

one finds

$$e^{\frac{1}{2}x_0^2} \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_T - x_0)^2}{2T}\right]}{(2\pi T)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \int_0^T d\theta (2 - \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[\frac{(x_0 + a)^2}{4(2 - \theta)}\right] \cdot Q_a(\theta | x_0) \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_T - a)^2}{2(T - \theta)}\right]}{[2\pi 2(T - \theta)]^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

Integrate on  $x_T$  from  $-\infty$  to  $a$  to obtain

$$\pi^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{\frac{1}{2}x_0^2} \int_{-\infty}^{(a-x_0)/(2T)^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du = \int_0^T d\theta (2 - \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[\frac{(x_0 + a)^2}{4(2 - \theta)}\right] Q_a(\theta | x_0)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Then  $Q_a(T | x_0)$  can be obtained directly by differentiation with respect to  $T$ . A similar derivation can be carried out under the assumption  $x_0 < a$ . The combined result is

$$Q_a(T | x_0) = \frac{|x_0 - a| \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{[x_0(1 - T) - a]^2}{T(2 - T)}\right\}}{T[2\pi T(2 - T)]^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad x_0 \neq a, \quad 0 < T \leq 1.$$

The author has been unable to obtain an expression for  $Q_a(T | x_0)$  valid for  $T > 1$ .

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### A NOTE ON THE ERGODIC THEOREM OF INFORMATION THEORY<sup>1</sup>

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The purpose of this note is to extend the result of Breiman [1], [2] to an infinite alphabet, or equivalently, the result of Carleson [3] to convergence with probability one.

Let  $\{\dots, x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, \dots\}$  be a stationary stochastic process taking values in a countable "alphabet"  $\{a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Let

$$p(a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_n}) = \mathcal{P}\{x_k = a_{i_k}, k = 1, \dots, n\},$$

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