

# Picard Approximation of Stochastic Differential Equation and its Application On Gene Pool Model

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**Abstract**— In this paper the Hardy-Weinberg equation on the frequency of alleles with its contrivances serve as a stochastic model which has been used along with the Markovian Property to prove the frequency of the alleles at the locus of a particular population in genetics.

This Gene Pool Model has been converted to a stochastic differential equation whose existence and uniqueness of the solution has been proved using Picard-Lindelof Theorem.

This provides an altogether a new way of delving into the solution which is globally consistent. The aim of this research paper is to firstly implicate the Markovian Property in one of the laws which is the cornerstone of population genetics. Secondly, converting the Markov process to a stochastic differential equation proposing a new global solution to the diffusion approximation as well as proving the convergence of the sequence. Thirdly, the results are validated and computed using the chi-square goodness of fit. The proposed statistical methodologies used for validation of the result is the R-software.

**Index Terms**— BROWNIAN STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, PICARD APPROXIMATION, LIPSCHITZ CONDITION, OPTIMUM SOLUTION, MARKOVIAN PROPERTY, LINEAR REGRESSION, ITO INTEGRAL

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Real world phenomena can be observed as a pattern which can serve as a model when elaborated on can bring about a change to the society. The Markov model under the stochastic processes in probability theory was named after the Russian mathematician Andrey Markov.

How is the stochastic process visualized in nature? This requires translating assumptions relating to the relationship between the causes of its behaviour and effect into contrivances with its limits to determine its finite dimensional distributions.

In the field of genetics, where this property has wide application can be served as one model. Taking the Hardy Weinberg principle which states that in large randomly mating population, allelic frequencies will remain constant barring any sort of evolutionary forces. Now if this principle with its contrivances as mentioned can be made into a model one can easily predict the frequency of the recessive allele and hence the probability of population frequency of the carriers of the recessive diseases can be predicted.

### 1.1 LITERATURE SURVEY

The commonly referred mathematics textbooks (e.g Ewens 2004, Burger 2000, Rice 2004) mention the evolutionary forces involved in the gene pool model. The most basic of them all is the Wright Fischer Model which I have considered for the random genetic drift without any evolutionary forces. I have modelled the Gene Pool Model generalizing the Wright Fischer Model for two alleles at same locus and hence, predict the correlation between the allelic frequency and the population. I have also used Picard Approximation to the Brownian Stochastic Differential Equation. In the present paper I have

tried to introduce a new global approach. This approach is mathematically more transparent than Kimura's scheme. For a basic two allele case proposed by Kimura (1955), which he later tried to implicate on several alleles (1955, 1956). His solution being local, the probability distribution not summing to 1 made it very difficult to read all the quantifying properties of this process.

This paper has been organized as follows: Section 1 is the Introduction which is subdivided as 1.1 :Literature Survey ,Section 2 deals with Markov Process subdivided as Gene Pool Model ,Section 3 deals with the Diffusion Approximation, Section 4 deals with the Stochastic Differential Equation subdivided as 4.1 Existence and Uniqueness of the Solution 4.2 Picard Iteration Section 5 deals with the Condition for Solution Existence and Uniqueness, Section 6 deals with the proof using Picard's Methods subdivided as 6.1,6.2,6.3 -proof for drift coefficient to be Lipschitz continuous, existence of solution, proving both the drift and diffusion coefficient continuous, Section 7 deals with Result Analysis where subsection 7.1 deals with the Global Sensitivity Analysis using Regression,7.2 deals with the statistical methods employed to verify the result, Section 8 is Conclusion ,Section 9 is Acknowledgement followed by the References.

## 2 MARKOV PROCESS

A stochastic process say  $\{X_n\}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  takes values of a countable set namely the state space.

**Definition:** If the conditional probability distribution  $C_{i+1}$  is independent of the states of the system in steps 0 to  $i-1$  and is only dependent on  $t_n$

$$p[X_{n+1}=i_{n+1} | X_n=i_n, X_{n-1}=i_{n-1}, \dots, X_1=i_1, X_0=i_0] = p[X_{n+1}=i_{n+1} | X_n=i_n]$$

1. The condition  $p[X_n=i_n \dots X_0=i_0] > 0$  will be assumed each time a conditional probability will be considered.
2. All the models will be homogenous i.e. Conditional probability  $p[X_{n+1}=j | X_n=i]$  is independent on time such that  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  i.e.  $p[X_{n+1}=j | X_n=i] = p[X_{m+1}=j | X_m=i]$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

The specifications are as follows:

1. Initial Probability  $a^0 = a^0$  i.e.  $a^0_i = p[X_0=i]$
2. Transition Probability  $p_{ij} = p[X_{n+1}=j | X_n=i]$

**Theorem 2.1**

if there is  $\sigma$ -algebra  $F$  and probability  $p$  on  $R$  such that

1. Each of  $g_n$  where  $n$  belongs to  $N$  is a random variable.
2. Sequence  $\{g_n\}$  where  $n$  belongs to  $N$  is independent.

**2.1 Gene Pool Model**

**Definition 2.2**

The Hardy Weinberg law states that the allelic frequencies over a finite population obtained by random mating is constant barring any evolutionary forces. This can be seen with the help of a result computed using the R software where  $g$  is the genotype of the alleles.

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data: g
N11 - 1, N12 - 1, N22 - 1, N1 - 3, N2 - 3, p-value - 1
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Fig 1 {HWE TEST}

$$p^2 + q^2 + 2pq = 1 \dots \dots \dots (2.1)$$

$$p + q = 1$$

where  $p$  = frequency of dominant allele  
 $q$  = frequency of recessive allele

**proof:**

Let  $X(t)$  define  $a$ 's in allele pool of generation  $t$  in a finite population. If the definition can be assumed as

1. Size of the population is constant
2. Each generation is obtained by independent random mating
3. No evolutionary forces (selection, migration, mutation)

The above three postulates derived from Hardy Weinberg law can be converted to a Markov Model.

If  $X(t)$  is a non-negative integer.

Let  $N$  denote the finite size of the population which is always less than  $2N$ .

Assumptions:

the state space =  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2N\}$

$t$  denote current time

$\{X_0=i_0, \dots, X_t=i\}$  which denotes  $i$  allele of genotype  $A$  in generation  $t$

From the assumptions generation  $(t+1)$  is created by  $N$  independent random mating of generation  $t$  parents. It is known that the genotype is obtained by random mating of two independent samples from the allele pool of generation  $t$ . Thus, allele pool  $(t+1)$  is created by  $2N$  independent random samples. The frequency of the recessive allele is obtained by finding the probability

$X_t = i$

frequency of the allele  $a = i/2N$

frequency of the allele  $A = 1 - i/2N$

Hence, the transition probability can be expressed as follows:

$$p[X_{t+1}=j | X_t=i] = \binom{2N}{j} \left(\frac{i}{2N}\right)^j \left(1 - \frac{i}{2N}\right)^{2N-j} \dots \dots \dots (2.2)$$

$X_t$  can take values from 0 to  $2N$  i.e. if either  $A$  or  $a$  will disappear or will remain there for a future period of time. This basic model is therefore expressed in terms of the binomial distribution which verifies the Hardy Weinberg Law

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> HWE.test(g)

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Test for Hardy-Weinberg-Equilibrium
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Call:
HWE.test.genotype(x = g)

Raw Disequilibrium for each allele pair (D)

      A      A      a
a -0.08333333 -0.08333333
a -0.08333333

Scaled Disequilibrium for each allele pair (D')

      A      A      a
a -0.33333333 -0.33333333
a -0.33333333

Correlation coefficient for each allele pair (D)

      A      A      a
a 0.33333333 0.33333333
a 0.33333333

Observed vs Expected Allele Frequencies

      Obs Exp Obs-Exp
A/A 0.3333333 0.25 0.08333333
a/a 0.1666667 0.25 -0.08333333
A/a 0.1666667 0.25 -0.08333333
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Fig 2 {CHI-SQUARE TEST FOR ALLELES}

**3. DIFFUSION APPROXIMATIONS**

From equation 2.2 obtained in the above section I can derive for the expected time  $A$  or  $a$  to be either fixed at  $X_t = 2N$  or extinct at  $X_t = 0$  given its initial condition  $X_0$ . Now using the idea proposed by Wright (1945) to rescale time and population size.

$t = \frac{n}{2N}$  and  $[Y_t = \frac{X_t}{2N}]$  then considering  $N$  tends to infinity. Once I rescale it I end up getting the discrete Markov Chain  $Y_t$  as  $\{0, 1/2, \dots, 1\}$  with  $t=1$  corresponding to  $2N$ .

Similarly, I can obtain  $X_0 = p = \frac{i_0}{2N}$ . Now, a basic idea of approach that I have used here is to find the  $k$ th central moments of this binomial distribution using the recurrence formula.

By definition, the  $k$ th central moment  $u_k$  is defined by  $u_k = \{E(Y - E(Y))^k\} \dots \dots \dots (3.1)$

For the binomial distribution  $B(n, p)$  I have  $Y=r$ ,  $E(Y) = np$ ,  $q = 1 - p$   
 $u_k = \sum_{r=0}^n (r - np)^k \binom{n}{r} p^r q^{n-r} \dots \dots \dots (3.2)$

Differentiating equation with respect to  $p$  where  $q = 1 - p$ , I get  $\frac{du_k}{dp} = \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} [(-nk)(r - np)^{k-1} p^r q^{n-r} + (r - np)^k [rp^{r-1} q^{n-r} - p^r (n-r)q^{n-1}]] \dots \dots \dots (3.3)$

$$= -nk u_{k-1} + \frac{1}{pq} \sum_{r=0}^n \binom{n}{r} p^r q^{n-r} (r - np)^{k+1} \dots \dots \dots (3.4)$$

$$= -nk u_{k-1} + \frac{1}{pq} u_{k+1} \dots \dots \dots (3.5)$$

Therefore,  $\frac{du_k}{dp} = -nk u_{k-1} + \frac{1}{pq} u_{k+1} \dots \dots \dots (3.6)$

Using the recurrence formula

$$P(t+1)-P(t) = P(t) np-(1-p)-t \quad 1-p+(1-p)t$$

$$\frac{P(t+1)-P(t)}{P(t)} = \frac{np-(1-p)-t}{1-p+(1-p)t} \quad (3.7)$$

Now, partitioning the above equation t to t+1 and k portions. Applying k tending to infinity I get the following result

$$\frac{1}{z} \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{r+x}{b_0 + b_1 x} \quad (3.8)$$

Now the following differential equation is obtained where  $x=t$ ,  $r=np-(1-p)$ ,  $b_0=(1-p)$ ,  $b_1=(p-1)$

#### 4. STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

##### Definition:

Let  $a(x): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $b(x): \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{mn}$  be measurable functions (vector and matrix valued respectively),

$W$  an  $m$ -dimensional Wiener Process and  $X_0$  and  $L_2$  random variable in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , independent of  $W$ . Then on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -valued stochastic process  $X$  on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  is a solution to the autonomous stochastic differential equation

$$dX = a(X)dt + b(X)dW, X(0) = X_0 \dots\dots\dots(4.1)$$

when with probability 1, it is equal to the corresponding Ito process,

$$X(t) = X_0 + \left(\int_0^t a(X(s))ds\right) + \int_0^t b(X(s))dW \dots\dots\dots(4.2)$$

The  $a$  term is called the drift coefficient and the  $b$  term is the diffusion coefficient

##### 4.1 EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTION

From the equation (3.8) I can form the stochastic differential equation as defined in the section above as follows

From the definition,

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = kz \dots\dots\dots(4.3)$$

$$dz = a(z,t)dt + b(z,t)dW_t \dots\dots\dots(4.4)$$

The initial conditions

$$z(0) = z_0 \dots\dots\dots(4.5)$$

when  $W_t, b \geq 0$

The above equation represents a stochastic differential equation

##### Theorem 4.1:

Let  $X_0, a, b$  and  $W$  be as defined in definition 4.1 and let  $a$  and  $b$  be uniformly Lipschitz continuous. Then there exists a square-integrable non-anticipating  $X(t)$  which solves

$dX = a(X)dt + b(X)dW$  with the initial conditions  $X_0$  and this solution is unique

##### Theorem 4.2:

This theorem holds true for multi-dimensional stochastic differential equations, provided  $a$  and  $b$  are uniformly Lipschitz in the Euclidean norms.

#### 4.2 PICARD'S ITERATION

##### Definition:

Obtaining the initial condition as  $z_0(t) = z_0$ . Then computing approximations  $z_1(t)$ ,  $z_2(t)$  and so on via the following recursion:

$$z_{n+1}(t) = z_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(z_n(\tau), \tau) d\tau \quad (4.6)$$

This iteration which can be used to find a solution for linear differential equation can be shown to converge to unique solution

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(t) = x(t) \quad (4.7)$$

provided  $f(x,t)$  is continuous in both arguments and Lipschitz continuous in the first argument.

#### 5. CONDITION FOR SOLUTION EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS

Let us consider the stochastic differential equation

$$dz = a(z,t)dt + b(z,t)dW_t \quad (5.1)$$

Now using the Picard-Lindelof theorem in the above section on this stochastic differential equation.

The assumptions involving this :

- Continuity in both arguments
- Lipschitz continuity in the first argument

#### 6. PROOF USING PICARD'S ITERATIVE METHOD

##### Theorem 6.1

Assume that  $a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are uniformly Lipschitz, that is, there exists a constant  $C < \infty$

such that for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|a(x) - a(y)| \leq C|x - y| \quad \text{and} \quad (6.1)$$

$$|b(x) - b(y)| \leq C|x - y| \quad (6.2)$$

Then the stochastic differential equation has strong solutions. In particular for any standard Brownian Motion  $\{W_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ , any admissible filtration  $\mathbb{F} = \{\mathbb{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ , and any initial value  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  there exists a unique adapted process  $X_t = X_t^x$  with continuous paths such that I obtain equation (4.2)

#### 6.1 PROVING THE DRIFT COEFFICIENT TO BE LIPSCHITZ CONTINUOUS

##### Proof:

Proving diffusion coefficient is Lipschitz continuous.

For this purpose, considering  $b(X) = 0$  as constant treating equation (4.4) as an ordinary differential equation  $z' = a(z,t)$ .

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$$Z_t = z_0 + \int_0^t a(z(t))dt + \int_0^t b dW \quad \text{and} \quad (6.3)$$

$$y_t = y_0 + \int_0^t a(y(t))dt + \int_0^t b D w \quad (6.4)$$

Now finding the difference between the two solutions I obtain

$$y_t - z_t = \int_0^t a(y(t)) - a(z(t)) dt \quad (6.5)$$

$$|y_t - z_t| = C \int_0^t |y(t) - z(t)| dt \quad (6.6)$$

This holds true stating the drift coefficient is Lipschitz continuous for all  $t \geq 0$  for some constant  $C \leq 0$

### 6.2 PROVING THE EXISTENCE OF SOLUTION}

**Proof:**

Proving the existence of solutions using Picard's approximations

Now defining the sequence of the stochastic process obtained initially

$$z_0(t) = z \quad (6.7)$$

and

$$z_{n+1}(t) = z + \int_0^t a(z(t)) dt + bW(t) \quad (6.8)$$

To prove  $z_n(t)$  converges uniformly on compacted time intervals

$$|z_n - z_{n+1}| \leq MK^{n-1} h^n / n! \text{ for all } n \quad (6.9)$$

Using this, the infinite series

$$z_0 + (z_1 - z_0) + (z_2 - z_1) + \dots \leq z_0 + Mh + \frac{1}{2!} MKh^2 + \dots \leq z_0 + \frac{M}{K} [e^{hk} - 1] \quad (6.10)$$

This equation is known to be convergent for all  $K, h, M$ . Thus by Lir strass-M test, the series converges uniformly for  $[0, T]$

### 6.3{PROVING FUNCTIONS OF BOTH THE DRIFT AND DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT CONTINUOUS}

Now using the same iterative method as in case of proving the drift constant to generate the approximate solutions.

$$z_0(t) = z \quad (6.11)$$

and

$$z_{n+1}(t) = z + \int_0^t a(z_n(s)) ds + \int_0^t b(z_n(s)) ds \quad (6.12)$$

By the principle of induction the process  $X_n(t)$  is defined and has continuous paths.

Now for each  $t \geq 0$  the sequence of random variables converges to a random variable in  $z_t$ .

$$E(z_1(t) - z_0(t))^2 \leq M \text{ and } t \leq T, M \leq \infty \quad (6.13)$$

and  $t \leq T, M \leq \infty$

for  $t$  bounded in  $[0, T]$

Now by hypothesis, the functions of  $a$  and  $b$  are uniformly Lipschitz for  $C \leq 0$

### 7. RESULT ANALYSIS

Hence, I have proved using the equation (6.6), (6.10), (6.13) the following criteria that must be adhered to

while following the assumptions in section 5 to use Picard-Lindelof theorem for the stochastic differential equations

framed using the Gene Pool Model. The iteration converges and thus, the stochastic differential equation has a unique strong solution with the following conditions met as

- Functions of  $a$  and  $b$  grow at most linearly in  $z$
- They are Lipschitz continuous in  $z$

Having proved the above two postulates I can therefore say that the following stochastic differential equation has a unique strong solution. The problem that can usually be faced is the white noise formulation of the stochastic differential equation with the chain rule, non-linearities and even the existence of the solution. The integral cannot be defined as Riemann, Lebesgue as white noise is unbounded and discontinuous so I had to employ the Ito stochastic integral. I have used the Picard Iteration method to prove the existence and the uniqueness of the solution which was used only for Ordinary Differential Equations.

### 7.1 GLOBAL SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS USING LINEAR REGRESSION

Given the stochastic process  $z_t, t \in [0, T]$  I get the stochastic differential equation

$$dz_t = a(z, t) dt + b(z, t) dW_t \quad (7.1)$$

such that the expectation of the square error random variable is obtained

$$\int_0^t z_t - E(z_t)^2 dt \quad (7.2)$$

is minimum.

Suppose I denote  $\hat{z}$  as the best fitting process. For this purpose I use the linear regression principle of least squares. Let us now replace  $\hat{z}$  by a line  $y = ct + d$  with  $c$  and  $d$  such that sum of the squares of errors is minimized.

$$f(z, t) = E[\int_0^t z_t - \hat{z}_t)^2 dt] \quad (7.3)$$

The minimum obtained from this equation will provide the goodness of fit.

The proof is not explained in detail here as only the computed result is mentioned.

The following result is given below

$$f(z, t) = \int_0^t \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{t} \text{COV}^2(z_t, W_t) dt \geq 0 \quad (7.4)$$

To prove that

$$\text{COV}^2(z_t, W_t) \leq \sigma^2 t \quad (7.5)$$

I can use the Cauchy inequality

if  $u, v$  are two random variables

$$\text{COV}^2(z_t, W_t) \leq \text{Var}(u) \cdot \text{Var}(v) \quad (7.6)$$

This implies that here the goodness of fit is always non-negative. Here I have used the R software to compute the following and as seen I get  $p=1$  which accepts the hypothesis made. Here, I can conclude the positive correlation between  $z_t$  and  $W_t$  proving the strong correlation between our gene pool stochastic process and the Wiener (Brownian) Process.

### 7.2 STATISTICAL METHODOLOGIES TO VERIFY THE RESULTS

In the genetic model formulated, where the evolutionary forces are barred the allelic frequencies remain constant over a

finite population can be seen in the diagram below created using the R software. These graphs show the relation between the allelic frequencies and the time period of a population. From the graphs it can be observed as how the genetic drift vary for different population as explained below

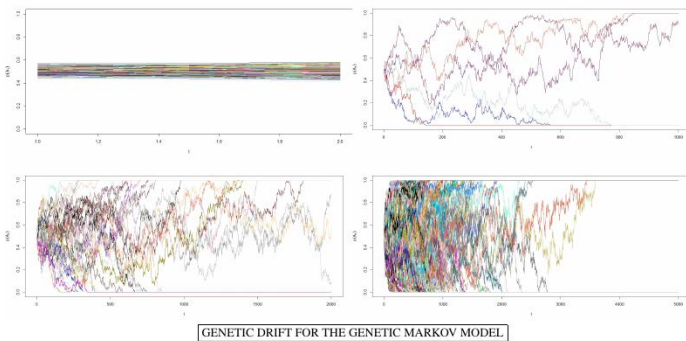


Fig. 3: GRAPH OF THE ALLELIC FREQUENCIES VERSUS TIME

The above figure provides a bird's eye view of the genetic drift for a finite population barring evolutionary forces in accordance with the Genetic Model following the Markovian Property. As stated in the Hardy Weinberg law when the population sample becomes large and finite the genetic drift is constant as seen in the following diagrams as I vary the population size i.e. for a small population size the genetic drift is very prominent in comparison to a larger sample where the drift is negligible.

Figure 1 HWE TEST AND Figure 2 CHISQ FOR ALLELES mentioned in section 1 of the Gene Pool Model computed using the R software verifies our result hypothesis.

## 8. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I have tried to model a stochastic process Gene Pool Model and using the binomial distribution I have calculated the  $k$ th central moments resulting in a stochastic differential equation. The problem raised during this paper was to apply integral on the Gaussian white noise which being unbounded and discontinuous, could not satisfy the condition of Riemann or Lebesgue integral letting me define the Itô integral now completely treating it as Brownian Stochastic Differential Equation. Using Picard's Iterative method

I could prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution obtained for a stochastic differential equation

Lastly for the Global sensitivity of our solution I have used the linear regression to compute the goodness of fit between the stochastic process I generated the Brownian motion. My answer obtained finally confirmed the relation between the two process, and hence the dependence of the both the drift and diffusion coefficient was directly proved. I have used the R-software to generate the graphs between the allelic frequencies and the population sample for a better understanding.

The main objective of this research paper is to find the probability of the allele frequency that could lead to genetic disorders like haemophilia, colour-blindness, sickle-cell anaemia.

This paper satisfies the condition of the Hardy -Weinberg Law, propelling us to delve deep into the various aspects of how genetically caused diseases can be eradicated for the benefit of the society at large.

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