

Evolving Neural Networks for Statistical Decision Theory

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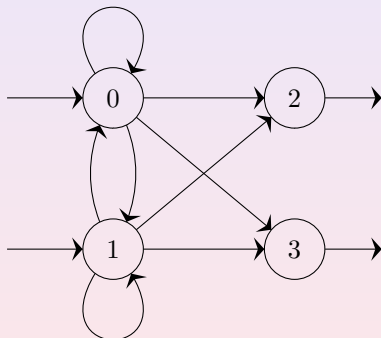


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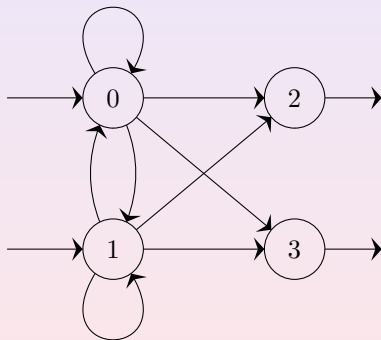


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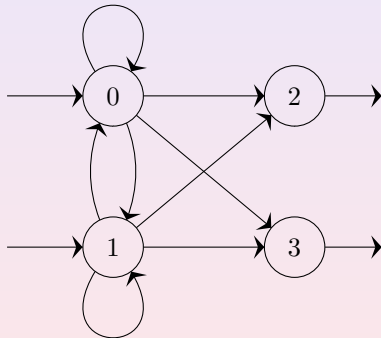


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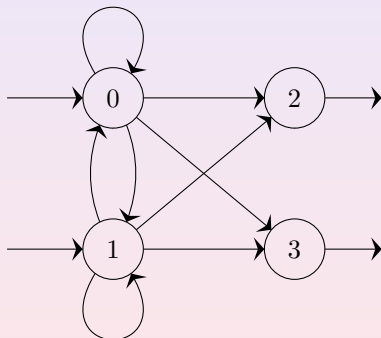


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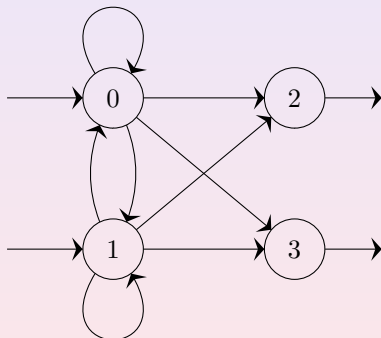


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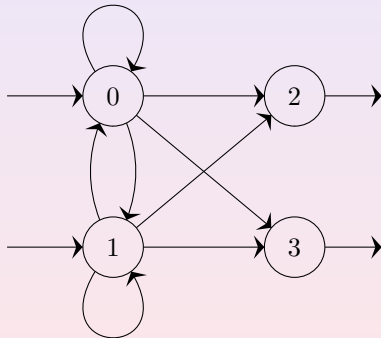


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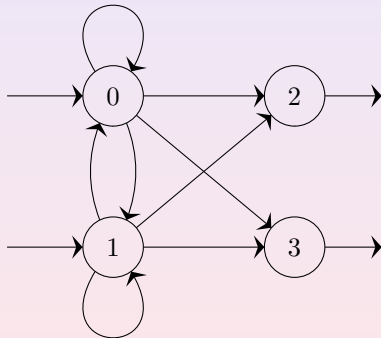


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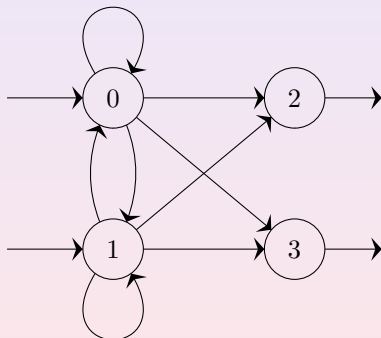


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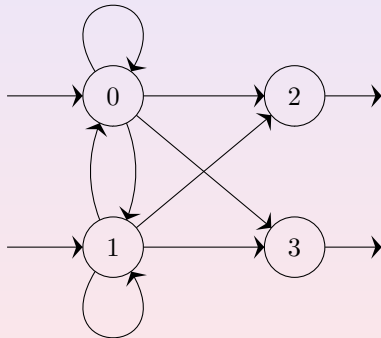


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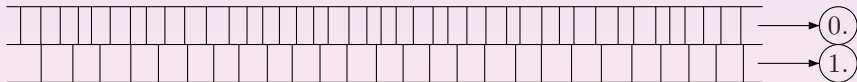
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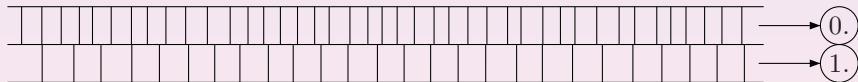
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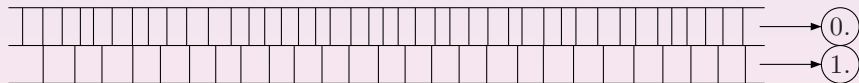
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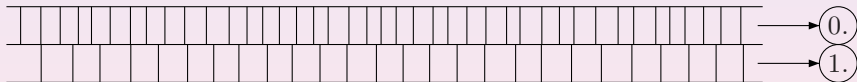
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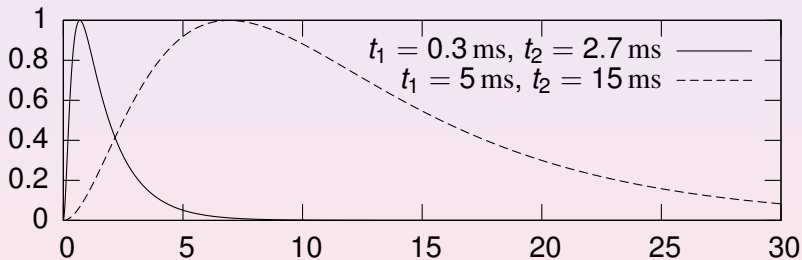


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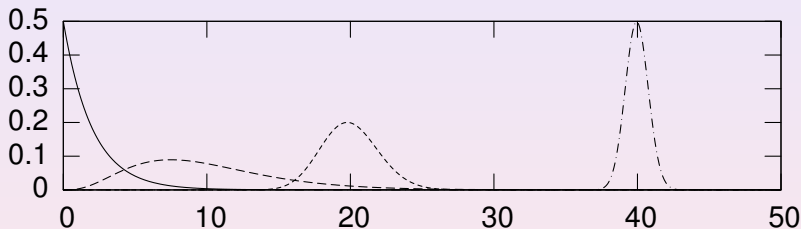
Definition

A random variable Z has the **Gamma distribution**, if the probabilistic density function of Z is

$$f(z) = \frac{z^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{z}{\beta}}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} \quad \alpha, \beta > 0, z \geq 0, \text{ and we denote it as } \mathcal{G}(\alpha, \beta)$$



Gamma Distribution



$c_V = 1, \overline{isi} = 2 \text{ ms}$ ———
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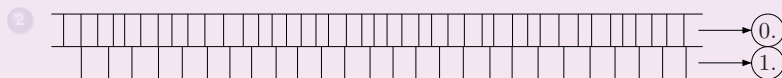
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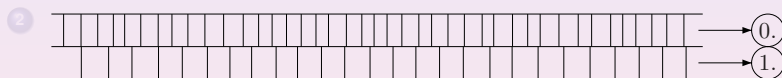


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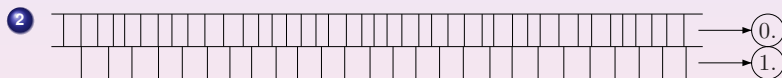


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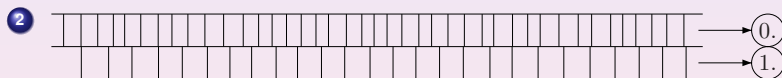


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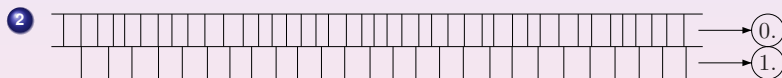


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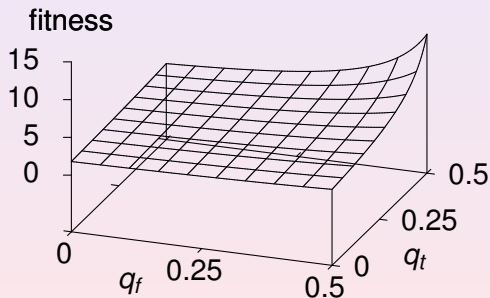
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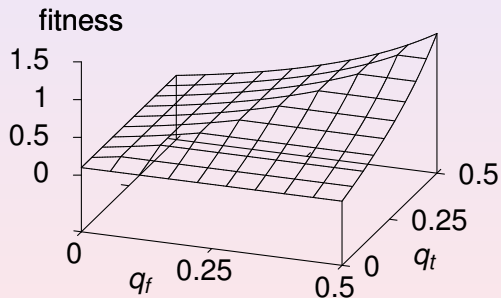
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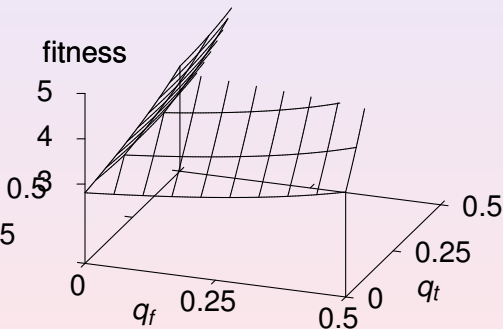
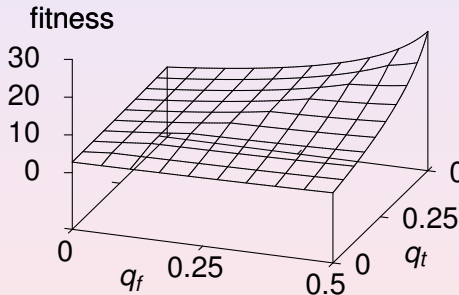
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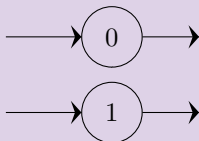
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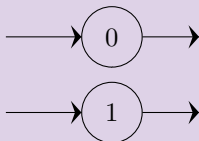
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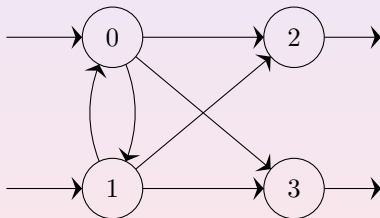
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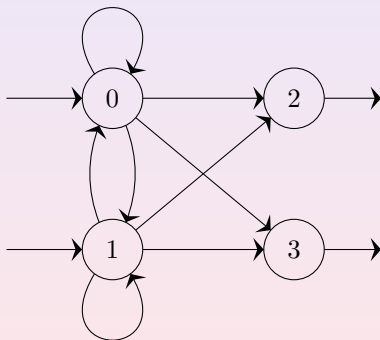
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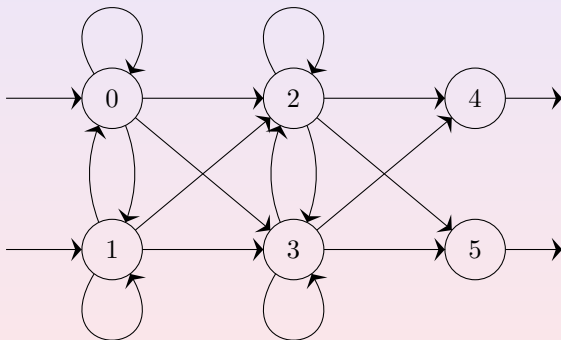
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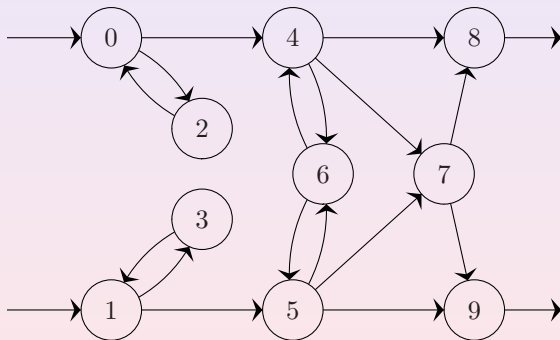
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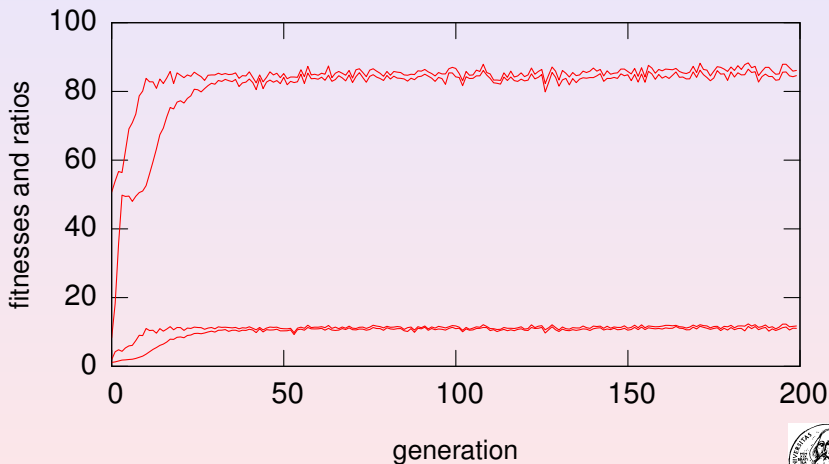


Network Structures: Comparison

low \overline{isi}	high \overline{isi}	copy	A	B	C	D	event
30 ms	40 ms	57.14	60.12	62.18	59.03	61.31	72.45
20 ms	40 ms	66.67	88.11	87.56	87.67	81.32	94.51
10 ms	40 ms	80.00	99.81	99.65	99.25	99.58	99.99
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10 ms	30 ms	75.00	99.35	99.19	99.14	98.08	99.91
10 ms	20 ms	66.67	95.04	92.74	94.12	91.75	98.83
$\langle 10 \text{ ms}, 40 \text{ ms} \rangle$		60.22	66.66	66.68	68.48	65.75	79.68



Evolution curves: \overline{isi} 10 vs. 20 ms, $c_v = 1$

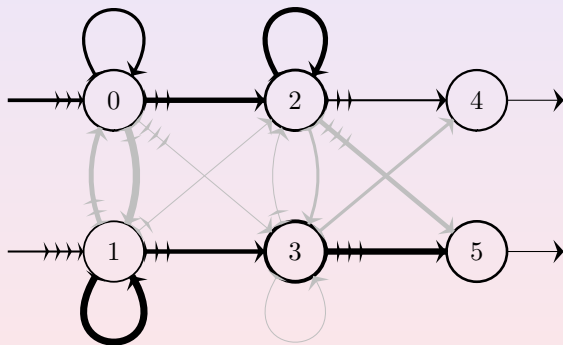


Comparison: Different c_v s (in %)

low \overline{isi}	high \overline{isi}	0.02	0.1	0.5	1	$\langle 0, 1 \rangle$
30 ms	40 ms	100.00	100.00	77.17	63.26	73.29
20 ms	40 ms	100.00	100.00	98.07	87.67	95.61
10 ms	40 ms	100.00	100.00	99.99	99.69	99.85
20 ms	30 ms	100.00	99.96	90.78	70.94	87.62
10 ms	30 ms	100.00	100.00	99.94	99.14	99.77
10 ms	20 ms	100.00	100.00	99.85	94.25	98.60
$\langle 10 \text{ ms}, 40 \text{ ms} \rangle$		98.02	92.51	78.15	72.00	66.01



Example: evolved network for \overline{isi} : 20 vs. 30 ms, $c_v = 1$



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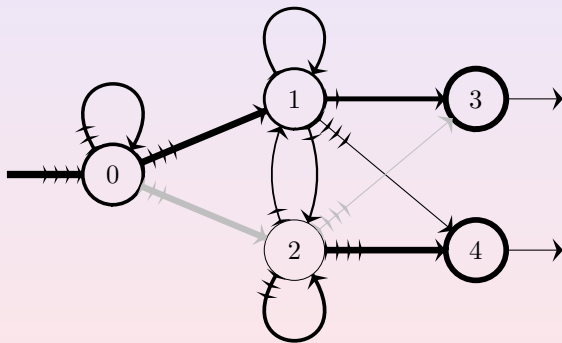


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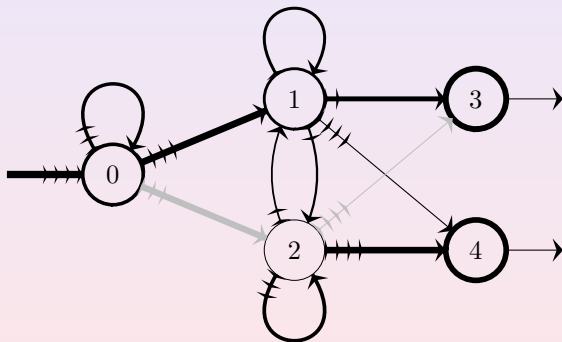


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- gap detection
- perfect timing



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Results: $\overline{isi} \in_R \langle 10 \text{ ms}, 40 \text{ ms} \rangle, 300 \text{ ms}$

H_0	$c_V = 0.02$	$c_V = 0.1$	$c_V = 0.5$	$c_V = 1$	$\langle 0, 1 \rangle$
$\overline{isi} < 20 \text{ ms}$	98.57 %	94.72 %	89.48 %	57.20 %	73.91 %
$\overline{isi} < 25 \text{ ms}$	99.00 %	95.04 %	85.59 %	60.66 %	73.78 %
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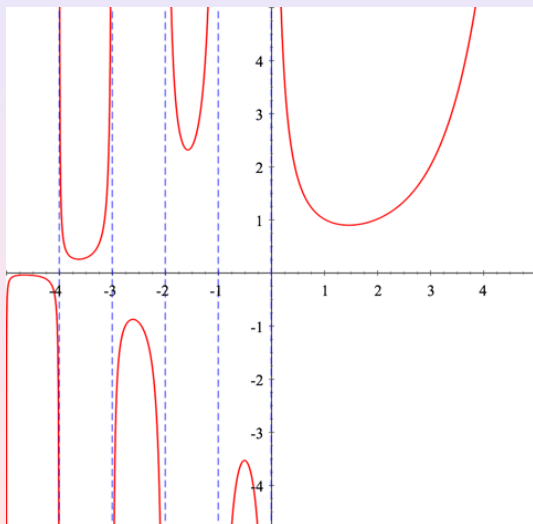
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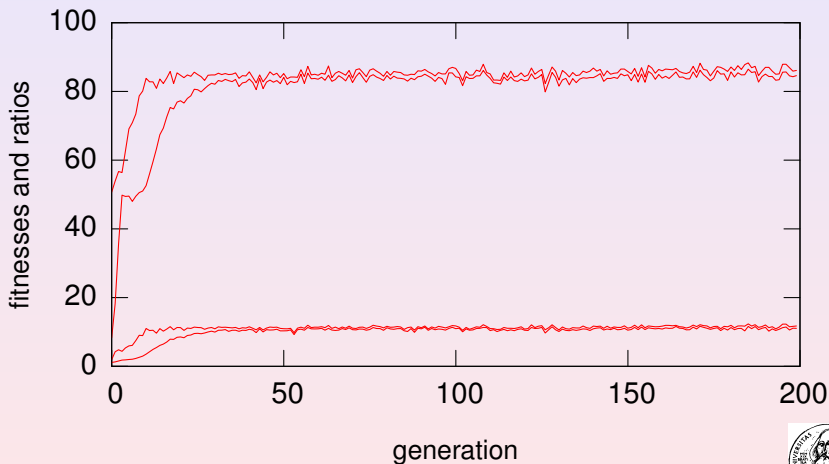
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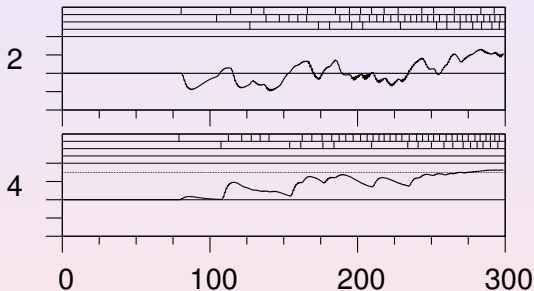
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