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Couplings and Attractiveness for General Exclusion Processes

Attractiveness is a fundamental tool to study interacting particle systems and the basic coupling construction is a usual route to prove this property, as for instance in the simple exclusion process. We consider here general exclusion processes where jump rates from an occupied site to an empty one depend not only on the location of the jump but also possibly on the whole configuration. These processes include in particular exclusion processes with speed change. In the spirit of our previous papers on particle systems of misanthrope type, we derive for such processes necessary and sufficient conditions for attractiveness, through the construction of a coupled process under which, in any coupled transition, discrepancies on the involved sites do not increase, or even decrease. We emphasize the fact that basic coupling is never attractive for this class of processes, except in the case of simple exclusion, and that the coupled processes presented here necessarily differ from it. We present various examples. This is a joint work with Thierry Gobron (Lille).