

SDS Library Documentation

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First we define an agent, then the functions for the Test Phase, the Diffusion Phase, Halting functions, Iteration functions...

1 Agent

An agent maintains two variables. `activity` and `hypothesis`. The `Agent` class also has a method for initialising a swarm of a given size, all agents are initialised as inactive and with no hypothesis. This necessitates that the Diffusion Phase is run first, such that all agents generate a hypothesis before the test phase.

Defining `__slots__` ensures agents can have no attributes other than those listed, for a slight reduction in memory usage.

```
4  <agent class definition 4>≡ (80)
    class Agent:
        """\
        Data structure for defining an SDS Agent, can only maintain the
        attributes 'hypothesis' and 'active'.\
        """

        __slots__ = ('hypothesis', 'active')

        def __init__(self, hypothesis=None, active=False):

            self.hypothesis = hypothesis

            self.active = active

        <initialise a list of agents function 5a>

        def __iter__(self):
            yield self.hypothesis
            yield self.active
```

Defines:

`Agent`, used in chunks 5a, 30, 46, 47, 50a, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 73, and 75.

1.1 Initialisation

5a \langle *initialise a list of agents function 5a* $\rangle \equiv$ (4)

```
@staticmethod
def initialise(agent_count):
    """\
Returns a list of length agent_count, of inactive Agents with no
hypothesis; suitable for use as a swarm. For example::
    swarm = sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count=1000)
    """
    return [
        Agent(hypothesis=None, active=False)
        for _
        in range(agent_count)
    ]
```

Defines:

`initialise`, used in chunks 46, 47, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 73, and 75.

Uses Agent 4.

Here are two ways to initialise a swarm of 100 agents. Firstly, with the `initialise` function.

```
swarm = Agent.initialise(agent_count=100)
```

Secondly, with a list comprehension.

```
agent_count=100
swarm = [Agent() for _ in range(agent_count)]
```

1.2 Agent tuple

It may prove useful to have a minimal implementation of a read only and hashable object for an agent.

5b \langle *agent namedtuple 5b* $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
ReadOnlyAgent = namedtuple("ReadOnlyAgent", ("hypothesis", "active"))
```

```
ReadOnlyAgent.__doc__ = """\
namedtuple representation of an agent.
Attributes are hypothesis and active.\
"""
```

5c \langle *library dependencies 5c* $\rangle \equiv$ (80) 32▷

```
from collections import namedtuple
```

You can therefore make a read-only copy of a swarm like this.

```
read_only_swarm = [ReadOnlyAgent._make(agent) for agent in swarm]
```

This works because `Agent` is iterable and `collections.namedtuple._make` maps a sequence into the attributes of a `namedtuple`.

2 Test phase

2.1 Generic test phase

```
6  <generic test phase function 6>≡ (80)
    def generic_test_phase(
        swarm,
        microtests,
        multitesting=1,
        multitest_function=all,
        scalar=False,
        synchronous=True,
        rng=random,
    ):
        """\
        Perform a test phase. Fully configurable. Consider using the more
        convenient and readable functions test_phase and scalar_test_phase.\
        """

        def make_test(hyp):
            return multitest_function(
                rng.choice(microtests)(hyp)
                for test_num
                in range(multitesting)
            )

        if scalar and synchronous:

            test_results = (
                make_test(agent.hypothesis)
                for agent
                in swarm
            )

            test_results = list(test_results)

            test_results = [
                test_result > rng.choice(test_results)
                for test_result
                in test_results
            ]

            for agent, test_result in zip(swarm, test_results):

                agent.active = test_result
                yield

        else:
```

```
for agent in swarm:

    generic_single_agent_test(
        agent,
        swarm,
        microtests,
        scalar,
        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
    )

    yield
```

Defines:

 generic_test_phase, used in chunks 8, 9, and 73.

Uses generic_single_agent_test 10, scalar_test_phase 9, and test_phase 8.

2.2 Standard test phase

This is a destructive function, modifying the swarm in place.

8 *(test phase function 8)* ≡ (80)

```
def test_phase(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    multitesting=1,
    multitest_function=lambda scores: next(x for x in scores),
    synchronous=True,
    rng=random,
):
    """\
Perform a test phase with boolean microtests.
```

This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each agent.\

```
    """

    test_phase_generator = generic_test_phase(
        swarm=swarm,
        microtests=microtests,
        multitesting=multitesting,
        multitest_function=multitest_function,
        scalar=False,
        synchronous=synchronous,
        rng=rng,
    )

    for _ in test_phase_generator:
        yield
```

Defines:

`test_phase`, used in chunks 6, 9, 23, 25, 27, 30, 34, and 62.

Uses `generic_test_phase` 6.

2.3 Scalar test phase

This test phase variant determines the activity of each agent by comparing the score of their test functions with that of a randomly chosen agent.

```
9  <scalar test phase function 9>≡ (80)
    def scalar_test_phase(
        swarm,
        microtests,
        multitesting=1,
        multitest_function=max,
        synchronous=True,
        rng=random,
    ):
        """\
        Performs a test phase with scalar microtests, an agent becomes active
        if their microtest result is larger than that of a randomly chosen
        agent.

        This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each
        agent.\
        """

        test_phase = generic_test_phase(
            swarm=swarm,
            microtests=microtests,
            multitesting=multitesting,
            multitest_function=multitest_function,
            scalar=True,
            synchronous=synchronous,
            rng=rng,
        )

        for _ in test_phase:
            yield
```

Defines:

scalar_test_phase, used in chunks 6 and 27.

Uses generic_test_phase 6 and test_phase 8.

2.4 Generic single agent test

Note that in the scalar version, potentially both agents perform a different microtest (or set of microtests if multitesting > 1).

10 \langle generic single agent test function 10 $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
def generic_single_agent_test(
    agent,
    swarm,
    microtests,
    scalar,
    multitesting,
    multitest_function,
    rng=random,
):
    """\
    Perform a random microtest, and set the activity, for a single agent.\
    """

    test_result = multitest_function(
        rng.choice(microtests)(agent.hypothesis)
        for multitest_num
        in range(multitesting)
    )

    if scalar:

        polled_hypothesis = rng.choice(swarm).hypothesis

        polled_result = multitest_function(
            rng.choice(microtests)(polled_hypothesis)
            for multitest_num
            in range(multitesting)
        )

        test_result = test_result > polled_result

    agent.active = test_result
```

Defines:

`generic_single_agent_test`, used in chunks 6 and 29.

Uses activity 45.

3 Diffusion phase

These are all destructive functions, modifying the swarm in place.

3.1 Active? Dual?

Can they be done? Bish wants them to be switches separate from context-sensitive and context-free.

3.2 Passive diffusion

This is the diffusion function used in Standard SDS.

```
11 <passive diffusion function 11>≡ (80)
    def passive_diffusion(
        swarm,
        random_hypothesis_function,
        multidiffusion=1,
        rng=random,
    ):
        """\
        Perform a passive diffusion phase.

        This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each
        agent.\
        """

        diffusion_phase = generic_diffusion(
            swarm,
            random_hypothesis_function,
            context_free=False,
            context_sensitive=False,
            multidiffusion=multidiffusion,
            rng=rng,
        )

        for _ in diffusion_phase:
            yield
```

Defines:

`passive_diffusion`, used in chunks 16, 30, 50b, 53b, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 69, 73, and 75.
Uses `generic_diffusion` 16.

3.3 Context-free diffusion

Similar to passive diffusion, only active agents may become inactive and generate a new hypothesis if they poll an agent which is also active. As active agents may be modified by this process it is necessary to take a snapshot of the state of the swarm before any modification happens, this is the `old_swarm` variable which is populated at the beginning of the phase and never modified.

12 `<context free diffusion function 12>≡` (80)

```
def context_free_diffusion(  
    swarm,  
    random_hypothesis_function,  
    multidiffusion=1,  
    rng=random,  
):  
    """\  
    Perform a context free diffusion phase.
```

```
This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each  
agent.\  
"""
```

```
    diffusion_phase = generic_diffusion(  
        swarm,  
        random_hypothesis_function,  
        context_free=True,  
        context_sensitive=False,  
        multidiffusion=multidiffusion,  
        rng=rng,  
    )  
  
    for _ in diffusion_phase:  
        yield
```

Defines:

`context_free_diffusion`, used in chunks 16, 27, 51, and 69.

Uses `generic_diffusion` 16.

3.4 Context-sensitive diffusion

Similar to context-free diffusion, only active agents may become inactive and generate a new hypothesis if they poll an agent which is active and both agents share the same hypothesis.

13 \langle context sensitive diffusion function 13 $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
def context_sensitive_diffusion(  
    swarm,  
    random_hypothesis_function,  
    multidiffusion=1,  
    rng=random,  
):  
    """\  
    Perform a context sensitive diffusion phase.
```

```
This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each  
agent.\  
    """
```

```
        diffusion_phase = generic_diffusion(  
            swarm,  
            random_hypothesis_function,  
            context_free=True,  
            context_sensitive=True,  
            multidiffusion=multidiffusion,  
            rng=rng,  
        )  
  
        for _ in diffusion_phase:  
            yield
```

Defines:

 context_sensitive_diffusion, used in chunks 16, 27, 52, 65, 69, and 73.

Uses generic_diffusion 16.

3.5 Generic diffusion

The behaviour of passive, context-free and context-sensitive diffusion can be captured in a single, five-variable truth table (Table 1), and then represented as a five-variable Karnaugh map (Table 2). From Table 2 one can derive the logic for Algorithm 1.

CF (E)	CS (D)	a.active (A)	p.active (B)	hyp==hyp (C)	Response
F	F	F	F	F	Random hyp
F	F	F	F	T	Random hyp
F	F	F	T	F	Copy hyp
F	F	F	T	T	Copy hyp
F	F	T	F	F	Maintain hyp
F	F	T	F	T	Maintain hyp
F	F	T	T	F	Maintain hyp
F	F	T	T	T	Maintain hyp
F	T	F	F	F	Don't care
F	T	F	F	T	Don't care
F	T	F	T	F	Don't care
F	T	F	T	T	Don't care
F	T	T	F	F	Don't care
F	T	T	F	T	Don't care
F	T	T	T	F	Don't care
F	T	T	T	T	Don't care
T	F	F	F	F	Random hyp
T	F	F	F	T	Random hyp
T	F	F	T	F	Copy hyp
T	F	F	T	T	Copy hyp
T	F	T	F	F	Maintain hyp
T	F	T	F	T	Maintain hyp
T	F	T	T	F	Random hyp
T	F	T	T	T	Random hyp
T	T	F	F	F	Random hyp
T	T	F	F	T	Random hyp
T	T	F	T	F	Copy hyp
T	T	F	T	T	Copy hyp
T	T	T	F	F	Maintain hyp
T	T	T	F	T	Maintain hyp
T	T	T	T	F	Maintain hyp
T	T	T	T	T	Random hyp

Table 1: The truth table for a combination of passive, context-free and context-sensitive diffusion. CF=isContextFree, CS=isContextSensitive, a.active=agentIsActive, p.active=polledIsActive, hyp==hyp=hypEqualsHyp

Algorithm 1 Generic diffusion

- 1: **if** $\bar{A} \wedge B$ **then**
 - 2: Copy hypothesis (State 2)
 - 3: **else if** $\bar{A} \vee B \wedge E \wedge (C \vee \bar{D})$ **then**
 - 4: Random hypothesis (State 1)
 - 5: **else**
 - 6: Maintain hypothesis (State 3)
-

		\bar{C}	\bar{C}	\bar{C}	\bar{C}	C	C	C	C
		\bar{D}	\bar{D}	D	D	\bar{D}	\bar{D}	D	D
		\bar{E}	E	E	\bar{E}	\bar{E}	E	E	\bar{E}
\bar{A}	\bar{B}	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	X
\bar{A}	B	2	2	2	X	2	2	2	X
A	B	3	1	3	X	3	1	1	X
A	\bar{B}	3	3	3	X	3	3	3	X

Table 2: Five variable Karnaugh map of the diffusion truth table (Table 1). A = agent is active, B = polled agent is active, C = agent and polled agents share a hypothesis, D = context-sensitive diffusion, E = context-free diffusion. 1 is random hypothesis, 2 is copy hypothesis, 3 is maintain hypothesis.

```

def generic_diffusion(
    swarm,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    context_free,
    context_sensitive,
    multidiffusion,
    rng=random,
):
    """\
Perform a diffusion phase, fully configurable. Consider using the more
convenient and readable functions passive_diffusion,
context_free_diffusion and context_sensitive_diffusion.

This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each
agent.\
"""

    if context_sensitive:
        context_free = True

    if context_free:
        old_swarm = [ReadOnlyAgent(a.hypothesis,a.active) for a in swarm]
    else:
        old_swarm = swarm

    for agent in swarm:

        generic_single_agent_diffusion(
            agent,
            old_swarm,
            random_hypothesis_function,
            context_free,
            context_sensitive,
            multidiffusion,
            rng,
        )

    yield

```

Defines:

`generic_diffusion`, used in chunks 11–13.

Uses `context_free_diffusion` 12, `context_sensitive_diffusion` 13, `generic_single_agent_diffusion` 17, and `passive_diffusion` 11.

3.6 Generic single agent diffusion

```
17  <generic single agent diffusion function 17>≡ (80)
    def generic_single_agent_diffusion(
        agent,
        swarm,
        random_hypothesis_function,
        context_free,
        context_sensitive,
        multidiffusion,
        rng=random,
    ):
        """\
Perform diffusion, and set the hypothesis for a single agent.\
"""
        <handle multidiffusion 18>

        if (not agent.active and polled_agent.active):
            agent.hypothesis = polled_agent.hypothesis
        elif (
            not agent.active
            or polled_agent.active
            and context_free
            and (
                not context_sensitive
                or agent.hypothesis == polled_agent.hypothesis
            )
        ):
            agent.active = False
            agent.hypothesis = random_hypothesis_function(random)
```

Defines:

`generic_single_agent_diffusion`, used in chunks 16 and 29.

3.7 Multidiffusion

The job here is to populate `polled_agent` appropriately, and the way it is done is by setting `polled_agent` to the elements of a random agent generator and stopping when an active agent is reached. If an active agent is never reached then the diffusion will have failed. The `remainder` variable allows for a “real” number of diffusions, where a fraction of a diffusion is a randomly polled agent, followed by a chance of receiving a known inactive agent in its place.

```
18 <handle multidiffusion 18>≡ (17)
    polled_agents = (
        random.choice(swarm)
        for diffusion_num
        in range(int(multidiffusion))
    )

    for polled_agent in polled_agents:
        if polled_agent.active:
            break
    else:
        remainder = multidiffusion - int(multidiffusion)

        if remainder > 0:

            polled_agent = random.choice(swarm)

            if random.random() > remainder:

                polled_agent = ReadOnlyAgent(None, False)
```

3.7.1 Probabilistic Rounding Function

The multidiffusion and multitesting functions may benefit from using this probabilistic rounding function. 7.1 gets rounded to 8 with probability 0.1, and rounded to 7 with probability 0.9.

```
19a <probabilistic rounding function 19a>≡
    def probabilistic_round(num):
        """\
        Probabilistically round a number, the remainder is the probability of
        rounding up.\
        """

        full = int(num)
        remainder = num - full
        if remainder > 0:
            roundup = random.random() < remainder
            return full + roundup
```

Defines:

probabilistic_round, never used.

4 Halting functions

4.1 Never halt function

```
19b <never halt function 19b>≡ (80)
    def never_halt(*args, **kwargs):
        """\
        Always returns false, suitable as a halting function for a perpetual
        SDS.\
        """

        return False
```

Defines:

never_halt, used in chunks 30, 34, 62, 67, and 69.

4.2 Stability halt function

20 \langle stability halt function 20 $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
def make_stability_halting_function(lower, region, time):
    """\
Returns a function suitable for use as a halting function. Halts, by
returning True when it detects stability, defined by:

lower: Lower bound of proportion of activity of stability window.

region: Amount above lower which defines the upper bound of the
stability window.

time: Number of consecutive times this function must be called with
arguments within the stability window before it will halt.\
"""

    def generator_front_end(activity_count, halt_generator):
        next(halt_generator)
        halted = halt_generator.send(activity_count)
        return halted

    def is_stable_generator(lower, region, time):

        success_count = 0

        while True:

            swarm = yield

            active_count = sum(1 for agent in swarm if agent.active)/len(swarm)

            if active_count < lower or active_count > lower + region:
                success_count = 0
            else:
                success_count += 1

            yield success_count >= time

    halting_generator = is_stable_generator(lower, region, time)

    return functools.partial(
        generator_front_end,
        halt_generator=halting_generator,)
```

Defines:

make_stability_halting_function, used in chunk 69.
Uses activity 45.

4.3 Instant threshold halt function

21 \langle *instant threshold halt function 21* $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
def make_instant_threshold_halt_function(threshold):
    """\
Returns a function suitable for use as a halting function. Halts, by
returning True when the proportion of global activity is greater than
threshold.\
"""
    def threshold_halt_function(swarm, threshold):
        activity = sum(1 for agent in swarm if agent.active)/len(swarm)
        return activity > threshold
    return functools.partial(threshold_halt_function,threshold=threshold)
```

Defines:

`make_instant_threshold_halt_function`, used in chunk 69.

Uses activity 45.

4.4 Threshold time halt function

22 *<threshold time halt function 22>*≡ (80)

```
def make_threshold_time_halting_function(lower, time):
    """\
Returns a function suitable for use as a halting function. Halts, by
returning True when the proportion of global activity is greater than
threshold for a number of calls to this function defined by time.\
    """

    def generator_front_end(activity_count, halt_generator):
        next(halt_generator)
        halted = halt_generator.send(activity_count)
        return halted

    def is_stable_generator(lower, time):

        success_count = 0

        while True:

            swarm = yield

            active_count = sum(1 for agent in swarm if agent.active)/len(swarm)

            if active_count < lower:
                success_count = 0
            else:
                success_count += 1

            yield success_count >= time

    halting_generator = is_stable_generator(lower, time)

    return functools.partial(
        generator_front_end,
        halt_generator=halting_generator,)
```

Defines:

 make_threshold_time_halting_function, never used.
Uses activity 45.

5 Iteration functions

5.1 Single iteration function

This function performs a single Diffusion Phase and a single Test Phase.

```
23 <synchronous iterate function 23>≡ (80)
    def synchronous_iterate(
        swarm,
        microtests,
        random_hypothesis_function,
        diffusion_function,
        test_phase_function=test_phase,
        multidiffusion=1,
        multitesting=1,
        multitest_function=all,
        rng=random,
    ):
        """\
        Performs a synchronous iteration, one diffusion phase for all agents
        followed by one test phase for all agents.

        This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each
        iteration.\
        """

        while True:

            diffusion_phase_iterator = diffusion_function(
                swarm,
                random_hypothesis_function,
                multidiffusion,
                rng,)

            for _ in diffusion_phase_iterator:
                pass

            test_phase_iterator = test_phase_function(
                swarm=swarm,
                microtests=microtests,
                multitesting=multitesting,
                multitest_function=multitest_function,
                synchronous=True,
                rng=random,)

            for _ in test_phase_iterator:
                pass

            yield
```

Defines:

`synchronous_iterate`, used in chunks 30 and 46.
Uses `test_phase 8`.

5.2 Asynchronous iteration function

This function shuffles the swarm in place, that might not be acceptable eventually, in which case use for agent in random.sample(swarm, len(swarm)).

This function doesn't throw any exceptions, but I've not proved that it's running asynchronously.

I could make this system run more like the parallel implementation, where I call `update_state` rather than relying on the two synchronous phases to proceed in lock step.

25 *(asynchronous iterate function 25)* ≡ (80)

```
def asynchronous_iterate(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    diffusion_function,
    test_phase_function=test_phase,
    multidiffusion=1,
    multitesting=1,
    multitest_function=all,
    rng=random,
):
    """\
    Performs an asynchronous iteration, all agents are selected in a
    random order to perform one diffusion and one test in turn.

    This function returns a generator which must be consumed once for each
    iteration.\
    """

    while True:

        for agent in swarm:
            if agent.hypothesis is None:
                agent.hypothesis = random_hypothesis_function(random)

        random.shuffle(swarm)

        diffusion_phase_iterator = diffusion_function(
            swarm,
            random_hypothesis_function,
            multidiffusion,
            rng,)

        test_phase_iterator = test_phase_function(
            swarm=swarm,
            microtests=microtests,
            multitesting=multitesting,
            multitest_function=multitest_function,
```

```
        synchronous=False,  
        rng=rng,)  
  
    for _ in zip(diffusion_phase_iterator, test_phase_iterator):  
        pass  
  
    yield
```

Defines:

`asynchronous_iterate`, never used.

Uses `test_phase 8`.

5.3 Parallel iteration function

I might want to check if there's a way of making this run like the asynchronous iteration, where I use the normal test phase and diffusion phase functions and just make them perform randomly.

27 *<parallel iterate function 27>* ≡ (80)

```
def parallel_iterate(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    diffusion_function,
    test_phase_function=test_phase,
    multidiffusion=1,
    multitesting=1,
    multitest_function=all,
    rng=random,
):
    """\
    Performs a parallel iteration, all agents are updating their state (a
    diffusion followed by a test) in parallel.

    This function returns a generator which simply waits a short time
    between yeilding, this can be used to ensure the parallel process
    runs for a certain amount of wall clock time.\
    """

    context_free = diffusion_function is context_free_diffusion
    context_sensitive = diffusion_function is context_sensitive_diffusion

    scalar = test_phase_function is scalar_test_phase

    for agent in swarm:
        if agent.hypothesis is None:
            agent.hypothesis = random_hypothesis_function(random)

    worker_threads = (
        threading.Thread(
            target=update_state,
            args=(
                agent,
                swarm,
                random_hypothesis_function,
                context_free,
                context_sensitive,
                multidiffusion,
                microtests,
                multitesting,
                multitest_function,
                scalar,
            )
        )
    )
```

```
        rng,
    )
)
for agent
in swarm
)

for worker_thread in worker_threads:
    worker_thread.daemon = True
    worker_thread.start()

while True:
    time.sleep(0.01)
    yield
```

Defines:

parallel_iterate, used in chunk 29.

Uses context_free_diffusion 12, context_sensitive_diffusion 13, scalar_test_phase 9,
test_phase 8, and update_state 29.

5.3.1 Update state function

29 \langle parallel update state function 29 $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
def update_state(
    agent,
    swarm,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    context_free,
    context_sensitive,
    multidiffusion,
    microtests,
    multitesting,
    multitest_function,
    scalar,
    rng=random,
):
    """\
Repeatedly perform a diffusion and a test for an agent, with a short
sleep. This function is a helper function to parallel_iterate.\
"""

    while True:
        generic_single_agent_diffusion(
            agent,
            swarm,
            random_hypothesis_function,
            context_free,
            context_sensitive,
            multidiffusion,
            rng,
        )

        generic_single_agent_test(
            agent,
            swarm,
            microtests,
            scalar,
            multitesting,
            multitest_function,
        )

        sleepy_time = min(2,max(0,random.gauss(1,1)))
        time.sleep(sleepy_time)
```

Defines:

update_state, used in chunk 27.

Uses generic_single_agent_diffusion 17, generic_single_agent_test 10, and parallel_iterate 27.

5.4 Run function

This function performs a given number of iterations and returns a list of all the clusters that have formed.

```
30 <run function 30>≡ (80)
    def run(
        swarm,
        microtests,
        random_hypothesis_function,
        max_iterations=1000,
        diffusion_function=passive_diffusion,
        halting_function=never_halt,
        halting_iterations=0,
        multitesting=1,
        multitest_function=all,
        report_iterations=10,
        test_phase_function=test_phase,
        hypothesis_string_function=str,
        max_cluster_report=None,
        iteration_function=synchronous_iterate,
        multidiffusion=1,
        rng=random,
    ):
        """\
        The main front end to the SDS library. This will run forever until
        manually halted, or until a halting condition is reached, afterwhich
        it will return a collections.Counter of all the clusters.

        :param swarm: A list of sds.Agent instances.
        :param microtests: A collection of functions all of which take a hypothesis\
        , as returned by random_hypothesis_function and return the result of a\
        microtest as either a scalar value or a boolean. All tests must \
        return the same type.
        :param random_hypothesis_function: A function which takes a random number \
        generator and returns hypothesis suitable as input for all the \
        functions in microtests.
        :param max_iterations: The number of iterations afterwhich the SDS will \
        halt. If max_iterations=None, the SDS will never halt due to the num\
        ber of iterations, but may be manually halted, or halted by the halti\
        ng function.
        :param diffusion_function: The diffusion function to use in the diffusion \
        phase.
        :param random: A random number generator, probably an instance of the rand\
        om.Random class. Use an instance with an explicit seed to get repeata\
        ble behaviour, else you may pass in the random module itself.
        :param halting_function: (Default: never_halt) The function which takes \
        the swarm as input and returns True if its condition is met.
        :param halting_iterations: (Default: 0) The number of iterations between \
        each call of the halting_function. If halting_iterations is a Falsy \
```

```

value (e.g. None, 0, False, [], '') then the halting_function is \
never called.
:param multitesting: (Default: 1) The number of microtests each agent \
performs in the test phase. Must be an integer.
:param multitest_function: (Default: all) The function which takes a \
list of microtest results and turns them into a single result. The \
most likely values for multitest_function will be 'all' i.e. all \
microtests must pass, and 'any' i.e. at least one microtest must pass.
:param report_iterations: (Default: None) The number of iterations \
between each report to stdout of the hypotheses with the largest \
clusters.
:param test_phase_function: (Default: test_phase) The function to use in \
the test phase.
:param hypothesis_string_function: (Default: str) The function to call \
on a hypothesis to turn it into a string, suitable for inclusion in \
the report. If hypotheses are using built-in data types, str is \
often enough, otherwise a custom 'to string' function must be supplied.
:param max_cluster_report: (Default: None) The maximum number of \
clusters to include in the report.
:param iteration_function: (Default: synchronous_iterate) The iteration \
function to call once per iteration.
:param multidiffusion: (Default: 1) The number of agents for a polling \
agent to poll during the diffusion phase. May be an integer or a \
float.\
""

```

```

try:

```

```

    iteration_generator = iteration_function(
        swarm=swarm,
        microtests=microtests,
        random_hypothesis_function=random_hypothesis_function,
        diffusion_function=diffusion_function,
        test_phase_function=test_phase_function,
        multidiffusion=multidiffusion,
        multitesting=multitesting,
        multitest_function=multitest_function,
        rng=rng,
    )

    for iteration_num, iteration in enumerate(iteration_generator):

        if (
            report_iterations
            and iteration_num % report_iterations == 0
        ):

            clusters = count_clusters(swarm)

```

```

agent_count = len(swarm)

print("{i:4} Activity: {a:0.3f}. {c}".format(
    i=iteration_num,
    a=sum(clusters.values())/float(agent_count),
    c=", ".join(
        "{hyp}:{count}".format(
            hyp=hypothesis_string_function(hyp),
            count=count
        )
        for hyp, count
        in clusters.most_common(max_cluster_report)
    ),
))

if(
    (
        halting_iterations
        and iteration_num % halting_iterations == 0
        and halting_function(swarm)
    ) or (
        max_iterations and iteration_num >= max_iterations
    )
):
    break

except KeyboardInterrupt:

    pass

return count_clusters(swarm)

```

Defines:

run, used in chunks 34, 36b, 37, 40–43, 47, 61, 64, 67, 73, and 75.

Uses Agent 4, count_clusters 44a, never_halt 19b, passive_diffusion 11, synchronous_iterate 23, and test_phase 8.

32 <library dependencies 5c>+≡
import itertools

(80) <5c 33b>

5.5 Write swarm to file

33a *<write swarm function 33a>*≡ (80)

```
def write_swarm(swarm, outfile):
    """\
Writes a swarm to a file-like object.\
    """
    json.dump(
        {
            'agent count':len(swarm),
            'clusters':count_clusters(swarm).most_common(),
        },
        outfile,
    )
```

Defines:

`write_swarm`, used in chunk 34.
Uses `count_clusters` 44a.

33b *<library dependencies 5c>*+≡ (80) <32 36a>

```
import json
```

5.6 Continuous loop function

```
34 <run daemon 34>≡ (80)
def run_daemon(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    diffusion_function,
    max_iterations=None,
    halting_function=never_halt,
    halting_iterations=0,
    multitesting=1,
    multitest_function=all,
    report_iterations=None,
    test_phase_function=test_phase,
    hypothesis_string_function=str,
    max_cluster_report=None,
    out_file_name='/tmp/clusters.json',
    rng=random,
):
    """\
Calls sds.run in a daemon thread. The daemon can be interacted with
through the command line.

q: Halt the SDS and kill the daemon.
c: Print the largest clusters to the screen.
w: Write the largest clusters to file.

Anything else is printed to stdout.\
"""

    def write_status(swarm):
        with open(out_file_name,'w') as f:
            write_swarm(swarm,f)
            print('wrote swarm status to',out_file_name)

    control_queue = queue.Queue()
    control_queue.put(True)

    def swarm_iterator():

        print('starting SDS')
        run(
            swarm,
            microtests,
            random_hypothesis_function,
            max_iterations,
            diffusion_function,
            halting_function,
            halting_iterations,
```

```

        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
        report_iterations,
        test_phase_function,
        hypothesis_string_function,
        max_cluster_report,
        rng,)

    print('finishing SDS')

    write_status(swarm)

    control_queue.task_done()

t = threading.Thread(target=swarm_iterator)
t.daemon = True # Program will exit when only daemons are left.
t.start()
del t

def interface_manager():

    while True:

        instr = input()

        if instr == 'q':
            print("'q' received quitting")
            control_queue.task_done()
            break
        elif instr == 'c':
            print(count_clusters(swarm).most_common(max_cluster_report))
        elif instr == 'w':
            write_status(swarm)
        else:
            print('You said:',instr.upper())

t = threading.Thread(target=interface_manager)
t.daemon = True # Program will exit when only daemons are left.
t.start()
del t

control_queue.join()

print('done run_daemon')

return count_clusters(swarm)

```

Defines:

run_daemon, used in chunk 62.

Uses count_clusters 44a, never_halt 19b, run 30, test_phase 8, and write_swarm 33a.

36a *<library dependencies 5c>+≡*

(80) <33b 44b>

```
import queue
import time # for time.sleep
import itertools # for itertools.count
import threading # for threading.Thread
```

6 Coupled SDS

6.1 Coupled diffusion

36b *<coupled diffusion 36b>≡*

(80)

```
def coupled_diffusion(
    swarms,
    random,
    random_hypothesis_functions,
    diffusion_functions,
):
    """\
    Performs Coupled diffusion when passed a list of swarms, a list of
    random hypothesis functions and a list of diffusion functions. Not
    tested with the newest version of sds.run.\
    """
    for swarm, diffusion_function, random_hypothesis_function in zip(
        swarms,
        diffusion_functions,
        random_hypothesis_functions
    ):
        diffusion_function(swarm, random, random_hypothesis_function)
```

Defines:

coupled_diffusion, used in chunk 42.

Uses run 30.

6.2 Coupled test phase

Multitesting is weird for a coupled test phase, as each test will involve more random agents, so after ten tests you've hit at least ten agents, and it would be strange to set them all inactive if a couple were good, or active if lots were bad.

This is of course not weird if you have a component hypothesis, and a data swarm, and a number of partial evaluations, then multitesting would be to select a hypothesis, and a data point, and to test it against multiple microtests. It's possible that it only seems strange because in hyperplane parameter estimation there is only one test. An alternative is to perform the test with the hypothesis and different data points, and to update the data point with the result of each test, but only update the hypothesis with the result of the combined tests.

Scalar testing can be done when multitesting equals 1, but I'll have to record the randomly selected agents for each master agent.

Now, is it the case that you don't need multitesting if you have coupled sds? Multitesting effectively increases or decreases the test score, but coupled sds weights the test selection.

Maybe there's a decision to be made, if I had multitesting equal to 10, and that meant two hypothesis agents and two data agents, I'd affect the activity of 31 agents. So which of these options actually makes sense? The activity of the test which made the change is impossible as in the "all" case or "any" case I can't tell which one is responsible.

I think the activity of the master agent should be pushed onto all of the other agents queried in the multitesting. But I don't think I can be arsed to implement it now.

```
37 <coupled test phase 37>≡ (80)
    def generic_coupled_test_phase(
        master_swarm_num,
        swarms,
        random,
        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
        microtests,
        scalar,
    ):
        """\
        Performs Coupled test when passed the index of a master swarm, a list
        of swarms, and a list of lists of microtests. Not tested with the
        latest version of sds.run.\
        """

        if not multitesting == 1:
            raise NotImplementedError(
                "Sorry, I've not got around to multitesting for coupled "
                "sds yet.")

        test_results = []
```

```

tested_agents = []

for master_agent in swarms[master_swarm_num]:

    agents = [random.choice(swarm) for swarm in swarms]

    agents[master_swarm_num] = master_agent

    hypotheses = tuple(agent.hypothesis for agent in agents)

    microtest = random.choice(microtests)

    test_results.append(microtest(*hypotheses))

    tested_agents.append(agents)

if False and scalar:

    test_results = [
        test_result > random.choice(test_results)
        for test_result
        in test_results
    ]

for test_result, agents in zip(test_results, tested_agents):

    for agent in agents:

        agent.active = test_result

```

Defines:

 generic_coupled_test_phase, used in chunks 40 and 41.
 Uses run 30.

This is the abandoned code chunk for coupled sds multitesting.

```
39  <coupled multitesting 39>≡
    test_results = []

    for test_num in range(multitesting):

        agents = [random.choice(swarm) for swarm in swarms]

        agents[master_swarm_num] = master_agent

        hypotheses = tuple(agent.hypothesis for agent in agents)

        microtest = random.choice(microtests)

        test_results.append(microtest(*hypotheses))

    result = multitest_function(test_results)

    for agent in agents:

        agent.active = result
```

6.2.1 Synchronous coupled test phase

40 \langle *synchronous coupled test phase 40* $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
# master/slave synchronisation
def synchronous_coupled_test_phase(
    swarms,
    random,
    multitesting,
    multitest_function,
    microtests,
    scalar,
):
    """\
Perform a Synchronous coupled test phase. Not tested with the latest
version of sds.run.\
"""

    master_swarm_num = 0

    generic_coupled_test_phase(
        master_swarm_num,
        swarms,
        random,
        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
        microtests,
        scalar,
    )
```

Defines:

`synchronous_coupled_test_phase`, used in chunk 65.
Uses `generic_coupled_test_phase` 37 and run 30.

6.2.2 Sequential coupled test phase

```
41 <sequential coupled test phase 41>≡ (80)
    def sequential_coupled_test_phase(
        swarms,
        random,
        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
        microtests,
        scalar,
    ):
        """\
        Perform a Sequential master coupled test phase. Not tested with the latest
        version of sds.run.\
        """

        for master_swarm_num in range(len(swarms)):

            generic_coupled_test_phase(
                master_swarm_num,
                swarms,
                random,
                multitesting,
                multitest_function,
                microtests,
                scalar,
            )
```

Defines:

 sequential_coupled_test_phase, used in chunk 65.
Uses generic_coupled_test_phase 37 and run 30.

6.3 Coupled iteration

42 *<coupled iterate 42>*≡ (80)

```
def iterate_coupled(
    swarms,
    random_hypothesis_functions,
    diffusion_functions,
    random,
    multitesting,
    multitest_function,
    report_iterations,
    test_phase_function,
    microtests,
    scalar,
):
    """\
    Perform an iteration of Coupled SDS. Not tested with the latest
    version of sds.run.\
    """

    coupled_diffusion(
        swarms,
        random,
        random_hypothesis_functions,
        diffusion_functions)

    test_phase_function(
        swarms,
        random,
        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
        microtests,
        scalar,
    )
```

Defines:

`iterate_coupled`, used in chunk 43.

Uses `coupled_diffusion` 36b and `run` 30.

```

def run_coupled(
    swarms,
    random_hypothesis_functions,
    max_iterations,
    diffusion_functions,
    random,
    multitesting,
    multitest_function,
    report_iterations,
    test_phase_function,
    hypothesis_string_function,
    max_cluster_report,
    microtests,
    scalar,
):
    """\
Perform a Coupled SDS. Not tested with the latest version of sds.run.\
"""

    if max_iterations is None:

        iterator = itertools.count()

    else:

        iterator = range(max_iterations)

    try:

        for iteration in iterator:

            iterate_coupled(
                swarms,
                random_hypothesis_functions,
                diffusion_functions,
                random,
                multitesting,
                multitest_function,
                report_iterations,
                test_phase_function,
                microtests,
                scalar,
            )

            if report_iterations and iteration % report_iterations == 0:

                clusters_list = tuple(count_clusters(swarm) for swarm in swarms)

```

```

        agent_counts = tuple(len(swarm) for swarm in swarms)

        active_count = tuple(
            sum(clusters.values())
            for clusters
            in clusters_list)

        print(agent_counts, active_count, clusters_list)

    except KeyboardInterrupt:

        pass

    return tuple(count_clusters(swarm) for swarm in swarms)

```

Defines:

`run_coupled`, used in chunk 65.

Uses `count_clusters` 44a, `iterate_coupled` 42, and `run` 30.

7 Analysis functions

7.1 Count clusters function

This function returns a list of all the clusters in the swarm.

```

44a <count_clusters function 44a>≡ (80)
    def count_clusters(swarm):
        """\
        Returns the number of active agents at each hypothesis with at least one
        active agent as a collections.Counter.\
        """

        return collections.Counter(
            agent.hypothesis
            for agent
            in swarm
            if agent.active
        )

```

Defines:

`count_clusters`, used in chunks 30, 33a, 34, 43, and 59.

```

44b <library dependencies 5c>+≡ (80) <36a 56b>
    import collections

```

7.2 Calculate Activity

45 \langle *activity function 45* $\rangle \equiv$ (80)

```
def activity(swarm):
    """\
    Return the proportion of the swarm which are active between 0 and 1.\
    """

    agent_count = len(swarm)

    active_count = sum(1 for agent in swarm if agent.active)

    return active_count/agent_count
```

Defines:

activity, used in chunks 10, 20–22, and 46.

7.3 Estimate Uniform Background Noise

46 `<estimate noise 46>`≡ (80)

```
def estimate_noise(
    microtests,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    noise_agent_count=100,
    iterations=100,
):
    """\
Returns an estimate of the uniform background noise, between 0 and 1.\
"""

    def no_diffusion(swarm, random, random_hypothesis_function):
        for agent in swarm:
            agent.active = False
            agent.hypothesis = random_hypothesis_function(random)

    noise_swarm = Agent.initialise(100)

    activities = []

    for iteration in range(iterations):
        synchronous_iterate(
            noise_swarm,
            microtests,
            random_hypothesis_function,
            no_diffusion,
            random,)

        activities.append(activity(noise_swarm))

    return sum(activities)/iterations
```

Defines:

`estimate_noise`, never used.

Uses `activity` 45, `Agent` 4, `initialise` 5a, and `synchronous_iterate` 23.

7.4 Swarm from clusters

A full swarm can be recovered from a clusters object and a count of the total number of agents.

```
47 <swarm from clusters 47>≡ (80)
    def swarm_from_clusters(agent_count, clusters):
        """\
        Returns a swarm suitable for use in functions like sds.run.

        Clusters should be a dictionary or collections.Counter of the
        hypotheses of active agents.\
        """

        active_agents = (
            (
                Agent(hypothesis=hyp, active=True)
                for _ in
                range(count)
            )
            for hyp, count
            in clusters.items())

        inactive_count = agent_count - sum(clusters.values())

        return (
            Agent.initialise(inactive_count)
            + list(itertools.chain.from_iterable(active_agents)))
```

Defines:

`swarm_from_clusters`, never used.

Uses Agent 4, initialise 5a, and run 30.

7.5 Pretty printing

This function renders a list of clusters into text.

```
48 <pretty print clusters with values 48>≡ (80)
    def pretty_print_with_values(clusters, search_space, max_clusters=None):

        string_template = "{c:6d} at hyp {h:6d} (value: {e:0.6f})"

        cluster_strings = [
            string_template.format(
                c=count,
                h=hyp,
                e=search_space[hyp])
            for hyp, count
            in clusters.most_common(max_clusters)
        ]

        return "\n".join(cluster_strings)
```

Defines:

`pretty_print_with_values`, never used.

8 Multilayer SDS

8.1 Swarm class

Multilayer SDS mostly uses functions which are very similar to Standard SDS, but a Swarm class is also required to associate each swarm of agents with a particular function for generating a random hypothesis.

```
49  <swarm class 49>≡ (80)
    class Swarm:
        """
        A multilayer SDS swarm. Best instansiated with make_ml_sds."""

        <swarm initialisation function 50a>

        <swarm passive diffusion function 50b>

        <swarm context free diffusion function 51>

        <swarm context sensitive diffusion function 52>

        <swarm test function 53a>

        <swarm iterate function 53b>

        <swarm set activity function 54b>

        <swarm set hypothesis function 54a>
    Uses make_ml_sds 55.
```

Swarm initialisation function

```
50a <swarm initialisation function 50a>≡ (49)
    def __init__(self, size, random_hypothesis_function, lower_layer=None):

        self.agents = [
            Agent(active=False, hypothesis=None)
            for _
            in range(size)
        ]

        if lower_layer is None:

            lower_layer = []

        self.lower_layer = lower_layer

        self.random_hypothesis = random_hypothesis_function
```

Uses Agent 4.

Swarm diffusion function This implements passive diffusion for Multilayer SDS. It's not clear whether this could be modified to be identical to the functions written for SDS, or if the other Diffusion Phase variants need to be reimplemented for Multilayer SDS.

```
50b <swarm passive diffusion function 50b>≡ (49)
    @staticmethod
    def passive_diffusion(swarm, solitarity, random):

        for agent_num, agent in enumerate(swarm.agents):

            if not agent.active:

                polled_agent = random.choice(swarm.agents)

                if polled_agent.active and random.random() > solitarity:

                    swarm.set_hypothesis(agent_num, polled_agent.hypothesis)

            else:

                agent.hypothesis = swarm.random_hypothesis(
                    agent_num,
                    random,
                )
```

Uses passive_diffusion 11.

51 *<swarm context free diffusion function 51>*≡

(49)

```
@staticmethod
def context_free_diffusion(swarm, random):

    for agent_num, agent in enumerate(swarm.agents):

        polled_agent = random.choice(swarm.agents)

        if agent.active:

            if polled_agent.active:

                swarm.set_activity(agent_num, False)

                agent.hypothesis = swarm.random_hypothesis(
                    agent_num,
                    random,
                )

            else:

                if polled_agent.active:

                    swarm.set_hypothesis(agent_num, polled_agent.hypothesis)

                else:

                    agent.hypothesis = swarm.random_hypothesis(
                        agent_num,
                        random,
                    )
```

Uses context_free_diffusion 12.

```
@staticmethod
def context_sensitive_diffusion(swarm, random):

    for agent_num, agent in enumerate(swarm.agents):

        polled_agent = random.choice(swarm.agents)

        if agent.active:

            if (
                polled_agent.active
                and (agent.hypothesis == polled_agent.hypothesis)
            ):

                swarm.set_activity(agent_num, False)

                agent.hypothesis = swarm.random_hypothesis(
                    agent_num,
                    random,
                )

            else:

                if polled_agent.active:

                    swarm.set_hypothesis(agent_num, polled_agent.hypothesis)

                else:

                    agent.hypothesis = swarm.random_hypothesis(
                        agent_num,
                        random,
                    )
```

Uses `context_sensitive_diffusion` 13.

Swarm test function The test function is similar to the standard Test Phase only the result of the test is propagated recursively to all connected agents.

```
53a <swarm test function 53a>≡ (49)
def test(self, microtests, random, multitest=1, multitest_fun=None):

    for num, agent in enumerate(self.agents):

        microtest = random.choice(microtests)

        if multitest == 1:

            self.set_activity(num, microtest(agent.hypothesis))

        else:

            self.set_activity(
                num,
                multitest_fun(
                    random.choice(microtests)(agent.hypothesis)
                    for _
                    in range(multitest)
                )
            )
```

Swarm iterate function This is a convenience function which calls one diffusion phase followed by one test phase.

```
53b <swarm iterate function 53b>≡ (49)
def iterate(
    self,
    microtests,
    random,
    diffusion_function=passive_diffusion.__func__,
    multitest=1,
    multitest_fun=None,
    solitariness=1,
):
    diffusion_function(self, solitariness, random)
    self.test(microtests, random, multitest, multitest_fun)
Uses passive_diffusion 11.
```

Swarm set hypothesis function

54a \langle swarm set hypothesis function 54a $\rangle \equiv$ (49)

```
def set_hypothesis(self, agent_num, new_hypothesis):  
  
    self.agents[agent_num].hypothesis = new_hypothesis  
  
    if len(self.lower_layer) == 0:  
        return  
  
    for lower_swarm, hypothesis_component in (  
        zip(self.lower_layer, new_hypothesis)):  
  
        lower_swarm.set_hypothesis(agent_num, hypothesis_component)
```

Swarm set activity function

54b \langle swarm set activity function 54b $\rangle \equiv$ (49)

```
def set_activity(self, agent_num, new_activity):  
  
    self.agents[agent_num].active = new_activity  
  
    for swarm in self.lower_layer:  
  
        swarm.set_activity(agent_num, new_activity)
```

8.2 Multilayer SDS factory function

To properly implement Multilayer SDS the random hypothesis generation functions recursively call the random hypothesis generation functions of lower layers, and so a convenience function has been developed that takes an intended topology of swarms and composes all the required random hypothesis generation functions.

```
55 <make multilayer sds function 55>≡ (80)
    def make_ml_sds(swarm_size, bottom_hyp_functions, topology):

        lower_layer = [
            Swarm(
                size=swarm_size,
                random_hypothesis_function=hyp_fun
            )
            for hyp_fun
            in bottom_hyp_functions
        ]

        for layer_num, swarm_splits in enumerate(topology, start=1):

            <construct new layer 56a>

            lower_layer = layer

            top_swarm = lower_layer[0]

        return top_swarm
```

Defines:

`make_ml_sds`, used in chunks 49 and 59.

```

56a <construct new layer 56a>≡ (55)
    layer = []

    swarm_offset = 0

    for split_num, swarm_split in enumerate(swarm_splits):

        lower_layer_start = swarm_offset

        lower_layer_end = swarm_offset+swarm_split

        random_hypothesis_function = functools.partial(
            random_compound_hyp,
            lower_layer[lower_layer_start:lower_layer_end],
        )

        new_swarm = Swarm(
            size=swarm_size,
            lower_layer=lower_layer[lower_layer_start:lower_layer_end],
            random_hypothesis_function=random_hypothesis_function)

        layer.append(new_swarm)

        swarm_offset += swarm_split

56b <library dependencies 5c>+≡ (80) <44b 58b>
    import functools

```

8.3 Random hypothesis, and single diffusion functions

Multilayer SDS requires that a single agent can perform the diffusion process, not the whole swarm, this is the purpose of the `single_diffusion` function. It also requires that agents in higher level swarms can randomly generate a hypothesis by calling the diffusion function on each of the associated agents in the swarms in the lower layer, this is the purpose of the `random_compound_hyp` function.

Single diffusion function

```
57a <single diffusion function 57a>≡ (80)
    def single_diffusion(agent_num, swarm, random):

        # agent is guaranteed to be inactive
        agent = swarm.agents[agent_num]

        polled_agent = random.choice(swarm.agents)

        if polled_agent.active:

            swarm.set_hypothesis(agent_num, polled_agent.hypothesis)

            return polled_agent.hypothesis

        else:

            new_hyp = swarm.random_hypothesis(agent_num, random)

            agent.hypothesis = new_hyp

            return new_hyp
```

Random compound hypothesis function

```
57b <random compound hypothesis function 57b>≡ (80)
    def random_compound_hyp(lower_swarms, num, random):

        return tuple(
            single_diffusion(num, lower_swarm, random)
            for lower_swarm
            in lower_swarms
        )
```

8.4 Flatten hypothesis function

Hypotheses generated by Multilayer SDS can be very deeply nested lists, this function allows the removal of some of the levels of nesting, until a single flat list is returned. A flat list will be returned if the value if `times=len(topology)-1`.

58a `<flatten hypothesis 58a>≡` (80)

```
def flatten_hypothesis(hypothesis,times):
    new_hypothesis = itertools.chain.from_iterable(hypothesis)
    if times == 1:
        return list(new_hypothesis)
    else:
        return flatten_hypothesis(new_hypothesis,times-1)
```

58b `<library dependencies 5c>+≡` (80) `<56b 68>`

```
import itertools
```

8.5 Concurrent Execution

Python has some libraries for concurrent execution, this investigation is to determine if SDS can be executed concurrently to improve performance.

This is not an investigation into the absolute performance itself, as Python is not the optimal language for speed of execution, simply to discover which architectures, if any, offer significant performance improvements.

Python has different methods for when the task is limited by speed of execution (CPU bound), or speed of data transfer (I/O bound). If it's CPU bound you need to use multi-processing, multithreading will work fine for I/O bound tasks.

“The strength of threads is shared state. The weakness of threads is shared state (managing race conditions).” From https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/3967849/pyru/_build/html/int Thinking about Concurrency, Raymond Hettinger, Python core developer.

Some tasks will be soluable within a single thread. More complex problems will need multiple cores, truly large problems need distributed processing. Second, “multiple cores” category is becoming less relevant in this world. Don't spend too much time on it, if the real issue is in much larger problems.

When you have threads that end, you join the threads, when you have daemon threads which never terminate, you join the message queue.

Queues are only suitable for when your underlying data flow is a directed acyclic graph.

A good development strategy is to first use "map" to test the code in a single process and a single thread before moving to parallel execution.

8.6 MSDS Example

```
59 <multilayer sds example 59>≡
import sds # Import sds library
import random
r = random.Random() # Initialise random number generator

# Initialise a list of one function per swarm, they take agent_num, and
# random, and return a hypothesis component.
random_hyp_functions = [
    lambda num, random: random.randrange(10),
    lambda num, random: random.randrange(10),
    lambda num, random: random.randrange(10),
    lambda num, random: random.randrange(10),
]

# Declare a topology, starting with a list of one [[1]] for each swarm,
# make a list of lists of ints, where each list of ints means how the
# previous numbers will be divided.
topology = [[2,2],[2]]

# Create a top swarm, with all its related infrastructure.
swarm = sds.make_ml_sds(
    swarm_size=100,
    bottom_hyp_functions=random_hyp_functions,
    topology=topology,
)

<initialise search space 60a>
<initialise microtests 60b>

# Iterate the swarm 100 times.
for _ in range(100):
    swarm.iterate(
        microtests=microtests,
        random=r,
    )

# You can use the free count_clusters function on Swarm.agents.
clusters = sds.count_clusters(swarm.agents)

print(clusters.most_common(10))
Uses count_clusters 44a and make_ml_sds 55.
```

The search space is a 4 dimensional array of random numbers in the interval $[-1, 1]$.

```
60a <initialise search space 60a>≡ (59)
    search_space = [
        [
            [
                [
                    r.uniform(-1,1)
                    for _
                    in range(10)
                ]
                for _
                in range(10)
            ]
            for _
            in range(10)
        ]
    ]
```

A list of microtests, they take a hyp, and return a boolean. This isn't a member variable of Swarm as only the top swarm is involved in testing.

```
60b <initialise microtests 60b>≡ (59)
    microtests = [
        lambda h: True,
        lambda h: False,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.1,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.2,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.3,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.4,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.5,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.6,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.7,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.8,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 0.9,
        lambda h: search_space[h[0][0]][h[0][1]][h[1][0]][h[1][1]] > 1,
    ]
```

9 String search implemented with the library

```
61 <src/string-search.py 61>≡ (85c)
    import random
    import functools
    import sds

    search_space = "xxhellxelloxhexhelxxxxhxllxxxx"
    model = "hello"

    def random_hyp(rnd): return rnd.randint(0, len(search_space)-len(model))

    def make_microtest(offset):
        return lambda hyp: search_space[hyp+offset] == model[offset]

    microtests = [make_microtest(offset) for offset in range(len(model))]

    clusters = sds.run(
        swarm=sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count=1000),
        microtests=microtests,
        random_hypothesis_function=random_hyp,
        max_iterations=300,
        diffusion_function=sds.passive_diffusion,
        random=random.Random(),
        report_iterations=10,
    )

    print(clusters.most_common())
    Uses Agent 4, initialise 5a, passive_diffusion 11, and run 30.
```

10 SDS Daemon implemented with the library

```
62 <src/sds-daemon.py 62>≡
import functools
import random
import sds

search_space, model = "xxhexlxelloxhexhxlxoxxxxhllxxxx", "hello"

def random_hyp(rnd):
    return rnd.randint(0, len(search_space) - len(model))

def test_hyp(offset, hyp):
    return search_space[hyp+offset] == model[offset]

microtests = [
    functools.partial( test_hyp, offset)
    for offset
    in range(len(model))
]

swarm = sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count=1000)

max_iterations = None

diffusion_function=sds.passive_diffusion

sds.run_daemon(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random_hyp,
    diffusion_function,
    max_iterations,
    halting_function=sds.never_halt,
    halting_iterations=0,
    multitesting=1,
    multitest_function=all,
    report_iterations=100,
    test_phase_function=sds.test_phase,
    hypothesis_string_function=str,
    max_cluster_report=None,
    out_file_name='./daemon-clusters.json',
    random=random,
)

print('done src/sds-daemon.py')
```

Uses Agent 4, initialise 5a, never_halt 19b, passive_diffusion 11, run_daemon 34, and test_phase 8.

11 Data-driven SDS implemented with the library

This implements data driven sds. It has the problem that you can reach strong stability with imperfect hypotheses.

See this final state, where `model = 'hello'` and `hypothesis 6 == 'xello'`.

```
[(CompHyp(hyp=6, data=3), 381), (CompHyp(hyp=6, data=2), 296),  
 (CompHyp(hyp=6, data=4), 171), (CompHyp(hyp=6, data=1), 152),]  
[(6, 1000)]
```

This shows that all of the 1000 agents have converged on hypothesis 6. They are also maintaining the data points [1, 2, 3, 4], i.e. not 0, which is the only test which fails.

```

64  <src/data-driven.py 64>≡
    import random, functools, sds
    from collections import namedtuple, Counter

    search_space, model = "xxhexlxelloxhexhxlxoxxxxhllxxxx", "hello"

    CompHyp = namedtuple('CompHyp', ('hyp', 'data'))

    def make_microtest(offset):
        return lambda hyp: search_space[hyp+offset] == model[offset]

    microtests = [make_microtest(offset) for offset in range(len(model))]

    def random_hyp(rnd): return rnd.randint(0, len(search_space)-len(model))

    def data_driven_random_hyp(rnd):
        return CompHyp(
            hyp=random_hyp(rnd),
            data=rnd.randrange(len(microtests)),)

    def data_driven_microtest(swarm, compound_hyp):
        random_agent = random.choice(swarm)

        result = microtests[random_agent.hypothesis.data](compound_hyp.hyp)

        random_agent.active = result

        return result

    swarm = sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count=1000)

    clusters = sds.run(
        swarm,
        microtests=[functools.partial(data_driven_microtest, swarm)],
        random_hypothesis_function=data_driven_random_hyp,
        max_iterations=300,
        diffusion_function=sds.passive_diffusion,
        random=random,
    )

    no_data_clusters = Counter()
    [no_data_clusters.update({hyp:count}) for (hyp,data), count in clusters.items()]
    print(clusters.most_common(), no_data_clusters.most_common())

```

Uses Agent 4, initialise 5a, passive_diffusion 11, and run 30.

12 Coupled SDS implemented with the library

```
65 <src/coupled-sds.py 65>≡
import itertools, random, sds

swarms = [
    sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count=100),
    sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count=101),]

search_space, model = "xxhexlxllohexhxlxoxxxhxlxxxx", "hello"

microtests = [ lambda loc,data: search_space[loc+data] == model[data] ]

random_hypothesis_functions = [
    lambda rnd: rnd.randint(0,len(search_space)-len(model)),
    lambda rnd: rnd.randrange(len(model)),
]

diffusion_functions = (
    sds.passive_diffusion,
    sds.context_sensitive_diffusion,)

test_phase_functions = (
    sds.synchronous_coupled_test_phase,
    sds.sequential_coupled_test_phase,)

is_scalars = (False, True)

for test_phase_function, scalar in itertools.product(
    test_phase_functions,
    is_scalars,
):

    clusters = sds.run_coupled(
        swarms=swarms,
        microtests=microtests,
        random_hypothesis_functions=random_hypothesis_functions,
        max_iterations=100,
        diffusion_functions=diffusion_functions,
        random=random,
        multitesting=1,
        multitest_function=all,
        report_iterations=None,
        test_phase_function=test_phase_function,
        hypothesis_string_function=None,
        max_cluster_report=None,
        scalar=scalar,
    )
```

```
print(clusters)
```

Uses Agent 4, context_sensitive_diffusion 13, initialise 5a, passive_diffusion 11,
run_coupled 43, sequential_coupled_test_phase 41, and synchronous_coupled_test_phase 40.

13 SDS Simulator implemented with the library

```
67  <sds simulator 67>≡ (80)
    def simulate(
        scores,
        max_iterations=1000,
        report_iterations=500,
        diffusion_function=passive_diffusion,
        agent_count=1000,
        multitesting=1,
        multitest_function=all,
        random=random,
        random_hyp=None,
        halting_function=never_halt,
        halting_iterations=None,
    ):

        if random_hyp is None:

            def random_hyp(rnd): return rnd.randrange(1,len(scores))

        if halting_iterations is None:
            halting_iterations = report_iterations

        def make_microtest(test_num, rnd):
            return lambda hyp: rnd.random() < scores[test_num]

        microtests = [
            lambda hyp: random.random() < scores[hyp]
        ]

        swarm=Agent.initialise(agent_count=agent_count)

        swarm[0].active = True
        swarm[0].hypothesis = 0

        clusters = run(
            swarm=swarm,
            microtests=microtests,
            random_hypothesis_function=random_hyp,
            max_iterations=max_iterations,
            diffusion_function=passive_diffusion,
            multitesting=multitesting,
            multitest_function=multitest_function,
            random=random,
            report_iterations=report_iterations,
            halting_function=halting_function,
            halting_iterations=halting_iterations,
        )
```

```
return clusters
```

Defines:

simulate, used in chunk 69.

Uses Agent 4, initialise 5a, never_halt 19b, passive_diffusion 11, and run 30.

```
68 <library dependencies 5c>+≡  
import random
```

(80) <58b

13.1 SDS Simulator front end

```
69 <src/simulator.py 69>≡
import random
import functools
import sds
import argparse

if __name__ == '__main__':

    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        description="Simulates SDS",
        epilog="",
    )

    parser.add_argument(
        "-s", "-scores",
        nargs='+',
        required=True,
        type=float,
        help="Scores of the hypotheses",
    )

    parser.add_argument(
        "-e", "-seed",
        type=int,
        help="Random seed",
    )

    parser.add_argument(
        "-i", "-iterations",
        type=int,
        default=1000,
        help="Maximum iterations",
    )

    parser.add_argument(
        "-r", "-report-iterations",
        type=int,
        default=None,
        help="Number of iterations between every analysis",
    )

    parser.add_argument(
        "-n", "-agent-count",
        type=int,
        default=1000,
        help="Number of agents in the swarm",
    )
```

```

diffusion_types = [
    'passive',
    'context-free',
    'context-sensitive',
]
diffusion_functions = [
    sds.passive_diffusion,
    sds.context_free_diffusion,
    sds.context_sensitive_diffusion,
]

parser.add_argument(
    "-d", "-diffusion",
    choices=diffusion_types,
    default=diffusion_types[0],
    help="Type of diffusion phase",
)

parser.add_argument(
    "-p", "-prob",
    default=0,
    type=str,
    help="Probability of picking optimal hypothesis",
)

halting_types = [
    'never',
    'weak',
    'threshold',
]
halting_functions = [
    sds.never_halt,
    sds.make_stability_halting_function,
    sds.make_instant_threshold_halt_function,
]
parser.add_argument(
    '-a', '-halt',
    choices=halting_types,
    default=halting_types[0],
    help='Type of halting',
)
parser.add_argument(
    '-l', '-lower',
    type=float,
    default=0.5,
    dest='halting_lower_bound',
    help="Activity lower bound for stability halting",
)

```

```

parser.add_argument(
    '-g', '-region',
    type=float,
    default=0.25,
    dest='halting_stability_region',
    help="Activity stability region for stability halting",
)
parser.add_argument(
    '-t', '-time',
    type=int,
    default=32,
    dest='halting_stability_time',
    help="Activity stability time for stability halting",
)

args = parser.parse_args()

print(args)

def random_hyp_fun(P, score_len, rnd):
    if rnd.random() < P:
        return 0
    else:
        return rnd.randrange(1, score_len)

if args.prob == 'even':
    args.random_hyp = lambda rnd: rnd.randrange(len(args.scores))
else:
    args.random_hyp = lambda rnd: random_hyp_fun(float(args.prob), len(args.scores),

if args.report_iterations is None:
    args.report_iterations = args.iterations // 10

args.diffusion = dict(
    zip(diffusion_types, diffusion_functions)
)[args.diffusion]

halting_dict = dict(zip(halting_types, halting_functions))
halting_function = halting_dict[args.halt]
if args.halt == 'never':
    pass
elif args.halt == 'weak':
    halting_function = halting_function(
        lower=args.halting_lower_bound,
        region=args.halting_stability_region,
        time=args.halting_stability_time,
    )
elif args.halt == 'threshold':
    halting_function = halting_function(

```

```

        threshold=args.halting_lower_bound,)

print(args)

clusters = sds.simulate(
    args.scores,
    random=random.Random(args.seed),
    max_iterations=args.iterations,
    report_iterations=args.report_iterations,
    diffusion_function=args.diffusion,
    agent_count=args.agent_count,
    random_hyp=args.random_hyp,
    halting_function=halting_function,
)

print(clusters.most_common())

```

Uses context_free_diffusion 12, context_sensitive_diffusion 13, make_instant_threshold_halt_function 21, make_stability_halting_function 20, never_halt 19b, passive_diffusion 11, and simulate 67.

14 Heterogeneous agents

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```
<src/heterogeneous-sds.py 73>≡
import random, functools, sds
from collections import namedtuple

def random_hypothesis_function(random):
    return random.randint(0,100)

def test_is_odd(hypothesis):
    return hypothesis % 2 == 1

def test_is_even(hypothesis):
    return hypothesis % 2 == 0

def test_is_large(hypothesis):
    return random.randint(0,100) < hypothesis

def test_is_small(hypothesis):
    return not test_is_large(hypothesis)

def is_prime(hypothesis):
    return hypothesis in (2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79,

def is_square(hypothesis):
    return hypothesis in (1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100)

TestList = namedtuple('TestList',('last_agent','tests'))

# last_agent refers to the number of the first agent which does not use
# the tests.

microtests = [
    TestList(last_agent=1000,tests=[
        is_square,
        test_is_small,
        test_is_even,
    ]),
    TestList(last_agent=2000,tests=[
        test_is_large,
        is_prime,
    ]),
]

def heterogeneous_test_phase(swarm, microtests, random, multitesting=1, multitest_functi

    def zip_agents_and_tests(swarm, microtests):

        prev_last_agent = 0
```

```

    for last_agent_num, test_list in microtests:

        yield (swarm[prev_last_agent:last_agent_num], test_list)

        prev_last_agent = last_agent_num

for (
    partial_swarm,
    partial_microtests,
) in (
    zip_agents_and_tests(swarm, microtests)
):

    for _ in sds.generic_test_phase(
        partial_swarm,
        partial_microtests,
        random,
        multitesting,
        multitest_function,
        scalar,
    ):
        pass

agent_count = 2000
swarm = sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count)

max_iterations = 4000
diffusion_function = sds.context_sensitive_diffusion
#diffusion_function = sds.passive_diffusion

clusters = sds.run(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    max_iterations,
    diffusion_function,
    random,
    test_phase_function=heterogeneous_test_phase,
)

print(clusters.most_common(10))

```

Uses Agent 4, context_sensitive_diffusion 13, generic_test_phase 6, initialise 5a, passive_diffusion 11, and run 30.

15 True Restaurant Game

```
75 <src/restaurant-game.py 75>≡
import random, functools, sds
from collections import namedtuple
from pprint import pprint

cuisine_count = 3

restaurant_count = 10

agent_count = 1000

swarm = sds.Agent.initialise(agent_count)

microtests = None

max_iterations = 10000

diffusion_function = sds.passive_diffusion

def clip(num, smallest, largest):
    return min(largest,max(num, smallest))

def make_restaurant(cuisine_count):

    return sorted(
        [0] + [
            random.random()
            for _
            in range(cuisine_count-1)
        ]
    )

restaurants = [
    make_restaurant(cuisine_count)
    for restaurant_num
    in range(restaurant_count)
]

def to_probabilities(r):
    return [t-p for p,t in zip(r,r[1:] + [1])]

#pprint([to_probabilities(r) for r in restaurants])

def generic_random_hypothesis_function(restaurant_count, random):

    return random.randrange(restaurant_count)
```

```

random_hypothesis_function = functools.partial(
    generic_random_hypothesis_function,
    restaurant_count)

def make_taste(cuisine_count):

    general_happiness = random.gauss(0,1)

    return [
        clip(random.gauss(2/3,0.5)+general_happiness,smallest=0,largest=1)
        for _
        in range(cuisine_count)
    ]

    #taste = [1] * cuisine_count

    #taste[random.randrange(cuisine_count)] = 0

    return taste

tastes = [
    make_taste(agent_count)
    for agent_num
    in range(agent_count)
]

def pick_dish(restaurant):

    num = random.random()

    return sum(1 for x in restaurant if num >= x)

def taste_test(restaurant, agent_tastes):

    dish = pick_dish(restaurant)

    agent_taste = agent_tastes[dish]

    return random.random() < agent_taste

def exhaustive_test(tastes, restaurants):

    restaurant_scores = []

    for r_num, restaurant in enumerate(restaurants):
        probs = to_probabilities(restaurant)
        agent_scores = []
        for taste in tastes:

```

```

        agent_scores.append(
            sum(dish*prob for dish,prob in zip(taste,probs))
        )
    restaurant_score = sum(agent_scores)/len(tastes)
    restaurant_scores.append(
        (r_num, restaurant_score)
    )

    return restaurant_scores

def restaurant_game_test_phase(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random,
    **kwargs
):

    for agent_num, agent in enumerate(swarm):

        agent_tastes = tastes[agent_num]

        agent.active = taste_test(
            restaurants[agent.hypothesis],
            agent_tastes)

clusters = sds.run(
    swarm,
    microtests,
    random_hypothesis_function,
    max_iterations,
    diffusion_function,
    random,
    report_iterations=1000,
    test_phase_function=restaurant_game_test_phase,
)

print(clusters)

truth = exhaustive_test(tastes, restaurants)

scores = [score for num,score in truth]

for hyp, count in clusters.most_common():
    print("Restaurant {hyp} has {c} agents, and a score of {s}".format(
        hyp=hyp,
        c=count,
        s=scores[hyp],
    ))

```

```
truth.sort(key=lambda x:-x[1])  
print(truth[:10])
```

Uses Agent 4, initialise 5a, passive_diffusion 11, and run 30.

16 Library definition

```
79 <src/library/setup.py 79>≡
    from setuptools import setup

    setup(
        name='sds',
        version='0.1.4',
        packages=['sds'],
        description='Stochastic Diffusion Search',
        keywords = ['swarm', 'artificial', 'intelligence', 'search'],
        classifiers = [
            'Development Status :: 3 - Alpha',
            'Intended Audience :: Developers',
            'Intended Audience :: Science/Research',
            'License :: OSI Approved :: Apache Software License',
            'Operating System :: OS Independent',
            'Programming Language :: Python :: 3',
            'Programming Language :: Python',
            'Topic :: Scientific/Engineering :: Artificial Intelligence',
        ],
        url='http://www.aomartin.co.uk/sds-library/',
        author='Andrew Owen Martin',
        author_email='a.martin@gold.ac.uk',
        long_description="""\
A library which implements the main variants of Stochastic Diffusion
Search (SDS), and provides a convenient front end.

Stochastic Diffusion Search (SDS) is a generic population-based search
method. SDS agents perform cheap, partial evaluations of a hypothesis (a
candidate solution to the search problem). They then share information
about hypotheses (diffusion of information) through direct one-to-one
communication. As a result of the diffusion mechanism, high-quality
solutions can be identified from clusters of agents with the same
hypothesis.

This is a library used during the writing of my PhD thesis, I will
publish full documentation and host the code on GitHub once the design
has settled down and I have submitted my thesis. Until then, feel free
to email me.

SDS has a Scholarpedia page:
http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/Stochastic\_diffusion\_search

A list of papers written on SDS can be found in the Stochastic Diffusion
Search paper repository, maintained by the author of this module:
http://www.aomartin.co.uk/sds-repository/publications.html
"""
    )
```

80 `<src/library/sds/__init__.py 80>≡`
`<library dependencies 5c>`
`<agent class definition 4>`
`<agent namedtuple 5b>`
`<generic test phase function 6>`
`<test phase function 8>`
`<scalar test phase function 9>`
`<generic single agent test function 10>`
`<generic diffusion function 16>`
`<generic single agent diffusion function 17>`
`<passive diffusion function 11>`
`<context free diffusion function 12>`
`<context sensitive diffusion function 13>`
`<synchronous iterate function 23>`
`<asynchronous iterate function 25>`
`<parallel iterate function 27>`
`<parallel update state function 29>`
`<never halt function 19b>`
`<stability halt function 20>`
`<instant threshold halt function 21>`
`<threshold time halt function 22>`
`<run function 30>`
`<run daemon 34>`
`<coupled diffusion 36b>`
`<coupled test phase 37>`
`<synchronous coupled test phase 40>`
`<sequential coupled test phase 41>`
`<coupled iterate 42>`
`<coupled run 43>`
`<count clusters function 44a>`
`<write swarm function 33a>`
`<activity function 45>`
`<estimate noise 46>`
`<swarm from clusters 47>`
`<pretty print clusters with values 48>`
`<sds simulator 67>`
`<swarm class 49>`
`<make multilayer sds function 55>`
`<single diffusion function 57a>`
`<random compound hypothesis function 57b>`
`<flatten hypothesis 58a>`

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85a <src/library/MANIFEST.in 85a>≡
    include LICENSE.txt
    include doc/string_search.py
    include doc/documentation.pdf
    include doc/tutorial.html
    include doc/tutorial.pdf
```

```
85b <src/library/README.rst 85b>≡
    This is the readme for the sds module.
```

```
85c <src/library/doc/string-search.py 85c>≡
    <src/string-search.py 61>
```

16.1 Deploying to PyPi

I deployed this to PyPi by going into `thesis/src/library` and running `python3 setup.py sdist upload`.

I deployed an update by updating the version line in `<src/library/setup.py 79>`, running `make pip_install` and running `python setup.py sdist upload` in the virtual environment.

17 Mathematical library definition

```
85d <src/mathlib/setup.py 85d>≡
    from setuptools import find_packages, setup

    setup(
        name='sdsmath',
        version='0.1',
        packages=find_packages(),
        url='www.aomartin.co.uk',
        author='Andrew Owen Martin',
        author_email='a.martin@gold.ac.uk',
    )
```

86a `<src/mathlib/sdsmath/sdsmath.py 86a>≡`
`<math library dependencies 86b>`
`<diffusion rate model (never defined)>`
`<basic model (never defined)>`
`<minimum stability model (never defined)>`

86b `<math library dependencies 86b>≡` (86a)
`from sympy import Symbol as _Symbol`
`from sympy import Eq as _Eq`
`from sympy import solveset as _solveset`
`from sympy import latex as _latex`
`from sympy import simplify as _simplify`

86c `<src/mathlib/sdsmath/__init__.py 86c>≡`
`from .sdsmath import *`

86d `<src/mathlib/LICENSE.py 86d>≡`

86e `<src/mathlib/MANIFEST.in 86e>≡`

86f `<src/mathlib/README.rst 86f>≡`
`This is the readme for the sdsmath module.`

17.1 Interacting Markov Chain Model

This is the interacting markov chain model implemented in Sympy.

```
87 <interacting markov chain model 87>≡
import sympy

pminus, pm, N = sympy.symbols('p^{-} p_{m} N')

a = 2*(1-pminus)*(1-pm)
pi1 = (a-1 + sympy.sqrt( pow(a-1,2) + 2*a*pm*(1-pminus) ) ) / a
pi2 = (1 - sympy.sqrt( pow(a-1,2) + 2*a*pm*(1-pminus) ) ) / a

n = ((N+1)*pi1-1, (N+1)*pi1)

En = N*pi1

sigma = sympy.sqrt(N * pi1 * pi2)

def interacting_markov_chain_model(pminus_val, pm_val, N_val):
    subs = [(N,N_val), (pm,pm_val), (pminus,pminus_val)]
    ngeq, nleq = (n_eq.subs(subs) for n_eq in n)

    return {
        'n >=':ngeq,
        'n <=':nleq,
        'E[n]':En.subs(subs),
        'sigma':sigma.subs(subs),
    }
```