

Periodic Stochastic Dynamical Systems (PeriSDS)

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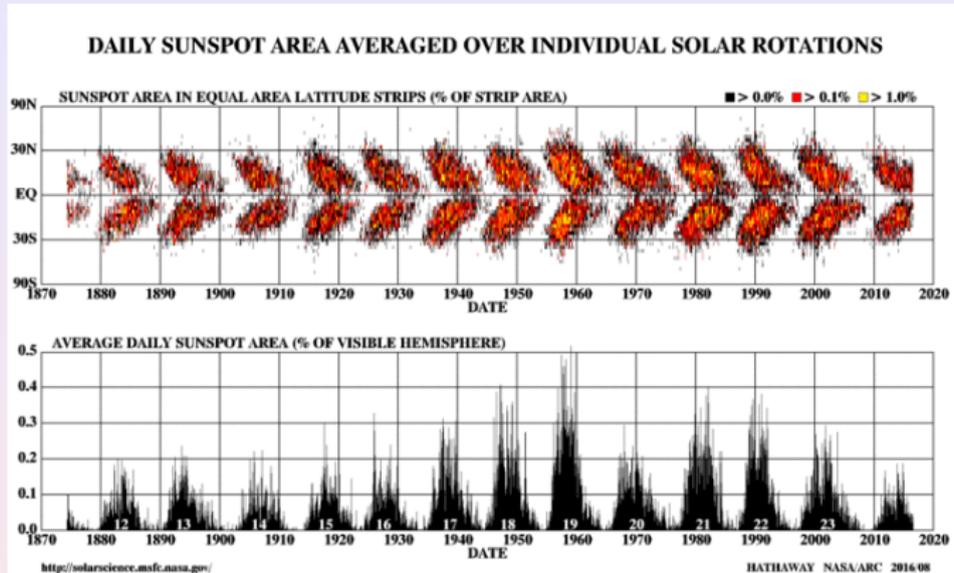


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Tools-

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- $L^2([0, T], L^2(\Omega \times D))$: Bally and Sausseureau JFA (2004)
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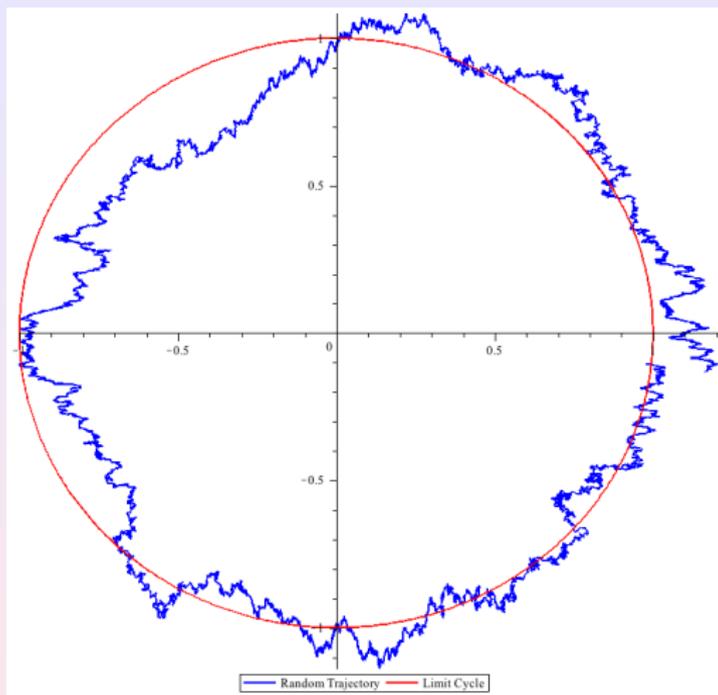


Figure: Random trajectory subject to multiplicative noise

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Recall that in the theory of Markov chain the period $d(i)$ of state i is the greatest common divisor of $\{n : P_{ii}^n > 0\}$. It is easy to see that $d(1) = d(2) = d(3) = 2$.

The random periodic path definition

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$$du(t) = b(u(t))dt + \sigma(u(t))dW(t), \quad t \geq s, \quad u(s) = x. \quad (12)$$

Then

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$$P(s)\phi_0 = e^{\lambda s}\phi_0, \quad \text{for all } s \geq 0. \tag{21}$$

Now by Jensen's inequality we see that $\phi_0^t \in L_{\mathbb{C}}^2(L_t, \rho_t)$ for each t . It is easy to notice that $\{\phi_0^t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is periodic in t . Moreover, it is noted that for any $s, t \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(s)\phi_0^{t+s}(x) &= e^{\lambda(t+s)}P(s)P(k\tau - (t+s))\phi_0(x) \\ &= e^{\lambda(t+s)}P(k\tau - t)\phi_0(x) \\ &= e^{\lambda s}e^{\lambda t}P(k\tau - t)\phi_0(x) \\ &= e^{\lambda s}\phi_0^t(x), \quad x \in L_t. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Define

$$\phi_0(x) = \phi_0^t(x), \quad \text{for } x \in L_t, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then (20) is equivalent to

$$P(s)\phi_0 = e^{\lambda s}\phi_0, \quad \text{for all } s \geq 0. \tag{21}$$

Now as the eigenvalue λ of \mathcal{L} is simple, so there is a unique, up to constant multiplication, ϕ_0 satisfying (21). However, it is observed that

$$\phi_0(x) = \phi_0^t(x) = e^{\lambda t}, \text{ for } x \in L_t, \quad (22)$$

clearly satisfies (20) and (21). In particular, $\phi_0(x)$ is constant on L_0 . Thus, ρ_0 is ergodic with respect to $\{P(k\tau)\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$. This means the periodic measure is PS-ergodic.

THANK YOU!