

Reconstruction of processes with long-range dependence

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- What is long-range dependence?
- The Hurst exponent
- Tools and examples
 - ① Gibbs measures and chains with complete connections
 - ② Fractional processes
 - ③ ϵ -machines

What is long-range dependence? Why is it important?

- **Fields:**

- Internet modelling

- Finance

- Climate studies

- Econometrics

- Hydrology

- Linguistics

- DNA sequencing

- **Issues:**

- Detection of long memory in the data

- Statistical estimation of parameters of long range dependence

- Limit theorems under long range dependence

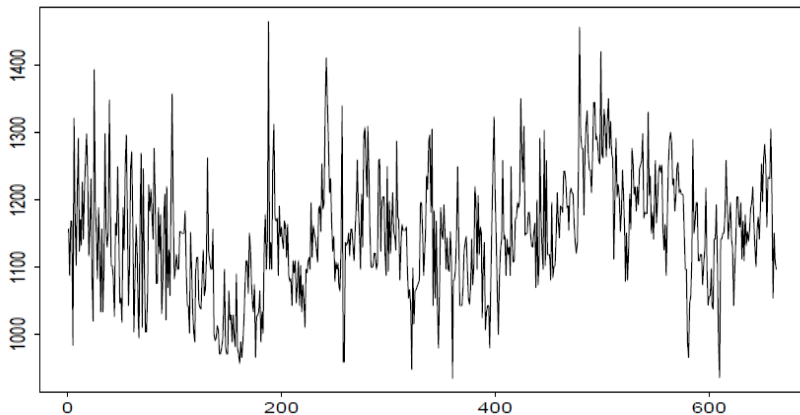
- Simulation of long memory processes

- Scaling and fractal behavior

- Historically the first study that emphasized long range dependence was in hydrology (Hurst, 1951)

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The anual minima of the water level in the Nile river



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- Hurst R/S statistics. Let $S_i = \sum_{k=1}^i X_k$

$$\frac{R}{S}(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{\max_{0 \leq i \leq n} (S_i - \frac{i}{n} S_n) - \min_{0 \leq i \leq n} (S_i - \frac{i}{n} S_n)}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \frac{i}{n} S_n)^2 \right)^{1/2}}$$

Grows as $n^{0.74}$, not as $n^{0.5}$ as it would for independent events.

- Long range dependence and the sum of autocovariances**

Consider a stationary process with $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$ and

$\gamma(k) = \mathbb{E}(X_i X_{i+k})$. If $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma(k)$ diverges the process has

long-range dependence (or long memory)

- Other notions

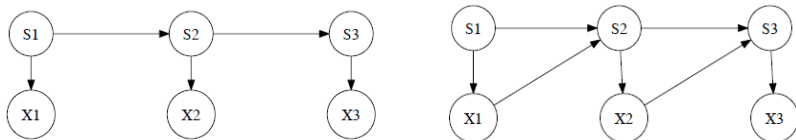
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=-n}^n \gamma(k) &\sim n^\alpha L_1(n) & \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty & \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \\ \gamma(k) &\sim k^{-\beta} L_2(k) & \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty & \quad 0 < \beta < 1 \\ f(\nu) &\sim |\nu|^{-\beta} L_3(|\nu|) & \text{as } \nu \rightarrow 0 & \quad 0 < \beta < 1 \end{aligned}$$

L_1, L_2 and L_3 are slowly varying functions and

$f(\nu) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i\nu k} \gamma(k)$ is the spectral density

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- Long-range dependence corresponds to a slow decay of the autocorrelations or to large values of the spectral density near zero.
- Long-range dependence is sometimes associated to the self-similarity of the processes. In fact **some** self-similar processes have long-range dependence, but the two notions are independent.
- In the context of Hidden Markov Processes or Chains with Complete Connections there are also the notions of *Markov order*, *Cripticity order*, *Synchronization order*. When one of these is ∞ the process also has long memory



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- Modeling tools
 - Gibbs measures
 - Chains with complete connections
 - Fractional stochastic processes
 - ε -machines

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Hydrodynamic turbulence
Market fluctuations:
(there are analogies but the statistical indicators are different)

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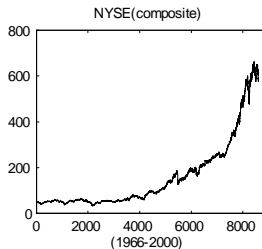
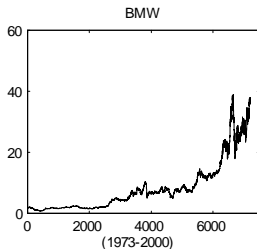
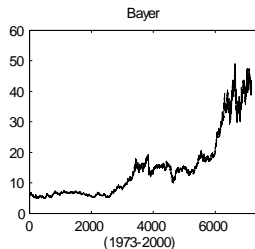
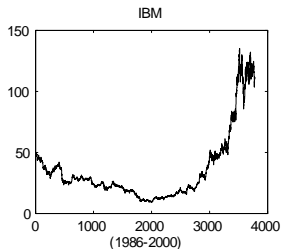
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 - (i) \Rightarrow preprocessing of the data

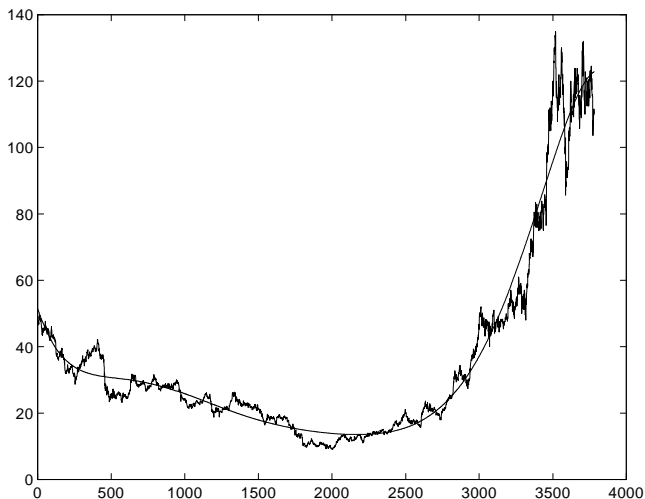
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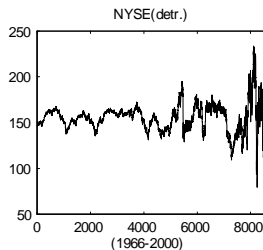
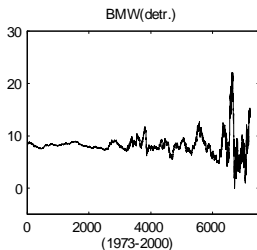
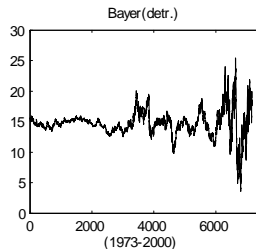
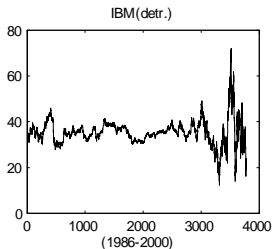
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Detrending by a polynomial



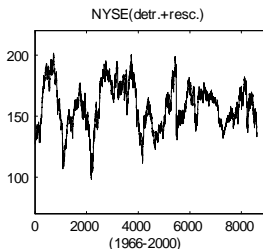
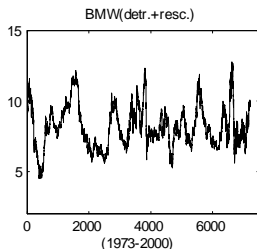
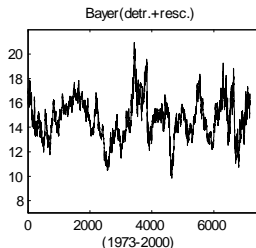
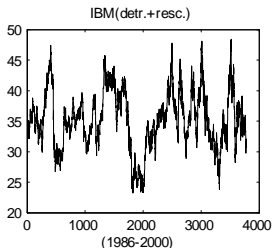
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Detrended data $p(t) - q(t)$



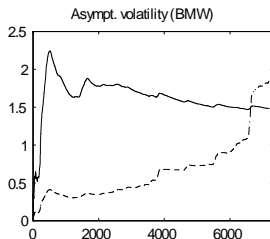
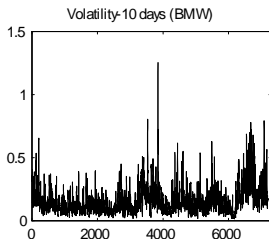
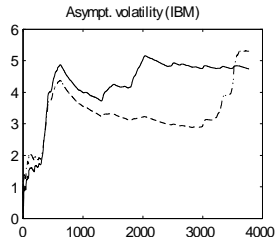
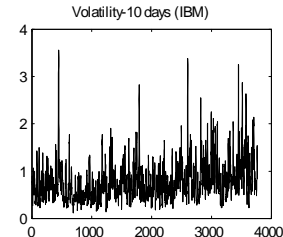
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Detrended and rescaled data $x(t) = (p(t) - q(t)) \frac{\langle p(t) \rangle}{q(t)}$



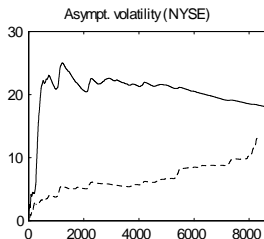
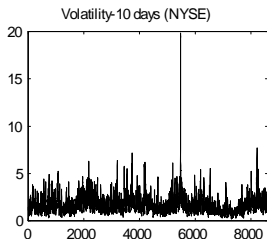
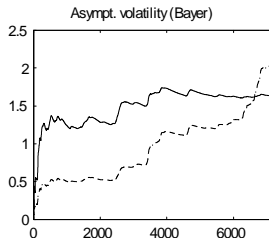
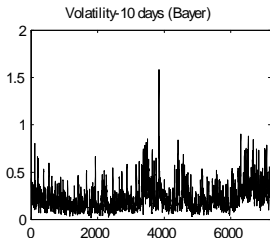
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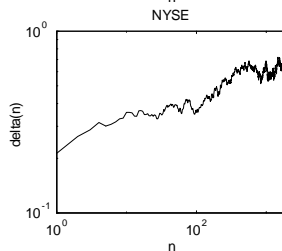
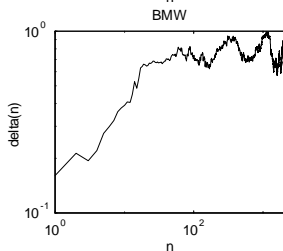
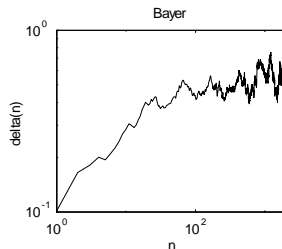
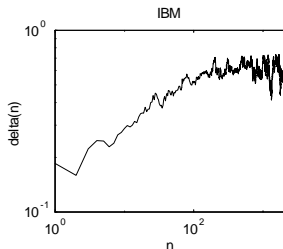
- (iii) If in some range ($n = 2$ to $n = 60$)

$$S_q(n) \sim n^{\chi(q)}$$

$\chi(q)$ is the *scaling exponent*

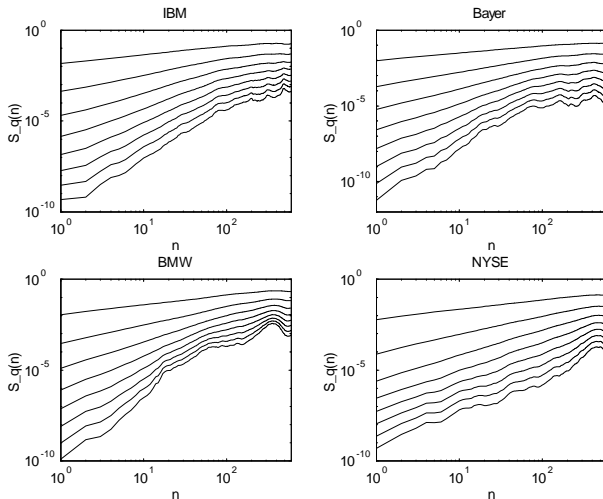
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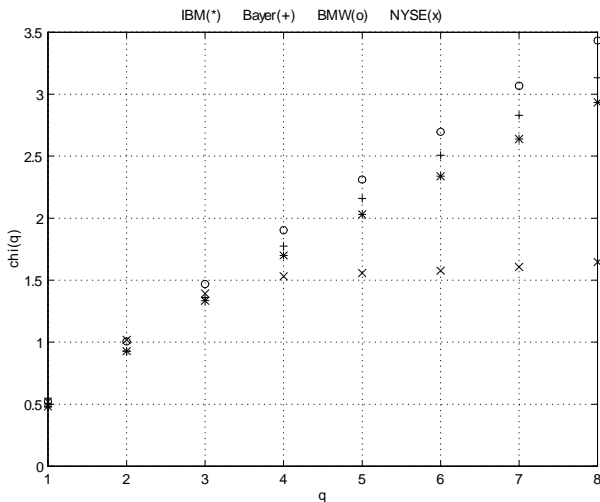
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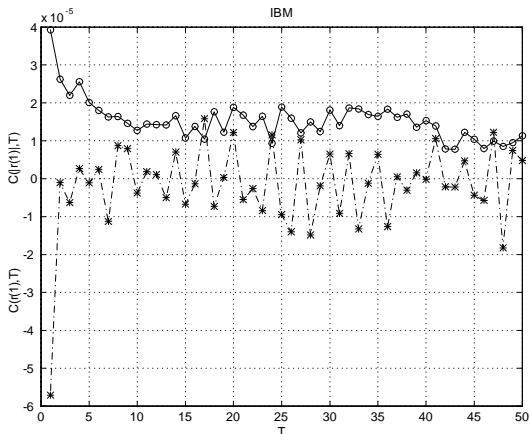
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- The behavior of the statistical indicators $\delta(n)$, $S_q(n)$ and $\chi(q) \Rightarrow$ If the process is a topological Markov chain the transitions allowed by the transition matrix T must lie inside a strictly convex domain around the diagonal of T

Statistical indicators

Correlation function of one-day returns (\star) and its absolute value (\circ)

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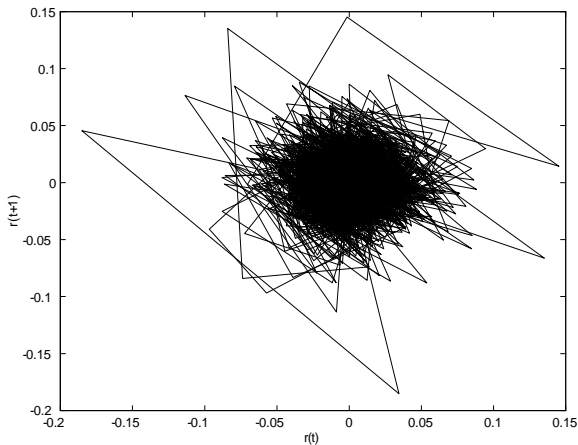
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$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial p_i} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -\log p_i - 1 + \lambda_0 + \sum_k \lambda_k F_k(X_i) = 0$$

$$p_i = \exp \left(-1 + \lambda_0 + \sum_k \lambda_k F_k(X_i) \right)$$

with $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots$ obtained from the constraints

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$$c_1 \leq \frac{\mu([i_1(\omega)i_2(\omega)\cdots i_n(\omega)])}{\exp(-nP + (S_n\phi)(\omega))} \leq c_2$$

$(S_n\phi)(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \phi(\sigma^k\omega)$, ϕ being Hölder continuous function on Ω (the *potential*)

$P(\phi, G)$: a function depending on potential and grammar (the *pressure of ϕ*)

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- Potential may be chosen such that $P = 0$ (*normalized potential*).
Then

$$\phi(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \frac{\mu([i_1(\omega) \dots i_n(\omega)])}{\mu([i_2(\omega) \dots i_n(\omega)])}$$

(Practical use hindered by poor statistics of large blocks)

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- \Rightarrow **criterion to find the range of the potential:** range of the potential found when $H_k - H_{k-1}$ tends to a constant.

Once the range is found, the potential may be constructed from the empirical weights $\tilde{\mu}([i_1 \cdots i_k])$.

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- Another consequence of (1) is that for $k > r$

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- **Application to the market fluctuations:**

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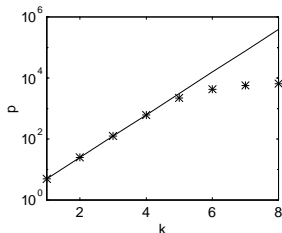
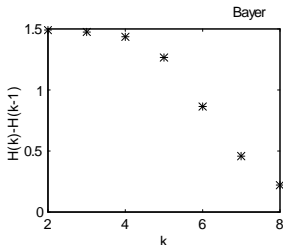
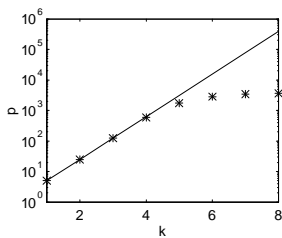
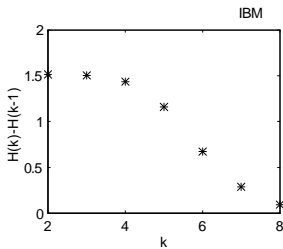
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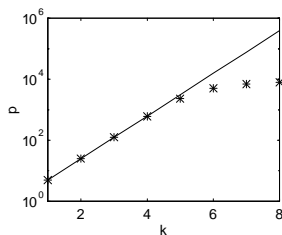
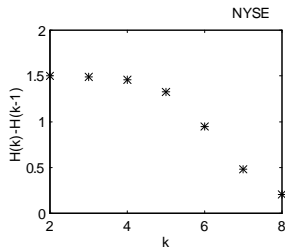
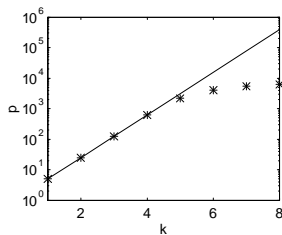
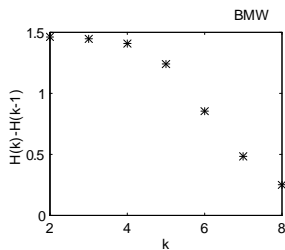
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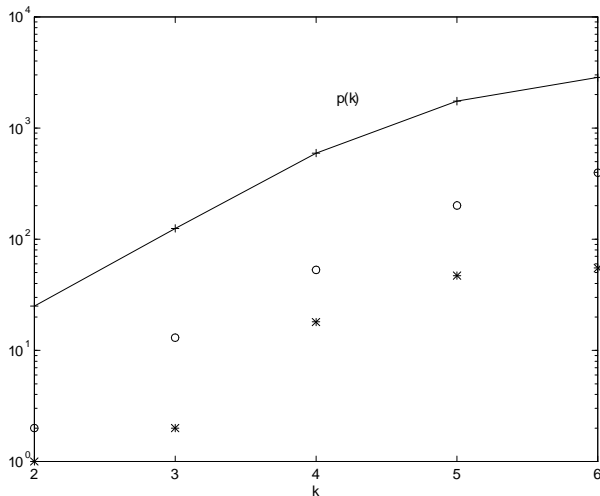
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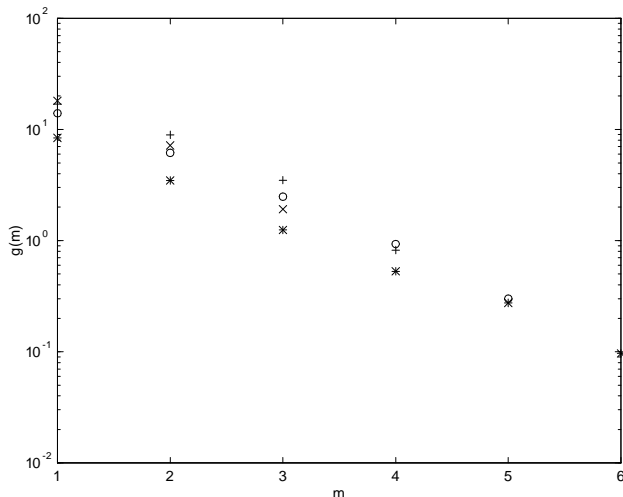
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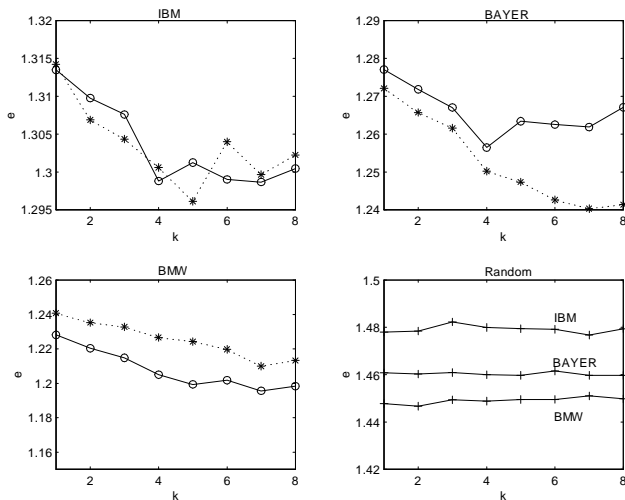
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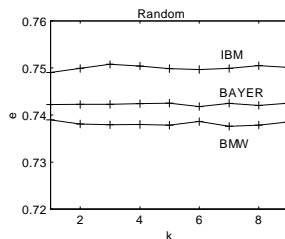
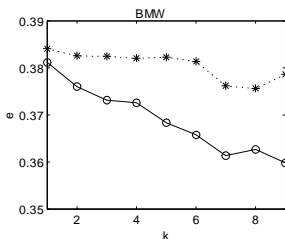
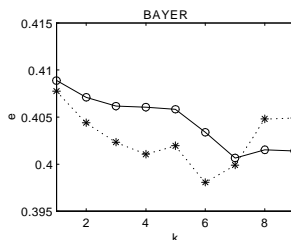
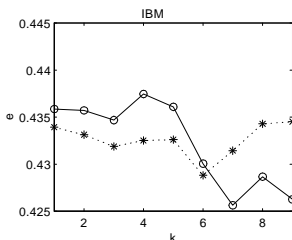
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Main conclusions:

- Average prediction better than random choice.
- Main improvement results from correct accounting of the two-symbol probabilities ($k = 1$)
- Small (but consistent) improvement using past information up $k = 4$ or 5. No significant improvement using higher order approximations
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- There is a maximum $k = k_m$ that should be used for the simulation process
- Inter-companies prediction: improvement coming from the one-symbol probabilities (as compared to random choice) is obtained. For the long-memory component the behavior is company-dependent.

General conclusions

- 1 Bulk of the market fluctuation process is a short-memory process. In addition it has a small long-memory component associated with the large fluctuations of the returns.
- 2 Existence of the long-memory component suggests the *chains with complete connections and summable decays* as a framework
- 3 Although the decays may be exponentially converging, the lack of accurate data for long blocks prevents an accurate description by a finite range Gibbs potential.
- 4 The sequence of empirical based $\leq k$ -Markov approximations seems the most unbiased simulation of the process. Eventual convergence in the \bar{d} -distance sense, because of summable decays.

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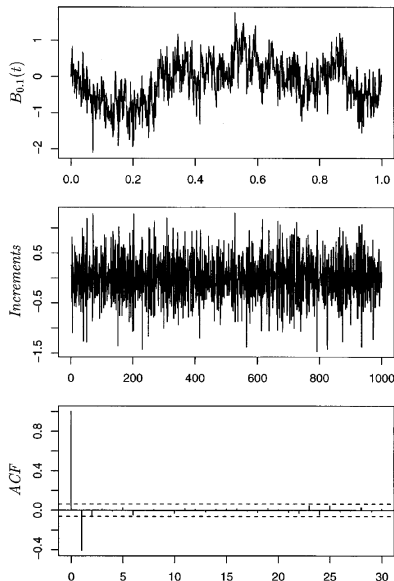
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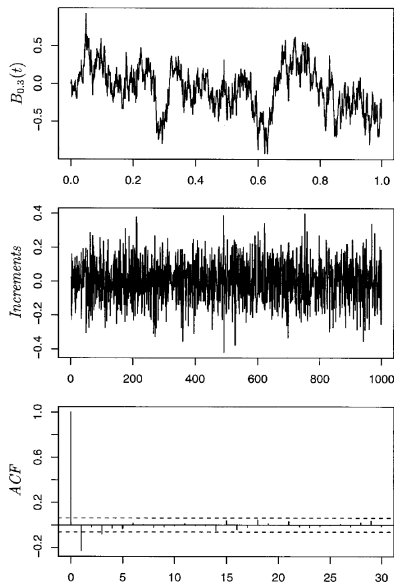
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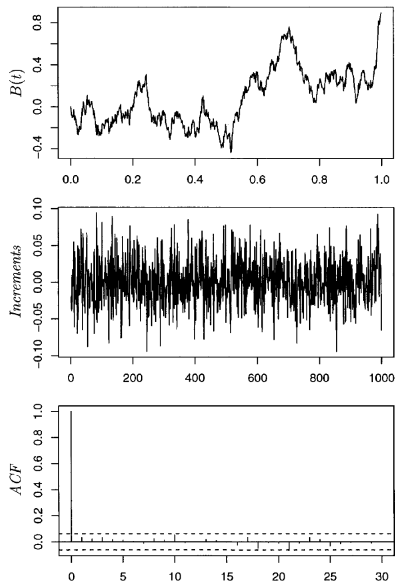
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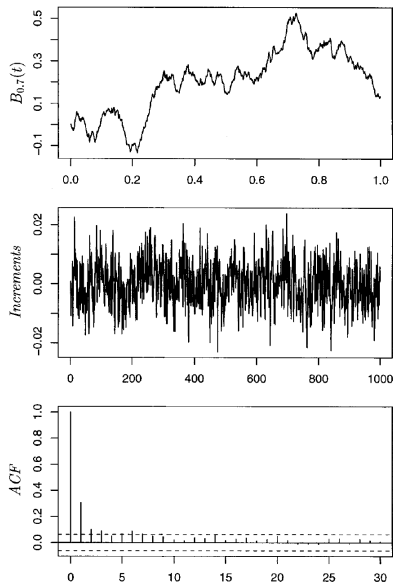
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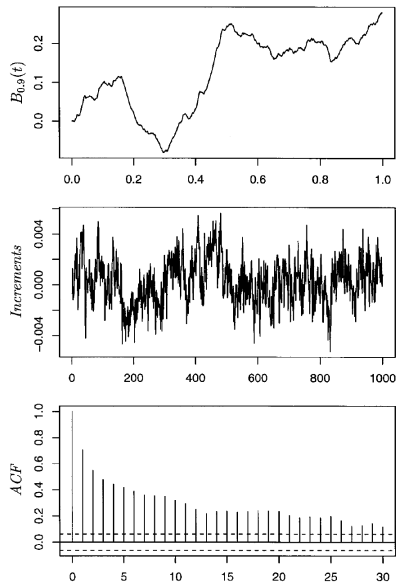
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$$I(B_H, [0, T]) = \frac{1}{H}$$

The index of a semimartingale must belong to $[0, 1] \cup \{2\}$. Therefore $B_H(t)$ cannot be a semimartingale unless $H = \frac{1}{2}$

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Representation of fractional Brownian motion

- (Paley-Wigner-type) series representation

$$B_H(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{2i\omega_n t/T} - 1}{2i\omega_n t/T} Z_n$$

convergent in $t \in [0, T]$.

The ω'_n s are the real zeros of the Bessel function J_{1-H} and the Z_n are independent complex-valued Gaussian random variables with mean zero and variance

$$\mathbb{E} |Z_n|^2 = \begin{cases} (2-2H)^{-1} \Gamma^{-2}(1-H) \left(\frac{\omega_n}{2}\right)^{-2H} J_{-H}^{-2}(\omega_n) V_T^{-1} & \omega_n \neq 0 \\ V_T^{-1} & \omega_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$V_T = \frac{\Gamma(3/2-H)}{2H\Gamma(H+1/2)\Gamma(3-2H)} T^{2-2H}$$

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$$\int_a^b f(t, \omega) dB_H(t) := \lim_{\Delta t_k \rightarrow 0} \sum_k f(t_k, \omega) \diamond (B_H(t_{k+1}) - B_H(t_k))$$

\diamond is the Wick product. This integral reduces to Ito's for $H = \frac{1}{2}$.

Fractional Ito formulas

- $H \in (0, 1)$

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- $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ $dX_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_{ij}(t, \omega) dB_H^j(t)$

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$$D_{\phi, t} F = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(s, t) D_s F ds \text{ and } \phi(s, t) = H(2H-1) |s-t|^{2H-2}$$

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Modeling application: The fractional volatility model

- Classical Mathematical Finance has, for a long time, been based on the assumption that the price process of market securities may be approximated by geometric Brownian motion (GBM)

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dB(t) \quad (4)$$

consistent with the fact that in liquid markets the autocorrelation of price changes decays to negligible values in a few minutes.

- Otherwise **GBM has serious shortcomings**:
 - Does not reproduce the empirical leptokurtosis
 - Does not explain why nonlinear functions of the returns exhibit significant positive autocorrelation (volatility clustering)
 - There is an essential memory component and a dynamical model for volatility is needed, σ in Eq.(4) being itself a process.
- This led to many deterministic and stochastic models for the volatility which fit the leptokurtosis but not always the long memory. In contrast with GBM, they mostly lack the kind of nice mathematical properties needed to develop the tools of mathematical finance.

The fractional volatility model

- **The fractional volatility model:** a model based on simple mathematical assumptions and reconstructed from the data.

- **Basic hypothesis:**

(H1) The log-price process $\log S_t$ belongs to a product space $(\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2, P_1 \times P_2)$ of which (Ω_1, P_1) is the Wiener space and the second, (Ω_2, P_2) , is a probability space to be reconstructed from the data. With $\omega_1 \in \Omega_1$ and $\omega_2 \in \Omega_2$ and $\mathcal{F}_{1,t}$ and $\mathcal{F}_{2,t}$ the σ -algebras in Ω_1 and Ω_2

$$\log S_t(\omega_1, \omega_2)$$

(H2) For each fixed ω_2 , $\log S_t(\cdot, \omega_2)$ is a square integrable random variable in Ω_1 .

- These principles and a careful analysis of the market data led, in an essentially unique way, to the following model:

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= \mu S_t dt + \sigma_t S_t dB(t) \\ \log \sigma_t &= \beta + \frac{k}{\delta} \{B_H(t) - B_H(t - \delta)\} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The fractional volatility model

- ◆ M1 – **Consequence of H2** (theor. 1.1.3 in Nualart)

$$\frac{dS_t(\bullet, \omega')}{S_t} = \mu(\bullet, \omega')dt + \sigma(\bullet, \omega')dB_t$$

with $\mu(\bullet, \omega')$ and $\sigma(\bullet, \omega')$ processes in Ω

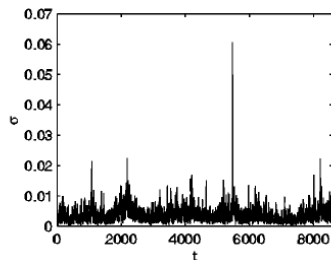
- ◆ $\sigma(\omega, \omega')$ is called the *induced volatility*
- ◆ E2 – **To reconstruct $\sigma(\omega, \omega')$ from the data**

From M1

$$\sigma_t^2(\bullet, \omega') = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left\{ E(\log S_{t+\varepsilon} - \log S_t)^2 \right\}$$

Approximated from the data by

$$\sigma_t^2(\cdot, \omega') \approx \text{var}(\log S_t) / \Delta t$$



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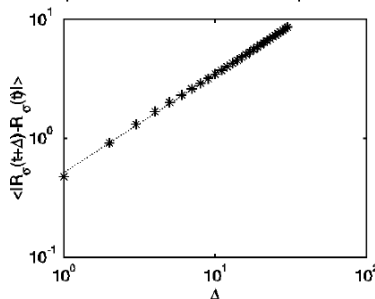
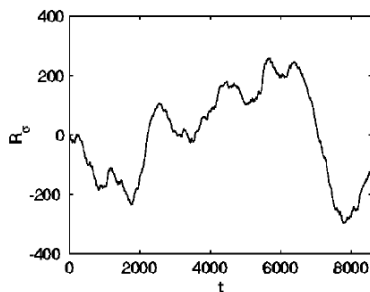
What does the data suggest for σ_t ?

◆ σ_t is not self similar

$$E \left| \frac{\sigma(t+\Delta) - \sigma(t)}{\sigma(t)} \right| \neq \Delta^H$$

◆ However $R_\sigma(t)$ is
 $\Sigma \log \sigma(n\delta) = \beta t + R_\sigma(t)$
 $H \approx 0.8 - 0.9$

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- ◆ Recall:

If a process X_t has finite variance, stationary increments and is self-similar, then

$$\text{Cov}(X_s, X_t) = (|s|^{2H} + |t|^{2H} - |s-t|^{2H}) \mathbb{E}(X_1^2)$$

and the simplest such process is a zero-mean Gaussian process, Fractional Brownian motion B_t^H with long-range dependence for $H > 1/2$

- ◆ H3 – ***Mathematical simplicity***

- ◆ E2+H3 – ***Consistency with the data and the choice of the simplest mathematical process implies :***

$$\log \sigma_t = \beta + (k/\delta) (B_t^H - B_{t-\delta}^H)$$

σ_t modeled by a stochastic exponential of fractional noise

The fractional volatility model

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- The data suggests values of H in the range $0.8 - 0.9$.
- The second equation leads to

$$\sigma(t) = \theta e^{\frac{k}{\delta} \{B_H(t) - B_H(t - \delta)\} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k}{\delta}\right)^2 \delta^{2H}}$$

with $E[\sigma(t)] = \theta > 0$.

- Describes well **the statistics of price returns** for a large δ -range in different markets and also implies **a new option pricing formula**, with "smile" deviations from Black-Scholes.

Some consequences

- ◆ **From**

$$\ln \sigma_t = \beta + \frac{k}{\delta} (B_H(t) - B_H(t - \delta))$$

$$\sigma_t = \theta \exp \left[\frac{k}{\delta} (B(t) - B(t - \delta)) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k}{\delta} \right)^2 \delta^{2H} \right]$$

- ◆ **Log σ_t is a Gaussian process with mean β and covariance**

$$\psi(s, u) = \frac{k^2}{2\delta^2} \left\{ |s - u + \delta|^{2H} + |u - s + \delta|^{2H} - 2|s - u|^{2H} \right\}$$

- ◆ **Then**

$$p_\delta(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma k \delta^{H-1}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\log \sigma - \beta)^2}{2k^2 \delta^{2H-2}} \right\}$$

Time scales and pdf's

- ◆ and for the returns

$$P_{\delta}(\log \frac{S_T}{S_t}) = \int_0^{\infty} d\sigma p_{\delta}(\sigma) p_{\sigma}(\log \frac{S_T}{S_t})$$

with

$$p_{\sigma}(\log \frac{S_T}{S_t}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2(T-t)}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\left(\log \frac{S_T}{S_t} - \left(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) (T-t) \right)^2}{2\sigma^2(T-t)} \right\}$$

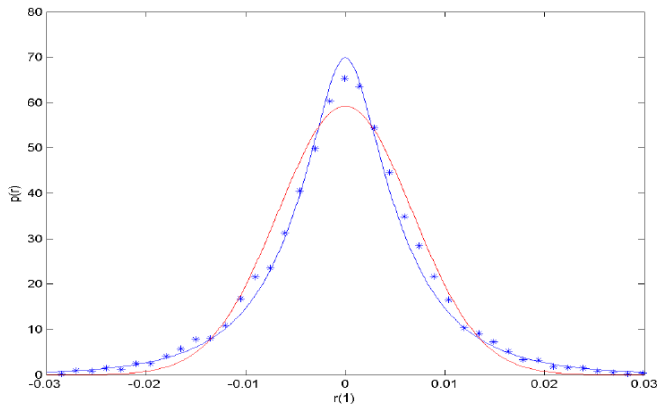
$$\Delta = T - t, \quad r_0 = \left(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) (T - t)$$

- ◆ The probability distribution of the returns depends on the observation time scale δ

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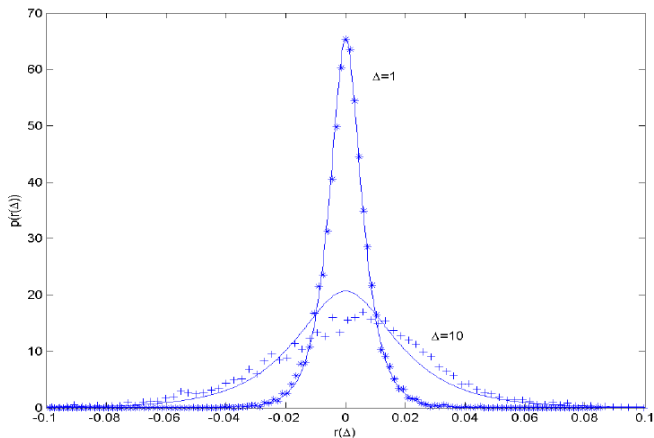
Time scales and pdf's (NYSE 1973-2000)

◆ $H=0.83$ $k=0.59$ $\beta=-5$ $\delta=1$ $\Delta=1$



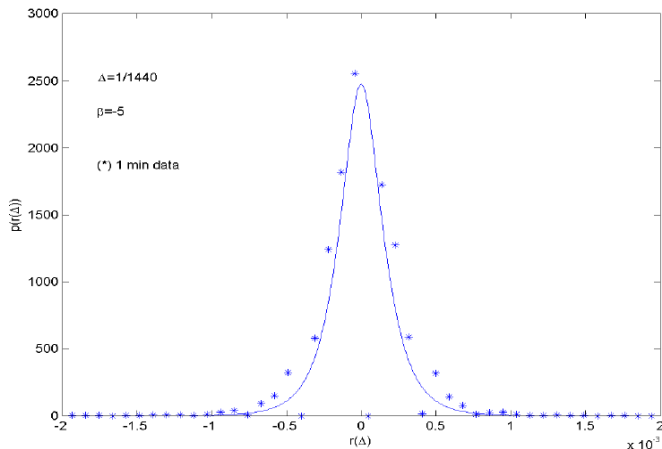
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- The following nonlinear correlation of the returns

$$L(\tau) = \left\langle |r(t + \tau)|^2 r(t) \right\rangle - \left\langle |r(t + \tau)|^2 \right\rangle \langle r(t) \rangle$$

is called *leverage* and the *leverage effect* is the fact that, for $\tau > 0$, $L(\tau)$ starts from a negative value whose modulus decays to zero whereas for $\tau < 0$ it has almost negligible values.

- In the form of Eqs.(5) the volatility process σ_t affects the log-price, but is not affected by it. Therefore, in its simplest form the fractional volatility model contains no leverage effect.

Leverage and the identification of the stochastic generators

Leverage may, however, be implemented in the model in a simple way by using an integral representation of the fractional Brownian motion

$$B_H(t) = \int_0^t K_H(t, s) dW_s$$

W_t being a Brownian motion and

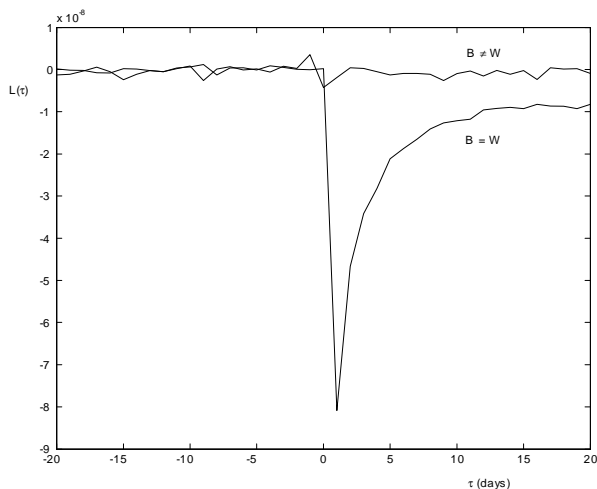
$$K_H(t, s) = C_H s^{\frac{1}{2}-H} \int_s^t (u-s)^{H-\frac{3}{2}} u^{H-\frac{1}{2}} du, \quad s < t$$

if one identifies the Brownian processes B_t in the equation for dS_t with W_t , that is, identifying the random generator of the log-price process with the stochastic integrator of the volatility, at least a part of the leverage effect is taken into account.

A new fractional volatility model is defined

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t &= \mu_t S_t dt + \sigma_t S_t dW_t \\ \log \sigma_t &= \beta + k' \int_{-\infty}^t (t-u)^{H-\frac{3}{2}} dW_u \end{aligned}$$

Leverage and the identification of the stochastic generators



- FVM describes well returns distribution and modifications to Black-Scholes.
- Universality through different markets. Related to limit-order book dynamics.
- Mathematical consistency. No-arbitrage.
- Leverage with identification of the generators of the stochastic processes. Completeness when the stochastic generators are identified.

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A process $\Pr(\overleftarrow{X}, \overrightarrow{X})$ is a *channel* with input distribution $\Pr(\overleftarrow{X})$ that transmits information from the *past* $\overleftarrow{X} = \dots X_{-3}X_{-2}X_{-1}$ to the *future* $\overrightarrow{X} = X_0X_1X_2\dots$.

One wants to predict the future using information from the past. The prediction is probabilistic, specified by a distribution of possible futures \overrightarrow{X} given a particular past \overleftarrow{x} : $\Pr(\overrightarrow{X}|\overleftarrow{x})$.

Implies that a good predictor needs to capture *all* of the information I shared between past and future: $\mathbf{E} = I[\overleftarrow{X}; \overrightarrow{X}]$, called the process's *excess entropy*.

Modeling:

Introduce an equivalence relation $\overleftarrow{x} \sim \overleftarrow{x}'$ that groups all histories giving rise to the same prediction:

$$\epsilon(\overleftarrow{x}) = \{\overleftarrow{x}' : \Pr(\overrightarrow{X}|\overleftarrow{x}) = \Pr(\overrightarrow{X}|\overleftarrow{x}')\}$$

Causal states:

$$\mathcal{S} = \Pr(\overleftarrow{X}, \overrightarrow{X}) / \sim$$

partitions the space of pasts into sets that are predictively equivalent

State-to-state transitions are denoted by matrices

$$T_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}'}^{(x)} = \Pr(X = x, \mathcal{S}' | \mathcal{S})$$

gives the probability of transitioning from one state \mathcal{S} to the next \mathcal{S}' on seeing measurement x .

The resulting model, consisting of the causal states and transitions, is called the process's ϵ -machine

Causal states "shield" the future from the past:

$$\Pr(\overleftarrow{X}, \overrightarrow{X} | \mathcal{S}) = \Pr(\overleftarrow{X} | \mathcal{S}) \Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | \mathcal{S}).$$

and are optimally predictive. Knowing which causal state a process is in, is just as good as having the entire past: $\Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | \mathcal{S}) = \Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | \overleftarrow{X})$. Causal states capture all of the information shared between past and future:

$$I[\mathcal{S}; \overrightarrow{X}] = \mathbf{E}.$$

ϵ —machines are *unifilar* : From the start state, each observed sequence $\dots X_{-3}X_{-2}X_{-1} \dots$ corresponds to one and only one sequence of causal states unlike general hidden Markov models.

For each state, each measurement symbol appears on at most one outgoing transition. Knowing the current state and measurement, the uncertainty in the next state vanishes: $H[\mathcal{S}_{t+1} | \mathcal{S}_t, X_t] = 0$. In summary, a process's ϵ —machine is its unique minimal unifilar model.

There are algorithms to construct the ϵ —machine from the data.

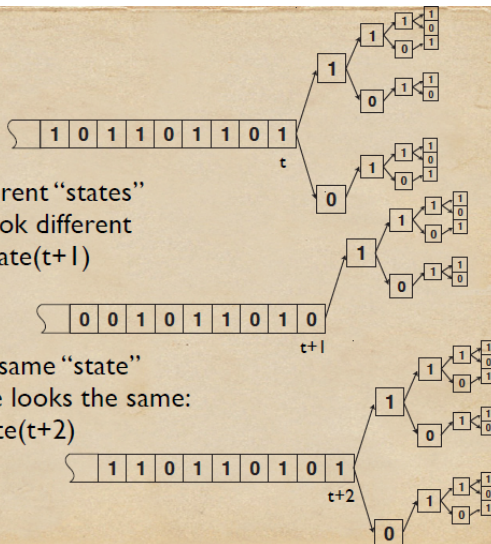
Effective States:

Process is in different “states”
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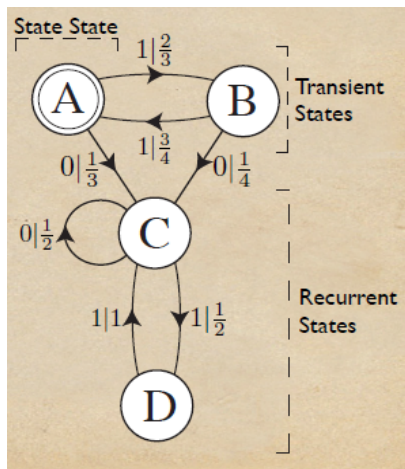
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Process is in the same “state”
when the future looks the same:

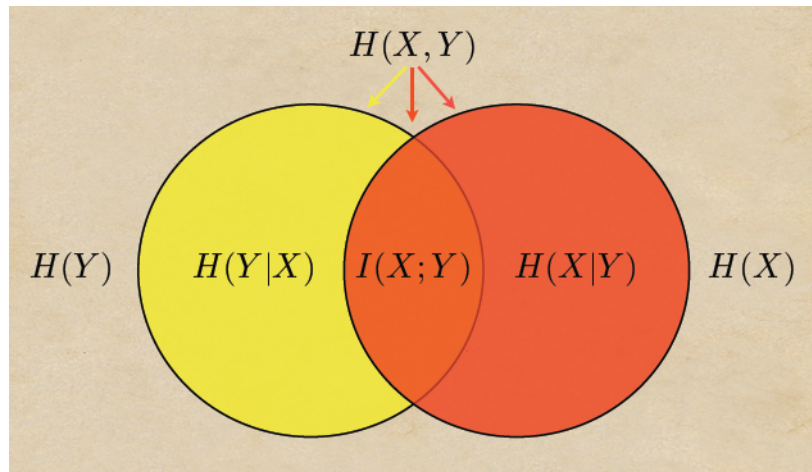
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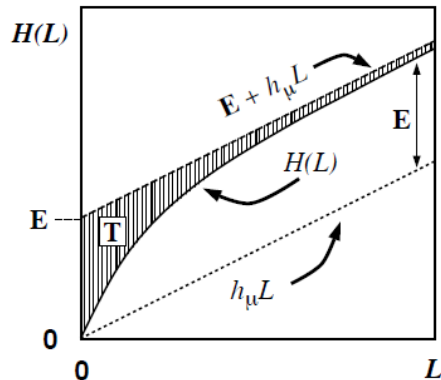
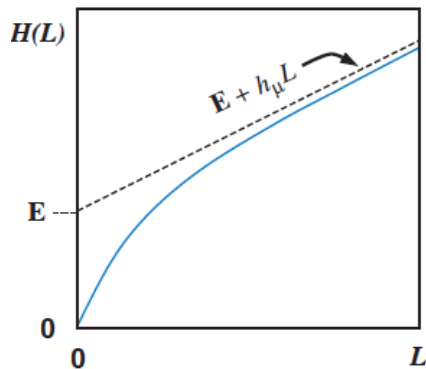
ϵ -machine reconstructed for the even process



Entropies



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epsilon-machines: Markov order

A word w of length L is *synchronizing* if the Shannon entropy over the internal state, conditioned on w , is zero

$$\text{Sync}(w) \Leftrightarrow H[\mathcal{S}_\ell | X_{0:\ell} = w] = 0$$

Markov order (R)

Number of observations required to predict the future as accurately as if using the infinite past

$$R = \min\{\ell \mid \Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | \overleftarrow{X}) = \Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | X_{-\ell:0})\}$$

Equivalently, the Markov order is the length at which a process's *block-entropy curve* $H[X_{0:\ell}]$ reaches its asymptote.

$$R = \min\{\ell \mid H[X_{0:\ell}] = \mathbf{E} + \ell h_\mu\}$$

The length of data one must see before being able to predict upcoming symbols with the minimum error rate. R is considered ∞ when the condition does not hold for any finite ℓ .

Cryptic Order (k_χ): The number of observations required to account for the asymptotic amount of state information not transmitted to the future, or the number of states that cannot be retrodicted given the infinite future

$$k_\chi = \min\{\ell \mid H[\mathcal{S}_\ell | \overrightarrow{X}] = 0\}$$

Equivalently is the length at which the *block-state entropy* $H[X_{0:\ell}, \mathcal{S}_\ell]$ reaches its asymptotic behavior.

$$k_\chi = \min\{\ell \mid H[X_{0:\ell}, \mathcal{S}_\ell] = \mathbf{E} + \ell h_\mu\}$$

k_χ is considered ∞ when the condition does not hold for any finite ℓ .

Synchronization Order (k_S): One is synchronized to a process after seeing word w if there is complete certainty in the state. The *synchronization order* k_S is the minimum length for which every word is a synchronizing word

$$k_S \equiv \min\{\ell \mid H[\mathcal{S}_\ell | X_{0:\ell}] = 0\}$$

k_S is considered ∞ when the condition does not hold for any finite ℓ .

Markov, cripticity and synchronization orders: Some properties

1- The synchronization order is

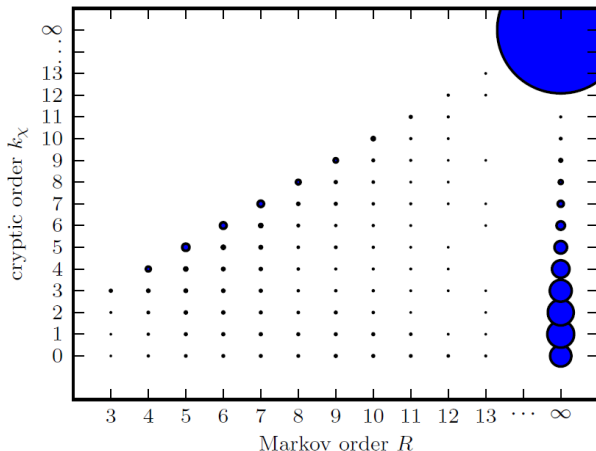
$$k_S = \max \{R, k_\chi\}$$

2- For ϵ -machines

$$R = k_S$$

Genericity of infinite orders

Markov R and cryptic k_χ orders for all six-state, binary alphabet ϵ -machines



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