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[Annual Report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the State of New York for the Year ...](#) Oct 02 2022

[Formal Methods and Stochastic Models for Performance Evaluation](#) Feb 23 2022 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th European Performance Engineering Workshop, EPEW 2007, held in Berlin, Germany, September 27-28, 2007. The 20 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 53 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on Markov Chains, Process Algebra, Wireless Networks, Queueing Theory and Applications of Queueing, Benchmarking and Bounding, Grid and Peer-to-Peer Systems.

Network Models in Population Biology Mar 27 2022 This book is an outgrowth of one phase of an upper-division course on quantitative ecology, given each year for the past eight at Berkeley. I am most grateful to the students in that course and to many graduate students in the Berkeley Department of Zoology and Colleges of Engineering and Natural Resources whose spirited discussions inspired much of the book's content. I also am deeply grateful to those faculty colleagues with whom, at one time or another, I have shared courses or seminars in ecology or population biology, D.M. Auslander, L. Demetrius, G. Oster, O.H. Paris, F.A. Pitelka, A.M. Schultz, Y. Takahashi, D.B. Tyler, and P. Vogelhut, all of whom contributed substantially to the development of my thinking in those fields, to my Departmental colleagues E. Polak and A.J. Thomasian, who guided me into the literature on numerical methods and stochastic processes, and to the graduate students who at one time or another have worked with me on population-biology projects, L.M. Brodnax, S-P. Chan, A. Elterman, G.C. Ferrell, D. Green, C. Hayashi, K-L. Lee, W.F. Martin Jr., D. May, J. Stamnes, G.E. Swanson, and I. Weeks, who, together, undoubtedly provided me with the greatest inspiration. I am indebted to the copy-editing and production staff of Springer-Verlag, especially to Ms. M. Muzeniek, for their diligence and skill, and to Mrs. Alice Peters, biomathematics editor, for her patience.

[Application of Petri Nets to Communication Networks](#) May 17 2021 Petri nets offer a mathematically defined technique for the specification, design, analysis, verification and performance evaluation of concurrent distributed systems.

Communications networks, ranging from traditional telecommunication systems to advanced Internet-based information services, are inherently distributed and comprise systems with concurrently operating components. This volume presents a selection of the latest advances in the use of Petri nets for the modeling, analysis and management of communication networks and systems in the broadest sense of these terms.

[Semi-Markov Random Evolutions](#) Sep 28 2019 The evolution of systems in random media is a broad and fruitful field for the applications of different mathematical methods and theories. This evolution can be characterized by a semigroup property. In the abstract form, this property is given by a semigroup of operators in a normed vector (Banach) space. In the practically boundless variety of mathematical models of the evolutionary systems, we have chosen the semi-Markov random evolutions as an object of our consideration. The definition of the evolutions of this type is based on rather simple initial assumptions. The random medium is described by the Markov renewal processes or by the semi Markov processes. The local characteristics of the system depend on the state of the random medium. At the same time, the evolution of the system does not affect the medium. Hence, the semi-Markov random evolutions are described by two processes, namely, by the switching Markov renewal process, which describes the changes of the state of the external random medium, and by the switched process, i.e., by the semigroup of operators describing the evolution of the system in the semi-Markov random medium.

[Stochastic Processes and Applications](#) Dec 12 2020 This book highlights the latest advances in stochastic processes, probability theory, mathematical statistics, engineering mathematics and algebraic structures, focusing on mathematical models, structures, concepts, problems and computational methods and algorithms important in modern technology, engineering and natural sciences applications. It comprises selected, high-quality, refereed contributions from various large research communities in modern stochastic processes, algebraic structures and their interplay and applications. The chapters cover both theory and applications, illustrated by numerous figures, schemes, algorithms, tables and research results to help readers understand the material and develop new mathematical methods, concepts and computing applications in the future. Presenting new methods and results, reviews of cutting-edge research, and open problems and directions for future research, the book serves as a source of inspiration for a broad spectrum of researchers and research students in probability theory and mathematical statistics, applied algebraic structures, applied mathematics and other areas of mathematics and applications of mathematics. The book is based on selected contributions presented at the International Conference on "Stochastic Processes and Algebraic Structures – From Theory Towards Applications" (SPAS2017) to mark Professor Dmitrii Silvestrov's 70th birthday and his 50 years of fruitful service to mathematics, education and international cooperation, which was held at Mälardalen University in Västerås and Stockholm University, Sweden, in October 2017.

[Engineering System Dynamics](#) Oct 22 2021 For today's students, learning to model the dynamics of complex systems is increasingly important across nearly all engineering disciplines. First published in 2001, Forbes T. Brown's Engineering System Dynamics: A Unified Graph-Centered Approach introduced students to a unique and highly successful approach to modeling system dynamics using bond graphs. Updated with nearly one-third new material, this second edition expands this approach to an even broader range of topics. What's New in the Second Edition? In addition to new material, this edition was restructured to build students' competence in traditional linear mathematical methods before they have gone too far into the

modeling that still plays a pivotal role. New topics include magnetic circuits and motors including simulation with magnetic hysteresis; extensive new material on the modeling, analysis, and simulation of distributed-parameter systems; kinetic energy in thermodynamic systems; and Lagrangian and Hamiltonian methods. MATLAB® figures prominently in this edition as well, with code available for download from the Internet. This code includes simulations for problems that appear in the later chapters as well as code for selected thermodynamic substances. Using a step-by-step pedagogy accompanied by abundant examples, graphs, illustrations, case studies, guided exercises, and homework problems, *Engineering System Dynamics: A Unified Graph-Centered Approach, Second Edition* is a text that students will embrace and continue to use well into their careers. While the first half of the book is ideal for junior-level undergraduates, the entire contents are suited for more advanced students.

An Evaluation of the State-of-the-art of Thermo-mechanical Analysis of Structures May 29 2022

Application and Theory of Petri Nets 1998 Nov 22 2021 This volume contains the proceedings of the 19th annual International Conference on Application and Theory of Petri Nets. The aim of the Petri net conference is to create a forum for the dissemination of the latest results in the application and theory of Petri nets. It always takes place in the last week of June. Typically there are 150 - 200 participants. About one third of these come from industry while the rest are from universities and research institutions. The conferences and a number of other activities are coordinated by a steering committee with the following members: G. Balbo (Italy), J. Billington (Australia), G. DeMichelis (Italy), C. Girault (France), K. Jensen (Denmark), S. Kumagai (Japan), T. Murata (USA), C. A. Petri (Germany; honorary member), W. Reisig (Germany), G. Roucairol (France), G. Rozenberg (The Netherlands; chairman), M. Silva (Spain). The 19th conference has been organized for the first time in Portugal, by the Department of Electrical Engineering of the Faculty of Sciences and Technology of the New University of Lisbon, together with the Center for Intelligent Robotics of UNINOVA. It takes place in Lisbon at the same time as EXPO'98, the last world exhibition of the 20th century.

The Banking Law Journal Sep 20 2021

Introduction to Scientific Programming and Simulation Using R, Second Edition Mar 03 2020 Learn How to Program Stochastic Models Highly recommended, the best-selling first edition of *Introduction to Scientific Programming and Simulation Using R* was lauded as an excellent, easy-to-read introduction with extensive examples and exercises. This second edition continues to introduce scientific programming and stochastic modelling in a clear, practical, and thorough way. Readers learn programming by experimenting with the provided R code and data. The book's four parts teach: Core knowledge of R and programming concepts How to think about mathematics from a numerical point of view, including the application of these concepts to root finding, numerical integration, and optimisation Essentials of probability, random variables, and expectation required to understand simulation Stochastic modelling and simulation, including random number generation and Monte Carlo integration In a new chapter on systems of ordinary differential equations (ODEs), the authors cover the Euler, midpoint, and fourth-order Runge-Kutta (RK4) schemes for solving systems of first-order ODEs. They compare the numerical efficiency of the different schemes experimentally and show how to improve the RK4 scheme by using an adaptive step size. Another new chapter focuses on both discrete- and continuous-time Markov chains. It describes transition and rate matrices, classification of states, limiting behaviour, Kolmogorov forward and backward equations, finite absorbing chains, and expected hitting times. It also presents methods for simulating discrete- and continuous-time chains as well as techniques for defining the state space, including lumping states and supplementary variables. Building readers' statistical intuition, *Introduction to Scientific Programming and Simulation Using R, Second Edition* shows how to turn algorithms into code. It is designed for those who want to make tools, not just use them. The code and data are available for download from CRAN.

Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act Jan 01 2020

Encyclopaedia of Mathematics Nov 10 2020 This is the first Supplementary volume to Kluwer's highly acclaimed *Encyclopaedia of Mathematics*. This additional volume contains nearly 600 new entries written by experts and covers developments and topics not included in the already published 10-volume set. These entries have been arranged alphabetically throughout. A detailed index is included in the book. This Supplementary volume enhances the existing 10-volume set. Together, these eleven volumes represent the most authoritative, comprehensive up-to-date *Encyclopaedia of Mathematics* available.

Architecting Dependable Systems V Aug 08 2020 As software systems become ubiquitous, the issues of dependability become more and more crucial. Given that solutions to these issues must be considered from the very beginning of the design process, it is reasonable that dependability is addressed at the architectural level. This book was born of an effort to bring together the research communities of software architectures and dependability. This state-of-the-art survey contains expanded and peer-reviewed papers based on the carefully selected contributions to two workshops: the Workshop on Architecting Dependable Systems (WADS 2007), organized at the 2007 International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN 2007), held in Edinburgh, UK in June 2007 and the Third Workshop on the Role of Software Architecture for Testing and Analysis (ROSATEA 2007) organized as part of a federated conference on Component-Based Software Engineering and Software Architecture (CompArch 2007), held in Medford, MA, USA in July 2007. It also contains a number of invited papers written by recognized experts in the area. The 14 papers are organized in topical sections on critical infrastructures, rigorous design/fault tolerance, and verification and validation.

Documents of the Senate of the State of New York Mar 15 2021

National Colors May 05 2020 The era of official color-blindness in Latin America has come to an end. For the first time in decades, nearly every state in Latin America now asks their citizens to identify their race or ethnicity on the national census. Most observers approvingly highlight the historic novelty of these reforms, but *National Colors* shows that official racial classification of citizens has a long history in Latin America. Through a comprehensive analysis of the politics and practice of official ethn racial classification in the censuses of nineteen Latin American states across nearly two centuries, this book explains why most Latin American states classified their citizens by race on early national censuses, why they stopped the practice of official racial classification around mid-twentieth century, and why they reintroduced ethn racial classification on national censuses at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Beyond domestic political struggles, the analysis reveals that the ways that Latin American states classified their populations from the mid-nineteenth century onward responded to changes in international criteria for how to construct a modern nation and promote national development. As prevailing international understandings of what made a political and cultural community a modern nation changed, so too did the ways that Latin American census officials depicted diversity within national populations. The way census officials described populations in official statistics, in turn, shaped how policymakers viewed national populations and informed their prescriptions for national development--with consequences that still reverberate in contemporary political struggles for recognition, rights, and redress for ethn racially marginalized populations in today's Latin America.

Report Feb 11 2021

Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems Dec 24 2021 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems, TACAS 2011, held in Saarbrücken, Germany, March 26—April 3, 2011, as part of ETAPS 2011, the European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software. The 32 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 112 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on memory models and consistency, invariants and termination, timed and probabilistic systems, interpolations and SAT-solvers, learning, model checking, games and automata, verification, and probabilistic systems.

Analyzing Interaction Apr 03 2020 *Analyzing Interaction* provides the practical underpinnings needed to carry out the sorts of sequential analyses suggested by the earlier book. First, the authors introduce a simple notational scheme for sequential data (SDIS or Sequential Data Interchange Standard). They then discuss basic sequential statistics, elaborating and extending the material presented in *Observing Interaction*. Two computer programs are included with the book (these run under DOS on IBM-compatible personal computers). The SDIS program checks and prepares sequential data for efficient analysis. Then the General Sequential Querier program (GSEQ) tallies sequential data into contingency tables designed by the user and computes a variety of sequential statistics. GSEQ for Windows incorporates these two programs in a Windows version; it may be downloaded from either <http://www.gsu.edu/~psyra/sg.htm> or <http://www.ub.es/comporta/sg.htm>. These web sites describe additional features of the Windows version and provide other useful information.

Nonlinearly Perturbed Semi-Markov Processes Apr 15 2021 The book presents new methods of asymptotic analysis for nonlinearly perturbed semi-Markov processes with a finite phase space. These methods are based on special time-space screening procedures for sequential phase space reduction of semi-Markov processes combined with the systematic use of operational calculus for Laurent asymptotic expansions. Effective recurrent algorithms are composed for getting asymptotic expansions, without and with explicit upper bounds for remainders, for power moments of hitting times, stationary and conditional quasi-stationary distributions for nonlinearly perturbed semi-Markov processes. These results are illustrated by asymptotic expansions for birth-death-type semi-Markov processes, which play an important role in various applications. The book will be a useful contribution to the continuing intensive studies in the area. It is an essential reference for theoretical and applied researchers in the field of stochastic processes and their applications that will contribute to continuing extensive studies in the area and remain relevant for years to come.

The Monte Carlo Method Jun 17 2021 *The Monte Carlo Method: The Method of Statistical Trials* is a systematic account of the fundamental concepts and techniques of the Monte Carlo method, together with its range of applications. Some of

these applications include the computation of definite integrals, neutron physics, and in the investigation of servicing processes. This volume is comprised of seven chapters and begins with an overview of the basic features of the Monte Carlo method and typical examples of its application to simple problems in computational mathematics. The next chapter examines the computation of multi-dimensional integrals using the Monte Carlo method. Some examples of statistical modeling of integrals are analyzed, together with the accuracy of the computations. Subsequent chapters focus on the applications of the Monte Carlo method in neutron physics; in the investigation of servicing processes; in communication theory; and in the generation of uniformly distributed random numbers on electronic computers. Methods for organizing statistical experiments on universal digital computers are discussed. This book is designed for a wide circle of readers, ranging from those who are interested in the fundamental applications of the Monte Carlo method, to those who are concerned with comparatively limited problems of the peculiarities of simulating physical processes.

Annual Report of the Commission of Investigation of the State of New Jersey to the Governor and Legislature of New Jersey Sep 08 2020

Review of Literature on the Finite-element Solution of the Equations of Two-dimensional Surface-water Flow in the Horizontal Plane Nov 30 2019

Uncertainty Modelling in Data Science Jun 29 2022 This book features 29 peer-reviewed papers presented at the 9th International Conference on Soft Methods in Probability and Statistics (SMPS 2018), which was held in conjunction with the 5th International Conference on Belief Functions (BELIEF 2018) in Compiègne, France on September 17–21, 2018. It includes foundational, methodological and applied contributions on topics as varied as imprecise data handling, linguistic summaries, model coherence, imprecise Markov chains, and robust optimisation. These proceedings were produced using EasyChair. Over recent decades, interest in extensions and alternatives to probability and statistics has increased significantly in diverse areas, including decision-making, data mining and machine learning, and optimisation. This interest stems from the need to enrich existing models, in order to include different facets of uncertainty, like ignorance, vagueness, randomness, conflict or imprecision. Frameworks such as rough sets, fuzzy sets, fuzzy random variables, random sets, belief functions, possibility theory, imprecise probabilities, lower previsions, and desirable gambles all share this goal, but have emerged from different needs. The advances, results and tools presented in this book are important in the ubiquitous and fast-growing fields of data science, machine learning and artificial intelligence. Indeed, an important aspect of some of the learned predictive models is the trust placed in them. Modelling the uncertainty associated with the data and the models carefully and with principled methods is one of the means of increasing this trust, as the model will then be able to distinguish between reliable and less reliable predictions. In addition, extensions such as fuzzy sets can be explicitly designed to provide interpretable predictive models, facilitating user interaction and increasing trust.

Facts, Conjectures, and Improvements for Simulated Annealing Jan 31 2020 An introduction to simulated annealing. This book brings together for the first time many of the theoretical foundations for improvements to algorithms for global optimization that until now existed only in scattered research articles.

Limit Theorems for Randomly Stopped Stochastic Processes Jun 05 2020 This volume is the first to present a state-of-the-art overview of this field, with many results published for the first time. It covers the general conditions as well as the basic applications of the theory, and it covers and demystifies the vast and technically demanding Russian literature in detail. Its coverage is thorough, streamlined and arranged according to difficulty.

Mathematical Foundations of the State Lumping of Large Systems Nov 03 2022 During the investigation of large systems described by evolution equations, we encounter many problems. Of special interest is the problem of "high dimensionality" or, more precisely, the problem of the complexity of the phase space. The notion of the "complexity of the phase space" includes not only the high dimensionality of, say, a system of linear equations which appear in the mathematical model of the system (in the case when the phase space of the model is finite but very large), as this is usually understood, but also the structure of the phase space itself, which can be a finite, countable, continual, or, in general, arbitrary set equipped with the structure of a measurable space. Certainly, this does not mean that, for example, the space $(\mathbb{R}^6, \mathcal{B})$, where \mathcal{B} is a σ -algebra of Borel sets in \mathbb{R}^6 , considered as a phase space of, say, a six-dimensional Wiener process (see Gikhman and Skorokhod [1]), has a "complex structure". But this will be true if the same space $(\mathbb{R}^6, \mathcal{B})$ is regarded as a phase space of an evolution system describing, for example, the motion of a particle with small mass in a viscous liquid (see Chandrasekhar [1]).

Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems Aug 20 2021 This open access two-volume set constitutes the proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems, TACAS 2021, which was held during March 27 – April 1, 2021, as part of the European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software, ETAPS 2021. The conference was planned to take place in Luxembourg and changed to an online format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total of 41 full papers presented in the proceedings was carefully reviewed and selected from 141 submissions. The volume also contains 7 tool papers; 6 Tool Demo papers, 9 SV-Comp Competition Papers. The papers are organized in topical sections as follows: Part I: Game Theory; SMT Verification; Probabilities; Timed Systems; Neural Networks; Analysis of Network Communication. Part II: Verification Techniques (not SMT); Case Studies; Proof Generation/Validation; Tool Papers; Tool Demo Papers; SV-Comp Tool Competition Papers.

Beyond Economic Development Jun 25 2019

Switching Processes in Queueing Models Aug 27 2019 Switching processes, invented by the author in 1977, is the main tool used in the investigation of traffic problems from automotive to telecommunications. The title provides a new approach to low traffic problems based on the analysis of flows of rare events and queueing models. In the case of fast switching, averaging principle and diffusion approximation results are proved and applied to the investigation of transient phenomena for wide classes of overloading queueing networks. The book is devoted to developing the asymptotic theory for the class of switching queueing models which covers models in a Markov or semi-Markov environment, models under the influence of flows of external or internal perturbations, unreliable and hierarchic networks, etc.

Annual Report of the Commission of Investigation of the State of New Jersey to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New Jersey Jan 13 2021

Photosynthesis in silico Apr 27 2022 Photosynthesis in silico: Understanding Complexity from Molecules to Ecosystems is a unique book that aims to show an integrated approach to the understanding of photosynthesis processes. In this volume - using mathematical modeling - processes are described from the biophysics of the interaction of light with pigment systems to the mutual interaction of individual plants and other organisms in canopies and large ecosystems, up to the global ecosystem issues. Chapters are written by 44 international authorities from 15 countries. Mathematics is a powerful tool for quantitative analysis. Properly programmed, contemporary computers are able to mimic complicated processes in living cells, leaves, canopies and ecosystems. These simulations - mathematical models - help us predict the photosynthetic responses of modeled systems under various combinations of environmental conditions, potentially occurring in nature, e.g., the responses of plant canopies to globally increasing temperature and atmospheric CO₂ concentration. Tremendous analytical power is needed to understand nature's infinite complexity at every level.

Queueing Networks and Markov Chains Oct 29 2019 Critically acclaimed text for computer performance analysis--now in its second edition The Second Edition of this now-classic text provides a current and thorough treatment of queueing systems, queueing networks, continuous and discrete-time Markov chains, and simulation. Thoroughly updated with new content, as well as new problems and worked examples, the text offers readers both the theory and practical guidance needed to conduct performance and reliability evaluations of computer, communication, and manufacturing systems. Starting with basic probability theory, the text sets the foundation for the more complicated topics of queueing networks and Markov chains, using applications and examples to illustrate key points. Designed to engage the reader and build practical performance analysis skills, the text features a wealth of problems that mirror actual industry challenges. New features of the Second Edition include: * Chapter examining simulation methods and applications * Performance analysis applications for wireless, Internet, J2EE, and Kanban systems * Latest material on non-Markovian and fluid stochastic Petri nets, as well as solution techniques for Markov regenerative processes * Updated discussions of new and popular performance analysis tools, including ns-2 and OPNET * New and current real-world examples, including DiffServ routers in the Internet and cellular mobile networks With the rapidly growing complexity of computer and communication systems, the need for this text, which expertly mixes theory and practice, is tremendous. Graduate and advanced undergraduate students in computer science will find the extensive use of examples and problems to be vital in mastering both the basics and the fine points of the field, while industry professionals will find the text essential for developing systems that comply with industry standards and regulations.

Analytical Modeling of Wireless Communication Systems Jan 25 2022 Wireless networks represent an inexpensive and convenient way to connect to the Internet. However, despite their applications across several technologies, one challenge still remains: to understand the behavior of wireless sensor networks and assess their performance in large-scale scenarios. When a large number of network nodes need to interact, developing suitable analytical models is essential to ensure the appropriate coverage and throughput of these networks and to enhance user mobility. This is intrinsically difficult due to the size and number of different network nodes and users. This book highlights some examples which show how this problem can be overcome with the use of different techniques. An intensive parameter analysis shows the reader how to exploit analytical models for an effective development and management of different types of wireless networks.

Hierarchical Methods for Dynamics in Complex Molecular Systems Oct 10 2020

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21st European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering Jul 27 2019 The European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering (ESCAPE) series presents the latest innovations and achievements of leading professionals from the industrial and academic communities. The ESCAPE series serves as a forum for engineers, scientists, researchers, managers and students to present and discuss progress being made in the area of computer aided process engineering (CAPE). European industries large and small are bringing innovations into our lives, whether in the form of new technologies to address environmental problems, new products to make our homes more comfortable and energy efficient or new therapies to

improve the health and well being of European citizens. Moreover, the European Industry needs to undertake research and technological initiatives in response to humanity's "Grand Challenges," described in the declaration of Lund, namely, Global Warming, Tightening Supplies of Energy, Water and Food, Ageing Societies, Public Health, Pandemics and Security. Thus, the Technical Theme of ESCAPE 21 will be "Process Systems Approaches for Addressing Grand Challenges in Energy, Environment, Health, Bioprocessing & Nanotechnologies."

Interactive Markov Chains Jul 07 2020 Markov Chains are widely used as stochastic models to study a broad spectrum of system performance and dependability characteristics. This monograph is devoted to compositional specification and analysis of Markov chains. Based on principles known from process algebra, the author systematically develops an algebra of interactive Markov chains. By presenting a number of distinguishing results, of both theoretical and practical nature, the author substantiates the claim that interactive Markov chains are more than just another formalism: Among other, an algebraic theory of interactive Markov chains is developed, devise algorithms to mechanize compositional aggregation are presented, and state spaces of several million states resulting from the study of an ordinary telephone system are analyzed.

Random Motions in Markov and Semi-Markov Random Environments 1 Jul 31 2022 This book is the first of two volumes on random motions in Markov and semi-Markov random environments. This first volume focuses on homogenous random motions. This volume consists of two parts, the first describing the basic concepts and methods that have been developed for random evolutions. These methods are the foundational tools used in both volumes, and this description includes many results in potential operators. Some techniques to find closed-form expressions in relevant applications are also presented. The second part deals with asymptotic results and presents a variety of applications, including random motion with different types of boundaries, the reliability of storage systems and solutions of partial differential equations with constant coefficients, using commutative algebra techniques. It also presents an alternative formulation to the Black-Scholes formula in finance, fading evolutions and telegraph processes, including jump telegraph processes and the estimation of the number of level crossings for telegraph processes.