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## Derivation of continuous equations for density of burglars

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**Abstract**

The discrete model for movement of burglars is given by the equation as:

$$\rho(x, t + h) = \left\{ \frac{R(x, t)}{R(x - 2, t) + R(x, t)} \rho(x - 1, t) + \frac{R(x, t)}{R(x + 2, t) + R(x, t)} \rho(x + 1, t) \right\} (1 - P(x, t)) + Gh$$

where  $R(x, t)$  is assumed to be strictly positive across the whole spatial domain for all  $t$ . We can express the relation in terms of discrete spatial laplacian  $\Delta$ . For this, in continuous limit, we re-express  $p(x, t)$  in terms of  $p(x, t)$  and  $R(x, t) \approx R(X, t), p(x, t) \approx p(X, t)$ , where  $X=lx, l$  is a grid spacing.

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**Introduction**

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Since probability is independent of length or time scales, therefore we can write  $P(ax, t) = aP(X, t)$ . With this notion and assuming  $l$  is small, terms of the above relation can be re-written as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(x, t + h) &= \rho\left(\frac{X}{l}, t + h\right) = \frac{1}{l} \rho(X, t + h) \approx \rho(X, t + h) \\ R(x, t) &= R\left(\frac{X}{l}, t\right) = \frac{1}{l} R(X, t) \approx R(X, t) \\ R(x - 2, t) &= R\left(\frac{X}{l} - 2, t\right) = \frac{1}{l} R(X - 2l, t) \approx R(X - 2l, t) \end{aligned}$$

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$$R(x + 2, t) = R\left(\frac{X}{l} + 2, t\right) = \frac{1}{l}R(X + 2l, t) \approx R(X + 2l, t)$$

$$\rho(x - 1, t) = \rho\left(\frac{X}{l} - 1, t\right) = \frac{1}{l}R(X - l, t) \approx \rho(X - l, t)$$

$$\rho(x + 1, t) = \rho\left(\frac{X}{l} + 1, t\right) = \frac{1}{l}R(X + l, t) \approx \rho(X + l, t)$$

Since  $P(x, t) = R(x, t)h$  therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, t) &= R(x, t)h \\ \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{X}{l}, t\right) &= R\left(\frac{X}{l}, t\right)h \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{l}P(X, t) &= \frac{1}{l}R(X, t)h \\ \Rightarrow P(X, t) &= R(X, t)h, \\ \text{thus } [1 - P(x, t)] &\approx [1 - P(X, t)] \\ &= 1 - R(X, t)h \end{aligned}$$

Thus the above relation is reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(X, t + h) &= \left\{ \frac{R(X, t)}{R(X - 2l, t) + R(X, t)} \rho(X - l, t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{R(X, t)}{R(X + 2l, t) + R(X, t)} \rho(X + l, t) \right\} (1 - R(X, t)h) \\ &\quad + Gh \end{aligned}$$

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The relation can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(X, t + h) &= \left\{ \frac{R(X)}{R(X - 2l) + R(X)} \rho(X - l) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{R(X)}{R(X + 2l) + R(X)} \rho(X + l) \right\} (1 - R(X)h) \\ &\quad + Gh \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(X, t + h) = f(l)\{1 - R(X)h\} + Gh \tag{1}$$

where 
$$f(l) = \frac{R(X)}{R(X - 2l) + R(X)} \rho(X - l) + \frac{R(X)}{R(X + 2l) + R(X)} \rho(X + l)$$

Here, 
$$f(0) = \rho(X)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(l) &= - \frac{R(X)}{R(X - 2l) + R(X)} \rho_x(X - l) \\ &\quad + \frac{2R(X)R_x(X - 2l)}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \rho(X - l) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \frac{R(X)}{R(X + 2l) + R(X)} \rho_x(X + l) \\ &\quad - \frac{2R(X)R_x(X + 2l)}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \rho(X + l) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f'(0) = -\frac{1}{2}\rho_x(X) + \rho(X) \frac{2R(X)R_x(X)}{4\{R(X)\}^2} + \frac{1}{2}\rho_x(X)$$

$$- \rho(X) \frac{2R(X)R_x(X)}{4\{R(X)\}^2} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(l) &= - \left[ - \frac{R(X)}{R(X - 2l) + R(X)} \rho_{xx}(X - l) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2R(X)R_x(X - 2l)}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X - l) \right] \\ &\quad + 2R(X) \left[ - \rho_x(X - l) \frac{R_x(X - 2l)}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(X - l) \frac{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^2 \{-2R_{xx}(X - 2l)\}}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(X - l) \frac{4\{R_x(X - 2l)\}^2 \{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \rho_{xx}(X + l) \frac{R(X)}{R(X + 2l) + R(X)} \\ &\quad + \rho_x(X + l) \frac{\{-2R(X)R_x(X + 2l)\}}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \\ &\quad - 2R(X) \left[ \rho_x(X + l) \frac{R_x(X + 2l)}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(X + l) \frac{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2 2R_{xx}(X + 2l)}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \rho(X + l) \frac{4\{R_x(X + 2l)\}^2 \{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f''(l) &= \frac{R(X)}{R(X - 2l) + R(X)} \rho_{xx}(X - l) \\ &\quad - \frac{4R(X)R_x(X - 2l)}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X - l) \\ &\quad + \frac{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^2 \{-4R(X)R_{xx}(X - 2l)\}}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \rho(X - l) \\ &\quad + \frac{8R(X)R_x^2(X - 2l)\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}}{\{R(X - 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \rho(X - l) \\ &\quad + \frac{R(X)}{R(X + 2l) + R(X)} \rho_{xx}(X + l) \\ &\quad - \frac{2R(X)R_x(X + 2l)}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X + l) \\ &\quad - \frac{2R(X)R_x(X + 2l)}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X + l) \\ &\quad - \frac{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^2 4R(X)R_{xx}(X + 2l)}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \rho(X + l) \\ &\quad - \frac{8R(X)R_x^2(X + 2l)\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}}{\{R(X + 2l) + R(X)\}^4} \rho(X + l) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f''(0) &= \frac{1}{2} \rho_{xx}(X) - \frac{R(X)R_x(X)}{\{R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X) \\ &+ \left[ \frac{-16\{R(X)\}^3 \{R_{xx}(X)\} + 16R_x^2(X)\{R(X)\}}{16\{R(X)\}^4} \right] \rho(X) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \rho_{xx}(X) - \frac{2R(X)R_x(X)}{4\{R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X) \\ &- \frac{2R(X)R_x(X)}{4\{R(X)\}^2} \rho_x(X) \\ &+ \frac{16R(X)\{R(X)\}^2 R_{xx}(X) - 16R_x^2(X)\{R(X)\}^2}{16\{R(X)\}^4} \rho(X) \\ \Rightarrow f''(0) &= \rho_{xx}(X) - \frac{R_x(X)}{R(X)} \rho_x(X) - \frac{R_x(X)}{R(X)} \rho_x(X) \\ &- \frac{2R_{xx}(X)}{R(X)} \rho(X) + \frac{2R_x^2(X)}{R^2(X)} \rho(X) \\ \Rightarrow f''(0) &= \rho_{xx}(X) - \frac{2R_x(X)}{R(X)} \rho_x(X) \\ &- \frac{2R_{xx}(X)}{R(X)} \rho(X) + \frac{2R_x^2(X)}{R^2(X)} \rho(X) \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, it can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f''(0) &= \rho_{xx} - \frac{2R_x}{R} \rho_x - \frac{2R_{xx}}{R} \rho + \frac{2R_x^2}{R^2} \rho \\ \Rightarrow f''(0) &= \rho_{xx} - \left[ \frac{2R_x}{R} \rho \right]_x \end{aligned}$$

By maclaurians' series expansion, we have

$$f(l) = f(0) + lf'(0) + \frac{l^2}{2!} f''(0) + O(l^3)$$

where  $O(l^3)$  represents the terms containing higher power of  $l$ . As  $l$  is small, neglecting the term  $O(l^3)$  and substituting the value of  $f(0)$ ,  $f'(0)$  and  $f''(0)$  in the above relation, we have

$$f(l) = \rho(X, t) + \frac{l^2}{2} \left[ \rho_{xx}(X, t) - \left\{ \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right\}_x \right] \quad (2)$$

With the help of relation (2), the equation (1) can be re-written as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(X, t+h) &= \left[ \rho(X, t) + \frac{l^2}{2} \left\{ \rho_{xx}(X, t) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \left( \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right)_x \right\} \right] \{ (1-R(X, t)h) + Gh \} \\ \Rightarrow \rho(X, t+h) - \rho(X, t) &= -\rho(X, t)R(X, t)h \\ &+ \frac{l^2}{2} \left[ \rho_{xx}(X, t) - \left\{ \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right\}_x \right] \\ &- \frac{l^2}{2} R(X, t)h \left[ \rho_{xx}(X, t) - \left\{ \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right\}_x \right] \\ &+ Gh \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides by  $h$  and Taking limit as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , as  $l \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{l^2}{2} \rightarrow 0$ , and assuming  $\frac{l^2}{h} \rightarrow D$  (constant), we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\rho(X, t+h) - \rho(X, t)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ -\rho(X, t)R(X, t) + \frac{l^2}{2h} \left\{ \rho_{xx}(X, t) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \left( \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right)_x \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{l^2}{2} R(X, t) \left\{ \rho_{xx}(X, t) - \left( \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right)_x \right\} + G \right] \\ \Rightarrow \rho_t(X, t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ -\rho(X, t)R(X, t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{l^2}{2h} \left\{ \rho_{xx}(X, t) - \left( \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right)_x \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{l^2}{2} R(X, t) \left\{ \rho_{xx}(X, t) - \left( \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right)_x \right\} + G \right] \\ \Rightarrow \rho_t(X, t) &= -\rho(X, t)R(X, t) + \frac{1}{2} D \left\{ \rho_{xx}(X, t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left( \frac{2R_x(X, t)\rho(X, t)}{R(X, t)} \right)_x \right\} + G \end{aligned}$$

As we assumed that density of burglars diffuse to spatial location, so that  $\rho(X, t) \approx \rho(X)$ ,  $R(X, t) \approx R(X)$ , thus the equation reduces to

$$\Rightarrow \rho_t(X, t) = \frac{1}{2} D \left[ \rho_{xx}(X) - \left\{ \frac{2R_x(X)\rho(X)}{R(X)} \right\}_x \right] - \rho(X)R(X) + G$$

For simplicity the resulting equation can be written as

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} D \left\{ \rho_{xx} - \left( \frac{2R_x \rho}{R} \right)_x \right\} - \rho R + G$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} D \rho_{xx} - D \left( \frac{R_x \rho}{R} \right)_x - \rho R + G \quad (3)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\rho}{R} \nabla R \right) = \frac{\rho}{R} \nabla^2 R + \nabla \frac{\rho}{R} \cdot \nabla R \\ = & \frac{\rho}{R} R_{xx} + \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial X} \left( \frac{\rho}{R} \right) \cdot \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial X} R \\ = & \frac{\rho}{R} R_{xx} + \left( \sum \frac{R \rho_x - R_x \rho}{R^2} \right) \sum R_x \\ = & \frac{\rho}{R} R_{xx} + \left( \frac{R_x \rho_x}{R} - \frac{R_x^2 \rho}{R^2} \right) \\ = & \left( \frac{R_x \rho}{R} \right)_x \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\rho_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial X_i^2} = \text{div}(\nabla \rho) = \nabla^2 \rho = \Delta \rho$$

where  $\Delta$  is the discrete spatial laplacian.

Using these notations, we can express the above equation (3) as

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + D \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\rho}{R} \nabla R \right) = \frac{1}{2} D \nabla^2 \rho - \rho R + G \quad (4)$$

### Conclusion

Thus the continuous equation of Risk of victimization field is given by the equation and the continuous equation of density of burglars is given by the equation (4).

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