


Non-Commutative Stochastic Processes and Bi-Free Probability

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Definition

Let (\mathcal{A}, φ) be a non-commutative probability space (NCPS); that is, \mathcal{A} is a unital C^* -algebra and $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a unital positive linear functional. A *self-adjoint non-commutative stochastic process* (SA-NC-SP) is a collection $(X_t)_{t \in T}$ of self-adjoint elements in \mathcal{A} . The index set T is considered a time parameter.

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 - free Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process: $c(\ell, r) = e^{-|\ell - r|}$ with $T = \mathbb{R}$.

Transition Operators

Bożejko, Kummerer, and Speicher compute the *transition operators* of such processes.

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Let $(X_t)_{t \in T}$ be a SA-NC-SP in a tracial von Neumann algebra (\mathfrak{M}, τ) . For $t \in T$, let μ_t be the distribution of X_t . Note $W^*(X_t)$ is isomorphic to $L_\infty(\mu_t)$.

For $\ell, r \in T$ with $\ell \leq r$, an operator $K_{\ell, r} : L_\infty(\mu_r) \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu_\ell)$ where

$$E_{W^*(X_\ell)}(h(X_r)) = (K_{\ell, r}(h))(X_\ell)$$

for all Borel $h \in L_\infty(\mu_r)$ is called a *transition operator* of the process $(X_t)_{t \in T}$.

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The density of the bi-free central limit distribution with left covariance $c(\ell, \ell)$, right covariance $c(r, r)$, and mixed covariance $c(\ell, r)$ is

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- Hence if $d\mu(x, y) = f_{\ell, r}(x, y) dx dy$, then the transition operator $K_{\ell, r} : L_\infty(\mu_r) \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu_\ell)$ is obtained via

$$(K_{\ell, r}(h))(x) = \int_{\Omega} h(y) k_{\ell, r}(x, dy)$$

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- The transition operator is determined via the bi-free compound Poisson distribution (Gu, Huang, Mingo; 2016) with rate $\lambda = r$ and jump size $\nu = \frac{\ell}{r}\delta_{(1,0)} + \frac{r-\ell}{r}\delta_{(1,1)}$.

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Theorem (S; 2022)

Let X and Y be freely independent self-adjoint operators in a tracial von Neumann algebra (\mathfrak{M}, τ) . Then

$$G_{L(X), R(X+Y)}(z, w) = -\frac{G_X(z) - G_{X+Y}(w)}{z - K_X(G_{X+Y}(w))}.$$

In particular if $(X_t)_{t \in T}$ is a self-adjoint non-commutative stochastic process with freely additive increments, the above holds for $X = X_\ell$ and $Y = X_r - X_\ell$ for all $\ell < r$.

Example (Biane; 1998)

The *free Cauchy process* is the SA-NC-SP with freely additive increments where

$$d\mu_t(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{t}{x^2 + t^2} dx.$$

One can use the above to compute the joint density of $(L(X_\ell), R(X_r))$ to be

$$f_{\ell,r}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{\ell}{x^2 + \ell^2} \frac{r - \ell}{(x - y)^2 + (r - \ell)^2}$$

and thus

$$k_{\ell,r}(x, dy) = \frac{f_{\ell,r}(x, y)}{f_\ell(x)} dy = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{r - \ell}{(x - y)^2 + (r - \ell)^2} dy.$$

Theorem (S; 2022)

Let X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2 be self-adjoint operators in a tracial von Neumann algebra (\mathfrak{M}, τ) such that $\text{alg}(\{X_1, Y_1\})$ and $\text{alg}(\{X_2, Y_2\})$ are freely independent. Thus $G_{X_1+X_2}(z)$ and $G_{Y_1+Y_2}(w)$ can be computed. With

$$\omega_{X_k}(z) = K_{X_k}(G_{X_1+X_2}(z)) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_{Y_k}(w) = K_{Y_k}(G_{Y_1+Y_2}(w))$$

for $k = 1, 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{G_{X_1+X_2, Y_1+Y_2}(z, w)} &+ \frac{1}{G_{X_1+X_2}(z)G_{Y_1+Y_2}(w)} \\ &= \frac{1}{G_{X_1, Y_1}(\omega_{X_1}(z), \omega_{Y_1}(w))} + \frac{1}{G_{X_2, Y_2}(\omega_{X_2}(z), \omega_{Y_2}(w))}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the transition operator of $Y_1 + Y_2$ onto $X_1 + X_2$ can be computed.

Thanks for Listening!