Self-similar Markov processes Part II: higher dimensions

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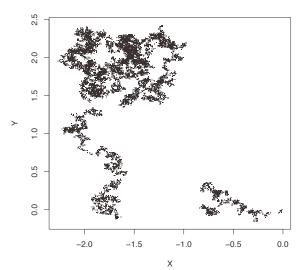
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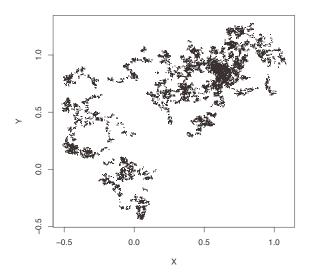
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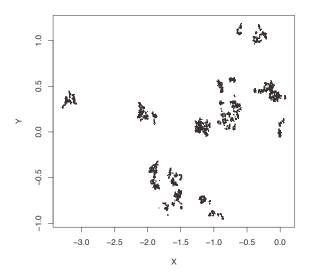
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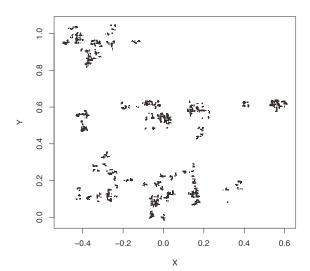
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- ▶ If $(S_t, t \ge 0)$ is a stable subordinator with index $\alpha/2$ (a Lévy process with Laplace exponent $-t^{-1}\log \mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda S_t}] = \lambda^{\alpha}$) and $(B_t, t \ge 0)$ for a standard (isotropic) *d*-dimensional Brownian motion, then it is known that $X_t := \sqrt{2}B_{S_t}$, $t \ge 0$, is a stable process with index α .

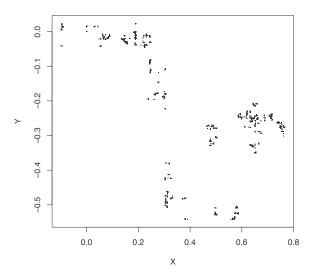
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In this respect *X* is transient. It can be shown moreover that

$$\lim_{t\to\infty} |X_t| = \infty$$

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PROOF OF THEOREM

Now note that, for bounded and measurable $f : \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{\infty} f(X_{t}) dt\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{\infty} f(\sqrt{2}B_{S_{t}}) dt\right]$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} ds \int_{0}^{\infty} dt \, \mathbb{P}(S_{t} \in ds) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{P}(B_{s} \in dx) f(\sqrt{2}x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha/2)\pi^{d/2} 2^{d}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dy \int_{0}^{\infty} ds \, e^{-|y|^{2}/4s} s^{-1+(\alpha-d)/2} f(y)$$

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 \blacktriangleright Kesten-Bretagnolle integral test, in dimension $d \ge 2$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{1+\Psi(z)}\right) dz = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{1+|z|^{\alpha}} dz \propto \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{1+r^{\alpha}} r^{d-1} dr \, \sigma_1(d\theta) = \infty.$$

- $\mathbb{P}_x(\tau^{\{y\}} < \infty) = 0$, for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$.
- i.e. the stable process cannot hit individual points almost surely.

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An $\mathbb{R} \times E$ valued regular Feller process $(\xi,\Theta)=((\xi_t,\Theta_t):t\geq 0)$ with probabilities $\mathbf{P}_{x,\theta}, x\in\mathbb{R}, \theta\in E$, and cemetery state $(-\infty,\dagger)$ is called a *Markov additive process* (MAP) if Θ is a regular Feller process on E with cemetery state \dagger such that, for every bounded measurable function $f:(\mathbb{R}\cup\{-\infty\})\times(E\cup\{\dagger\})\to\mathbb{R}, t,s\geq 0$ and $(x,\theta)\in\mathbb{R}\times E$, on $\{t<\varsigma\}$,

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- ▶ Roughly speaking, one thinks of a MAP as a 'Markov modulated' Lévy process
- ▶ It has 'conditional stationary and independent increments'
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Theorem

Fix $\alpha > 0$. The process Z is a ssMp with index α if and only if there exists a (killed) MAP, (ξ, Θ) on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{S}_{d-1}$ such that

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where

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▶ In the above representation, the time to absorption in the origin,

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Now suppose that U is any orthogonal d-dimensional matrix and let $X' = U^{-1}X$. Since X is isotropic and since |X'| = |X|, and $\operatorname{Arg}(X') = U^{-1}\operatorname{Arg}(X)$, we see that, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{S}_{d-1}$

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Theorem (*d*-dimensional Riesz–Bogdan–Żak Transform, $d \ge 2$)

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Theorem (Port (1969))

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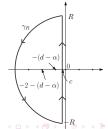
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Theorem

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SPHERE INVERSIONS

- Fix a point $b \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and a value r > 0.
- ▶ The spatial transformation $x^* : \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{b\} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{b\}$

$$x^* = b + \frac{r^2}{|x - b|^2}(x - b),$$

is called an *inversion through the sphere* $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b,r) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x-b| = r\}.$

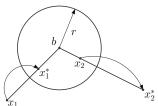


Figure: Inversion relative to the sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b, r)$.

INVERSION THROUGH $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b,r)$: KEY PROPERTIES

Inversion through $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b,r)$

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The following can be deduced by straightforward algebra

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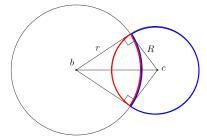
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Inversion through $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b,r)$: key properties

▶ The sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(c,R)$ maps to itself under inversion through $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b,r)$ provided the former is orthogonal to the latter, which is equivalent to $r^2 + R^2 = |c - b|^2$.



▶ In particular, the area contained in the blue segment is mapped to the area in the red segment and vice versa.

SPHERE INVERSION WITH REFLECTION

A variant of the sphere inversion transform takes the form

$$x^{\diamond} = b - \frac{r^2}{|x - b|^2} (x - b),$$

and has properties

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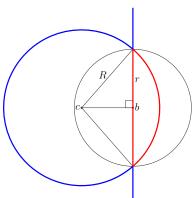
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▶ Fix $b \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and r > 0. The sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(c,R)$ maps to itself through $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(b,r)$ providing $|c-b|^2 + r^2 = R^2$.



▶ However, this time, the exterior of the sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(c,R)$ maps to the interior of the sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(c,R)$ and vice versa. For example, the region in the exterior of $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(c,R)$ contained by blue boundary maps to the portion of the interior of $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(c,R)$ contained by the red boundary.

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PORT'S SPHERE HITTING DISTRIBUTION

A richer version of the previous theorem:

Theorem (Port (1969))

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$$h^{\odot}(x,y) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+d}{2}-1\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \frac{||x|^2-1|^{\alpha-1}}{|x-y|^{\alpha+d-2}}$$

for $|x| \neq 1$, |y| = 1. Then, if $\alpha \in (1, 2)$,

$$\mathbb{P}_{x}(X_{\tau^{\odot}} \in dy) = h^{\odot}(x, y)\sigma_{1}(dy)\mathbf{1}_{(|x| \neq 1)} + \delta_{x}(dy)\mathbf{1}_{(|x| = 1)}, \qquad |y| = 1,$$

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► The measure μ_x^{\odot} is the solution to the 'functional fixed point equation'

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Note that $y \in \mathbb{S}_{d-1}$, so the occupation of y from x, will at least see the process pass through the sphere \mathbb{S}_{d-1} somewhere first (if not y).

With a little work, we can show it is the unique solution in the class of probability measures.

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We have

$$\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)\Gamma(\alpha-1)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha+d}{2}-1\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)} = \int_{\mathbb{S}_{d-1}} |z^* - x|^{d-1}|z^* - y^*|^{\alpha-d} \frac{\sigma_1(\mathrm{d}z^*)}{|z^* - x|^{d-1}}$$
$$= \frac{(|x|^2 - 1)^{\alpha-1}}{|y - x|^{\alpha-d}} \int_{\mathbb{S}_{d-1}} \frac{|z - y|^{\alpha-d}}{|z - x|^{\alpha+d-2}} \sigma_1(\mathrm{d}z).$$

For the case |x| < 1, use Riesz–Bogdan–Żak theorem again! (See exercises)



§12. Spherical entrance/exit distribution

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Theorem

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for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d \backslash \mathbb{S}_{d-1}$. Let

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The proof is complete as soon as we can verify that

$$|x - y|^{\alpha - d} = c_{\alpha, d} \int_{|z| > 1} |z - y|^{\alpha - d} \frac{|1 - |x|^2|^{\alpha/2}}{|1 - |z|^2|^{\alpha/2}} |x - z|^{-d} dz$$

for |y| > 1 > |x|, where

$$c_{\alpha,d} = \pi^{-(1+d/2)} \Gamma(d/2) \sin(\pi \alpha/2).$$

► Transform $z \mapsto z^{\diamond}$ (sphere inversion with reflection) through the sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(x, (1-|x|^2)^{1/2})$, noting in particular that

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Now perform similar transformation $z^{\diamond} \mapsto w$ (inversion with reflection), albeit through the sphere $\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(y^{\diamond}, (1-|y^{\diamond}|^2)^{1/2})$.

$$|y-x|^{\alpha-d} \int_{|z^{\diamond}|<1} \frac{|z^{\diamond}-y^{\diamond}|^{\alpha-d}}{|1-|z^{\diamond}|^{2|\alpha/2}} dz^{\diamond} = |y-x|^{\alpha-d} \int_{|w|>1} \frac{|1-|y^{\diamond}|^{2}|^{\alpha/2}}{|1-|w|^{2|\alpha/2}} |w-y^{\diamond}|^{-d} dw.$$

Thus far:

$$\int_{|z| \geq 1} |z - y|^{\alpha - d} \frac{|1 - |x|^2|^{\alpha/2}}{|1 - |z|^2|^{\alpha/2}} |x - z|^{-d} dz = |y - x|^{\alpha - d} \int_{|w| \geq 1} \frac{|1 - |y^{\diamond}|^2|^{\alpha/2}}{|1 - |w|^2|^{\alpha/2}} |w - y^{\diamond}|^{-d} dw.$$

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Poisson's formula (the probability that a Brownian motion hits a sphere of radius r > 0) states that

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}_{d-1}(0,r)} \frac{r^{d-2}(r^2 - |y^{\diamond}|^2)}{|z - y^{\diamond}|^d} \sigma_r(\mathrm{d}z) = 1, \qquad |y^{\diamond}| < 1 < r.$$

gives us

$$\begin{split} \int_{|v| \ge 1} \frac{1}{|1 - |w|^2 |^{\alpha/2}} |w - y^{\diamond}|^{-d} \mathrm{d}w &= \frac{\pi^{d/2}}{\Gamma(d/2)} \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{2r}{(r^2 - 1)^{\alpha/2} (r^2 - |y^{\diamond}|^2)} \mathrm{d}r \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\sin(\alpha \pi/2)} \frac{1}{(1 - |y^{\diamond}|^2)^{\alpha/2}} \end{split}$$

Plugging everything back in gives the result for |x| < 1.



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2. Remaining in *d*-dimensions ($d \ge 2$), recalling that

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show that under \mathbb{P}° , X is absorbed continuously at the origin in an almost surely finite time.

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3. Recall the following theorem

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