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Fragmentation equations and stochastic models



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## Fragmentation equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(t, x) = \int_x^\infty b(x|y) a(y) c(t, y) dy - a(x) c(t, x) \quad t > 0 \quad x > 0$$

$c(t, x)$  ~ concentration of particles of size  $x$

$a(x)$  ~ rate at which particles of size  $x$  break

$b(x|y)$  ~ distribution of products from a particle of size  $y$  breaking

$$\int_0^y x b(x|y) dx = y \sim \text{mass conservation}$$

## Random fragmentation model 1: Direct simulation process

DS particle system  $(X_1(t), \dots, X_{N(t)}(t))$   $t \geq 0$   $N(0) = n$

### Time evolution

1. exponentially distributed **waiting time** with parameter

$$a(x_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

2. replace  $x_i$  by **fragments**  $z_1, \dots, z_k$  with distribution

$$F(x_i, dz)$$

- ▷ fragmentation rate  $a(x)$  compactly bounded on  $\mathcal{X} = (0, \infty)$
- ▷ fragmentation kernel  $F(x, dz)$  from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathcal{Z} = \bigcup_{k=2}^{\infty} \mathcal{X}^k$
- ▷ mass conservation property

$$F(x, \{z \in \mathcal{Z} : z_1 + \dots + z_k = x\}) = F(x, \mathcal{Z}) = 1$$

## Random fragmentation model 1: Direct simulation process (continued)

state space       $\mathcal{Y}^{(n)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{x_i} : N \geq 1, x_i \in \mathcal{X}, i = 1, \dots, N \right\}$

kernel       $q^{(n)}(\xi, \Gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\mathcal{Z}} 1_{\Gamma}(J_F(\xi, i, z)) a(x_i) F(x_i, dz)$

jump transformation       $J_F(\xi, i, z) = \xi - \frac{1}{n} \delta_{x_i} + \frac{1}{n} [\delta_{z_1} + \dots + \delta_{z_k}]$

**DS** process       $\xi^{(n)}(t, dx) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} \delta_{X_i(t)}(dx) \rightarrow \mu(t, dx) \quad (n \rightarrow \infty)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(x) \mu(t, dx) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k) - \varphi(x)] a(x) F(x, dz) \mu(t, dx)$$

## Fragmentation equation: transformation

Define

$$F_{\text{sym}}^{(k)}(x, dz_1, \dots, dz_k) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\pi} F^{(k)}(x, dz_{\pi(1)}, \dots, dz_{\pi(k)}) \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

$$F_{\text{sym}}^{(k|1)}(x, dy) = F_{\text{sym}}^{(k)}(x, dy, \mathcal{X}, \dots, \mathcal{X}) \quad B(dy|x) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k F_{\text{sym}}^{(k|1)}(x, dy)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k)] F(x, dz) = \\ & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \int_{\mathcal{X}^k} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k)] F_{\text{sym}}^{(k)}(x, dz_1, \dots, dz_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) F_{\text{sym}}^{(k|1)}(x, dy) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) \quad (\star) \end{aligned}$$

## Fragmentation equation: transformation (continued)

According to

$$\int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k)] F(x, dz) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) \quad (\star)$$

equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(x) \mu(t, dx) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k) - \varphi(x)] a(x) F(x, dz) \mu(t, dx)$$

transforms into

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(x) \mu(t, dx) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left[ \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) a(x) - \varphi(x) a(x) \right] \mu(t, dx)$$

and

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu(t, dx) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} B(dx|y) a(y) \mu(t, dy) - a(x) \mu(t, dx)}$$

## Fragmentation equation: transformation (continued-2)

If

$$\mu(t, dx) = c(t, x) dx$$

and

$$B(dy|x) = b(y|x) dy$$

then

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mu(t, dx) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} B(dx|y) a(y) \mu(t, dy) - a(x) \mu(t, dx)$$

implies

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(t, x) = \int_x^{\infty} b(x|y) a(y) c(t, y) dy - a(x) c(t, x)}$$

## Property

$$\mathbb{E} \sum_{i=1}^k \varphi(z_i) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k)] F(x, dz) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) \quad (\star)$$

implies

- ▷ average number of fragments with size in  $(u, v)$

$$\mathbb{E} \sum_{i=1}^k 1_{(u,v)}(z_i) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} 1_{(u,v)}(y) B(dy|x) = \int_u^v b(y|x) dy$$

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- ▷ mass conservation on average

$$\sum_{i=1}^k z_i = x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{E} \sum_{i=1}^k z_i = \int_{\mathcal{X}} y B(dy|x) = \int_0^x y b(y|x) dy = x$$

## Special case: homogeneous binary fragmentation

Consider a probability density  $p$  on  $[0, 1]$  and

$$F(x, dz) = F^{(2)}(x, dz_1, dz_2) = \int_0^1 \delta_{(xu, x(1-u))}(dz_1, dz_2) p(u) du$$

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Property

$$\int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k)] F(x, dz) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) \quad (\star)$$

implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) &= \int_0^1 [\varphi(xu) + \varphi(x(1-u))] p(u) du \\ &= \int_0^x \varphi(y) p\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{1}{x} dy + \int_0^x \varphi(y) p\left(1 - \frac{y}{x}\right) \frac{1}{x} dy \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$b(y|x) = \frac{1}{x} \left[ p\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + p\left(1 - \frac{y}{x}\right) \right]$$

## Special case: homogeneous binary fragmentation (continued)

Note

$$F(x, dz) = F^{(2)}(x, dz_1, dz_2) = \int_0^1 \delta_{(xu, x(1-u))}(dz_1, dz_2) p(u) du$$

and

$$b(y|x) = \frac{1}{x} \left[ p\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + p\left(1 - \frac{y}{x}\right) \right]$$

Example 1:  $p(u) = 1 \Rightarrow b(y|x) = \frac{2}{x}$

Example 2:  $p(u) = 2u \Rightarrow b(y|x) = \frac{2}{x}$

$\Rightarrow$  Examples 1, 2 correspond to the equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(t, x) = \int_x^\infty \frac{2}{y} a(y) c(t, y) dy - a(x) c(t, x)$$

## Random fragmentation model 2: Mass flow process

If

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(t, x) = \int_x^\infty b(x|y) a(y) c(t, y) dy - a(x) c(t, x)$$

then

$$\tilde{c}(t, x) = x c(t, x)$$

satisfies

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{c}(t, x) = \int_x^\infty \tilde{b}(x|y) a(y) \tilde{c}(t, y) dy - a(x) \tilde{c}(t, x)$$

where

$$\tilde{b}(x|y) = \frac{x}{y} b(x|y)$$

## Random fragmentation model 2: Mass flow process (continued)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{c}(t, x) = \int_x^\infty \tilde{b}(x|y) a(y) \tilde{c}(t, y) dy - a(x) \tilde{c}(t, x) \quad \tilde{b}(x|y) = \frac{x}{y} b(x|y)$$

Note

$$\int_0^y x b(x|y) dx = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_0^y \tilde{b}(x|y) dx = 1$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty \int_x^\infty \tilde{b}(x|y) a(y) \tilde{c}(t, y) dy dx = \int_0^\infty \int_0^y \tilde{b}(x|y) a(y) \tilde{c}(t, y) dx dy = \int_0^\infty a(y) \tilde{c}(t, y) dy$$

so that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\infty \tilde{c}(t, x) dx = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty \tilde{c}(t, x) dx = \text{const}$$

$\Rightarrow$  random process with **jump rate**  $a(x)$  and **jump distribution**  $\tilde{b}(y|x) dy$

## Random fragmentation model 2: Mass flow process (continued-2)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \tilde{c}(t, x) = \int_x^\infty \tilde{b}(x|y) a(y) \tilde{c}(t, y) dy - a(x) \tilde{c}(t, x) \quad \tilde{b}(x|y) = \frac{x}{y} b(x|y)$$

MF particle system  $(\tilde{X}_1(t), \dots, \tilde{X}_n(t))$   $t \geq 0$

### Time evolution

1. exponentially distributed **waiting time** with parameter

$$a(x_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

2. replace  $x_i$  by “**fragment**”  $y$  with distribution

$$\tilde{B}(dy|x_i) = \tilde{b}(y|x_i) dy$$

MF process  $\tilde{\xi}^{(n)}(t, dx) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\tilde{X}_i(t)}(dx) \rightarrow \tilde{c}(t, x) dx$   $(n \rightarrow \infty)$

According to

$$\int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\varphi(z_1) + \dots + \varphi(z_k)] F(x, dz) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(y) B(dy|x) \quad (\star)$$

one obtains

$$B(dy|x) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} [\delta_{z_1}(dy) + \dots + \delta_{z_k}(dy)] F(x, dz)$$

and the MF “fragmentation” kernel

$$\tilde{B}(dy|x) = \frac{y}{x} B(dy|x) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \left[ \frac{z_1}{x} \delta_{z_1}(dy) + \dots + \frac{z_k}{x} \delta_{z_k}(dy) \right] F(x, dz)$$

## Example: uniform binary fragmentation

Consider

$$F(x, dz) = F^{(2)}(x, dz_1, dz_2) = \int_0^1 \delta_{(xu, x(1-u))}(dz_1, dz_2) p(u) du \quad \text{with} \quad p(u) \equiv 1$$

and

$$b(y|x) = \frac{2}{x} \quad \tilde{b}(y|x) = \frac{y}{x} b(y|x) = \frac{2y}{x^2}$$

DS process

$$x \rightarrow u x \quad \text{and} \quad (1 - u)x \quad \text{with } u \text{ uniform on } [0, 1]$$

MF process

$$x \rightarrow y \quad \text{with } y \sim \frac{2y}{x^2} \text{ on } [0, x]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(t, x) = \int_x^\infty b(x|y) a(y) c(t, y) dy - a(x) c(t, x) \quad \int_0^y x b(x|y) dx = y$$

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However, for appropriate functions  $a$  and  $b$

$$\int_0^\infty x c(t, x) dx \quad \searrow \quad \text{for } t > 0$$

[Filippov-1961] formation of **dust**

[McGrady/Ziff-1987] **shattering** phenomenon

## Non-conservative solutions (continued)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} c(t, x) = \int_x^\infty b(x|y) a(y) c(t, y) dy - a(x) c(t, x)$$

Under some regularity conditions on  $b$

$$\int_0^\infty x c(t, x) dx \quad \swarrow \quad \iff \quad \int_0^\varepsilon \frac{1}{x a(x)} dx < \infty$$

Sufficient condition for shattering

$$a(x) \geq \frac{C}{x^\alpha} \quad \forall x > 0 \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad C > 0$$

## Minimal jump process

$\mathcal{Y}$  - locally compact separable metric space

$\lambda(y)$  - jump rate, compactly bounded on  $\mathcal{Y}$

$p(y, d\tilde{y})$  - jump kernel on  $\mathcal{Y}$

$Y_0, Y_1, \dots$  - Markov chain in  $\mathcal{Y} \sim p$  with initial distribution  $p_0$

$T_0, T_1, \dots$  - i.i.d.  $\text{Exp}(1)$  independent of  $(Y_k)$

jump times

$$\tau_0 = 0 \quad \tau_l = \sum_{k=0}^{l-1} \frac{T_k}{\lambda(Y_k)} \quad l = 1, 2, \dots$$

explosion time

$$\tau_\infty = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \tau_l$$

process on  $\mathcal{Y} \cup \{\Delta\}$  (one-point compactification)

$$Y^\Delta(t) = \begin{cases} Y_l & : \tau_l \leq t < \tau_{l+1} \\ \Delta & : t \geq \tau_\infty \end{cases}$$

## Regularity and explosion

regularity:  $\mathbb{P}(\tau_\infty = \infty) = 1$

explosion:  $\mathbb{P}(\tau_\infty < \infty) > 0$

$$\text{regularity} \iff \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda(Y_k)} = \infty \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$\lambda$  bounded  $\Rightarrow$  regularity

explosion  $\sim$   $\lambda$  unbounded  
&  $Y_k \rightarrow \Delta$  with appropriate speed

### Theorem

Assume

$$a(x) \geq \frac{C}{x^\alpha} \quad \forall x > 0 \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 0 \text{ and } C > 0.$$

Then the **direct simulation process** explodes almost surely, for any initial distribution.

recall:

**DS** process  $\sim$  jump rate  $a(x)$  and jump distribution  $F(x, dz)$

## Explosion in fragmentation models: Mass flow process

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recall: MF process  $\sim$  jump rate  $a(x)$  and jump distribution

$$\tilde{B}(dy|x) = \int_{\mathcal{Z}} \left[ \frac{z_1}{x} \delta_{z_1}(dy) + \dots + \frac{z_k}{x} \delta_{z_k}(dy) \right] F(x, dz)$$

## Special case: deterministic binary fragmentation

Consider a function  $\kappa$  such that  $\kappa(x) \in (0, x)$   $\forall x > 0$  and

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Markov chain  $Y_k$   $k = 0, 1, \dots$

$$Y_{k+1} = \begin{cases} \kappa(Y_k) & \text{with probability } \frac{\kappa(Y_k)}{Y_k} \\ Y_k - \kappa(Y_k) & \text{with probability } 1 - \frac{\kappa(Y_k)}{Y_k} \end{cases}$$

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Note  $\kappa(x) = \frac{x}{2}$   $Y_0 = \frac{1}{2}$   $\Rightarrow Y_k = \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$  (deterministic)

## Special case: deterministic binary fragmentation - Example 1

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$$\kappa(x) = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\text{explosion} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a(Y_k)} < \infty \quad Y_k = \frac{1}{2^{k+1}}$$

If

$$a(x) \geq C |\log x|^\alpha \quad \forall x > 0 \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 1 \text{ and } C > 0$$

then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a(Y_k)} \leq \frac{1}{C} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+1)^\alpha} < \infty$$

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then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a(Y_k)} \leq \frac{1}{C} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+1)^\alpha} < \infty$$

Consistent with

$$\int_0^\varepsilon \frac{1}{x a(x)} < \infty$$

## Special case: deterministic binary fragmentation - Example 2

$$F(x, dz) = \delta_{(\kappa(x), x - \kappa(x))}(dz_1, dz_2) \quad \text{with}$$

$$\kappa(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{x}{2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If  $x_0 > \frac{1}{2}$  then

$$x_k = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2x_0 - 1}{2^{k+1}} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

satisfies

$$\kappa(x_k) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2x_0 - 1}{2^{k+2}} + \frac{1}{4} = x_{k+1}$$

Transition  $x_k \rightarrow \kappa(x_k) = x_{k+1}$  with probability  $\frac{\kappa(x_k)}{x_k}$

▷ trajectory of “slowest decay”  $(x_k)$  has non-zero probability

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\kappa(x_0)}{x_0} \frac{\kappa(x_1)}{x_1} \dots \frac{\kappa(x_k)}{x_k} = \frac{1}{x_0} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \kappa(x_k) = \frac{1}{2x_0}$$

▷ no explosion on this trajectory, since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \frac{1}{2}$

## Special case: deterministic binary fragmentation - Example 2 (continued)

$$F(x, dz) = \delta_{(\kappa(x), x - \kappa(x))}(dz_1, dz_2) \quad \text{with} \quad \kappa(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{4}, & \text{if } x > \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{x}{2}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If

$$a(x) \geq \frac{C}{x^\alpha} \quad \forall x > 0 \quad \text{for some } \alpha > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad C > 0$$

then

- ▷ **DS** explodes with probability one, for any  $x_0$

$$x \rightarrow \kappa(x) \quad \text{and} \quad x - \kappa(x)$$

- ▷ **MF** does not explode with probability one, for  $x_0 > \frac{1}{2}$

$$x \rightarrow \begin{cases} \kappa(x) & \text{with probability } \frac{\kappa(x)}{x} \\ x - \kappa(x) & \text{with probability } 1 - \frac{\kappa(x)}{x} \end{cases}$$

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MF condition for a.s. explosion

$$\int_0^x \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^\alpha \tilde{B}(dy|x) \leq \beta < 1 \quad \forall x > 0$$

with

$$\tilde{B}(dy|x) = \frac{\kappa(x)}{x} \delta_{\kappa(x)}(dy) + \left(1 - \frac{\kappa(x)}{x}\right) \delta_{x-\kappa(x)}(dy)$$

takes the form

$$\left(\frac{\kappa(x)}{x}\right)^{\alpha+1} + \left(1 - \frac{\kappa(x)}{x}\right)^{\alpha+1} \leq \beta < 1 \quad \forall x > 0$$

and is not fulfilled for  $x \searrow \frac{1}{2}$

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