

Record-like observations and counters

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Particle Counters

Useful devices with many applications

- ▶ Geiger counters of radioactivity
- ▶ Quality of drinking water
- ▶ Air Pollutants
- ▶ Hydraulic liquids in industry
- ▶ etc..

Particle Counters

- ▶ A particle counter observes a sequence τ of events occurring at (random) times

$$\tau_1 < \tau_2 < \tau_3 \cdots$$

- ▶ Usually particle counters are blocked after the arrival of a new particle so that the counting is interrupted during this "busy" period.
- ▶ The particle counter records only a subsequence σ ,

$$\sigma_1 < \sigma_2 < \sigma_3 \cdots$$

Types of counters

- ▶ *Type I or non-paralizable counters.*
 - ▶ The length of the busy period is a fixed amount $\delta > 0$.
 - ▶ The busy period is not extended by the arrival of particles during the busy period.

- ▶ *Type II or paralyzable counters.*
 - ▶ The busy period is **always** extended $\delta > 0$ units of time after the arrival of a particle

In both cases the detector counts only those particles arriving during idle periods.

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Poisson processes and Poisson random measures

A point process N is a Poisson process with rate $\lambda(t) \geq 0$ if (basically):

- ▶ Independent increments
- ▶ $N(B)$ =number of points in $B \sim \text{Poisson}(\Lambda(B))$ where

$$\Lambda(B) = \int_B \lambda(t) dt$$

We denote

$$N \sim \text{PP}(\lambda(t))$$

One of our objectives is to study the probabilistic behavior of counters under time varying rates , i.e, when the arrival process of particles is a $PP(\lambda(t))$

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Formally, if $N \sim \text{PP}(\lambda(t))$ then

$$N(B) \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{\{R_k \in B\}}, \quad B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \quad (5)$$

where $\{R_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ is distributed as the sequence of ordinary records from the parent distribution $F(x) = 1 - \exp \Lambda(x)$

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We (ACM, FLB and BSM) (2013) have shown that:

If the arrival process of particles is $PP(\lambda(t))$ then the points of the process of counted particles by a **type I counter** are distributed as the δ -excededances from $F(x) = 1 - \exp \Lambda(x)$

.... but the distribution theory of δ -exceedances, δ -record, geometric records is not well known!!

For that reason we have started a systematic study of these record-like objects:

- ▶ δ -records
 - ▶ $\delta \leq 0$ Distribution theory of δ -records. Case $\delta \leq 0$. To appear in Test
 - ▶ $\delta > 0$ (in progress...)
- ▶ ψ -exceedances (in progress...)
- ▶ Geometric records (in progress...)

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