

Random walks on the East model

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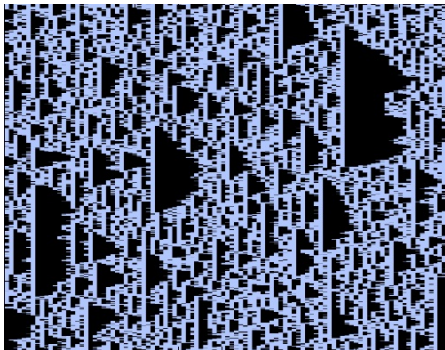
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East model

Markov process $(\xi_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ on $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$. $\rho \in (0, 1)$ density parameter.

At site x , $\begin{cases} 0 & \xrightarrow{\rho} & 1 \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{1-\rho} & 0 \end{cases}$ if $x+1$ (the East neighbor of x) is empty.

$$L_E f(\xi) = \sum_x (1 - \xi(x+1)) (\rho(1 - \xi(x)) + (1 - \rho)\xi(x)) [f(\xi^x) - f(\xi)]$$



$\rho = 1/2$; space horizontal, time goes down, $1 = \bullet$, $0 = \circ$.

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Some non-properties of the East model

Not attractive.

No uniform or cone-mixing property.

RW in (dynamic) random environment

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Environment seen from the walker

$$\eta_t := \tau_{Z_t} \xi_t.$$

has generator

$$Lf(\eta) = L_E f(\eta) + \sum_y r(y, \eta) [f(\tau_y \eta) - f(\eta)]$$

Jumps of $(X_t)_{t \geq 0} \longleftrightarrow$ spatial shifts for $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$.

Z_t depends on $(\xi_s)_{s \leq t}$.

Random walks

X (unperturbed walker) and $X^{(\epsilon)}$ (perturbed walker) with continuous rates $r(y, \eta), r_\epsilon(y, \eta) \geq 0$ such that

- ▶ $r_\epsilon(y, \eta) = r(y, \eta) + \hat{r}_\epsilon(y, \eta)$.
- ▶ $\eta_t := \tau_{X_t} \xi_t$ has invariant measure μ .
In particular: $(\tau_{X_t} \xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$ has same invariant measure and mixing property as $(\xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$.
- ▶ $2\epsilon = \|\hat{L}_\epsilon\| < \gamma$.
- ▶ $\sum_y |y|^4 \sup_\eta (r(y, \eta) + |\hat{r}_\epsilon(y, \eta)|) < \infty$.
- ▶ $r(y, \eta) > 0 \implies r_\epsilon(y, \eta)$.

where

$$L_\epsilon f(\eta) = L_E f(\eta) + \sum_y r_\epsilon(y, \eta) [f(\tau_y \eta) - f(\eta)]$$

$$L f(\eta) = L_E f(\eta) + \sum_y r(y, \eta) [f(\tau_y \eta) - f(\eta)]$$

$$\hat{L}_\epsilon f(\eta) = \sum_y \hat{r}_\epsilon(y, \eta) [f(\tau_y \eta) - f(\eta)]$$

Examples

Driven ghost probe [Jack-Kelsey-Garrahan-Chandler PRE 2008]

$$\begin{aligned}r(\pm 1, \eta) &= (1 - \eta(0))(1 - \eta(\pm 1)) \\r_\epsilon(\pm 1, \eta) &= (1 - \eta(0))(1 - \eta(\pm 1))\tilde{r}_\epsilon(\pm 1),\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{r}_\epsilon(1) = 2/(1 + e^{-\epsilon}) = e^\epsilon \tilde{r}_\epsilon(-1)$.

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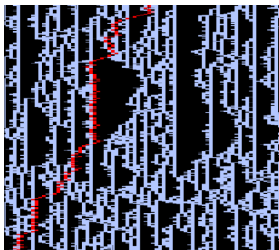
ϵ -RW

For $\epsilon \in (0, 1/2)$, jump rates given by

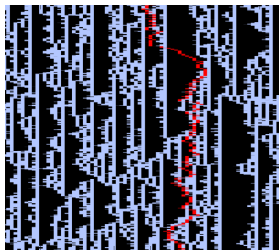
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N.B.: In the pictures, $p = 1/2 + \epsilon$.



$p = 0.2$



$p = 0.8$

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N.B.: Point 1 proved in [\[Komorowski-Olla '05\]](#) when $d\nu/d\mu \in L^2(\mu)$, via a series expansion of the densities rather than semigroups. Perturbation \hat{L}_ϵ can be unbounded, should satisfy a sector condition.

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1. **LLN.**

$$\frac{1}{t} X_t^{(\epsilon)} \xrightarrow[t \rightarrow \infty]{} v(\epsilon)$$

2. **Invariance principle.**

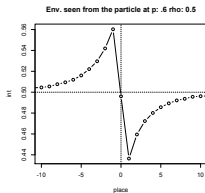
$$\frac{X_{nt}^{(\epsilon)} - v(\epsilon)nt}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \sqrt{2D_\epsilon} B_t,$$

3. *If the environment seen from the unperturbed walker $(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is reversible w.r.t. μ , $D_\epsilon > 0$ for ϵ small enough.*

More on the ϵ -RW

Theorem

1. If $\epsilon > 0$ small enough, $\mu_\epsilon(\eta(1)) < \rho < \mu_\epsilon(\eta(-1))$ (and the reverse if $\epsilon < 0$).

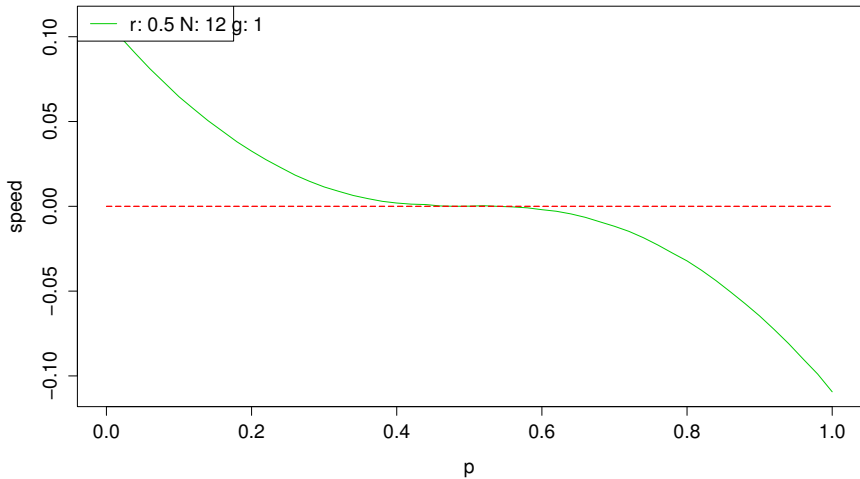


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2. $v(\epsilon) = 2\epsilon(2\rho - 1) + \epsilon^3\kappa_\rho + O(\epsilon^5)$.
In particular, if $\rho \neq 1/2$, $|\epsilon| \neq 0$ small enough, $\text{sgn}(v(\epsilon)) = \text{sgn}(\epsilon(2\rho - 1))$
(the sign of the speed is given by the dominating type of site in the environment).

What if $\rho = 1/2$?

Speed as function of p in east and rho 0.5



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In particular,

$$v_{\text{East}}(\epsilon) = v_{\text{West}}(\epsilon).$$

Rather, a signature of the space-time correlated bubbles.

N.B.: The antisymmetry holds for any reversible environment with L^2 exponential mixing.

A degenerate version of the ϵ -RW

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Three-point correlation function

Proposition

If for any $y \geq 1$, for any $s, t \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}_\rho^{\text{East}} [\xi_0(0)(2\xi_t(y) - 1)\xi_{t+s}(0)] > 0,$$

then $\kappa_\rho < 0$.

Thank you for your attention.