

Super-diffusion and space fractional pde

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Motivation



Seabirds both in air and at sea are affected by the rules of anomalous diffusion.

Author of anomalous transport theory: Ben-Lu, G. (2003) *Journal of Statistical Mechanics* 2003, P03001. <http://www.iop.org/journal/article/0305-5079/2003/P03001>

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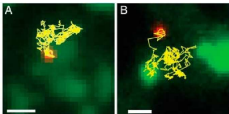


Fig. 1. Overlay image of GFP-tagged Kv2.1 clusters and individual QDs. Kv2.1 clusters are shown in green and QD-tagged channels in red. The trajectories of (A) a clustered and (B) a nonclustered (free) Kv2.1 channels are shown. Interestingly, the nonclustered channel ignores the compartment perimeters and the channel travels freely into and out of a cluster. Scale bars: 1 μ m.

- super-diffusion: mass spreading with ∞ second moment
- observations incompatible with finite 2nd moment [Metzler+Klafter, (2004)] [Clark, Silman, Kern, Macklin, HilleRisLambers, (1999)]
- tracer tests in rivers: tracer density measured [Deng, Singh Bengtsson, (2004)] [Benson, Schumer, Meerschaert, Wheatcraft (2001)]

- animal, seeds: sometimes tracer density sometimes individual trajectories
- polymers in biological membranes
- water molecules in porous media [Néel, Bauer, Fleury, (2014)]

Organisation

- 1. Space fractional diffusion equations
- 2. Fractional integrals and derivatives
- 3. 1D stable Lévy motion
- 4. Stable Lévy motion in higher dimension
- 5. Space fractional diffusion equation : stable Lévy motion density, boundary conditions

1. Space fractional diffusion equation

1.1. Definition

- in 1D: $\partial_t C = \partial_x[-u C] + D[p \frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_+ x^\alpha} + (1-p) \frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_- x^\alpha}]$
- in 2D:
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) C(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \cdot \overline{\overline{\mathbf{D}}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha-1} C(\mathbf{x}, t) + S_c(\mathbf{x}, t)$$
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha-1} C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_+ x_1^{\alpha_1-1}} + (1-p_1) \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_- x_1^{\alpha_1-1}} \\ p_2 \frac{\partial^{\alpha_2-1} C}{\partial_+ x_2^{\alpha_2-1}} + (1-p_2) \frac{\partial^{\alpha_2-1} C}{\partial_- x_2^{\alpha_2-1}} \end{pmatrix}$
- provided derivatives exist: $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_+ x^{\alpha_1-1}} = \frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_+ x^\alpha}$
- Meerschaert+Sikorskii (2012)]

1.2. Normal diffusion: a particular case

- in 1D: $\partial_t C = \partial_x[-u C] + D[p \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial_+ x^2} + (1-p) \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial_- x^2}]$
- in 2D:
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) C(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \cdot \overline{\mathbf{D}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^1 C(\mathbf{x}, t) + S_c(\mathbf{x}, t)$$
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^1 C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix}$

2. Fractional integral/derivative

2.1. Definitions

Riemann-Liouville derivatives in $]a, b[$:

$$\frac{\partial^{+\alpha'} f}{\partial_{+x}^{\alpha'}}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (I_{+x}^{1-\alpha'} f)(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial^{-\alpha'} f}{\partial_{-x}^{\alpha'}}(x) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (I_{-x}^{1-\alpha'} f)(x)$$

$$\alpha' \in]0, 1]$$

Riemann-Liouville integrals $I_{+,x}^{\gamma}$ and $I_{-,x}^{\gamma}$ in $]a, b[$:

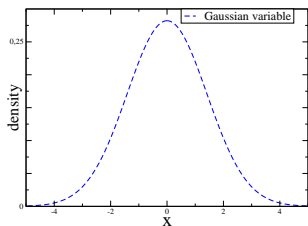
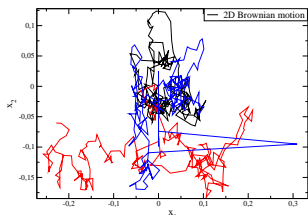
$$I_{+,x}^{\gamma} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_a^x \frac{f(x')}{(x-x')^{\gamma-1}} dx' \quad \text{and} \quad I_{-,x}^{\gamma} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_x^b \frac{f(x')}{(x'-x)^{\gamma-1}} dx'$$

2.2. Fourier transform

- 1D: $\hat{f}(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{ikx} f(x) dx$
- derivative: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$: $-ik\hat{f}(k)$
- $\frac{\partial^\alpha f}{\partial_+ x^\alpha}$: $(-ik)^\alpha \hat{f}(k)$
- $\frac{\partial^\alpha f}{\partial_- x^\alpha}$: $(ik)^\alpha \hat{f}(k)$

3. Diffusion equation and Brownian motion

3.1. Brownian motion



- in 1D or more
- $\mathbf{B}(t)$: independent increments
- $d\mathbf{B}([t, t + dt]) \stackrel{d}{=} (2dt)^{1/2} \mathbf{G}$
- \mathbf{G} : standard centered gaussian random variable of \mathbb{R}^d

3.2. From Brownian motion to diffusion equation

$$1\text{D: } dX([t, t + dt]) = u(X(t))dt + D^{1/2}dB([t, t + dt])$$

$$2\text{D: } d\mathbf{X}([t, t + dt]) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X}(t))dt + \begin{pmatrix} D_{11}^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & D_{22}^{1/2} \end{pmatrix} d\mathbf{B}([t, t + dt])$$

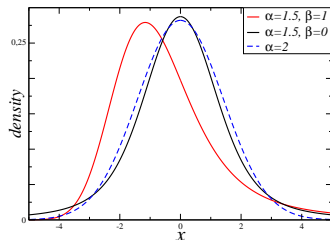
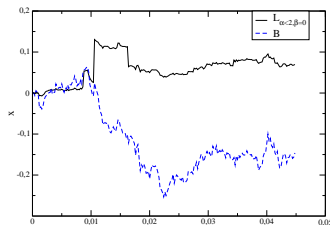
the probability density function C : $\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)C(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$= \nabla \cdot \overline{\mathbf{D}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^1 C(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^1 C \equiv \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \text{ in 1D}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^1 C \equiv \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_2} \right)^T \text{ in 2D}$$

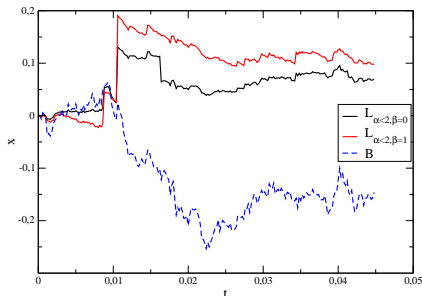
4. More general stable Lévy motion

4.1. Replace BM by stable motion, in 1D



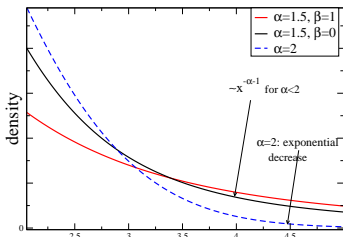
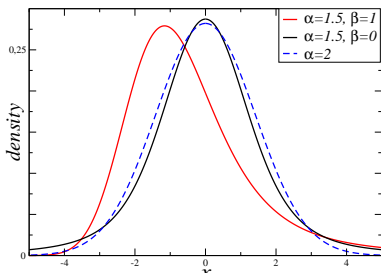
- $dX([t, t + dt[) = u(X(t)dt + D^{1/\alpha} dL_{\alpha, \beta}([t, t + dt[)$ and $X(0)$: process of p.d.f C solution of $\partial_t C = \partial_x[-uC] + D[p\frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_+ x^\alpha} + (1-p)\frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_- x^\alpha}]$ with $\beta = 2p - 1$
- $dL_{\alpha, \beta}([t, t + dt[)$ independent of the past as $d\mathbf{B}([t, t + dt[)$
- $dL_{\alpha, \beta}([t, t + dt[) \stackrel{d}{=} -dt^{1/\alpha} \cos \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} S(\alpha, \beta)$
- $S(\alpha, \beta)$ stable 1D random variable
- $S(2, \beta)$ 1D gaussian random variable

4.1. 1D stable process



- stable process
 $\alpha < 2$: more very large jumps than $\alpha = 2$
- $\beta > 0$ and $\alpha < 2$: larger large jumps
- $\beta > 0$ and $\alpha < 2$: jumps of moderate size made smaller

4.2. Stable RV



- stable random variable $S(\alpha, \beta)$, stability exponent $0 < \alpha \leq 2$, skewness $-1 \leq \beta \leq 1$

- ∞ variance except NORMAL RV $\alpha = 2$

- characteristic function

$$\langle e^{ikS(\alpha, \beta)} \rangle = e^{-\varphi_{\alpha, \beta}(k)}$$

- $\varphi_{\alpha, \beta}(k) = |k|^\alpha \left(1 - i\beta \text{sign}(k) \tan \frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)$,
 $\varphi_{\alpha, -\beta}(k) = \varphi_{\alpha, \beta}(-k)$

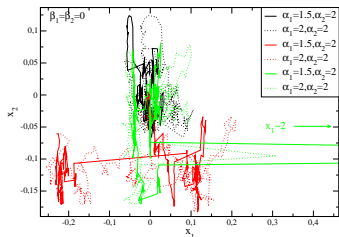
4.3. The word “stable”

- stable w.r.t what? for random variables
- the distribution of the sum of independent identically distributed variables
- \mathcal{S}_1 and \mathcal{S}_2 independent, distributed as $S(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow$
 $\mathcal{S}_1 + \mathcal{S}_2 \stackrel{d}{=} 2^{1/\alpha} S(\alpha, \beta)$
- $\mathcal{S}_1, \dots, \mathcal{S}_n$ independent, distributed as $S(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow$
 $\mathcal{S}_1 + \dots + \mathcal{S}_n \stackrel{d}{=} n^{1/\alpha} S(\alpha, \beta)$
- consequence: $dL_{\alpha, \beta}([t, t + dt]) \stackrel{d}{=} -dt^{1/\alpha} \cos \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} S(\alpha, \beta)$ can hold for all dt , and $L_{\alpha, \beta}(t) \stackrel{d}{=} -t^{1/\alpha} \cos \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} S(\alpha, \beta)$

4.4. Stable variables are attractors

- why studying stable random variables?
- because they are attractors
- Gaussian variables are attractors: Y_i independent copies of Y whose variance is finite, there exist a_n and b_n s.t $\sum a_i Y_i - b_i \Rightarrow G$
- if Y_i independent, distributed as Y whose p.d.f falls of as $x^{-\alpha-1}$ at ∞ : $\sum a_i Y_i - b_i \Rightarrow S(\alpha, \beta)$
- ubiquitous in Nature

4.5. Stable Lévy motion in 1D and 2D



- $dX([t, t + dt]) = u(X(t)dt + D^{1/\alpha} dL_{\alpha,\beta}([t, t + dt])$ and $X(0)$: process of p.d.f C solution of $\partial_t C = \partial_x [-u C] + D[p \frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_+ x^\alpha} + (1-p) \frac{\partial^\alpha C}{\partial_- x^\alpha}]$ with $\beta = 2p - 1$

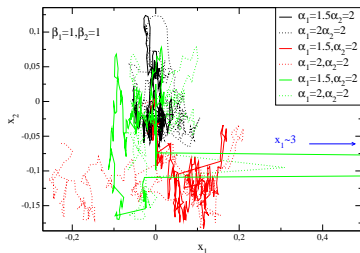
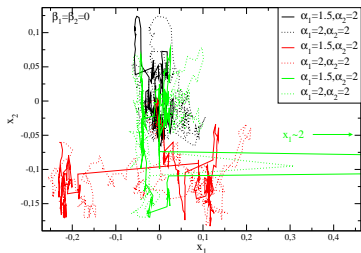
- $dL_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2}([t, t + dt])$ independent of the past

- $dL_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2}([t, t + dt]) \stackrel{d}{=} \begin{pmatrix} dt^{1/\alpha_1} \cos \frac{\pi \alpha_1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & dt^{1/\alpha_2} \cos \frac{\pi \alpha_2}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

- $\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) C(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \cdot \overline{\overline{\mathbf{D}}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha-1} C(\mathbf{x}, t) + S_c(\mathbf{x}, t)$

- $\nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha-1} C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_+ x_1^{\alpha_1-1}} + (1-p_1) \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_- x_1^{\alpha_1-1}} \\ p_2 \frac{\partial^{\alpha_2-1} C}{\partial_+ x_2^{\alpha_2-1}} + (1-p_2) \frac{\partial^{\alpha_2-1} C}{\partial_- x_2^{\alpha_2-1}} \end{pmatrix}$

4.6. Skewness parameter and trajectories



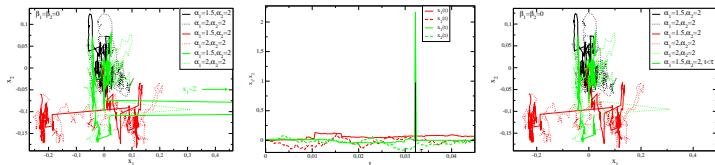
5. Stable Lévy motion density and space fractional diffusion

5.1. In \mathbb{R}^2

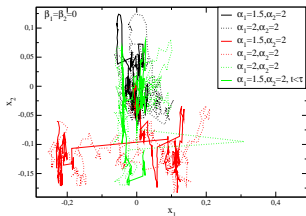
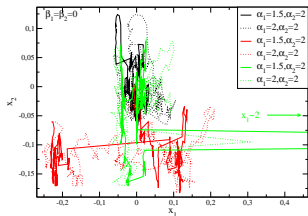
- $d\mathbf{X}([t, t + dt]) = \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{X}(t))dt + D^{1/\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} D_1^{1/\alpha_1} & 0 \\ 0 & D_2^{1/\alpha_2} \end{pmatrix} d\mathbf{L}_{\alpha,\beta}([t, t + dt])$
- $\mathbf{X}(0)$ random variable of \mathbb{R}^2 , $\beta = 2\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{1}$
- $\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)C(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \cdot \overline{\mathbf{D}} \nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha-1} C(\mathbf{x}, t) + S_c(\mathbf{x}, t)$
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{p}}^{\alpha-1} C \equiv \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_+ x_1^{\alpha_1-1}} + (1-p_1) \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1-1} C}{\partial_- x_1^{\alpha_1-1}} \\ p_2 \frac{\partial^{\alpha_2-1} C}{\partial_+ x_2^{\alpha_2-1}} + (1-p_2) \frac{\partial^{\alpha_2-1} C}{\partial_- x_2^{\alpha_2-1}} \end{pmatrix}$

5.2. In bounded domain Ω , $C = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$

Killing $\mathbf{X}(t)$ at 1st exit time τ from Ω yields $\mathbf{X}^\Omega(t)$ [Chen, Meerschaert, Nane (2012)] .



5.2. Killing $\mathbf{X}(t)$ at 1st exit time τ from Ω



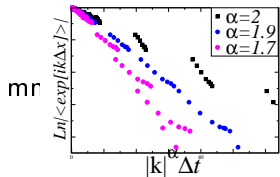
$$\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$$

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The density of $\mathbf{X}^\Omega(t)$ satisfies

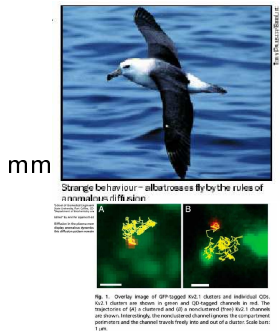
$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)C(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \cdot \overline{\overline{\mathbf{D}}} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\rho}}^{\alpha-1} C(\mathbf{x}, t) + S_c(\mathbf{x}, t) \text{ and} \\ C = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

Conclusion



- 2 approaches of super-dispersion. why?
 - numerical simulation: the equivalence validates codes
 - experiments: sometimes we measure tracer concentrations, sometimes we measure other functionals related to the statistics of molecular motion.
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- Example: the characteristic function of water molecule displacement $\langle e^{ik\Delta x} \rangle$. If stable motion rules molecular motion, $= e^{iku\Delta t - D\Delta t\varphi}$,
 $\varphi = |k|^\alpha (1 - i\beta \text{sign}(k) \tan \frac{\pi\alpha}{2})$

Conclusion



- sometimes we measure individual trajectories, and some mathematical properties attached to parameter α help us discriminating between models