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# Statistical Problems on the number of delays in SDE with delays

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Diffusion processes  $(X^\varepsilon(t), t \in [0, T])$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  :

$$dX^\varepsilon(t) = \left( \int_0^\delta X^\varepsilon(t-s) \mu(ds) \right) dt + \varepsilon dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T]$$

$\mu$  signed measure with support  $[0, \delta]$ ,  $\delta > 0$ ,  $\|\mu\| \leq L$   
 $L > 0$

$(W(t), t \in [0, T])$  Wiener Process

Initial condition :  $\begin{cases} X^\varepsilon(t) = x_0(t) & \text{if } t \in [-\delta, 0]. \\ \text{with a given } x_0. \end{cases}$

Processes with memory of length  $\delta$

Deterministic model.

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \int_0^\delta x(t-s) \mu(ds), \quad t \in [0, T]$$
$$x(t) = x_0(t), \quad t \in [-\delta, 0].$$

How to recover  $\mu$  and support of  $\mu$ .  
when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ? (small diffusion)

When

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \delta_{b_i}, \quad a_i > 0, \quad 0 < b_1 < \dots < b_k$$

we have

$$dX^\varepsilon(t) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i X(t-b_i) \right) dt + \varepsilon dW(t)$$

$$X^\varepsilon(0) = x_0 > 0, \quad -2b_k \leq \Delta \leq 0.$$

The parameter  $\theta = (a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{2k}$ ,  $k$  known

• In Bosq - Kutoyants - Mourid (92)

•  $(P_\theta^\varepsilon, \theta \in \Theta) \rightarrow$  Condition LAN (Hajek - Ibragimov - Khasminski)

• MLE and BE are consistent asymptotic normality efficient (Hajek).

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  :  $\hat{\theta}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \theta_0$  (true value)

•  $\varepsilon^{-1}(\hat{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0) \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  gaussian r.v.

• bound in Hajek's inequality is reached by  $\hat{\theta}_\varepsilon$ .

• In Kutoyants - Mourid (94)

estimation of  $f(t) = \int_0^\delta x(t-s) \mu(ds)$

by the kernel estimator:

$$\hat{f}_\varepsilon(t) = \frac{1}{\psi_\varepsilon} \int_0^T K\left(\frac{s-t}{\psi_\varepsilon}\right) dX^\varepsilon(s)$$

$\psi_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\varepsilon^2 \psi_\varepsilon^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ , conditions on  $X$  we have:

• uniform consistency, asymptotic normality for  $\hat{f}_\varepsilon(t)$ .

Minimum distance estimator for  $\theta = (a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_k)' \in \mathbb{R}^{2k}$

Define 
$$\theta_\varepsilon^* = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \int_{a_\varepsilon}^{b_\varepsilon} \left( \hat{f}_\varepsilon(t) - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x(t-b_i) \right)^2 \nu(dt)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} a_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0, b_\varepsilon \rightarrow T, a_\varepsilon \psi_\varepsilon^{-1} \rightarrow +\infty, (T-b_\varepsilon) \psi_\varepsilon^{-1} \rightarrow +\infty \\ \varepsilon^2 \psi_\varepsilon^{-2} \rightarrow 0, \psi_\varepsilon \rightarrow 0. \end{array} \right.$$

$\nu$  measure on  $[0, T]$ .

Define for  $\beta > 0$ :

$$g_\varepsilon(\beta) = \inf_{\theta_0 \in K} \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \beta} \int_{a_\varepsilon}^{b_\varepsilon} (S(t, \theta, x_0) - S(t, \theta_0, x_0))^2 \nu(dt)$$

where  $S(t, \theta, x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x(t-b_i)$

$K$  compact  $K \subset \Theta$

Results

If  $g_\varepsilon(\beta) > 0$  then for  $\forall \varepsilon < \varepsilon_1$ :

$$\sup_{\theta_0 \in K} P_{\theta_0}^\varepsilon (\|\theta_\varepsilon^* - \theta_0\| > \beta) \leq 3 \exp\left(-c \frac{g_\varepsilon(\beta)}{\varepsilon^{4/3}}\right)$$

If  $\nu$  is discrete measure

$$\varepsilon^{-\frac{2}{3}} (\theta_\varepsilon^* - \theta_0) \Rightarrow \xi, \text{ gaussian.}$$

where 
$$\xi = I^{-1}(\theta_0) \left[ \left( \int_0^T K(u) du \right) \left( \int_0^T x'_{\theta_0}(t, \omega) \mu(d\omega) \right) + Y^0(t) \right] \dot{S}(t, \theta_0, x_0) \nu(dt)$$

$$Y^0(t) \sim N(0, \int K^2), \quad E(Y^0(\Lambda) Y^0(\Delta)) = 0 \text{ if } \Lambda \neq \Delta.$$

$$I(\theta) = \left( \langle \dot{S}(t, \theta, x_0), \dot{S}(t, \theta, x_0)^T \rangle_{L^2(\nu)} \right)$$

Estimation of the support of  $\mu$ .

$$\text{Supp } \mu = [0, \delta] \quad , \delta > 0$$

$$\delta \in ]0, \Delta[ \quad , \Delta > 0.$$

Define

$$\delta_\varepsilon^* = \arg \min_{0 < \delta < \Delta} \int_{a_\varepsilon}^{b_\varepsilon} \left( \hat{f}_\varepsilon(t) - \int_0^\delta x(t-s) \nu(ds) \right)^2 \nu(dt).$$

Result. Under condition of identifiability, for  $\forall \varepsilon < \varepsilon_2$  then  $\forall \beta > 0$

$$\sup_{\delta_0 \in K} P_{\delta_0}^\varepsilon (|\delta_\varepsilon^* - \delta_0| > \beta) \leq C_1 \exp\left(-C_2 \frac{h_\varepsilon(\beta)}{\varepsilon^{2/3}}\right)$$
  
where  $R_\varepsilon(\beta) = \inf_{\delta_0 \in K} \inf_{|\delta - \delta_0| > \beta} \int_{a_\varepsilon}^{b_\varepsilon} (S(t, \delta, x_\varepsilon) - S(t, \delta_0, x_\varepsilon))^2 \nu(dt)$

If  $\nu$  is discrete  $\varepsilon^{-2/3} (\delta_\varepsilon^* - \delta_0) \Rightarrow \gamma$  gaussian.

$$\gamma = I^{-1}(\delta_0) \int_0^T \left[ \int_0^s u_k \nu(du) \left( \int_0^{\delta_0} x'(t-s) \mu(ds) \right) + \gamma^0(t) \right] \dot{S}(t, \delta_0, x_{\delta_0}) \nu(dt)$$
  
$$\gamma^0(t) \sim N(0, \int_0^T K^2)$$
  
$$I(\delta_0) = \int_0^T (\dot{S}(t, \delta_0, x_{\delta_0}))^2 \nu(dt)$$
  
$$E(\gamma^0(0) \gamma^0(t)) = 0 \quad \forall t \neq 0$$

# Selection of the number of delays

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We observe.

$$dX^\varepsilon(t) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i X(t-b_i) \right) dt + \varepsilon dW(t) + CI.$$

We suppose  $a_i, b_i$  known.  $\left| \begin{array}{l} a_i = f(i) \\ b_i = g(i) \end{array} \right.$   $f, g$  known

How to select the true value of  $k$ ?

the parameter  $k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$ ,  $K > 0$ .

Maximum likelihood method.

$P_k^\varepsilon$  probability law of  $(X^\varepsilon(t), t \in [0, T])$ .

the likelihood statistic  $\hat{k}_\varepsilon$  is defined by

$$\frac{dP_{\hat{k}_\varepsilon}^\varepsilon}{dP_{k_0}^\varepsilon}(X^\varepsilon) = \max_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{dP_k^\varepsilon}{dP_{k_0}^\varepsilon}(X^\varepsilon)$$

where  $k_0$  is an arbitrary value in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Result. There exists  $C_1$  et  $C_2$  positive constants, such that

$$\max_{k \in \mathbb{N}} P_{k_0}^\varepsilon(\hat{k}_\varepsilon \neq k_0) \leq C_1 \exp\left(-\frac{C_2}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$$

(The same result <sup>holds</sup> for the Bayesian Method.)

So the probability to select the true model  $> 1 - C_1 e^{-\frac{C_2}{\varepsilon^2}}$ .

Minimum distance method.

Set  $S(t, k, x) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x(t-b_i)$

$$\hat{f}_\varepsilon(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \int_0^T K\left(\frac{t-t'}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}\right) dx^\varepsilon(t')$$

Define

$$k_\varepsilon^* = \arg \min_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \int_{a_\varepsilon}^{b_\varepsilon} \left( \hat{f}_\varepsilon(t) - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x(t-b_i) \right)^2 \nu(dt)$$

Set  $\ell_\varepsilon(u) = \min_{k_0} \min_{|k-k_0| \geq u} \int_{a_\varepsilon}^{b_\varepsilon} (S(t, k, x_\varepsilon) - S(t, k_0, x_\varepsilon))^2 \nu(dt)$

where  $u \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Result

If  $\ell_\varepsilon(u) > 0$ , then  $\exists C > 0$  such that

$$\max_{k_0 \in \mathbb{N}} P_\varepsilon^{k_0} (k_\varepsilon^* \neq k_0) \leq C \exp\left(-c \frac{\ell_\varepsilon(u)}{\varepsilon^{4/3}}\right)$$

Probability to select the true model  $> 1 - C \exp\left(-c \frac{\ell_\varepsilon(u)}{\varepsilon^{4/3}}\right)$

## Misspecified model.

The observations satisfy the model

$$(1) \quad dX^\varepsilon(t) = \left( \int_0^t X^\varepsilon(t-s) \mu(ds) \right) dt + \varepsilon dW(t), \quad t \in [0, T] \\ + cI.$$

but the statistician considers the model:

$$(2) \quad dX^\varepsilon(t) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i X^\varepsilon(t-s_i) \right) dt + \varepsilon dW(t).$$

the parameter is  $\theta = (a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_k)$  is known  
and construct MLE, BE. of  $\theta$ .

P3. What are the asymptotic properties of MLE in this situation?

(Book of Kutoyants (1998).)

the observer does not know the true drift (or the drift is nonparametric) and proposes more simple or tractable drift (a parametric drift).

Set

$$G(\theta) = \int_0^T \left( \int_0^s z(t-s) \mu(ds) - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i z(t-s) \right)^2 dt.$$

$z$  deterministic fct. associated to (2)

In fact  $G(\theta) = G(\theta, \mu, z)$ .

Set

$$\theta^* = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\text{Arg min}} G(\theta)$$

Result.

If  $G$  has a unique minimum at  $\theta^*$

$$G''(\theta^*, \mu, \Sigma) > 0$$

$$\forall \alpha > 0, \inf_{\|\theta - \theta^*\| > \alpha} |G(\theta, \mu, \Sigma) - G(\theta^*, \mu, \Sigma)| > 0$$

then  $\forall \epsilon < \epsilon_1$  and  $\forall \beta > 0$

$$P_{\theta^*}^{\epsilon} (\|\hat{\theta}_{\epsilon} - \theta^*\| > \beta) \leq C_1 \exp\left(-\frac{C_2}{\epsilon}\right)$$

$$C_1, C_2 > 0.$$

$\hat{\theta}_{\epsilon} \rightarrow \theta^*$  the minimizer of  $G(\theta)$

• Some questions

- limit law for  $\hat{\theta}_{\epsilon}$ !
- expansions for  $\hat{\theta}_{\epsilon}$ !
- misspecified model when the parameter is  $k$ !

References