ADVANCES IN APPLIED PROBABILITY

INCLUDING A SECTION ON

STOCHASTIC GEOMETRY AND STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS

VOLUME 40 NUMBER 2

JUNE 2008

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF S. ASMUSSEN

FOUNDING EDITOR (1964–1989) J. GANI

DR-IN-CHIEF (1990–2007) C. C. HEYDE 4 Published online by Cambridge University Press

ADVANCES IN APPLIED PROBABILITY

This is a companion publication to the *Journal of Applied Probability* published by the Applied Probability Trust. It contains reviews and expository papers in applied probability, as well as mathematical and scientific papers of interest to probabilists, letters to the editor and a section devoted to stochastic geometry and statistical applications (SGSA). An annual volume of up to 1200 pages is published in four issues appearing in March, June, September and December.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor-in-Chief	S. ASMUSSEN (Aarhus Universitet)
Coordinating Editors	 N. H. BINGHAM (Imperial College London) P. JAGERS (Chalmers University of Technology and Göteborgs Universitet) I. MOLCHANOV SGSA (Universität Bern)
Editors	 R. J. ADLER (Technion, Haifa) T. AVEN (University of Stavanger) F. BACCELLI SGSA (ENS, Paris) J. D. BIGGINS (University of Sheffield) J. BLANCHET (Columbia University) S. N. CHIU SGSA (Hong Kong Baptist University) D. J. DALEY (Australian National University) P. EMBRECHTS (ETH, Zürich) S. FOSS (Heriot-Watt University) P. W. GLYNN (Stanford University) O. HÄGGSTRÖM (Chalmers University of Technology) S. JANSON (Uppsala University) G. KENDALL SGSA (University of Warwick) F. C. KLEBANER (Monash University) C. KLÜPPELBERG (Technische Universität München) S. G. KOU (Columbia University) A. E. KYPRIANOU (University of Bath) G. LAST SGSA (Universitä Karlsruhe) T. MIKOSCH (Københavns Universitet) J. MØLLER SGSA (Alaborg University) M. D. PENROSE SGSA (University of Bath) M. REITZNER SGSA (TU Vienna) S. I. RESNICK (Cornell University) L. C. G. ROGERS (University of Cambridge) M. SCARSINI (Università di Torino) M. SCHWEIZER (ETH, Zürich) A. L. STOLYAR (Alcatel-Lucent) D. STOYAN SGSA (Bergakademie Freiberg) P. G. TAYLOR (University of Melbourne) J. L. TEUGELS (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) R. WEBER (University of Cambridge) W. AN DER HOFSTAD (Technische Universiteit Eindhoven) R. WEBER (University of Cambridge)

EDITORIAL OFFICE

Executive Editor Production Editor L. J. NASH (University of Sheffield) E. TALIB (University of Sheffield)

All correspondence relating to the submission of papers should be sent to: The Executive Editor, Applied Probability, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S3 7RH, UK. Subscription rates and notes for contributors are to be found on the inside back cover.

FORTHCOMING PAPERS JOURNAL OF APPLIED PROBABILITY

LOTHAR BREUER. First passage times for Markov-additive processes with positive jumps of phase-type TOM BRITTON, MARIA DEIJFEN, ANDREAS N. LAGERÅS AND MATHIAS LINDHOLM. Epidemics on random graphs with tunable clustering

FRANCIS COMETS AND FRANÇOIS SIMENHAUS. Random walk delayed on percolation clusters

LARS HOLST. The number of two consecutive successes in a Hoppe-Pólya urn

HOSAM M. MAHMOUD AND MARK DANIEL WARD. Average-case analysis of cousins in *m*-ary tries

JOHN MORIARTY AND PETER NEAL. The generalized coupon collector problem

VÍCTOR M. RUIZ. A compact framework for hidden Markov chains with applications to fractal geometry

FORTHCOMING PAPERS ADVANCES IN APPLIED PROBABILITY

ADAM BOBROWSKI. Asymptotic behavior of a Feller evolution family involved in the Fisher–Wright model

ERIK BROMAN AND RONALD MEESTER. Survival of inhomogeneous Galton-Watson processes

MATTHIAS DEGEN AND PAUL EMBRECHTS. EVT-based estimation of risk capital and convergence of high quantiles

ARCHIS GHATE. Decentralized search on spheres using small world Markov chains: expected hitting times and structural properties

GUNNAR HELLMUND, MICHAELA PROKEŠOVÁ AND EVA B. VEDEL JENSEN. Lévy based Cox point processes

CHARLES KNESSL AND DIEGO ERNESTO DOMINICI. Asymptotic analysis of a fluid model modulated by an M/M/1 queue

CLAUDIA LAUTENSACK AND SERGEI ZUYEV. Random Laguerre tessellations

DOMINIC SCHUHMACHER AND AIHUA XIA. A new metric between distributions of point processes EUNJU SOHN AND CHARLES KNESSL. The distribution of wasted spaces in the $M/M/\infty$ queue with ranked servers

Applied Probability journals online at http://projecteucild.org/jap http://projecteucild.org/aap

Journal of Applied Probability and *Advances in Applied Probability* are now available online, in partnership with Project Euclid, at no extra cost to subscribers.

The online editions include

- an electronic version of each new issue (in PDF format) some weeks before the printed version becomes available
- an archive of all issues since 1998

Project Euclid

- full bibliographic details of each article, along with its abstract and an actively linked list of references
- a search facility, allowing users to search by author name, article title, subject or keyword, or through the full text of the abstract or the article itself

Access

The abstract and reference list of each article are available free to all users; full access to the archive, including the full text of articles, is currently available at no extra charge to subscribers to the print editions.

Individual subscribers should register with Project Euclid by creating a user profile, entering their JAP and/or AAP subscription number where a 'subscriber code' is requested.

Institutional subscribers should complete and return a licence agreement (available at http://www.appliedprobability.org/euclidaccess.html) to the Applied Probability office along with details of their IP range.

Non-subscribers can gain access to individual articles on a pay-per-view basis.

For further information, please contact Sue Boyles: telephone +44 114 222 3922, fax +44 114 272 9782, email s.c.boyles@sheffield.ac.uk, write to

Applied Probability School of Mathematics and Statistics University of Sheffield Sheffield S3 7RH, UK

or visit our website: www.appliedprobability.org



mathematics and statistics journals on-line