

## Interconnection of stochastic systems

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## Message

Interconnection is a basic system operation.


It is not dealt with (very well) in probability theory.

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Interconnection $=$ variable sharing

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Interconnection of deterministic systems

## Formalization

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\begin{aligned}
& \Sigma_{1}=\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{B}_{1}\right) \text { and } \Sigma_{2}=\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{B}_{2}\right) \\
& \Sigma_{1} \wedge \Sigma_{2}:=\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{B}_{1} \cap \mathscr{B}_{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$




Example




Interconnection of stochastic systems

## Stochastic systems

A stochastic system $\Sigma:=(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}, P)$, with
$\mathbb{W}$ the 'outcome space'
$\mathscr{E}$ a $\sigma$-algebra of subsets of $\mathbb{W}$ the 'events'
$P: \mathscr{E} \rightarrow[0,1] \quad$ the 'probability'
$\mathscr{E}$ and $P$ satisfy the
Kolmogorov axioms.
$P(\mathscr{B})$ : the probability that the behavior is $\mathscr{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}, \mathscr{B} \in \mathscr{E}$.


## Example $\sigma$-algebras

- $\mathbb{W}$ finite, $\mathscr{E}=$ all subsets of $\mathbb{W}$.
- $\mathbb{W}=\mathbb{R}^{\mathrm{n}}, \mathscr{E}$ the 'Borel' sets $\cong$ all subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{\mathrm{n}}$.
- measurable sets $\cong$ union of partitioning sets

$\mathscr{E}$ in terms of a partition of $\mathbb{W}$.


## Difficulty with stochastic interconnection



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We have to avoid getting in a jam because of things as

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P_{1}(E) \neq P_{2}(E) \text { for some } E \subseteq \mathbb{W}
$$

## Complementarity of $\sigma$-algebras

$\mathscr{E}_{1}$ and $\mathscr{E}_{2}$ are complementary $\sigma$-algebras : $\Leftrightarrow$ for all nonempty $E_{1}, E_{1}^{\prime} \in \mathscr{E}_{1}, E_{2}, E_{2}^{\prime} \in \mathscr{E}_{2}$

$$
\llbracket E_{1} \cap E_{2}=E_{1}^{\prime} \cap E_{2}^{\prime} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket E_{1}=E_{1}^{\prime} \text { and } E_{2}=E_{2}^{\prime} \rrbracket .
$$



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\llbracket E_{1} \cap E_{2}=E_{1}^{\prime} \cap E_{2}^{\prime} \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket P_{1}\left(E_{1}\right) P_{2}\left(E_{2}\right)=P_{1}\left(E_{1}^{\prime}\right) P_{2}\left(E_{2}^{\prime}\right) \rrbracket .
$$



Intersection $\Rightarrow$ product of probabilities of intersectants.

## Interconnection

Let $\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_{1}, P_{1}\right)$ and $\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_{2}, P_{2}\right)$ be independent and complementary stochastic systems.

Their interconnection is defined as $(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}, P)$ with
$\mathscr{E}:=$ the $\sigma$-algebra generated by the 'rectangles'

$$
\left\{E_{1} \cap E_{2} \mid E_{1} \in \mathscr{E}_{1}, E_{2} \in \mathscr{E}_{2}\right\}
$$

and $P$ defined for rectangles by

$$
P\left(E_{1} \cap E_{2}\right):=P_{1}\left(E_{1}\right) P_{2}\left(E_{2}\right)
$$

and extended to $\mathscr{E}$ via the Hahn-Kolmogorov thm.

## Interconnection of complementary systems

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\begin{gathered}
\Sigma_{1}=\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_{1}, P_{1}\right), \quad \Sigma_{2}=\left(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}_{2}, P_{2}\right) \\
\Sigma_{1} \wedge \Sigma_{2}=(\mathbb{W}, \mathscr{E}, P)
\end{gathered}
$$

with $\mathscr{E}=$ the $\sigma$-algebra generated by $\mathscr{E}_{1} \cup \mathscr{E}_{2}$ and $\quad P$ generated by $P\left(E_{1} \cap E_{2}\right)=P_{1}\left(E_{1}\right) P_{2}\left(E_{2}\right)$.


Example

Noisy resistor terminated by a voltage source


Outcomes $\left[\begin{array}{c}V \\ I\end{array}\right]$, outcome space $\mathbb{W}=\mathbb{R}^{2}$; events: subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$

## The voltage source



$\Sigma_{1}=\left(\mathbb{R}^{2}, \mathscr{E}_{1}, P_{1}\right)$,
$\mathscr{E}_{1}=\left(\emptyset, \mathscr{B}_{1}, \mathscr{B}_{1}^{\text {complement }}, \mathbb{R}^{2}\right)$,
$P_{1}\left(\mathscr{B}_{1}\right)=1$.
$\Sigma_{1}$ is a deterministic system.

Noisy (or 'hot', or 'Johnson-Nyquist' ) resistor



Probability $=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}} d x$.
$\sigma \sim \sqrt{R T}$
$T=$ temperature

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## Noisy (or 'hot', or 'Johnson-Nyquist' ) resistor

$\Sigma_{2}=\left(\mathbb{R}^{2}, \mathscr{E}_{2}, P_{2}\right) ;$ events in $\mathscr{E}_{2}=$ the subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ as
$\left\{\left.\left[\begin{array}{c}V \\ I\end{array}\right] \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \right\rvert\, V-R I \in A\right.$ with $A$ a (Borel) subset of $\left.\mathbb{R}\right\}$


$$
P_{2}(\text { event })=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi} \sigma} \int_{A} e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2 \sigma^{2}}} d x
$$

Neither $\left[\begin{array}{c}V \\ I\end{array}\right]$, $I$, nor $V$ possess a distribution or a pdf!

## Equivalent circuits



$$
V=R I+\varepsilon_{V}
$$

$\varepsilon_{V}$ gaussian
zero mean
variance $\sim R T$

Note: $\quad\left\{\varepsilon_{V} \in A \subseteq \mathbb{R}\right.$, Borel $\}=\{V-R I \in A\}$
Shows that $\quad \varepsilon_{V} \in \mathbb{R} \quad \sigma$-algebra is Borel
but $\quad(V, I) \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \quad \sigma$-algebra is coarse, $\neq$ Borel.

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$$

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variance $\sim T / R$


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$\Sigma_{1} \wedge \Sigma_{2}=\left(\mathbb{R}^{2}, \mathscr{E}, P\right)$, with
$P(E)=P_{2}\left(E_{2}\right)\left(P\right.$ is concentrated on $V=V_{0}$ ) and the completion of $\mathscr{E}=$ the Borel $\sigma$-algebra on $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.

Open stochastic systems

## Open versus closed

Consider $\Sigma_{1}=\left(\mathbb{R}^{\mathrm{n}}, \mathscr{E}_{1}, P_{1}\right)$.

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$\Rightarrow$ classical $\Sigma_{1}=$ 'closed' system.

Coarse $\mathscr{E}_{1}$
$\Rightarrow \Sigma_{1}$ is interconnectable.
$\Rightarrow$ 'open' stochastic system.

Conclusions

## Stochastic systems

## Complementary systems can be interconnected: two laws imposed on one set of variables.



## Stochastic systems

Open stochastic systems require a coarse $\sigma$-algebra.
Classical random vectors imply closed systems.

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