

Wasserstein curvature of Markov processes

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Natural questions :

- Convergence : $P_t f \rightarrow \pi$?
- Exponential convergence $\delta(\mu P_t, \pi) \leq Ce^{-\lambda t}$?

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- introduced independently by Joulin (2007), Ollivier (2007) and Sammer (2005).
- Motivated by generalizing Bakry-Emery curvature of diffusion processes or Ricci curvature of Riemannian Manifold.

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- Others definitions of curvature, see Sturm-Lott-Villani(06,09), Erbar-Maas (2011), Gozlan-Roberto-Samson-Tetali (2012)...

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See Wang (2003), Chen (2004), Ollivier (2010), Hairer-Stuart-Vollmer (2011), Veysseire (2012).

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- Under the same assumptions, Joulin (2007) gives a concentration for the empirical measure.
- See also Ollivier, Joulin, ...

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By MChen, there exists u s.t. $\rho(u) = \lambda_0$ is the spectral gap

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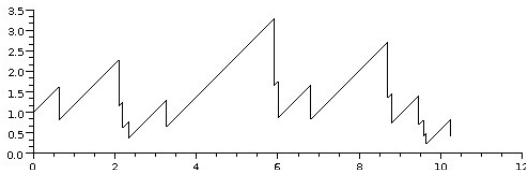
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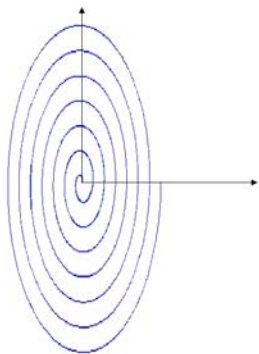


FIGURE: First vector field : $F^{(1)} : x \mapsto -A_1 \cdot x$

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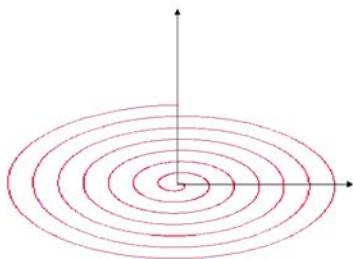


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See (Benaïm, Le Borgne, Malrieu, Zitt 12) and (Lawley, Mattingly, Reed 13).

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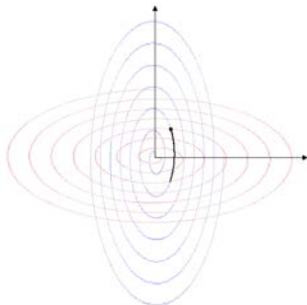


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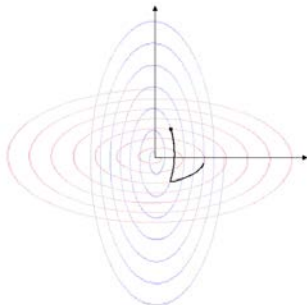


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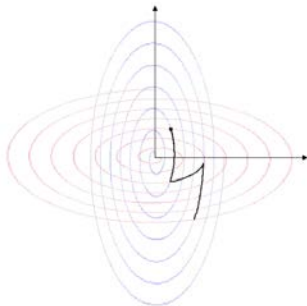


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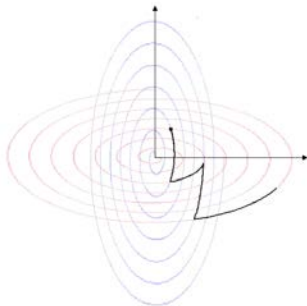


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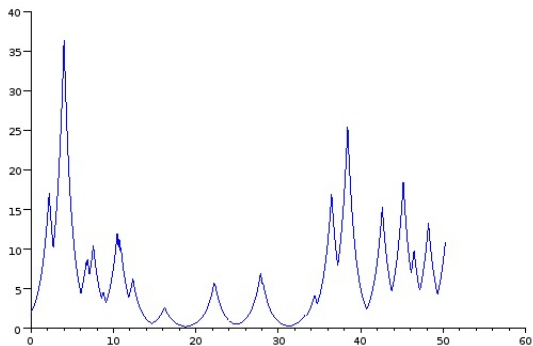


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A weak form of Harris theorem

Proof based on

Theorem (Hairer, Mattingly, Scheutzow, 09)

Let $(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Markov semigroup over a Polish space E that admits a Lyapunov function V . Assume furthermore that there exists t_ sufficiently large and a lower semi-continuous metric $d : E \times E \mapsto [0, 1]$ such that*

- *d^2 is contracting for P_t*
- *level sets of V are d -small for P_t .*

Then there exists a unique invariant measure π for P_t and the convergence is exponential.

Others limit theorems

If one of the two assumptions is satisfied :

- $\exists i$ s.t. the process associated to $\mathcal{L}^{(i)}$ "creates density",
- $\forall i$, $\mathcal{L}^{(i)} = F^{(i)} \cdot \nabla$ and the family $(F^{(i)})_i$ verifies an Hörmander-type condition,

then it is enough to find a Lyapunov function to have an exponential decay. And we have

Lemma

If there exists V s.t.

$$\mathcal{L}^{(i)} V \leq -\lambda_i V + K_i,$$

where

$$\sum_{i \in F} \lambda_i \nu(i) > 0,$$

then (X, I) admits a Lyapunov function (and thus converges in total variation distance to an invariant measure).

Thank you for your attention !