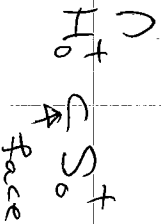
an integral repr of f w.r.t. $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\partial_n X)$

Then $\exists!$ $\alpha \in \partial_n X$ s.t. $\mu = \delta_\alpha$

Proof:

Let $B \subset \partial_n X$ Borel.

$$f(x) = \int_B k(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha) + \int_{\partial_n X \setminus B} k(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$



extremality

(Corminimality)

$$\exists \lambda \geq 0 \quad \lambda f(x) = \int_B k(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$

Put $x = 0$ (origin), then

$$\lambda B = \mu(B)$$

Thus

$$\int_B f(x) \mu(d\alpha) = \int_B k(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$

$\forall B \subset \partial_n X$ Borel.

$\implies \forall x \in X, f(x) = k(x, \alpha) \quad \mu$ -a.e. α .

X denumerable

$\implies \mu$ -a.e. $\alpha, f(x) = k(x, \alpha) \quad \forall x \in X$.

Since $\partial_n X \ni \alpha \mapsto k(x, \alpha)$ is injective.

Such α is unique. $\& \mu = \delta_\alpha$



We have shown

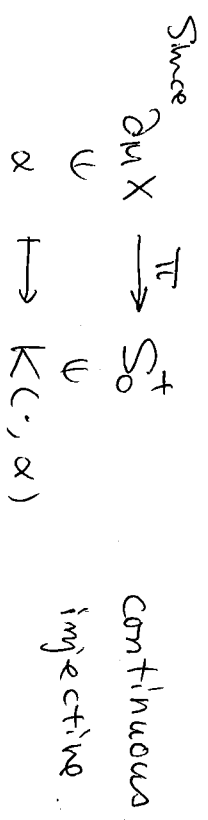
$$\partial X H_0^+ \subset \{K(\cdot, \alpha) \mid \alpha \in \partial_{\min} X\}$$

Defn 3.10 (Minimal Martin boundary)

$$\partial_{\min} X := \{ \alpha \in \partial_{\min} X \mid K(\cdot, \alpha) \in \partial X H_0^+ \}$$

$$\star \partial_{\min} X \subset \partial_{\min} X$$

↑
Borel



$$\partial_{\min} X = \pi^{-1}(\partial X H_0^+)$$

↑
Borel.

★ In many examples, $\partial_{\min} X = \partial_{\min} X$.

Thm 3.11 (Unique integral repr)

(X, P) : irr & transient.

$$\forall f_h \in H^+(X, P) \quad \exists! \mu_h \in M(\partial_{\min} X)$$

s.t.

$$R(x) = \int_{\partial_{\min} X} K(x, \alpha) \mu_h(d\alpha)$$

A $x \in X$.

This is the main result of this lecture.

We present a proof using RW.

* We discuss the stability of \bar{X}_n w.r.t. the h -process.

Let (X, P) as before & $R \in H_n^+$.

$$P^h = (p_n^h(x, y))_{x, y}$$

$$p_n^h(x, y) = \frac{1}{h(x)} p(x, y) h(y).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow G_n^h(x, y) &= \sum_{n \geq 0} p_n^h(x, y) \\ &= \frac{1}{h(x)} G(x, y) h(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow K_n^h(x, y) &= \frac{G_n^h(x, y)}{G_n^h(x, y)} \\ &= \frac{h(y)}{h(x)} K(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow C^*(K_n^h(x, \cdot)) = C^*(K(x, \cdot))$$

Thus $\bar{X}_n^h = \bar{X}_n$.

Moreover,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{or } H_0^+(X, P^h) & \xleftrightarrow{b|} & \text{or } H_0^+(X, P) \\ \cup & & \cup \\ \text{or } \frac{h(y)}{h(x)} & \longleftrightarrow & f \end{array}$$

Hence

$\alpha \in \partial_n X$ satisfies $K(\cdot, \alpha) \in \text{or } H_0^+(X, P)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \frac{h(y)}{h(x)} K(\cdot, \alpha) &\in \text{or } H_0^+(X, P^h) \\ \parallel & \\ K_n^h(\cdot, \alpha) & \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $\partial_n^{\min} X^h = \partial_n^{\min} X$

★ To prove Thm 3.11, it suffices to show.

★ $\exists! \mu \in M(\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X)$ s.t

$$1 = \int_{\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X} K(x, \alpha) \mu(d\alpha)$$

Indeed, if $R \in H^+$ we consider

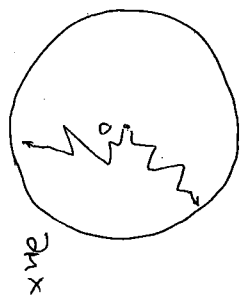
the R -process (X, P^R) , & apply

$$1 = \int_{\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X} K^R(x, \alpha) \mu_1^R(d\alpha)$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X} \frac{R(\alpha)}{R(x)} K(x, \alpha) \mu_1^R(d\alpha)$$

$$\rightarrow R(x) = \int_{\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X} K(x, \alpha) R(\alpha) \mu_1^R(d\alpha).$$

★ Strategy



We show a RW converges to $\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X$ almost surely.

Then push the prob measure P_0 to $\mathcal{D}_M^{\text{min}} X$,
i.e. the hitting probability.

Section 4. Convergence to the Boundary

§ 4.1 Path space

 $(X, P) : \text{Markov chain } P_{11} = 1.$

(irred. not assumed)

$$\Omega := X^{\mathbb{N}}, \quad \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$\Sigma_R : \Omega \longrightarrow X$$

$$\cup$$

the R -th coordinate

$$(\omega_n) \longmapsto \omega_R.$$

 $\mathcal{F}_n :=$ the σ -field gen. by

$$\Sigma_R^{-1}(A_R) \quad A_R \in \mathcal{Q}^X$$

$$R = 0, \dots, n.$$

= the σ -field with atoms

$$C_{a_0 \dots a_n} := \{a_0\} \times \dots \times \{a_n\} \times X \times \dots$$

the cylinder sets

Then $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \dots$

$$\text{Set } \mathcal{F} := \mathcal{F} \left(\bigcup_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{F}_n \right)$$

Thm 4.1 (Kolmogorov extension thm) $\forall \gamma : \text{measure on } X \text{ (} \gamma(\text{pt}) < \infty \text{)}$ $\exists!$ $\mathbb{P}_\gamma : \sigma\text{-fm. measure on } (\Omega, \mathcal{F})$

s.t.

$$\mathbb{P}_\gamma(C_{a_0 \dots a_n}) = \gamma(a_0) \gamma(a_0, a_1) \dots \gamma(a_{n-1}, a_n)$$

$$\forall a_0, \dots, a_n \in X$$

Rem. 4.2.• $\mathbb{P}_\gamma(\Omega) = \sum_{a \in X} \gamma(a)$. Hence $\exists \mathcal{P} \gamma \in \text{Prob}(X)$. $\mathbb{P}_\gamma \in \text{Prob}(\Omega)$ γ is called an initial distn.• For $\gamma = \delta_x$, $\mathbb{P}_x := \mathbb{P}_{\delta_x}$.• $\mathbb{P}_x = \sum_X \gamma(x) \mathbb{P}_x$ • $\mathbb{P}_x(Z_n = y) = P_n(x, y)$

Thm. 4.3 (Convergence to the Boundary)

(X, D) : Irred & transient.

Then $\forall g \in \text{Prob}(X)$ initial distr.

$$\sum_n \mathbb{1}_X \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \exists \text{ limit } \in \partial_n X \quad \mathbb{P}_g\text{-a.s.}$$

We prove this result later.

Lem. 4.4

Let $B \in \mathcal{F}$. $(B \subset \Omega)$ & set

$$f(x) := \mathbb{P}_x(B) \geq 0, \quad x \in X.$$

Then

$$(\mathbb{P}f)(x) = \mathbb{P}_x(\sigma^{-1}(B)), \quad \forall x \in X$$

Trans. matrix

where $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ $(\omega_0, \dots) \mapsto (\omega_1, \dots)$
the time shift

Proof.

It suffices to show ^{if} $B = C_{a_0 \dots a_n}$ for

$$(\mathbb{P}f)(x) = \sum_y p(x, y) f(y)$$

$$= \sum_y p(x, y) \mathbb{P}_y(C_{a_0 \dots a_n})$$

$$= \sum_y p(x, y) \delta_y(a_0) p(a_0, a_1) \dots p(a_{n-1}, a_n)$$

$$= p(x, a_0) p(a_0, a_1) \dots p(a_{n-1}, a_n).$$

$$\sigma^{-1}(B) \ni \omega \iff \sigma(\omega) \in C_{a_0 \dots a_n}$$

$$\iff \omega_1 = a_0, \dots, \omega_{n+1} = a_n$$

$$\iff \omega \in X \times \{a_0\} \times \dots \times \{a_n\} \times X \times \dots$$

$$\mathbb{P}_x(\sigma^{-1}(B)) = \mathbb{P}_x\left(\sum_{y \in X} C_{y, a_0 \dots a_n}\right)$$

$$= \sum_y \delta_x(y) p(y, a_0) \dots p(a_{n-1}, a_n)$$

$$= p(x, a_0) \dots p(a_{n-1}, a_n)$$

□

§4.2 Recurrence & Transience

Let $A \subset X$. Set

$$U_A(x) := \mathbb{P}_x(\{w \in \Omega \mid Z_n(w) \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 1\})$$

$$= \mathbb{P}_x(\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ for some } n \geq 1)$$

↓ time shift

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Lem 4.4}} P U_A(x) = \mathbb{P}_x(Z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 1)$$

$$P^R U_A(x) = \mathbb{P}_x(Z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{R})$$

In particular, $U_A \geq P U_A$ i.e. $U_A \in S^+$.

(In general, if $B \in \mathcal{F}$ satisfies $\sigma^T(B) \subset B$)
 Then $x \mapsto \mathbb{P}_x(B) \in S^+$

Letting $R \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} (P^R U_A)(x) = \mathbb{P}_x(Z_n \in A \text{ } \infty \text{ many } n\text{'s})$$

Thm. 4.5

(X, P) irred Markov.

(1) If P recurrent, then

$$\forall x \in X \quad \forall A \subset X$$

$$\mathbb{P}_x(Z_n \in A \text{ } \infty \text{ many } n\text{'s}) = 1$$

(2) If P transient, then

$$\forall x \in X \quad \forall A \subset X$$

$$\mathbb{P}_x(Z_n \in A \text{ } \infty \text{ many } n\text{'s}) = 0$$

Proof.

(1) By Thm 2.7, $U_A \in S^+ = \mathbb{R}^+ \uparrow$.

$$\text{Hence } U_A(x) = U_A(x_0) = 1.$$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} P^R U_A = \mathbb{1}_A$$

(g) We will show $U_A \in \mathcal{P}^+$.

Then from Lem, we see $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P_k^R U_A = 0$.

$$U_A(x) = P_x \left(\bigcup_{n \geq 0} \{z_n \in A^c\} \right)$$

$$\leq \sum_{n \geq 0} P_x(z_n \in A)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{y \in A} P_x(z_n = y)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{y \in A} P_n(x, y)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in A} G(x, y) (< \infty)$$

$$\rightarrow U_A \equiv \sum_{y \in A} G \delta_y$$

Since $U_A \in S^+$, $U_A \in \mathcal{P}^+$ by Lem 2.12(2)

□

Hence if \mathcal{P} transient, $\exists R \geq 0$ s.t.

$R_A \rightarrow$ changes

$$G R_A(x) = P_x(z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 0)$$

$$\downarrow (I-P)x$$

$$R_A(x) = P_x(z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 0)$$

$$= P_x(z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 1)$$

$$= P_x(z_0 \in A \ \& \ z_n \notin A \ n \geq 1)$$

In particular, if $A \ni 0$, then

$$G R_A(0) = 1$$

In general

$$\sum_y G(x, y) R_A(y) = P_x(z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 0)$$

$$\leq 1$$

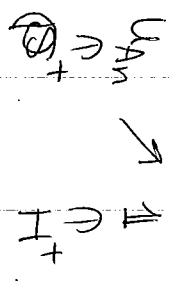
One more comments.

If $A_n \subset X$. $A_n \nearrow X$

Then $U_{A_n}(x) = P_x(\sum_{m \in A_n} \text{for some } m \geq 0)$

$\nearrow 1$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$)

i.e.



cf. Proof of Thm 3.6

$$U_{A_n}(x) = G \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}(x)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} K(x, \alpha) \mu_n(d\alpha)$$

$$\mu_n = \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) \mathcal{Q}_{A_n}(y) \delta_y \xrightarrow{\text{A repn measure of } \mathbb{1}}$$

Last exit time

Let $A \subset X$. We set

$$T_A(\omega) := \sup_{n \geq 0} \{n \geq 0 \mid \omega_n \in A\}$$

$$= 0, 1, 2, \dots, +\infty$$

measurable

with domain $\omega \in \Omega \setminus \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} A^c$

NOTE.

$$\text{If } x \in A, \quad P_x\left(\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} A^c\right) = 0.$$

Thus T_A is well-defn. a.e. for P_x , $x \in A$.

Rem. 4.6

$$P_x(T_A = 0) = \mathcal{Q}_A(x) \quad x \in A.$$

$$P_x(Z_A = 3) = K(x, y) G(x, y) \mathcal{Q}_A(y) \quad (\rightarrow \text{Thm 4.8 proof})$$

$$A_1, A_2, \dots \nearrow X \Rightarrow T_{A_n} \nearrow +\infty \quad P_x\text{-a.s.}$$

§ 4.3 Harmonic Measures

(X, P) : irred & transient.

We will show Thm 3.11 (unique repr)

Assuming Thm 4.3 (convergence to boundary)

Thm 4.3 $\xrightarrow{\text{§ 4.3.4}}$ Thm 3.11

§ 4.3.4

Thus now we have:

$\forall \alpha \in X$ for P_x -a.e. $\omega \in \Omega$

$$\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n(\omega) \in \partial M X$$

We set $Z_\infty: \Omega \rightarrow \partial M X$ measurable

$$Z_\infty(\omega) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n(\omega)$$

NOTE

$$P_x(Z_\infty \text{ is not def'd}) = 0 \quad \forall x \in X$$

Defn 4.7

For each $\alpha \in X$. put $\nu_\alpha := Z_{\alpha*}(P_\alpha)$ $\mathcal{P}(\partial M X)$

i.e.
$$\nu_\alpha(A) = P_\alpha(Z_{\alpha*}(A)) \quad , \quad A \subset \partial M X$$

The family $\nu_\alpha, \alpha \in X$ is called the harmonic measures

* $f(x) := \nu_x(A) \in H^+$

$$P_\alpha(x) = P_x(\sigma_\alpha^{-1}(Z_{\alpha*}(A)))$$

Shift Lemma 4.4

$$= P_x(Z_{\alpha*}(A))$$

ω_n converges \Leftrightarrow unit converges

$$= f(x).$$

* By defn, $\forall f: \partial M X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ Borel.

$$\int_{\partial M X} f(x) \nu_x(dx) = \int_{\Omega} f(Z_\infty(\omega)) P_x(d\omega)$$

$\forall x \in X$

Thm. 4.8

$\forall x \in X \quad \forall \mathcal{O} \in \mathcal{X}$ origin

$\forall A \subset \partial_n X$ we have

$$V_x(A) = \int_A K(x, \alpha) \nu_0(d\alpha) \quad \forall x$$

where $K(x, y) = \frac{G(x, y)}{G(x, y)}$ $x, y \in X$.

$\star \quad \frac{dV_x}{d\nu_0}(\alpha) = K(x, \alpha)$

\star Put $A = \partial_n X$. Then we have

$$1 = \int_{\partial_n X} K(x, \alpha) \nu_0(d\alpha) \quad \forall x \in X$$

Integral repn of $\mathbb{1}$.

Proof.

STEP 1: We show ν_0 represents $\mathbb{1}$.

Recall our potential approximation of $\mathbb{1}$:

$$A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \nearrow X.$$

$$U_{A_n}(x) = \mathbb{P}_x(Z_m \in A_n \text{ for some } m) \\ = (G \mathcal{1}_{A_n})(x)$$

$$U_{A_n}(x) \nearrow \mathbb{1} \text{ pt wise.}$$

We know the w^* -limit of (a subsequence of)

$$\sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) \mathbb{1}_{A_n}(y) \mathbb{1}_y$$

converges to a measure representing $\mathbb{1}$. (Proof of Thm 3.6)

We will show its limit exactly equal ν_0 .

Let T_{A_n} = the last exit time as before.

Then $P_x(Z_{A_n} = y) = \sum_{m \geq 0} P_x(\tau_{A_n} = m \ \& \ Z_m = y)$

= $\sum_{m \geq 0} P_m(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y)$

= $G(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y)$

Thus

$\sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y = \sum_{y \in X} P_x(Z_{T_{A_n}} = y) \delta_y$

? $\downarrow n \rightarrow \infty$
 ν_x

Let $f \in C(\hat{X}_m)$ & ~~$x=0$~~

Then

$\langle f, \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y \rangle$

= $\sum_{y \in X} f(y) P_x(Z_{T_{A_n}} = y)$

= $\int_{\Omega} f(Z_{T_{A_n}}) dP_x$

$n \rightarrow \infty$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Lebesgue}}$

$\int_{\Omega} f(Z_{\infty}) dP_x = \int f(x) \nu_x(dx)$

Thus $\sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\nu_x^*} \nu_x$

Putting $x=0$. we are done.

STEP 2. ~~$\#$~~ ν_x .

$\int f d\nu_x = \lim_n \langle f, \sum_{y \in X} G(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y \rangle$

= $\lim_n \sum_{y \in X} f(y) G(x, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y$

= $\sum_{y \in X} f(y) K(x, y) G(0, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y$

= $\lim_n \langle f \cdot K(x, \cdot), \sum_y G(0, y) \rho_{A_n}(y) \delta_y \rangle$

= $\langle f \cdot K(x, \cdot), \nu_0 \rangle$

= $\int_{\Omega} f(x) K(x, \alpha) \nu_0(d\alpha)$

Let $R \in \mathcal{H}^T(CX, P)$.

(X, P^R) R -process

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_X^R)$

$Z_\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n \in \mathcal{D}_M X^R = \mathcal{D}_M X$
 $(\mathbb{P}_X^R - \text{a.s. } w)$

$\nu_X^R := Z_\infty * (\mathbb{P}_X^R) \in \text{Prob}(\mathcal{D}_M X)$

$\nu_X^R(A) = \int_{\mathcal{D}_M X} K^R(x, \alpha) \nu_0^R(d\alpha)$

$= \int_{\mathcal{D}_M X} \frac{h(\alpha) K(x, \alpha)}{h(x)} \nu_0^R(d\alpha)$

Putting $A = \mathcal{D}_M X$ we have the following

$\mu_R := h(x) \nu_0^R$

$\mu_R(\mathcal{D}_M X) = h(x) \cdot 1 = \int \frac{K(x, \alpha)}{h(x)} \mu_R(d\alpha) \Rightarrow K(\cdot, \alpha) \in \mathcal{H}_0^+ \mu_R\text{-a.e.}$

Thm. 4.9

$R \in \mathcal{H}^T \quad h(x) = \int_{\mathcal{D}_M X} K(x, \alpha) \mu_R(d\alpha)$

NOTE

$\mu_R = h(x) \nu_0^R$ depends on O .

STEP TOWARD Thm 3.11.

- $\mu_R(\mathcal{D}_M X \setminus \mathcal{D}_M^{min} X) = 0$
- uniqueness.

LEM. 4.10

IF $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{H}^T$ & $R_1 \equiv R_2$, THEN $\mu_{R_1} \equiv \mu_{R_2}$

Proof. $\mu_{R_1} = Z_{\infty}^{R_1}(\mathbb{P}_0^{R_1})$ $\mu_{R_2} = Z_{\infty}^{R_2}(\mathbb{P}_0^{R_2})$

$h_2(x) \mathbb{P}_0^{R_2}(C_{\infty, \dots, \infty}) = \sum_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots} h_2(x) P(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \mathbb{P}_0^{R_2}(C_{\infty, \dots, \infty}))$

$= \sum_{\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots} h_1(x) P(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \mathbb{P}_0^{R_1}(C_{\infty, \dots, \infty}))$
 $\equiv h_1(x) \mathbb{P}_0^{R_1}(C_{\infty, \dots, \infty})$



Lem. 4.11

Suppose $x \in \partial_{\text{int}} X$ satisfies $K(x, \alpha) \in H_0^+$
 Then $\alpha \in \partial_{\text{int}} X \iff \mu_{R_\alpha} = \delta_x$

Proof.

\Rightarrow Prop 3.9. is applied to

$$f_{R_\alpha}(x) = \int_{\partial_{\text{int}} X} K(x, \beta) \mu_{R_\alpha}(d\beta)$$

\iff If $f \in H^+$ & $f \leq f_{R_\alpha}$.

Then Lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \mu_A &\leq \mu_{R_\alpha} = \delta_x \\ \implies \mu_A &= f(x) \delta_x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \int_{\partial_{\text{int}} X} K(x, \beta) \mu_A(d\beta) \\ &= f(x) K(x, \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Hence R_α is minimal

\square

Lemma

For $\alpha \in \partial_{\text{int}} X$ ($R_\alpha \in H_0^+$).

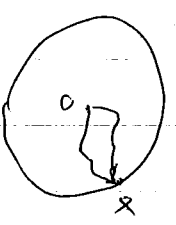
$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R_\alpha} &= R_\alpha(x) \nu_\alpha^{R_\alpha} \\ &= Z \mathbb{P}_0^{R_\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{R_\alpha}(A) &= \mathbb{P}_0^{R_\alpha}(Z_{\infty} \in A) \\ &= \delta_x(A). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{P}_0^{R_\alpha}(Z_{\infty} = \alpha) = 1$$



R_α -process.

\star If $H_0^+(X, P) = \mathbb{C} \mathbb{1}$ i.e. $\mathbb{1} \in \text{int}(H_0^+)$.

$$\begin{aligned} P^{R_\alpha} &= P \\ \mathbb{P}_0^{R_\alpha}(Z_{\infty} = \alpha) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Lem. 4.12

$$\forall h \in H^t \quad \mu_h(\partial_n X \setminus \partial_n^{int} X) = 0$$

Proof.

$$\varphi, \psi \in C(\hat{X}_M) \quad h \in H_0^t$$

$$(h \circ \rho_h = h \circ \rho) \nu_0^h = Z_{0 \times}(\mathbb{P}_0^h)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(Z_n) \psi(Z_{n+m}) \mathbb{P}_0^h(d\omega) \quad (d\mathbb{P}_0^h)$$

$$= \sum_{x, y \in X} \varphi(x) \psi(y) p_n^h(o, x) p_m^h(x, y) \quad (n+m \geq 2)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) p_n^h(o, x) \int_{\Omega} \psi(Z_m) d\mathbb{P}_x^h$$

Letting $m \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(Z_n) \psi(Z_{\infty}) d\mathbb{P}_0^h$$

$$= \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) p_n^h(o, x) \int_{\Omega} \psi(Z_{\infty}) d\mathbb{P}_x^h$$

$$= \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) p_n^h(o, x) \int_{\partial_n X} \psi(\alpha) \nu_x^h(d\alpha)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) p_n^h(o, x) \int_{\partial_n X} \psi(\alpha) K^h(x, \alpha) \nu_0^h(d\alpha)$$

$$= \int_{\partial_n X} \nu_0^h(d\alpha) \psi(\alpha) \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) p_n^h(o, x) K^h(x, \alpha) \quad \parallel$$

$$= \int_{\partial_n X} \nu_0^h(d\alpha) \psi(\alpha) \sum_{x \in X} \varphi(x) p_n^h(o, x) \quad (Recall \rho_h \in H_0^t)$$

$$= \int_{\partial_n X} \nu_0^h(d\alpha) \psi(\alpha) \int_{\Omega} \varphi(Z_n) d\mathbb{P}_0^h \quad (x) \quad \nu_0^h \text{-a.e. } \alpha$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi(Z_{\infty}) \psi(Z_{\infty}) d\mathbb{P}_0^h = \int_{\partial_n X} \varphi(\alpha) \psi(\alpha) \nu_0^h(d\alpha) \quad \parallel (x) \quad \mu_h$$

$$\int_{\partial_n X} \nu_0^h(d\alpha) \psi(\alpha) \int_{\Omega} \varphi(Z_{\infty}) d\mathbb{P}_0^h =$$

$$\int_{\partial_n X} \nu_0^h(d\alpha) \psi(\alpha) \int_{\partial_n X} \varphi(\beta) \nu_0^h(d\beta) \quad \forall \varphi, \psi$$

$$\rightarrow \varphi(\alpha) = \int_{\partial_n X} \varphi(\beta) \nu_0^h(d\beta) \quad \forall \varphi \rightarrow \text{M.A.-a.e. } \alpha \quad \text{Lem 4.11 } \alpha \in \partial_n X$$

Proof of Thm 3.11

Let $R \in H_0^+$. We know

$$R_n(\alpha) = \int_{\mathcal{X}^n} K(x, \alpha) \mu_R(d\alpha) \\ = \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} K(x, \alpha) \mu_R(d\alpha)$$

Suppose

$$R(\alpha) = \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} K(x, \alpha) \mu'(d\alpha) - (\alpha)$$

want to show

$$\int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} f(\alpha) \mu_R(d\alpha) = \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} f(\alpha) \mu'(d\alpha) \\ \text{for } f \in C(\hat{X}_M).$$

$$\int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} f(\alpha) \mu_R(d\alpha) = \int_{\Omega} f(Z_\infty) \mathbb{P}_0^{R_\alpha}(d\omega) \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} f(Z_n) \mathbb{P}_0^{R_n}(d\omega)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{y \in X} f(y) \mathbb{P}_n^{R_n}(o, y)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{y \in X} f(y) P_n(o, y) R(y)$$

$$\stackrel{(*)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{y \in X} f(y) P_n(o, y) \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} K(x, \alpha) \mu'(d\alpha)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} \left(\sum_{y \in X} f(y) P_n(o, y) K(y, \alpha) \right) \mu'(d\alpha)$$

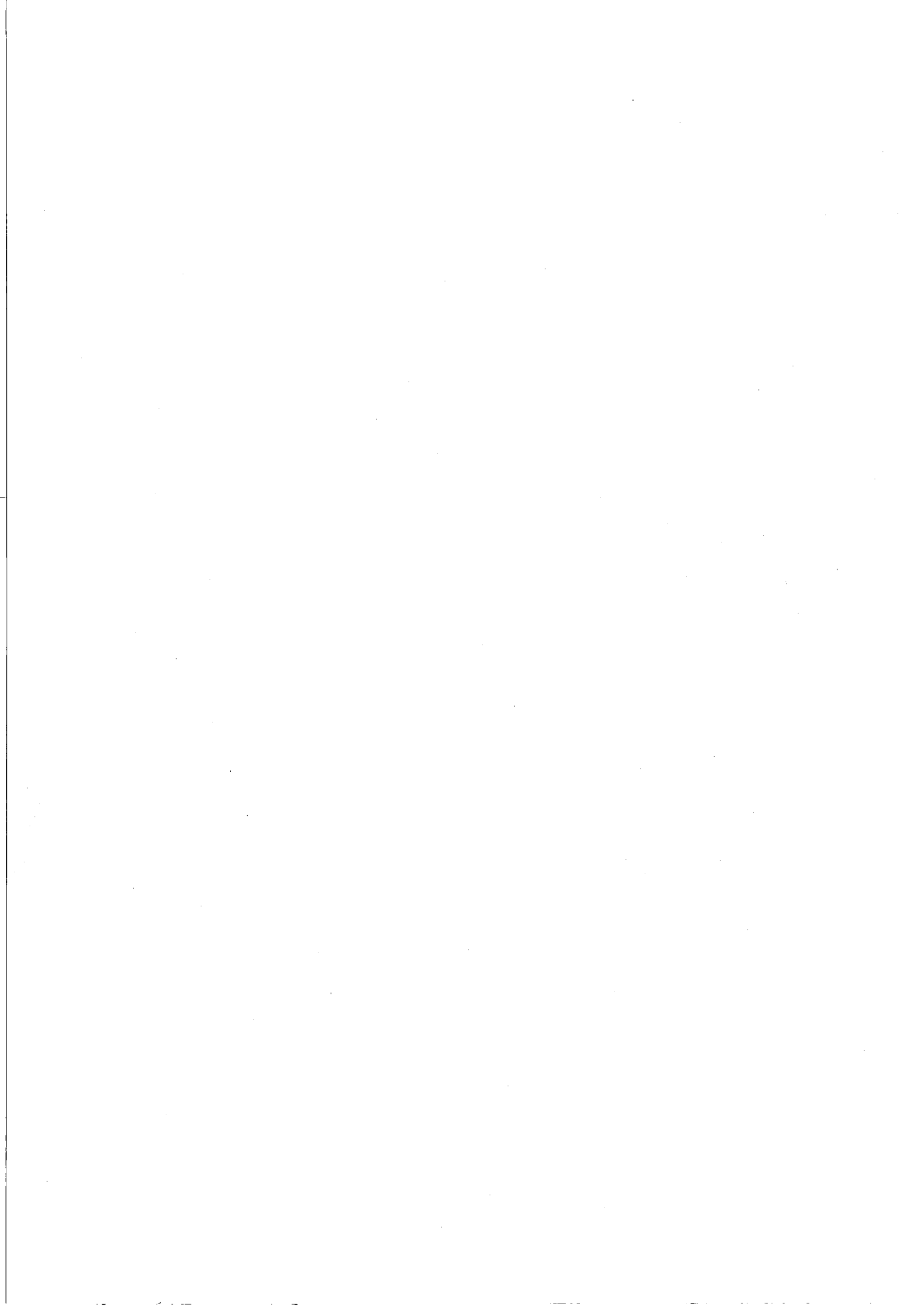
$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} \left(\sum_{y \in X} f(y) P_n^{R_n}(o, y) \right) \mu'(d\alpha)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} \left(\int_{\Omega} f(Z_n) d\mathbb{P}_0^{R_n} \right) \mu'(d\alpha)$$

$$= \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} f(Z_\infty) d\mathbb{P}_0^{R_\alpha} \mu'(d\alpha)$$

$$= \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} \left(\int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\beta) \mu_{R_\alpha}(d\beta) \right) \mu'(d\alpha)$$

$$= \int_{\min_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha}^{\max_{\mathcal{X}} \alpha} f(\alpha) \mu'(d\alpha)$$



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* Doob's supermartingale conv. thm.

($\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}$) prob. sp.

Let $\mathcal{F}_n \subset \mathcal{F}$ ($n \geq 0$) be a filtration

i.e. $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \dots$
 $\swarrow \quad \nwarrow$
 σ -field.

Random variables $\{X_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (n \geq 0)\}$

is supermartingale w.r.t. ($\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}$)

If

(1) X_n is \mathcal{F}_n -meas. $n \geq 0$

(2) $\int_{\Omega} |X_n| d\mathbb{P} < \infty \quad n \geq 0.$

(3) $\int_{\Omega} X_{n+1} 1_A d\mathbb{P} \leq \int_{\Omega} X_n 1_A d\mathbb{P}$
 $\forall A \in \mathcal{F}_n.$

* (3) $\Leftrightarrow E(X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) \leq X_n$

* (3) = \rightarrow cond. exp.
martingale Ex. 4.13

(X, P) : Markov chain (not necessarily inned)

$f \in S^+(X, P)$

$\rightarrow f_0 Z_n = \int_{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is path space

supermartingale w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_n & \mathbb{P}

(1) trivial
 (2) any initial probability with $\sum_{z \in X} f(z) P(z, \cdot) < \infty$

(2) $\int_{\Omega} f(Z_n X_n) P(dw) = \sum_{y \in X} f(y) P(x, y)$

$= (P^n f)(x)$

$\leq f(x) < \infty.$

(3) It suffices to check for $A = \{a_0 \dots a_n \in \mathcal{F}_n\}$.

$$\int_{\Omega} f(Z_{n+1}(w)) \mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{P}_x(dw)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in X} \int_{\Omega} f(y) \mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{1}_{Z_{n+1}=y} \mathbb{P}_x(dw)$$

$$= \sum_{y \in X} f(y) \delta_{x, a_0} p(a_0, a_1) \dots p(a_{n-1}, a_n) p(a_n, y)$$

$$= \delta_{x, a_0} p(a_0, a_1) \dots p(a_{n-1}, a_n) (P^n f)(a_n)$$

$$\equiv \dots \equiv f(a_n)$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} f(Z_n(w)) \mathbb{1}_A \mathbb{P}_x(dw)$$

Ω (x, P)

supermartingale \longleftrightarrow superharmonic

martingale \longleftrightarrow harmonic.

Thm 4.14 (Doob)

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) prob sp.

Let X_n r.v. on Ω supermartingale w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_n
a filter
 $(n \geq 0)$

Suppose $\sup_{n \geq 0} E(|X_n|) < \infty$.

Then for P -a.s. $\omega \in \Omega$, the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(\omega)$ exists
 $\& E[|X_\infty|] < \infty$
 X_∞

The proof relies on Doob's upcrossing/down crossing

~~lemma~~ lemma \dashv
~~lemma~~ lemma

For our proof of Thm 4.3,

this lemma is essential.

~~is~~ essential.

(rather than the theorem above)

Prin.

If $X_n \geq 0 \forall n \geq 0$, then sup-condition is automatic because

$$E(X_n) \leq E(X_{n-1}) \leq \dots \leq E(X_0) < \infty$$

supremum.

* Upcrossing / Down crossing numbers.

$a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ $a < b$ $\&$ $N \geq 0$.

Set two upcrossing numbers.

$$U_N^{[a,b]} : \mathbb{R}^{N+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$(x_0, \dots, x_N) \mapsto U_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_N)$$

by

$$U_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_N) =$$

\therefore the supremum of $k \geq 0$ such that

$$\exists (t_{i-1}, t_i) \text{ s.t. } 0 \leq t_{i-1} < t_i \leq N$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t_1} &\geq b, & x_{t_2} &\leq a \\ x_{t_3} &\geq b, & x_{t_4} &\leq a \\ &\vdots & & \\ x_{t_{k-1}} &\geq b, & x_{t_k} &\leq a \end{aligned}$$

Downcrossing T_1, T_2, \dots

The down crossing number is similarly defined

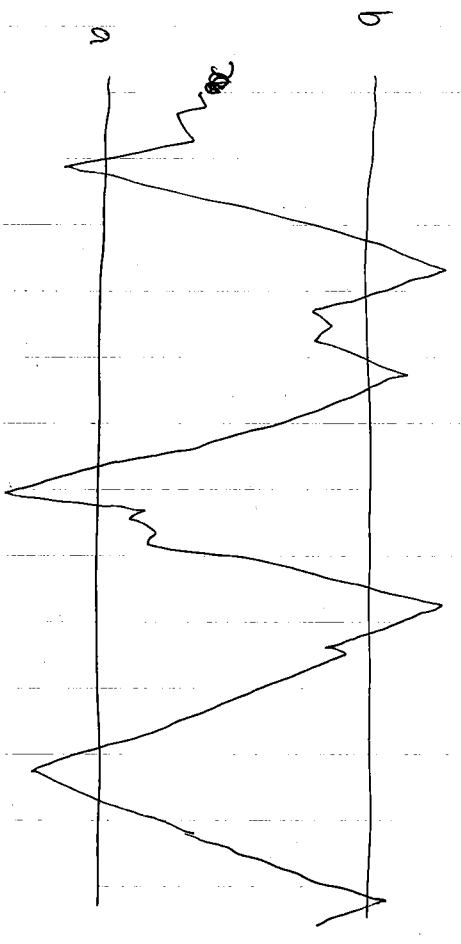
$$D_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_N)$$

\therefore sup of $k \geq 0$ s.t.

$$\exists 0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq N$$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t_1} &\leq a & x_{t_2} &\geq b \\ x_{t_3} &\leq a & x_{t_4} &\geq b \\ &\vdots & & \\ x_{t_{k-1}} &\leq a & x_{t_k} &\geq b \end{aligned}$$



Upcrossing nb = 3

Down cross = 2

* Easy facts:

$$\cdot T_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_N) = D_N^{[a,b]}(x_N, \dots, x_0)$$

$$\cdot |T_N^{[a,b]} - D_N^{[a,b]}| \leq 1$$

$$\cdot T_N^{[a,b]}, D_N^{[a,b]} : \mathbb{R}^{N+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \text{ Borel}$$

~~table~~

$\mathbb{R} \in \mathbb{R}^*$ seq.

$$T_N^{[a,b]}(x_n) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} T_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_N) \rightarrow$$

$$\in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$$

Lem. 4.15 (Doob ^{Wp} down crossing Lemma)

$X_n \geq 0$. ($n \geq 0$). supermartingale.

$$E[D_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_N)] \leq \frac{E[x_0]}{b-a}$$

↓
downcrossing

Proof of Supermartingale conv.

$$T_N^{[a,b]}(x_n) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_N^{[a,b]}(x_0, \dots, x_n)$$

→ down crossing Lemma & monotone conv. thm $\forall a < b$

$$E[T_N^{[a,b]}(x_n)] \leq \frac{E[x_0]}{b-a}$$

* \mathbb{R}^*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\} \iff \forall a, \forall b \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$T_N^{[a,b]}(x_n) < \infty$$

$$\nexists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n < \overline{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}$$

$$\text{VII} \quad -\infty \quad \text{VIII} \quad \pm\infty$$

$$\iff \exists a < b \quad \overline{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n} < a < b < \underline{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n}$$

$$\iff \exists a, \exists b \quad T_N^{[a,b]}(x_n) = \pm\infty$$

Thus

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{supp}(X_n) < \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$$\rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{F} X_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\} \text{ a.s.}$$

Factor $\rightarrow E(X_\infty) \equiv \lim E(X_n) \equiv E(X_0) < \infty$ sup. mart.

$$\rightarrow X_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ a.s.}$$



Markov time

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ prob. space.

$\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \dots$ filtration.

$T: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ measurable

is a Markov time if $\{\omega \mid T(\omega) = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$.

NOTE

$\{T \leq n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$

$\{T \geq n\} = \{T > n-1\} \in \mathcal{F}_{n-1}$
 $\{T > n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$

σ, τ : Markov time $\Rightarrow \sigma \vee \tau, \sigma \wedge \tau$ Markov.

$$\{\sigma \vee \tau = n\} = \bigcup_{k=0}^n \{\sigma = k \mid \tau = n\} \cup \bigcup_{k=n}^n \{\sigma = k \vee \tau = k\}$$

$$\{\sigma \wedge \tau = n\} = \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} \{\sigma = k\} \cap \{\tau = n\} \cup \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} \{\sigma = n \vee \tau = k\}$$

$$= (\{\sigma \geq n\} \cap \{\tau = n\}) \cup (\{\sigma = n\} \cap \{\tau \geq n\}) \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

$T = \text{const} = k$ Markov.

$$\{T = n_1\} = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } n \neq k \\ \Omega & \text{if } n = k \end{cases}$$

Proof of Lem 4.15

We will construct Markov times $T_0 \leq T_1 \leq \dots$ inductively as follows

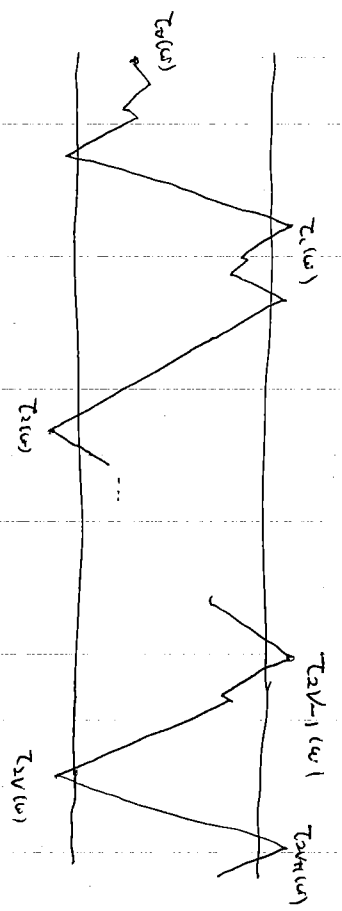
Put $T_0 = 0$.

For n odd

$$T_n(\omega) := \begin{cases} \inf \{ R \in \mathbb{N} \mid \inf_{t \in [R, R+1]} B_t \leq -a \} \\ N \quad \text{if } \{ \} = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

n even

$$T_n(\omega) := \begin{cases} \inf \{ R \in \mathbb{N} \mid T_{n-1}(\omega) \leq R \leq N, X_R(\omega) \leq a \} \\ N \quad \text{if } \{ \} = \emptyset \end{cases}$$



$$V(\omega) := \bigcup_{l \in \mathbb{N}} [T_{2l-1}(\omega), T_{2l}(\omega))$$

if $n \geq 2l+2$ $T_n(\omega) = N$.

Now def

$$S := \sum_{R=0}^{2l} (X_{T_{2R+1}} - X_{T_{2R+2}})$$

Then since $X_{T_{2R+1}} \geq b$ & $X_{T_{2R+2}} \leq a$

$$S \geq 2l(b-a).$$

On the other hand.

$$S = X_{T_1} + \sum_{R=0}^{2l-1} (X_{T_{2R+3}} - X_{T_{2R+2}}) - X_{T_{2l+2}}$$

Then

$$E[S] = E[X_{T_1}] + \sum_{R=0}^{2l-1} (E[X_{T_{2R+3}}] - E[X_{T_{2R+2}}]) - E[X_{T_{2l+2}}]$$

$\stackrel{\text{I.O.Lem.}}{=} E[X_{T_1}] - E[X_{T_{2l+2}}]$

$$\leq E[X_{T_1}] \leq E[X_0]$$

Hence

$$(b-a) E[V] \leq E[S] \leq E[X_0]$$



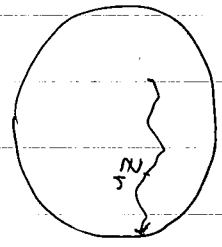


Recall: want to prove

(X, P) i.i.d. & trans.

$\forall \gamma \in \text{Prob}(X)$ initial distr.

$$X \ni Z_n(\omega) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\exists} Z_\infty(\omega) \in \partial_{int} X \quad \mathbb{P}_\gamma\text{-a.s. } \omega.$$



i.e. we must show

$$f(Z_n(\omega)) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} f(Z_\infty(\omega))$$

$$\forall f \in C(\hat{X}_n) = C_0(X) + C_c^*(X).$$

If $f \in C_0(X)$ then $f(Z_n(\omega)) \rightarrow 0$.

WMA $f = \delta_x \quad (x \in X)$

~~Full~~ $f(Z_n(\omega)) \rightarrow 0 \stackrel{!}{=} f(\omega | Z_n(\omega) = x)$ i.i.f. n large!

\uparrow
probabilities 0 by trans.

(Thm 4.5)

So, our aim is to prove.

$$K(x, Z_n(\omega)) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \text{converges} \quad \forall x \in X$$

\mathbb{P}_γ -a.s. ω .

NOTE

$K(x, \cdot)$ is not P-supersubharmonic

\rightarrow We cannot apply Doob's conv. thm directly!

IDEA Take the dual of P.

Let

$$\eta(x) := G(x, \alpha) \quad \leftarrow \text{row vector}$$

$$\hat{P} := (\hat{p}(x, y))_{x, y \in X}$$

$$\hat{p}(x, y) = \eta(y) P(y, x) \eta(x)^{-1}$$

Then

$$\sum_{y \in X} \hat{p}(x, y) = \sum_{y \in X} \eta(y) p(y, x) \eta(x)^{-1}$$

$$= (GP)(x, x) \eta(x)^{-1}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{inequality}}{\leq} G(x, x) \eta(x)^{-1} = 1$$

$$\sum_{y \in X} \hat{p}(x, y) K(z, y) = \sum_{y \in X} \eta(y) p(y, x) \eta(x)^{-1} K(z, y)$$

$$= \sum_y G(x, y) p(y, x) G(x, x)^{-1} \frac{G(z, y)}{G(z, y)}$$

$$= (GP)(z, x) G(x, x)^{-1}$$

$$\leq \frac{G(z, x)}{G(x, x)} = K(z, x)$$

Hence $K(z, \cdot)$ is \hat{P} -superharmonic.

Take the gauge yard extension:

$$\tilde{X} := X \cup \{*\}$$

$$Q := \begin{matrix} X & * \\ \hat{P} & \mathbb{1} - \hat{P} \\ \hline 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

* If $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ sup. harmonic \hat{P}_*

$$\hat{f}: \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \stackrel{Q}{\text{sup. harmonic}} \text{ putting } \hat{f}(*) = 0$$

$$Q \hat{f} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{P} \hat{f} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \leq \hat{f}$$

Hence on $Q_Q := \tilde{X}^N$ path space.

$\nu \in \text{Prob}(\tilde{X})$ initial distr.

$$\hat{f}(w_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{Q_{km}} \hat{f}(w_\infty) \text{ } \mathbb{R}_+ \text{-a.s. w.}$$

NOTE

This does not imply $f_{\omega_n} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{\omega_n}$

a.s. $\omega \in \mathcal{D}^p$.

Because

$$P_n^{\mathcal{D}^p}(C_{a_0 \dots a_n}) = \nu(a_0) \eta(a_0 a_1) \dots \eta(a_{n-1} a_n)$$

$$(a_k \in X)$$

$$= \nu(a_0) \hat{p}(a_0 a_1) \dots \hat{p}(a_{n-1} a_n)$$

$$= \nu(a_0) \eta(a_0)^{-1} p(a_1 a_0) \eta(a_1)$$

$$\eta(a_1)^{-1} p(a_2 a_1) \eta(a_2)$$

\vdots

$$\eta(a_{n-1})^{-1} p(a_n a_{n-1}) \eta(a_n)$$

$$= P_n^{\mathcal{D}^p}(C_{a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_0}) \underbrace{\nu(a_0) \eta(a_0)^{-1}}_{\text{reverse}} - \text{?}$$

unbid measure

NOW, we consider make use of the ~~fixed~~ exit time.

$$A \subset X$$

$$T_A : \mathcal{D}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$$T_A(\omega) = \inf_{n \geq 0} \{n \mid \omega_n \in A\}$$

$$\text{Domain} = \bigcup_n \{\omega \mid \omega_n \in A\}$$

Recall its properties:

$$P_x(T_A = 0) = \mathcal{L}_A(x)$$

$$P_x(Z_n \in A \text{ for some } n \geq 0) = (G \mathcal{L}_A)(x)$$

(Comments often Thm 4.5)

$$P_x(Z_{T_A} = y) = K(x, y) G(x, y) \mathcal{L}_A(y)$$

Proof

Now we put $v \in \text{Prob}(\hat{X})$

$$v(s) = \eta(s) \rho_A(s)$$

depending on A

$$v(x) = 0$$

$$\sum_{s \in \hat{X}} v(s) = \sum_s \eta(s) \rho_A(s) = G \rho_A(0) \leq 1$$

Now we have the down crossing nb inequality:

$$E_{\nu}^{DQ} [D_N^{[c,d]}(\hat{f}_0, z_0, \dots, \hat{f}_0, z_N)] \leq \frac{E_{\nu}^{DQ} [F_0 z_0]}{d-c}$$

$$\text{RHS of } (*) = \frac{1}{d-c} \sum_{x \in X} f(x) v(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{d-c} \sum_{x \in X} f(x) \eta(x) \rho_A(x)$$

if $f(x) = K(z, x)$

$$\frac{1}{d-c} \sum_{z \in X} \sum_{x \in X} \frac{K(z, x) G(z, x) \rho_A(x)}{G(z, x)} = \frac{G \rho_A(z)}{d-c} \leq \frac{1}{d-c}$$

does not depend on A

LHS of (*)

In what follows,

$$\sum_{a_0 \dots a_N \in X} \mathbb{R} P_{\nu}^{DQ} (C_{a_0} \dots a_N)$$

$$D_N := D_N^{[c,d]}$$

$$\sum_{a_0 \dots a_N \in X} D_{\nu}^D (f(a_0) \dots f(a_N)) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$= \sum_{a_0 \dots a_N \in X} \mathbb{R} P_{\eta}^{DQ} (C_{a_0} \dots a_0) v(a_0) \eta(a_0)^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{a_0 \dots a_N \in X} \mathbb{R} P_{\eta}^{DQ} (C_{a_0} \dots a_N) v(a_N) \eta(a_N)^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{a_0 \dots a_N \in X} \mathbb{R} P_{\eta}^{DQ} (C_{a_0} \dots a_N) \rho_A(a_N)$$

$$D_N (f(a_0) \dots f(a_N)) = \mathbb{R}$$

We interpret this term.

$$P_{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} (Z_{T_A-N} = a_0, \dots, Z_{T_A} = a_N) \leftarrow$$

Hence we have.

$$= \sum_{m \geq N} P_{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} (T_A = m \text{ \& } Z_{m-N} = a_0, \dots, Z_m = a_N)$$

$$= \sum_{m \geq N} P_{m-N}(\emptyset, a_0) \cdot P(a_0, a_1) \cdot \dots \cdot P(a_{N-1}, a_N) \cdot \mathbb{1}_A(a_N)$$

$$= G(\emptyset, a_0) \cdot P(a_0, a_1) \cdot \dots \cdot P(a_{N-1}, a_N) \cdot \mathbb{1}_A(a_N) \quad \text{--- (***)}$$

Thus

LHS of (*) $\stackrel{(***) \text{ \& } (***)}{\approx}$ ~~(putting 2 to \emptyset)~~

$$\geq \sum_{a_0, \dots, a_N \in X} P_{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} (Z_{T_A-N} = a_0, \dots, Z_{T_A} = a_N)$$

$$T_N(f(a_0), \dots, f(a_N)) = B$$

$$= E_{\mathbb{O}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} (T_N^{[c,d]} (\tilde{f}(Z_{T_A-N}), \dots, \tilde{f}(Z_{T_A})))$$

$$E_{\mathbb{O}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} (T_N^{[c,d]} (\tilde{f}(Z_{T_A-N}), \dots, \tilde{f}(Z_{T_A}))) \leq \frac{1}{d-c}$$

We Reap: $(f = K(x, \cdot)) \quad \forall N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

If $w \in \Omega_P, \tau_A^{(w)} R < 0$ then $Z_{\tau_A^{(w)}} - \mathbb{1}_R(w) = *$

Letting $N \rightarrow +\infty$, we have

$$E_{\mathbb{O}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} [T_{T_A}^{[c,d]} (f(Z_0), \dots, f(Z_{T_A}))] \leq \frac{1}{d-c}$$

$\forall A \subset X.$

NEXT Putting $A = A_n, A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \nearrow X.$

Then $T_{A_n} \nearrow +\infty$ a.s. & monotone conv. then

$$E_{\mathbb{O}}^{\mathbb{Q}^p} [T_{T_A}^{[c,d]} (f(Z_n))] \leq \frac{1}{d-c}$$

$\forall c < d.$

Hence $f(Z_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P_{\mathbb{O}} \text{ a.s. } \omega} P_{\mathbb{O}} \text{ a.s. } \omega.$

Hence we have shown:

$$Z_n(\omega) \rightarrow Z_0(\omega) \quad \mathbb{P}_0\text{-a.s. } \omega$$

$$\bigcap_{n \geq 0} X_n$$

$$U_A(x) := \mathbb{P}_x \left(\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n(\omega) \in \partial_H X \right)$$

this set is σ -low

$$\rightarrow U_A \in \mathcal{H}^T \text{ \& } U_A(0) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow U_A \equiv 1$$

max. principle

i.e. $\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_0(x, Z_n(\omega))$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_0(x, Z_n(\omega)) \quad \mathbb{P}_0\text{-a.s. } \omega$$

(Because the top-sp X_H does not dep on \mathbb{Q} .)

~~We know $\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_0(x, Z_n(\omega)) \quad \mathbb{P}_0\text{-a.s. } \omega$.~~

Hence we are done. \square

\square