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# Nondegeneracy of statistical random field and statistics for stochastic processes

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## In this talk

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- Nondegeneracy of statistical random field
- Applications to statistical analysis for volatility under high frequent sampling and finite time-horizon.
  - construction of quasi likelihood analysis
  - a criterion for nondegeneracy of statistical random field
  - second order statistical analysis for volatility

**Volatility estimation: QLA and nondegeneracy of  
statistical random field,**

## Stochastic regression model

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- An  $m$ -dimensional Itô process satisfying the stochastic differential equation

$$dY_t = b_t dt + \sigma(X_t, \theta) dw_t, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad (1)$$

- $w$ : an  $r$ -dimensional standard Wiener process on some stochastic basis  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}, P)$
- $b$  and  $X$ : progressively measurable processes with values in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , respectively.  $b$  is unobservable, completely unknown.
- $\sigma$ : an  $\mathbb{R}^m \otimes \mathbb{R}^r$ -valued function defined on  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \Theta$ ,
- $\Theta$ : a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^p$
- $\theta^*$  denotes the true value of  $\theta$ .

- **Data:**  $\mathbf{Z}_n = (X_{t_j}, Y_{t_j})_{0 \leq j \leq n}$  with  $t_j = jh$  for  $h = h_n = T/n$ .
- **For example,** when  $b_t = b(Y_t, t)$  and  $X_t = (Y_t, t)$ ,  $Y$  is the time-inhomogeneous diffusion process.

## Quasi likelihood

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- Quasi log likelihood function:

$$\mathbb{H}_n(\theta) = -\frac{nm}{2} \log(2\pi h) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \log \det S(X_{t_{j-1}}, \theta) + h^{-1} S^{-1}(X_{t_{j-1}}, \theta) [(\Delta_j Y)^{\otimes 2}] \right\},$$

$$S = \sigma^{\otimes 2} = \sigma \sigma',$$

$$\Delta_j Y = Y_{t_j} - Y_{t_{j-1}}.$$

## QLA estimators

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- $\hat{\theta}_n$ : the maximum likelihood type estimator defined as

$$\mathbb{H}_n(\hat{\theta}_n) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{H}_n(\theta). \quad (2)$$

- Let  $\tilde{\theta}_n$  be the Bayes type estimator for a prior density  $\pi : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  defined as

$$\tilde{\theta}_n = \left( \int_{\Theta} \exp(\mathbb{H}_n(\theta)) \pi(\theta) d\theta \right)^{-1} \int_{\Theta} \theta \exp(\mathbb{H}_n(\theta)) \pi(\theta) d\theta. \quad (3)$$

**We assume that  $\pi$  is continuous and  $0 < \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \pi(\theta) \leq \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \pi(\theta) < \infty$ .**

## Quasi likelihood analysis (QLA)

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Definition 1. QLA  $\ni$

- (quasi) likelihood random field
- quasi MLE
- quasi Bayesian estimator
- (polynomial type) large deviation estimates for the quasi likelihood random field
- tail probability estimate for the QLA estimators, convergence of moments.

## Convergence of moments of estimator is very important

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- $P[|\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)| > r] \lesssim \frac{1}{r^L} \Leftrightarrow E[|\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta)|^p] < \infty$
- **Decision theory: risk function**  $E_{\theta}[W(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta))]$ .
  - Attainability of the risk bound by the estimator of interest.
- **Prediction and Information criteria:**
  - Expanding  $E[\log\text{-likelihood}(\hat{\theta}_n)]$ .
- Asymptotic expansion of  $E[f(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta))]$  for measurable functions  $f$ .
  - Rigorous estimate of the higher-order terms in the stochastic expansion.
- **Machinery is necessary:**
  - “(at least polynomial type) large deviation inequality”

## Large deviation of likelihood ratio random fields and likelihood analysis

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- The framework of the likelihood analysis was established by Ibragimov and Hasminskii (TPA1972, TPA1973, Springer1981)
- Likelihood analysis of semimartingales by Kutoyants (Heldermann1984, Springer1998, Springer2004).

## Recall the model

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- **Data:**  $\mathbf{Z}_n = (X_{t_j}, Y_{t_j})_{0 \leq j \leq n}$  with  $t_j = jh$  for  $h = h_n = T/n$ .
- This is non-ergodic statistics.
- Polynomial type large deviation holds in a general setting (e.g. LAQ structure), and consequently, the QLA is obtained (Y ISMRM2006, AISM2011). We apply this QLA to the volatility estimation problem.

## A Key index for separation of distributions (1)

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- $\mathbb{Y}_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n}(\mathbb{H}_n(\theta) - \mathbb{H}_n(\theta^*))$  : quasi log likelihood ratio
- $\mathbb{Y}$  : the limit random field of  $\mathbb{Y}_n$ , more precisely,

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left\| \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \sqrt{n} |\mathbb{Y}_n(\theta) - \mathbb{Y}(\theta)| \right\|_q < \infty$$

for every  $q > 1$ . Next slide for  $\mathbb{Y}(\theta)$ .

[NB Quasi log likelihood function:

$$\mathbb{H}_n(\theta) = -\frac{nm}{2} \log(2\pi h) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \left\{ \log \det S(X_{t_{j-1}}, \theta) + h^{-1} S^{-1}(X_{t_{j-1}}, \theta) [(\Delta_j Y)^{\otimes 2}] \right\},$$

$$S = \sigma^{\otimes 2} = \sigma \sigma', \quad \Delta_j Y = Y_{t_j} - Y_{t_{j-1}}.]$$

## A Key index for separation of distributions (2)

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Key index:

$$\chi_0 = \inf_{\theta \neq \theta^*} \frac{-\mathbb{Y}(\theta)}{|\theta - \theta^*|^2}.$$

For the stochastic regression model,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Y}(\theta) = & -\frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T \left\{ \log \left( \frac{\det S(X_t, \theta)}{\det S(X_t, \theta^*)} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \text{tr} \left( S^{-1}(X_t, \theta) S(X_t, \theta^*) - I_d \right) \right\} dt. \end{aligned}$$

**[H2]** For every  $L > 0$ , there exists  $c_L > 0$  such that

$$P \left[ \chi_0 \leq r^{-1} \right] \leq \frac{c_L}{rL}$$

for all  $r > 0$ .

- Remark. It is possible to reformulate the problem by weakening  $[H2]$  for a specific  $L$  (cf. Y AISM2011). Naturally, the resulting order of moments will be limited, not an arbitrary positive number, under such a condition.

## QLA for volatility under [H2]:

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Under [H2], we can obtain the asymptotic mixed normality and moment convergence of the quasi ML and quasi Bayesian estimators, e.g.,

Theorem 1. (Uchida and Y) Under [H2],

(a)  $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta^*) \rightarrow^{d_s(\mathcal{F}_T)} \Gamma(\theta^*)^{-1/2}\zeta$

(b) For all continuous functions  $h$  of at most polynomial growth,

$$E \left[ h(\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta^*)) \right] \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[ h(\Gamma(\theta^*)^{-1/2}\zeta) \right]$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Here  $\Gamma(\theta^*)$  is a random matrix and  $\zeta$  is a standard Gaussian random vector independent of  $\Gamma(\theta^*)$ .

- Non-ergodic statistics!

The identifiability of the statistical model is random!

## Proof (1) Limit theorem

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- **Mixed normal limit theorem (stable convergence):**

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A(t_{j-1}) [(\Delta_j Y)^{\otimes 2} - B(t_{j-1})] \rightarrow^{d_s(\mathcal{F}_T)} \text{mixed normal}$$

**after scaling.**

## Proof (2) Quasi likelihood ratio random field

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- Define the random field  $\mathbb{Z}_n(u)$  for  $u \in \mathbb{U}_n$  by

$$\mathbb{Z}_n(u) = \exp \left\{ \mathbb{H}_n \left( \theta^* + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}u \right) - \mathbb{H}_n(\theta^*) \right\},$$

- Let

$$\mathbb{Z}(u) = \exp \left( \Gamma(\theta^*)^{1/2} \zeta[u] - \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(\theta^*)[u, u] \right),$$

where  $\Gamma(\theta^*) = (\Gamma^{ij}(\theta^*))_{i,j=1,\dots,p}$  with

$$\Gamma^{ij}(\theta^*) = \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T \text{tr} \left( (\partial_{\theta_i} S) S^{-1} (\partial_{\theta_j} S) S^{-1} (X_t, \theta^*) \right) dt$$

and  $\zeta$  is a  $p$ -dimensional standard normal random variable independent of  $\Gamma(\theta^*)$ .

## Proof (3) [H2] implies PLD

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- [H2]+LAQ  $\Rightarrow^Y$  Polynomial type large deviation (PLD) inequality

$$P \left[ \sup_{u \in \mathbb{R}^p: |u| \geq r} \mathbb{Z}_n(u) \geq e^{-r} \right] \leq \frac{C_L}{r^L} \quad (r > 0)$$

- $\mathbb{H}_n \Rightarrow^J [\mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow^{df} \mathbb{Z}] \Rightarrow [\mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow^d \mathbb{Z}]_{compact}$

- **PLD** +  $[\mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow^d \mathbb{Z}]_{compact} \Rightarrow^{IHK}$  **QLA** □

- **References:**

- Y (ISM ResearchMemorandum2006, AISM2011)
- Uchida and Y (ISM ResearchMemorandum2011, arXiv2012)

## Then, what ensures [H2]?

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- ?  $\Rightarrow$  [H2]
- **Analytic criterion:** Nondegeneracy of a certain tensor field over  $\text{supp } \mathcal{L}\{X_0\} \times \Theta$  ensures [H2].  
(U-Y, SAPS 2009)
- **Geometric criterion** (U-Y SAPS 2013, arXiv2012)

**NB.**  $\chi_0 = \inf_{\theta \neq \theta^*} \frac{-\mathbb{Y}(\theta)}{|\theta - \theta^*|^2}.$

**[H2]**  $P \left[ \chi_0 \leq r^{-1} \right] \leq \frac{cL}{rL}$  for all  $r > 0$ .

## Exercise.

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- A sufficient condition for [H2] is that

$$\inf_{\substack{\omega \in \Omega, \theta \in \Theta \setminus \{\theta_*\} \\ t \in [0, T]}} \left\{ \log \left( \frac{\det S(X_t, \theta)}{\det S(X_t, \theta^*)} \right) + \mathbf{tr} \left( S^{-1}(X_t, \theta) S(X_t, \theta^*) - I_d \right) \right\} / |\theta - \theta^*|^2 > 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

- It is too naïve as it breaks, for example, in a simple model

$$dX_t = (1 + X_t^2)^\theta dw_t, \quad X_0 = 0.$$

## Support function

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Let

$$Q(x, \theta, \theta^*) = \mathbf{tr} \left( S(x, \theta)^{-1} S(x, \theta^*) - I_d \right) \\ - \log \det \left( S(x, \theta)^{-1} S(x, \theta^*) \right)$$

then

$$-2\mathbb{Y}(\theta) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Q(X_t, \theta, \theta^*) dt.$$

A support function  $f$  is a function such that

$$Q(x, \theta, \theta^*) |\theta - \theta^*|^{-2} \geq |f(x, \theta)|^\varrho,$$

for a constant  $\varrho \in (0, \infty)$ . Recall

$$\chi_0 = \inf_{\theta \neq \theta^*} \frac{-\mathbb{Y}(\theta)}{|\theta - \theta^*|^2} \geq \inf_{\theta \neq \theta^*} \frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T |f(X_t, \theta)|^\varrho dt.$$

## Analytic criterion: nondegeneracy of a tensor field

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- For simplicity, let  $d = 1$  and suppose that  $X$  is a nondegenerate Itô process.
- Suppose that  $\mathcal{X}_0$  is a neighborhood of compact  $\text{supp}\mathcal{L}\{X_0\}$ , and that  $\Theta$  is compact.
- For each  $(x_0, \theta) \in \mathcal{X}_0 \times \Theta$ ,  $\max_{j=0, \dots, J-1} |\partial_x^j f(x_0, \theta)| > 0$ .  
Then [H2] holds.
- Remarks.
  - Similar condition in the multi-dimensional case.
  - It is possible to give a condition for a degenerate diffusion on manifold. However the condition becomes much more complicated. (Uchida and Y LeMans2009, ISM RM2011, Paris2012)

## Geometric criterion

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- **Example.**

- $f(x, \theta) = x_1 x_2 (x_1 - \theta_1 x_2^2) (\theta_2 x_1 + x_2^2)$

- $X = (X_t) = (X_{1,t}, X_{2,t})$ : a nondegenerate diffusion with uniform initial distribution on  $\text{supp} \mathcal{L}\{X_0\} = \{0\} \times [0, 1]$ .

- **Show**

$$P \left[ \inf_{\theta} \int_0^1 |f(X_t, \theta)|^2 dt < \frac{1}{r} \right] \leq \frac{C_L}{rL}.$$

- **The null set  $\{f = 0\}$  is not a regular submanifold.**

## Geometric criterion

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[A3']  $\text{supp}\mathcal{L}\{X_0\}$  is compact, there exists a function  $f : U \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for some open neighborhood  $U$  of  $\text{supp}\mathcal{L}\{X_0\}$  and the following conditions are satisfied.

(i) For some  $\varrho \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $Q(x, \theta, \theta^*)|\theta - \theta^*|^{-2} \geq |f(x, \theta)|^\varrho$  for all  $(x, \theta) \in U \times (\Theta \setminus \{\theta^*\})$ .

(ii) For each  $x_0 \in U$ , there exist a neighborhood  $V$  in  $U$  of  $x_0$  and a covering  $\{\Theta_k\}_{k=1, \dots, \bar{k}}$  of  $\Theta$  such that for each  $k = 1, \dots, \bar{k}$ , there exist  $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{S}$ ,  $J \in \mathbb{N}$ , some positive numbers  $M, c, \epsilon_0, K_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, J$ ) and some functions  $\Psi_j : P_{\xi_0}^\perp V \times \Theta_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

(a) each function  $P_{\xi_0}^\perp V \ni y \mapsto \Psi_j(y, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}$  is  $M$ -Lipschitz continuous for all  $\theta \in \Theta_k$ ,

(b) for  $(x, \theta) \in V \times \Theta_k$ ,

$$|f(x, \theta)| \geq c \prod_{j=1}^J (|\xi_0 \cdot x - \Psi_j(P_{\xi_0}^\perp x, \theta)| \wedge \epsilon_0)^{K_j}.$$

## Remarks

- In  $[A3']$ ,  $\bar{k}$  may depend on  $x_0$ .
- Note that  $\{x \in V; f(x, \theta) = 0\} \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^J \{x \in V; \xi_0 \cdot x = \Psi_j(P_{\xi_0}^\perp x, \theta)\}$  under  $[A3'](\text{ii})$ , that is, the graph of the functions  $\Psi_j$  covers locally the null set of  $f$ .

**Theorem 2.** (Uchida-Y 2012 arXiv)  $[A3'] +$  nondegenerate Itô process  $X \Rightarrow [H2]$ , and hence **QLA**.

## Summary

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- We constructed QLA for the stochastic regression model

$$dY_t = b_t dt + \sigma(X_t, \theta) dw_t, \quad t \in [0, T].$$

- Tail probability estimates for QLA estimators:

$$\text{(QMLE)} \quad \sup_n P[\sqrt{n}|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| > r] \lesssim \frac{1}{rL},$$

$$\text{(QBE)} \quad \sup_n P[\sqrt{n}|\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta| > r] \lesssim \frac{1}{rL}.$$

- The geometric criterion gives the nondegeneracy of the key index  $\chi_0$ .

## Some remarks on QLA for ergodic diffusion

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- QLA for ergodic diffusion: Y (ISM RM2006, AISM2011)
  - QMLE, adaptive Bayes estimator, PLD, moment convergence
- QLA and adaptive procedures: Uchida and Y (LeMans2011, SPA2012)
  - reduced sampling rate from  $nh^2 \rightarrow 0$  to  $nh^p \rightarrow 0$
  - PLD, moment convergence
- Information criterion CIC: Uchida (AISM2010)
  - PLD, Malliavin calculus
- Misspecification affects convergence rate of the volatility parameter: Uchida and Y (ESAIM2011)
  - The convergence rate of the volatility estimator becomes  $\sqrt{T}$ , not  $\sqrt{n}$ .

## Some remarks on QLA for ergodic jump-diffusion

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- Ergodic jump-diffusion: Shimizu and Y (SISP2006)
- QLA for ergodic jump-diffusion:  
Ogihara and Y (Tokyo2009, SISP2011)
- QLA for ergodic Lévy driven SDE:  
Masuda (2012MIPreprintSeries)

## More on QL methods

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- QMLE of volatility in nonsynchronous sampling scheme: Ogihara and Y (Paris2012)
- Change point problem for volatility: Iacus and Y (SPA2012) Convergence of QL random field to a mixture of double sided Wiener functionals.
- Discriminant analysis: Uchida and Y (Hokkaido2012, SAPS2013)

**Asymptotic expansion of the QMLE as an application of QLA**

## Asymptotic expansion of the QMLE

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- SDE

$$dX_t = b(X_t)dt + \sigma(X_t, \theta)dw_t, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

- Aim: asymptotic expansion of the distribution of the QMLE  $\hat{\theta}_n$

- We need

- the polynomial type large deviation inequality for  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)$
- the martingale expansion under mixed normal limit.

## Stochastic expansion of the QMLE

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- Expand  $\partial_{\theta}\mathbb{H}_n(\hat{\theta}_n) = 0$  around  $\theta^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*) \\ &= \sqrt{n}\ddot{\mathbb{H}}_n(\theta^*)^{-1} \left\{ -\dot{\mathbb{H}}_n(\theta^*) - \frac{1}{2}\ddot{\mathbb{H}}_n(\theta^*)(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*)^2 \right\} \\ & \quad + O_{L^{\infty-}}(n^{-1/2-\epsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

- The higher-order term is estimated by the polynomial type large deviation inequality for the QMLE

- Thus, the QMLE admits a (very involved) stochastic expansion.

$$Z_n = M_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}N_n$$

$$M_n = \sqrt{n} \sum_j 2^{-1} S^{-1} \dot{S}(X_{t_{j-1}}, \theta^*) \{(\Delta_j w)^2 - n^{-1}\}$$

$$N_n = \dots$$

- Randomly scaled perturbed martingale:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta^*) = \Gamma(\theta^*)^{-1} Z_n$$

## Formula: Martingale expansion in mixed normal limit

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- Perturbed martingale

$$Z_n = M_1^n + W_n + r_n N_n, \quad r_n \rightarrow 0$$

- $F_n$ : a reference variable, e.g.,

$$F_n = F_\infty = \int_0^1 \beta(X_t) dt.$$

Often  $W_n = 0$

- $C_n := \langle M^n \rangle_1 \xrightarrow{p} C_\infty$
- $M_1^n \xrightarrow{d_s} \text{Mixed Normal}(0, C_\infty)$
- Random symbols (symbols with random coefficients)

$$\varsigma(z, iu, iv) = \sum_j c_j(z, \omega) (iu)^{m_j} (iv)^{n_j}$$

- $\underline{\sigma}$ : Adaptive random symbol
- $\bar{\sigma}$ : Anticipative random symbol
- Full random symbol  $\sigma = \underline{\sigma} + \bar{\sigma}$
- The random symbol  $\bar{\sigma}$  is defined by the Malliavin derivatives.

More precisely,

- Adaptive random symbol:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\sigma}(z, iu, iv) = & \frac{1}{2} \tilde{C}_\infty(z)^{j,k} (iu_j)(iu_k) + \tilde{W}_\infty(z)^j (iu_j) \\ & + \tilde{N}_\infty(z)^j (iu_j) + \tilde{F}_\infty(z)^l (iv_j) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

for  $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$ .

For details, see **Y 2012arXiv**.

- Anticipative random symbol (in the case of a quadratic form of the principal part):

$$\bar{\sigma}(iu, iv) = \int_0^1 iu a(X_s) \sigma_{s,s}(iu, iv) ds$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{s,s}(iu, iv) = & \left( -u^2 \int_s^1 \alpha'(X_t) D_s X_t dt + i \int_s^1 \beta'(X_t) [v] D_s X_t dt \right)^2 \\ & - u^2 \int_s^1 \{ \alpha''(X_t) (D_s X_t)^2 + \alpha'(X_t) D_s D_s X_t \} dt \\ & + i \int_s^1 \{ \beta''(X_t) [v] (D_s X_t)^2 + \beta'(X_t) [v] D_s D_s X_t \} dt \end{aligned}$$

for some functions  $a$  and  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha = a^2$ .

- **Asymptotic expansion formula:**

$$p_n(z, x) = E \left[ \phi(z; W_\infty, C_\infty) \delta_x(F_\infty) \right] \\ + r_n E \left[ \sigma(z, \partial_z, \partial_x)^* \left\{ \phi(z; W_\infty, C_\infty) \delta_x(F_\infty) \right\} \right]$$

with Watanabe's delta functional.

- We can see mixed normality in the formula.

**Theorem 3.** Under suitable non-degeneracy condition, the density  $p_n(z, x)$  gives a 2nd order approximation to  $\mathcal{L}\{(Z_n, F_n)\}$ , i.e., the approximation error is  $o(r_n)$ .

(Martingale expansion, ISM RM2010, arXiv2012)

## Asymptotic expansion of the QMLE

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Martingale expansion can apply to QMLE to obtain asymptotic expansion.

- $p_n(z, x)$ : asy. exp. for  $(Z_n, F_n)$ ,  
 $F_n$  is a reference variable, for example,  $F_n = \Gamma(\theta^*)$ .
- $\mathbb{T}_n(z, x) = x^{-1}z$
- Asymptotic expansion of the QMLE

$$q_n = (\mathbb{T}_n)_* p_n$$

- Summary. PLD plays an essential role in derivation of the asymptotic expansion of the quasi maximum likelihood estimator.