First passage fluctuation relations ruled by cycles affinities

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STOCHASTIC PROCESSES OF INTEREST

Semi-Markovian property
1.1 Example of processes of interest: a bacterial ratchet motor


- **Experiment**: asymmetric gear (diameter: 48 $\mu$m, thickness 10 $\mu$m) in active bath of self-propelling bacteriae.

\[ \alpha_t: \text{angle of black spot position at time } t \]
\[ \left\langle \alpha_t \right\rangle = 1 \text{ revolution per minute} \]

- **Physical mechanism**

  - perpendicular wall reaction reorients bacteria motion
  - either bacteria slides to corner \( \rightarrow \) gets stuck \( \rightarrow \) torque
  - or bacteria slides away from corner \( \rightarrow \) no torque

white "head": self-propulsion direction
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- **Graph representation**:
  
  - **vertex $\bullet$**:
    - configuration $C$
    - weight for waiting time at $C$:
      - $P_C^0(\tau)$ if $C$ initial configuration of history
      - $P_C(\tau)$ otherwise

  - **bond $\longrightarrow$**:
    - probability $(C'|P|C)$ to jump from $C$ to $C'$ when a jump is known to occur
    - and probability $(C|P|C')$ of reverse jump
1.3 Questions

1) Probability that the cycle be performed at least once in positive (negative) sense in a infinite time interval?

2) Fluctuation relation for first passage time at winding number $+1$ or $-1$?

winding number = number of revolutions in the positive sense minus number of revolutions in the opposite sense

Answers use affinity concept
AFFINITY and ENTROPY PRODUCTION RATE

Known results for Markovian processes
2.1 Specific case: Markovian processes

- **Markov property**: specific form for probability of waiting time $\tau$ in configuration $C$: exponential

  $$P_C(\tau) = r(C)e^{-r(C)\tau}$$

  $r(C)$ escape rate from $C = \text{inverse mean waiting time at } C$

- **From a Markov chain to a Markov process**:

  $$(C' | \mathbb{P} | C) \text{ probability to jump from } C \text{ to } C' \text{ knowing that system jumps out of } C$$

  $$\rightarrow (C' | \mathbb{W} | C) dt \text{ probability to jump from } C \text{ to } C' \text{ during } dt$$

- **Master equation** for evolution of probability $P(C; t)$ of configuration $C$ at $t$

  $$\frac{dP(C; t)}{dt} = \sum_{C' \neq C} [(C|\mathbb{W}|C')P(C'; t) - (C'|\mathbb{W}|C)P(C; t)]$$

- **Microreversibility hypothesis**: $(C' | \mathbb{W} | C) \neq 0 \iff (C | \mathbb{W} | C') \neq 0$
2.2 Shannon-Gibbs entropy evolution and irreversibility

- **Dimensionless Shannon-Gibbs entropy** \((k_B = 1)\)

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- **Analogy with phenomenological thermodynamics of irreversible processes** [Schnakenberg 1976]
  
  \[
  \frac{dS^{SG}}{dt} = \frac{d_{exch}S^{SG}}{dt} + \frac{d_{irr}S^{SG}}{dt}
  \]
  
  \[
  \frac{d_{exch}S^{SG}}{dt} \equiv -\sum_{C,C'} (C'|\mathbb{W}|C) P(C; t) \ln \frac{(C'|\mathbb{W}|C)}{(C|\mathbb{W}|C')}
  \]
  with no definite sign
  
  \[
  \frac{d_{irr}S^{SG}}{dt} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{C,C'} [(C'|\mathbb{W}|C) P(C; t) - (C|\mathbb{W}|C') P(C'; t)] \ln \frac{(C'|\mathbb{W}|C) P(C; t)}{(C|\mathbb{W}|C') P(C'; t)} \geq 0
  \]
  
  \[
  \frac{d_{irr}S^{SG}}{dt} : \text{irreversible entropy production rate}
  \]
2.3 Comparison with kinetic theory: affinity of a chemical reaction (a)

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  \frac{d_{irr} S_{ph}^{\text{irr}}}{dt} = \beta (\mu_A - \mu_B) \times \frac{dn_{A\rightleftharpoons B}}{dt}
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- Kinetic theory: $\frac{dn_{B \leftarrow A}}{dt} = k_{B \leftarrow A} n_A - k_{A \leftarrow B} n_B$ with $k_{j \leftarrow i}$ : kinetic constants

- Thermodynamics of ideal solutions: $n_i \propto e^{\beta \mu_i}$ and $\mu^\text{eq}_A = \mu^\text{eq}_B \rightarrow$

  $$\beta (\mu_A - \mu_B) = \ln \frac{k_{B \leftarrow A} n_A}{k_{A \leftarrow B} n_B}$$
2.3 Comparison with kinetic theory: affinity of a chemical reaction (b)

- **Correspondance:**
  
  \[
  n_i(t) \longrightarrow P(C; t) \quad \text{configuration probability}
  \]
  
  \[
  k_{j\leftarrow i} \longrightarrow (C'|\mathbb{W}|C) \quad \text{transition rate}
  \]

\[\longrightarrow \text{Rewriting}\]

\[
\frac{d_{\text{irr}} S^{\text{SG}}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c,c'} J_{C\leftrightarrow C'} A_{C\leftrightarrow C'}
\]

- **Bond current**
  \[J_{C\leftrightarrow C'} \equiv (C'|\mathbb{W}|C)P(C; t) - (C|\mathbb{W}|C')P(C'; t)\]

- **Bond affinity**
  \[A_{C\leftrightarrow C'} \equiv \ln \frac{(C'|\mathbb{W}|C)P(C; t)}{(C|\mathbb{W}|C')P(C'; t)}\]
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  bond —— : transition rates $(C'|W|C)$ and $(C|W|C')$

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  Fixed orientation along $C$ with $C_{M+1} \equiv C_1$

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- **Property of stationary state $P_{st}(C)$**
  Cycle current: $J_C[P_{st}] \equiv J_{C_1 \Rightarrow C_2}[P_{st}] = J_{C_2 \Rightarrow C_3}[P_{st}] = \cdots$

  Entropy production rate: $\left. \frac{d_{irr}S_{SG}^C}{dt} \right|_{P_{st}} = J_C[P_{st}] A_C$
2.5 Affinity class in graph theory

- **Exchange processes in configuration jumps** ↔ antisymmetric matrices
  - $\mathcal{S}$ for the exchange entropy variation
  - $\mathcal{A}$ for the affinity variation

\[
(C' | \mathcal{S} | C) \equiv \ln \frac{(C' | W | C)}{(C | W | C')}
\quad \text{and} 
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- For any $P(C; t)$
  \[
  (C' | A^{[P]} | C) - (C' | S | C) = -\ln P(C') + \ln P(C)
  \]

$\rightarrow$ For any $P(C; t)$, $A^{[P]}$ in **cohomology class of $S$**:
- set of antisymmetric $Q$ such that "integration" along any cycle subgraph $C$
gives the same result as for $S$

\[
\forall C \sum_{m=1}^{M} (C_{m+1} | Q | C_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} (C_{m+1} | S | C_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \ln \frac{(C_{m+1} | W | C_m)}{(C_m | W | C_{m+1})} \equiv A_C
\]

$\rightarrow$ cohomology class of $S$ called "affinity class"
AFFINITY CLASS INVARIANCE

under probabilistic constructions
3.1 From a Markov process to a Markov chain

- **Hypothesis**: $G$ connected:
  - no absorption configuration: $r(C) = \sum_{C' \neq C} (C'|\mathcal{W}|C) \neq 0$ for all $C$

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  \[
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  \]

- **Comparison of cycle affinities**

  cycle affinity for process $W$
  \[
  A_c[W] \equiv \ln \prod_{m=1}^{M} \frac{(C_{m+1}|W|C_m)}{(C_m|W|C_{m+1})}
  \]

  cycle affinity for chain $P$
  \[
  A_c[P] \equiv \ln \prod_{m=1}^{M} \frac{(C_{m+1}|P|C_m)}{(C_m|P|C_{m+1})}
  \]

  \[
  A_c[W] = A_c[P]
  \]

  Invariance under description change from Markov process to Markov chain
3.2 From a Markov process to processes defined on a subgraph (a)

- Generic connected graph $G$. Consider red subgraph $H$ (a cycle here).

- Initial process with
  - transition rate $(C' | \mathbb{W} | C)$
  - waiting time probability $P_C(\tau)$

  Markov property $P_C(\tau) = r(C)e^{-r(C)\tau}$

- Derived process only between configurations of $H$ with
  - transition rate $(C' | \mathbb{W} | C)$
  - waiting time probability $\tilde{P}_C(\tau)$

- Examples of derived processes such that, if $H$ is a cycle $C$, then $A_C[\mathbb{W}] = A_C[\mathbb{W}]$
3.2 From a Markov process to processes defined on a subgraph (b)

- **1) restriction to a subgraph** $H$:
  
  Markov process for different histories where system jumps only along red bonds with same transition rates

  $$(C' | \text{rest}| C) = (C' | \text{W}| C) \quad \text{different escape rate} \quad r_{\text{rest}}(C) = \sum_{C' \in H} (C' | \text{W}| C)$$

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  \]

  - If \( H \) is a cycle \( C \)
    \[
    A_c[W_{\text{rest}}] = A_c[W]
    \]

- **2) Conditionning**
  Only histories where system jumps along red bonds are retained

  \[
  (C'\mid W_{\text{cond}}\mid C) = g(C')(C'\mid W\mid C) \left[ g(C) \right]^{-1}
  \]

  - If \( H \) is a cycle \( C \)
    \[
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    \]
3.2 Processes defined on a subgraph (c)

3) Drag and drop
A box is bound to move on the subgraph.
All histories are considered but only the following events are retained:
  a walker meets the box on a red site
  and then jumps through a red bond while carrying the box along

The box moves according to a semi-Markovian process with
  - probability to jump from \( C \) to \( C' \):
    \[
    (C' | \mathbb{P}_{dd} | C) = (C' | \mathbb{P}_{rest} | C)
    \]
  - waiting time probability \( \tilde{P}_C(\tau) \) not exponential

- If \( H \) is a cycle \( C \)
  \[ A_{c}[\mathbb{P}_{dd}] = A_{c}[\mathbb{P}] \]

- Example:
  * graph \( G \) : positions of a complex inside a cell
  * subgraph \( H \) : heteropolymer
  * box : a ligand bound to move along the heteropolymer when carried by the complex
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AFFINITY AND FLUCTUATION RELATIONS at fixed time

Exchange Markovian processes

Known results
4.1 Exchange processes : cumulative currents

- **Exchange observable** $\mathbb{Q}$: (antisymmetric) $(C'|\mathbb{Q}|C) = -(C|\mathbb{Q}|C')$

- **Process** $C_t \rightarrow$ **Exchange cumulative process**

$$X_t^\mathbb{Q} = \sum_{s \in [0,t]} (C_s|\mathbb{Q}|C_s^-)$$

- **Example**: (microreversibility hyp.: $(C'|\mathbb{W}|C) \neq 0 \iff (C|\mathbb{W}|C') \neq 0$)

**Stochastic exchange entropy variation along a history**:

Lebowitz-Spohn action functional (1999): $X_t^\mathbb{S} = \sum_{s \in [0,t]} (C_s|\mathbb{S}|C_s^-)$

For a history from $C_0$ to $C_N$ in time interval $[0, t]$

$$X_t^\mathbb{S} = \ln \frac{(C_N|\mathbb{W}|C_{N-1})(C_{N-1}|\mathbb{W}|C_{N-2}) \cdots (C_1|\mathbb{W}|C_0)}{(C_0|\mathbb{W}|C_1) \cdots (C_{N-2}|\mathbb{W}|C_{N-1}) \cdots (C_{N-1}|\mathbb{W}|C_N)}$$
4.2 Fluctuation relation for $X^S$ at fixed time

- **Extra hypothesis:** graph $G$ connected $\Rightarrow$ unique stationary $P_{st}(C)$
- **Large deviation function** $f_{X^S}(\mathcal{J})$ for cumulative current $\mathcal{J}_t \equiv X^S_t/t$

$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln P \left( \frac{X^S_t}{t} \in [\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J} + d\mathcal{J}] \right) = f_{X^S}(\mathcal{J})$$

- **Fluctuation relation obeyed by** $f_{X^S}(\mathcal{J})$ [*Lebowitz and Spohn (1999)*]

$$f_{X^S}(\mathcal{J}) - f_{X^S}(-\mathcal{J}) = \mathcal{J}$$

Other “sloppy” formulation

$$\frac{P \left( X^S_t = t\mathcal{J} \right)}{P \left( X^S_t = -t\mathcal{J} \right)} \overset{t \to +\infty}{\sim} e^{t\mathcal{J}}$$
4.3 Case of a graph made of a single cycle: fluctuation relation for the cycle current at fixed time

- \( X_t^{N_M} \) : number of passages through the bond \((C_M, C_1)\) of cycle \( C \) during \([0, t]\) in the positive sense minus the number of passages in the negative sense with \( N_M \) defined by
  - \((C_M|N_M|C_1) = +1\)
  - \((C_1|N_M|C_M) = -1\)
  - \((C'|N_M|C) = 0\) if \(\{C, C'\} \neq \{1, M\}\)

- Fluctuation relation for the cycle current at fixed time

special case of more general results in Gaspard & Andrieux (2007)

\[
\frac{P \left( X_t^{N_M} = tV \right)}{P \left( X_t^{N_M} = -tV \right)} \xrightarrow{t \to +\infty} e^{tV_Ac}
\]
FLUCTUATION RELATIONS FOR FIRST PASSAGE TIMES

AT INTEGER WINDING NUMBERS

Semi-Markovian processes
5.1 Cycle graph and winding number

• Only jumps between successive configurations on the cycle with probability knowing that a jump occurs:
  \((C_{m\pm 1}|P|C_m)\)

• Probability for waiting time \(\tau\) at site \(m\):
  \(P_m(\tau)\)

• \(W_t\) : winding number around the cycle \(C\) during \([0, t]\) : number of clockwise jumps minus number of anticlockwise jumps divided by \(M\)

\[
W_t = X_t^{N_w} \text{ with } \forall m = 1 = \cdots = M
\]

\[
(C_{m+1}|N_w|C_m) = +\frac{1}{M} \text{ and } (C_m|N_w|C_{m+1}) = -\frac{1}{M}
\]
5.2 Probability for winding number $\pm 1$ to be reached

- **Cycle affinity in the clockwise sense**

  \[
  A_C \equiv \ln \prod_{m=1}^{M} \frac{(C_{m+1} | P | C_m)}{(C_{m-1} | P | C_m)}
  \]

- **Method**: generating function. Probabilistic arguments and strong Markov property $\rightarrow$ recursive relations

  \[
  \frac{P (\exists t \in [0, +\infty[ \text{ such that } W_t = -1)}{P (\exists t \in [0, +\infty[ \text{ such that } W_t = +1)} = e^{-A_C}
  \]

  More precisely, if $A_C > 0$

  - winding number $+1$ is reached with probability 1
  - winding number $-1$ is never reached with finite probability $1 - e^{-A_C}$
5.3 Fluctuation relation for first passage time at winding number 1

- $T_{\pm}$: first passage time at winding number $\pm 1$

Method: Laplace transform

$$\langle e^{-\lambda T_+} \rangle \equiv \int_{t\in[0,\infty]} e^{-\lambda t} P (T_+ \in [t, t + dt])$$

Result:

$$\frac{\langle e^{-\lambda T_+} \rangle}{\langle e^{-\lambda T_-} \rangle} = e^{Ac}$$

→ Radon-Nikodym derivative

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- Comparison with dual relation for a history corresponding to winding number +1 (without restriction of first passage)

\[
\frac{P(\text{history with } W=+1)}{P(\text{time-reversed history with } W=-1)} = e^{X^S[\text{history with } W=+1]} = e^{Ac}
\]
5.4 Fluctuation relation for large winding numbers (a)

$T_{\pm w}$ first passage time at winding number $\pm w$ with $w$ integer

- If the first waiting time plays no role, semi-Markov (or renewal) property $\rightarrow \langle e^{-\lambda T_{-w}} \rangle = \langle e^{-\lambda T_{-}} \rangle^w$

$$\frac{\langle e^{-\lambda T_{w}} \rangle}{\langle e^{-\lambda T_{-w}} \rangle} = e^{w A_c}$$

Remarks:
1) valid for any finite winding number $w$
2) valid for any cycle in a more general graph of transitions as long as the procedure to define the process of the cycle preserves the affinity class

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5.4 Fluctuation relation for large winding numbers (b)

- If the first passage time plays a special role (case of drag-and-drop construction)

\[
\text{law of large numbers } \rightarrow \langle e^{-\lambda T-w} \rangle^{1/w} \sim \langle e^{-\lambda T} \rangle_{|w| \rightarrow +\infty}
\]

\[
\lim_{w \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{\langle e^{-\lambda T+w} \rangle^{1/w}}{\langle e^{-\lambda T-w} \rangle^{1/w}} = e^{Ac}
\]
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- Comparison with fluctuation relations at fixed time

  $W_t$ : winding number : number of clockwise jumps minus number of anticlockwise jumps divided by $M$

  $|W_t| \sim |W_t| \to +\infty$

  $X_t^{NM}$ : number of passages through the bond $(C_M, C_1)$ of cycle $C$ during $[0, t]$ in the positive sense minus the number of passages in the negative sense

  $$\frac{P(W_t = t\nu)}{P(W_t = -t\nu)} \sim e^{t\nu Ac}$$
5.5 Mean first passage time at winding number 1

- $T_{+w}$ is a sum of $w$ independent random variables with mean $\langle T_+ \rangle$

  strong law of large numbers $\rightarrow$

  \[
  \lim_{w \to +\infty} \frac{T_{+w}}{w} = \langle T_+ \rangle \quad \text{with probability 1}
  \]

  \[
  \lim_{t \to +\infty} \frac{W_t}{t} = \frac{1}{\langle T_+ \rangle} \quad \text{with probability 1}
  \]

In the long time limit fluctuations are suppressed and cycle is performed at velocity $1/\langle T_+ \rangle$

\[
\langle T_+ \rangle = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \sum_{k=1}^{M} \left( \prod_{1 \leq i < k} p_{m+i}^+ \right) \tau_{m+k} \left( \prod_{k < j \leq M} p_{m+j}^- \right)}{\left( \prod_{m=1}^{M} p_{m}^+ - \prod_{m=1}^{M} p_{m}^- \right)}
\]

with $p_{m}^+ \equiv (C_{m+1} | \mathbb{P} | C_{m})$, $p_{m}^- \equiv (C_{m-1} | \mathbb{P} | C_{m})$, $\tau_{m}$ mean waiting time in $C_{m}$. 
Conclusion

- Robustness of cycle affinities when edges are discarded by conditioning or drag and drop

→ properties for a single cycle are also valid for a cycle embedded in a more generic pattern of transitions

- In out-of-equilibrium state a current associated to winding number flows through cycle

Fluctuation relations for first-passage time at winding number $\pm w$ are ruled by cycle affinity