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OUTLINE OF THE WHOLE LECTURES.

■ PART 1 : DESCRIPTION OF THE LÉVY PROCESSES.

- ▶ Properties, examples.

- ▶ Simulation.

■ PART 2 : STOCHASTIC CALCULUS WITH JUMPS.

- ▶ Stochastic integral.

- ▶ Itô's formula.

- ▶ Change of measures.

■ PART 3 : APPLICATIONS TO FINANCE.

LÉVY PROCESSES : DEFINITIONS AND FIRST EXAMPLES.

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- 3 its increments are **stationary** : the law of $X_{t+h} - X_t$ does not depend on t ;
- 4 X satisfies the property called **stochastic continuity** : for any $\varepsilon > 0$,
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{P}(|X_{t+h} - X_t| \geq \varepsilon) = 0$$
- 5 there exists a subset Ω_0 s.t. $\mathbb{P}(\Omega_0) = 1$ and for every $\omega \in \Omega_0$,
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ENLARGED FILTRATION.

For a process $X = \{X_t; t \geq 0\}$, we define

- $\mathcal{N}_\infty = \mathcal{N}$ the set of \mathbb{P} -negligible events.
- For any $0 \leq t \leq \infty$, augmented filtration : $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(\mathcal{F}_t^X \cup \mathcal{N})$.

THEOREM

Let $X = \{X_t; t \geq 0\}$ be a Lévy process. Then

- the augmented filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}$ is right-continuous.
- With respect to the enlarged filtration, $\{X_t, t \geq 0\}$ is still a Lévy process.

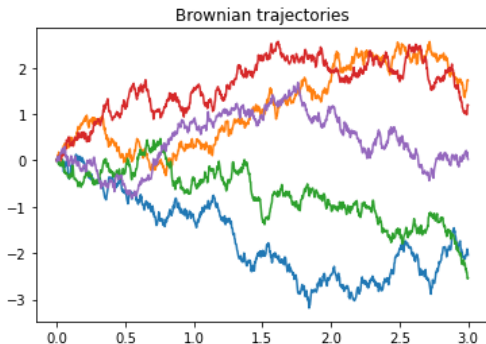
BROWNIAN MOTION.

A Brownian motion is a Lévy process satisfying

- 1 for every $t > 0$, X_t is Gaussian with mean vector zero and covariance matrix $t \text{Id}$;
- 2 the process X has continuous sample paths a.s.

Characteristic function :

$$\mathbb{E}(e^{i\langle z, B_t \rangle}) = \exp(-t|z|^2/2).$$



CHARACTERISTIC FUNCTIONS.

PROPOSITION

Let $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Lévy process in \mathbb{R}^d . Then there exists a function $\psi : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ called *characteristic exponent* of X s.t. :

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathbb{E} \left(e^{i \langle z, X_t \rangle} \right) = e^{t \psi(z)}.$$

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A stochastic process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$, with values in \mathbb{R} , is a *Poisson process* with intensity $\lambda > 0$ if it is a Lévy process s.t. for every $t > 0$, X_t has a Poisson law with parameter λt .

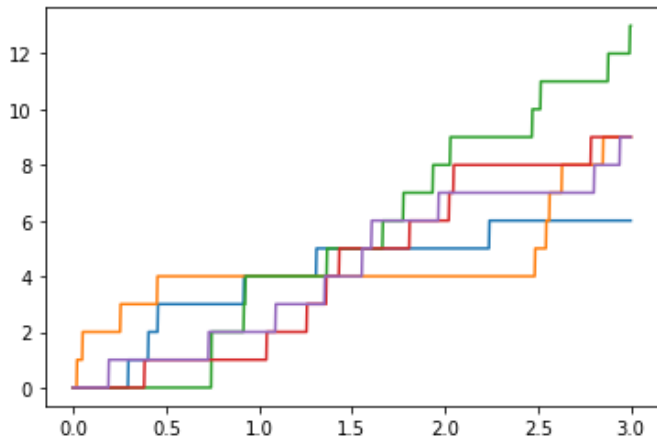
PROPOSITION (CONSTRUCTION)

If $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a random walk on \mathbb{R} s.t. for every $n \geq 1$, $T_n - T_{n-1}$ is exponentially distributed with parameter λ (with $T_0 = 0$), then the process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ defined by

$$X_t = n \iff T_n \leq t < T_{n+1}$$

is a Poisson process with intensity λ .

POISSON PROCESS.



COMPOUND POISSON PROCESSES.

We consider a Poisson process $(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$ with intensity λ and jump times T_n , and a sequence $(Y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ of \mathbb{R}^d -valued r.v. s.t.

- 1 Y_n are i.i.d. with distribution measure π ;
- 2 $(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$ and $(Y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ are independent.

Define

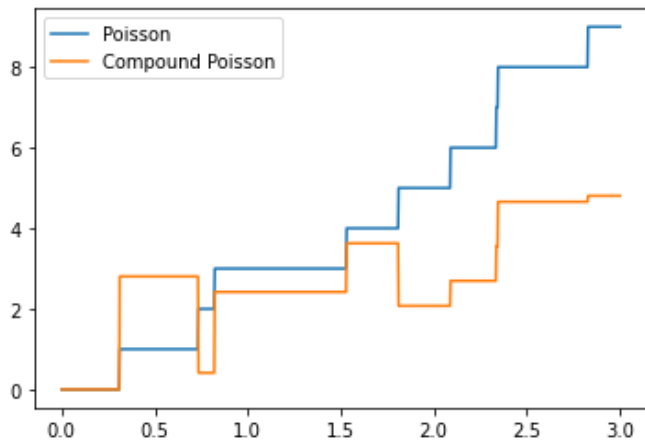
$$X_t = \sum_{n=1}^{P_t} Y_n = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} Y_n \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]}(T_n).$$

DEFINITION

The process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a *compound Poisson processes* with intensity λ and jump distribution π .

MERTON MODEL.

Compound Poisson processes with Gaussian jumps.



COMPOUND POISSON PROCESSES.

PROPOSITION

The process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is a Lévy process, with piecewise constant trajectories and characteristic function :

$$\begin{aligned} \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathbb{E} \left(e^{i \langle z, X_t \rangle} \right) &= \exp \left(t \lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{i \langle z, x \rangle} - 1) \pi(dx) \right) \\ &= \exp \left(t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{i \langle z, x \rangle} - 1) \nu(dx) \right); \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION

ν is a finite **measure** defined on \mathbb{R}^d by : $\nu(A) = \lambda \pi(A)$, $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$. ν is called the **Lévy measure** of the compound Poisson process. Moreover

$$\nu(A) = \mathbb{E} [\#\{t \in [0, 1], \quad \Delta X_t \neq 0, \quad \Delta X_t \in A\}].$$

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The law μ of X_1 is called *compound Poisson distribution* and has a characteristic function given by : $\hat{\mu}(z) = \exp \left(\lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{i\langle z, x \rangle} - 1) \pi(dx) \right)$.

PROPOSITION

Let X be a compound Poisson process and A and B two *disjoint* subsets of \mathbb{R}^d . Then :

$$Y_t = \sum_{s \leq t} \Delta X_s \mathbf{1}_{\Delta X_s \in A} \quad \text{and} \quad Z_t = \sum_{s \leq t} \Delta X_s \mathbf{1}_{\Delta X_s \in B}$$

are two independent compound Poisson processes.

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DEFINITION

A *jump-diffusion process* X is the sum of a Brownian motion and of a independent compound Poisson process. Therefore a jump-diffusion process is a Lévy process.

In other words

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CHARACTERISTIC EXPONENT : for any $z \in \mathbb{R}^d$:

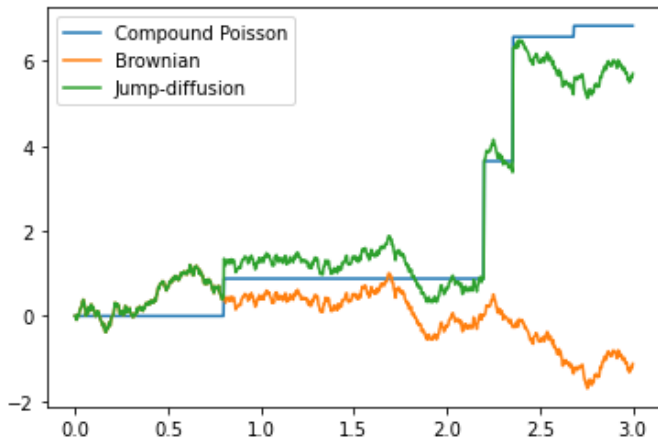
$$\begin{aligned}\psi_X(z) &= -\frac{1}{2}\langle z, MM^*z \rangle + i\langle z, \gamma \rangle + \lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{i\langle z, x \rangle} - 1)\pi(dx) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}\langle z, MM^*z \rangle + i\langle z, \gamma \rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (e^{i\langle z, x \rangle} - 1)\nu(dx).\end{aligned}$$

M^* is the transpose matrix of M .

CHARACTERISTIC TRIPLE : $(A = MM^*, \nu, \gamma)$.

TWO EXAMPLES.

Jump-diffusion process with Gaussian jumps (used in the Merton model).



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Kou model where the jump sizes are given by a non symmetric Laplace distribution.

