SYNCHRONISATION IN A SYSTEM OF POLYA URNS INTER-ACTING THROUGH A MEAN-FIELD REINFORCEMENT

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In this presentation, we consider a finite system of interacting stochastic dynamics. Each individual's dynamics consists in a two colours urn with a kind of Polya reinforcement scheme [8]: each urn's reinforcement depends both on the urn's content and on the average content of all urns (mean-field). The underlying network is thus the complete graph. Urn's states are updated simultaneously. In [1] we prove that the urns synchronise [6,7] almost surely towards the same random limit, for all urns, as the time goes to infinity. Contrary to what is proven for time-cyclic systems, like the Kuramoto model [4,5], the emergence of this collective behaviour is not a thermodynamical effect. We will explain, it comes indeed from the linear reinforcement scheme through the mean-field. When a large number of urns interact, a normal approximation for the system is stated. Generalised models will be presented as for instance emphasised in [2]. This is an ongoing joint work with P. Dai Pra, I. Minelli, I. Crimaldi and N. Sahasrabudhe. In particular, fluctuations are considered in [3].

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