

# Lévy process, Lévy driven SDE, and quasi-likelihood estimation \*

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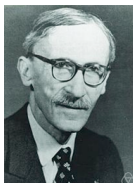
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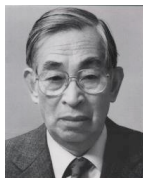
**Martingale limit theorem**

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Paul Lévy  
(1886-1971)



Kiyosi Itô  
(1915-2008)



Joseph L. Doob  
(1910-2004)



Norbert Wiener  
(1894-1964)

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- Standard references:
    - [Applebaum, 2009]
    - [Bertoin, 1996]
    - [Protter, 2005, (2nd.) Chapter I.4]
    - [Sato, 1999]
    - [Iacus and Yoshida, 2018] for many YUIMA examples

# Discrete-time random walk $S_1, S_2, \dots$

$$S_n := \sum_{j=1}^n \epsilon_j, \quad S_0 := 0$$

- $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots$ : i.i.d. random variables
- **Independent and stationary increments**

$$S_k - S_l = \sum_{j=l+1}^k \epsilon_j$$

- 1  $S_{j_1} - S_{j_0}, S_{j_2} - S_{j_1}, \dots, S_{j_n} - S_{j_{n-1}}$  independent ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ )
  - 2  $S_{j_k} - S_{j_{k-1}} \sim S_{j_k - j_{k-1}}$  ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ )
- Natural *continuous-time* counterpart?

# Lévy process: Continuous-time random walk

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{t_j} - X_{t_{j-1}}) =: \sum_{j=1}^n \Delta_j X \quad (X_0 = 0 \text{ a.s.})$$

## Definition

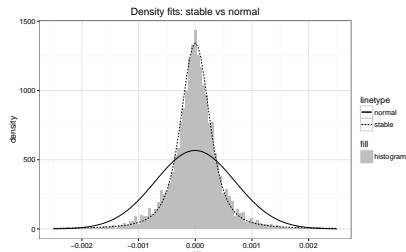
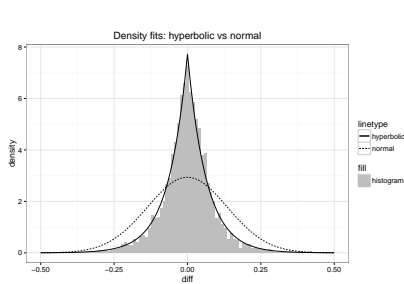
① **Independent and stationary increments** ( $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n; n \in \mathbb{N}$ )

- $X_{t_1} - X_{t_0}, X_{t_2} - X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n} - X_{t_{n-1}}$  are independent.
- $X_{t_j} - X_{t_{j-1}} \sim X_{t_j - t_{j-1}}$

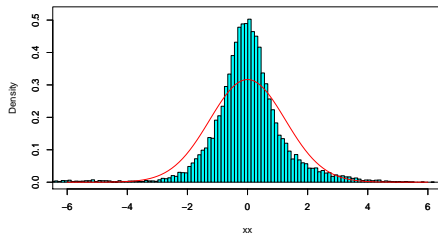
② **Continuity in probability:**  $X_s \xrightarrow{P} X_t$  as  $s \rightarrow t$ .

- No pre-assigned jump time:  $\mathbb{P}(|\Delta X_t| > 0) = 0$  for each  $t > 0$ .
- W.l.g. we may suppose that  $t \mapsto X_t(\omega)$  is càdlàg.
- $\exists$  Lévy process  $X$  s.t.  $X_1 \sim F \iff F$  is **infinitely divisible**
  - $F$  is infinitely divisible  $\stackrel{\text{def.}}{\iff} \forall n \exists F_n, F = F_n^{*n} (:= F_n * \dots * F_n)$

- Real data may be often leptokurtic: higher kurtosis than the normal (NYSE minutes data); maybe also skewed (energy consumption data).



Energy consumption data: Gaussian fit



## Two prominent cases

- If  $X$  is a counting process:

$$X_t = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} I(s \leq \tau_j) \text{ where } 0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots \text{ are event-occurrence times,}$$

then  $X$  is necessarily a **Poisson process** with intensity  $\lambda$ :

$$\exists \lambda > 0, \quad X_t \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

- If  $X$  has continuous sample paths, then  $X$  is necessarily a **Wiener process**:

$$\exists \mu \in \mathbb{R} \exists \sigma \geq 0, \quad X_t \sim N(\mu t, \sigma^2 t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

i.e. we may write

$$X_t = \mu t + \sigma w_t$$

for a standard Wiener process  $w$  ( $w_t \sim N(0, t)$ ).



# Lévy-Khintchine representation<sup>†</sup>

- Form of the Fourier transform:

$$\varphi_{X_t}(u) := \mathbb{E}(e^{iuX_t}) = \exp\{t\psi(u)\}, \quad u \in \mathbb{R},$$

with the characteristic exponent function

$$\psi(u) := iu\mu_1 - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2 + \int (e^{iuz} - 1 - iuzI(|z| \leq 1)) \nu(dz).$$

- The element  $(\mu_1, \sigma^2, \nu)$  is called the **generating triplet** of  $Z$ :

- ①  $\mu_1$  is the **drift (location-shift)**,
- ②  $\sigma^2 \geq 0$  is the **Gaussian variance**,
- ③  $\nu$  is the **Lévy measure** (roughly, expected jump frequency).

- $\int (1 \wedge |z|^2) \nu(dz) < \infty$  necessarily holds. <sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Can be of infinite mass:  $\nu(\{|z| \leq 1\}) = +\infty$  in general, yet not too much.

<sup>‡</sup> Of dimension  $d = 1$ , while completely analogous for  $d \geq 2$ .

## Remarks

- $\forall q > 0$ : “ $\mathbb{E}(|X_t|^q) < \infty \iff \int_{|z|>1} |z|^q \nu(dz) < \infty$ ”

- Mean and variance of  $X_t$ : if  $\varphi_{X_t}$  is of  $\mathcal{C}^2$ -class, then

$$\mathbb{E}(X_t) = i^{-1} t \psi'(0) = t \mu_1 + t \int_{|z|>1} z \nu(dz),$$

$$\text{var}(X_t) = i^{-2} t \psi''(0) = t \sigma^2 + t \int z^2 \nu(dz).$$

- $k$ th cumulant of  $X_t$ : if  $\varphi_{X_t}$  is of  $\mathcal{C}^k$ -class ( $k \geq 3$ ), then

$$i^{-k} \partial_u^k \log \varphi_{X_t}(0) = t \int z^k \nu(dz).$$

$$\frac{1}{t} \log \varphi_{X_t}(u) = iu\mu_1 - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2 + \int (e^{iuz} - 1 - iuzI(|z| \leq 1)) \nu(dz)$$

- In general, we should **not** do something like

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (e^{iuz} - 1 - iuzI(|z| \leq 1)) \nu(dz) \\ &= \int (e^{iuz} - 1) \nu(dz) - iu \int_{|z| \leq 1} z \nu(dz). \end{aligned}$$

- The generating triplet uniquely determines the law of the **process**  $X$ , so that it determines e.g.

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\sup_{t \in [0,1]} |X_t|\right), \quad \mathcal{L}(\inf\{t \geq 0 : |X_t| > 1\}), \quad \mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^1 X_s ds\right).$$

# Lévy-Itô decomposition of sample path

- Sum of independent **Gaussian** and **non-Gaussian** factors:

$$X_t = \mu_1 t + \sigma w_t + J_t$$

- More formally [Applebaum, 2009]:

$$X_t = t\mu_1 + \sigma w_t + \int_0^t \int_{|z|>1} z\mu(ds, dz) + \int_0^t \int_{|z|\leq 1} z(\mu - \nu)(ds, dz). \quad (1)$$

- Poisson random measure  $\mu((0, t], A) := \sum_{0 < s \leq t} I(\Delta X_s \in A \setminus \{0\})$
- Semimartingale decomposition: local martingale plus finite-variation process.
- The truncation level “1” could be any positive real instead.
- The jump-part form is mainly of theoretical importance; sometimes it may not be essential for simulation.

## Toward generating discrete-time sample

Want to generate sample  $X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, \dots, X_{t_n}$  from

$$X_t = \mu t + \sigma w_t + J_t,$$

where  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t$  are (fine) sampling time points.

- Enough to be able to generate  $X_t$  for *any*  $t > 0$ :

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{t_j} - X_{t_{j-1}}) = \sum_{j=1}^n \Delta_j X, \quad \Delta_j X \sim X_{t_j - t_{j-1}}$$

- Simulator list in YUIMA [Brouste et al., 2014]:
  - Help documents of `rng` function in YUIMA.
  - [Iacus and Yoshida, 2018, Chapter 4]

## Example: Compound Poisson process

$$X_t = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \epsilon_j$$

- $N_t \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t)$ : Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda > 0$ .
- $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots \sim$  i.i.d. with  $\mathbb{P}(\epsilon_1 = 0) = 0$ , independent of  $N$ .
- *Any Lévy process can be a weak limit of a compound Poisson process.*
  - [Sato, 1999, Corollary 8.8]

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## Example: Inverse-Gaussian subordinator

- The density of  $X_t \sim \text{IG}(\delta t, \gamma)$ ,  $\delta, \gamma > 0$ , is

$$x \mapsto \frac{\delta t e^{\delta t \gamma}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x^{-3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(\delta t)^2}{x} + \gamma^2 x \right) \right\}, \quad x > 0.$$

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## Example: Normal inverse Gaussian Lévy process

- Normal variance-mean mixture, i.e. **subordination** §:

$$X_t = \mu t + \beta \tau_t + w_{\tau_t}$$

- $\tau_t \sim \text{IG}(\delta t, \gamma)$ ,
- Standard Wiener process  $w$  independent of  $\tau$ .
- The density of  $X_t \sim \text{NIG}(\alpha, \beta, \delta t, \mu t)$  is

$$x \mapsto \frac{\alpha \delta t \exp\{\delta t \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \beta^2} + \beta(x - \mu t)\} K_1(\alpha \psi(x; \delta t, \mu t))}{\pi \psi(x; \delta t, \mu t)}$$

- $\alpha^2 := \gamma^2 + \beta^2$
- $\psi(x; \delta t, \mu t) := \sqrt{(\delta t)^2 + (x - \mu t)^2}$

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§General subordination formulae for probability and Lévy densities are available ( $\tau \rightarrow X$ ); see [Iacus and Yoshida, 2018, Sect 4.8.3]; [Sato, 1999, chap 6] for general account.



## Put simply

$$\varphi_{X_t}(u) := \mathbb{E}(e^{iuX_t}) = \exp\{t\psi(u)\}, \quad u \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\psi(u) := iu\mu_1 - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2u^2 + \int (e^{iuz} - 1 - iuzI(|z| \leq 1)) \nu(dz).$$

- Lévy process is completely characterized by the **generating triplet**, which
  - sometimes crucial in calculations,
  - while sometimes does not matter at all.
- Given any **infinitely divisible** distribution  $F$ , there essentially uniquely corresponds a Lévy process  $X$  such that  $X_1 \sim F$ .
- `rng` has several slots for generating specific Lévy process (see help file)
  - Approximate “inputting- $\nu(dz)$ ” way, yet to be implemented.

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- A reader-friendly and comprehensive monograph is [Applebaum, 2009].

- Diffusion process is an SDE driven by a Wiener process:

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t,$$

a strong solution  $X$  realized as a functional form

$$X = F(X_0, w).$$

- e.g. Geometric Brownian motion:

$$dX_t = X_t(\mu dt + \sigma dw_t),$$

$$X_t = X_0 \exp \left\{ \sigma w_t + \left( \mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right) t \right\}.$$

- The driving Wiener process  $w$  could be replaced by a **Lévy process**.

# Lévy driven Stochastic Differential Equation (SDE)

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t$$

$$\left( X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t a(X_s)ds + \int_0^t b(X_s)dw_s + \int_0^t c(X_{s-})dJ_s \right)$$

- Initial variable  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , possibly random.
- Driving noises:
  - $d'$ -dimensional standard Wiener process  $w = (w^j)_{j=1}^{d'}$ ;
  - $d''$ -dimensional pure-jump Lévy process  $J = (J^j)_{j=1}^{d''}$  of the form

$$J_t := \int_0^t \int_{|z| \leq 1} z(\mu - \nu)(ds, dz) + \int_0^t \int_{|z| > 1} z\mu(ds, dz).$$

- Coefficient functions:
  - Drift coefficient  $a(x) = \{a_k(x)\}_{k \leq d} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$
  - Diffusion coefficient  $b(x) = \{b_{kl}(x)\}_{k \leq d; l \leq d'} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \otimes \mathbb{R}^{d'}$
  - Jump coefficient  $c(x) = \{c_{kl}(x)\}_{k \leq d; l \leq d''} : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^{d''}$

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t$$

$$\left( X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t a(X_s)ds + \int_0^t b(X_s)dw_s + \int_0^t c(X_{s-})dJ_s \right)$$

- The stochastic integrations:

$$\int_0^t Y_{s-}dJ_s := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_{(j-1)t/n} (J_{jt/n} - J_{(j-1)t/n})$$

$$= \int_0^t \int_{|z|>1} Y_s z \mu(ds, dz) + \int_0^t \int_{|z|\leq 1} Y_s z (\mu - \nu)(ds, dz)$$

with the notation in (1), [Applebaum, 2009, Section 6.2];

- $L^2$ -stochastic integration theory for small-jump part,
- Pathwise interlacing of large-jump component for large-jump part.

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t$$
$$\left( X_t = x_0 + \int_0^t a(X_s)ds + \int_0^t b(X_s)dw_s + \int_0^t c(X_{s-})dJ_s \right)$$

- Globally Lipschitz  $(a, b, c)$ :  $\exists K > 0, \forall x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$|a(x_1) - a(x_2)| + |b(x_1) - b(x_2)| + |c(x_1) - c(x_2)| \leq K|x_1 - x_2|,$$

leads to existence of unique strong solution (a  $(w, J)$ -Lévy functional)

$$X =: F(x_0, w, J).$$

- [Applebaum, 2009, Theorems 6.2.9 and 6.4.6].
- The simplest but widely applicable device to approximate a solution process to is the **Euler(-Maruyama) scheme** [Platen and Bruti-Liberati, 2010].

## Euler-discretization scheme

- As in the case of diffusions, for  $t_j - t_{j-1}$  small enough,

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{t_{j+1}} &= X_{t_j} + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} a(X_s) ds + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} b(X_s) dw_s + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} c(X_{s-}) dJ_s \\
 &\approx X_{t_j} + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} a(X_{t_{j-1}}) ds + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} b(X_{t_{j-1}}) dw_s + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} c(X_{t_{j-1}}) dJ_s \\
 &\approx X_{t_{j-1}} + a(X_{t_{j-1}})(t_j - t_{j-1}) + b(X_{t_{j-1}})(w_{t_j} - w_{t_{j-1}}) \\
 &\quad + c(X_{t_{j-1}})(J_{t_j} - J_{t_{j-1}})
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Need to generate  $J_{t_j} - J_{t_{j-1}}$  ( $\sim \Delta_j J$ )-random number at each step.

- For this, YUIMA internally use the `rng` slots.

## Generation of discretized process

The Euler-discretized process  $X^\Delta =: (X_t^\Delta)$ , for  $\Delta > 0$  small enough:

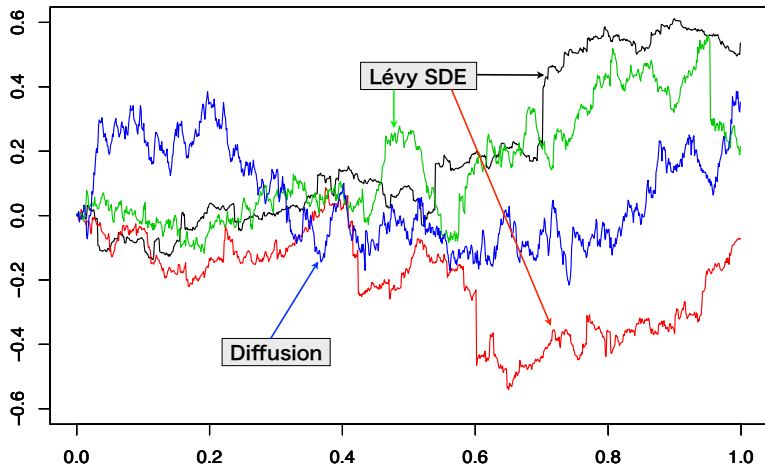
- ①  $X_t^\Delta := X_0$  for  $t \in [0, \Delta)$ .
- ② For  $t \in [j\Delta, (j+1)\Delta)$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$X_t^\Delta := X_{(j-1)\Delta}^\Delta + a_{j-1}\Delta + b_{j-1}\Delta_j w + c_{j-1}\Delta_j J.$$

- $f_{j-1} := f(X_{(j-1)\Delta})$
  - $\Delta_j x = \Delta_j^n x := x_{t_j} - x_{t_{j-1}}$ : the  $j$ th increment of a process  $x$
- Then, we approximate as  $X_t \approx X_t^\Delta$  over a period  $[0, T]$ ;
    - Having generated a finest-approximating process  $X^\Delta$ ,
    - we can extract any thinned process, say  $X^{k\Delta}$  for some  $k \geq 2$ ,
    - which plays a role of discretely observed sample from  $X$ .
  - Strong and weak approximation errors are defined as in diffusion cases.



- May seem like:



## Example: Diffusion with compound-Poisson jumps

- For  $J$  begin a compound Poisson process with  $\Gamma(3, 3)$ -distributed jumps,

$$dX_t = \{\sin(X_t) - X_t\} dt + 2dw_t - dJ_t.$$

- Downward jumps only.

- The recipe YUIMA uses for  $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ :

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t$$

0. Generate  $X_0$  and  $N_T \leftarrow \text{Pois}(\lambda T)$  independently, and set  $j = 1$ .
  - 0.1. If  $N_T = 0$ , then  $(X_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a diffusion  $dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(Z_t)dw_t$ .
  - 0.2. Otherwise, generate  $U_1, \dots, U_{N_T} \sim \text{i.i.d.} U(0, T)$ ;  
Sort them as  $U_{(1)} < U_{(2)} < \dots < U_{(N_T)}$ ;  
For  $k \leq N_T$ , pick a  $j_k \in \{1, 2, \dots, [T/\Delta]\}$  s.t.  $U_{(k)} \in ((j_k - 1)\Delta, j_k\Delta]$ . ¶

1. Generate  $\eta_j \sim N_{d'}(0, I_{d'})$  and then
  - 1.1. If  $j = j_k$  for some  $k$ , then generate  $\zeta_k \sim F(dz)$  (jump law) and deliver
 
$$X_{j\Delta} \leftarrow X_{(j-1)\Delta} + a_{j-1}\Delta + b_{j-1}\sqrt{\Delta}\eta_j + c_{j-1}\zeta_k.$$
  - 1.2. Otherwise,  $X_{j\Delta} = X_{(j-1)\Delta} + a_{j-1}\Delta + b_{j-1}\sqrt{\Delta}\eta_j$ .
2. Update  $j = j + 1$  and return to step 1: repeat step 1 until  $j = [T/\Delta]$ .

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¶ Ignores the possibility of multiple  $i_j$ : that'll be negligible for  $\Delta$  small enough.

## Example: Geometric Lévy process

- SDE driven by a general Lévy process  $X_t = \mu t + \sigma w_t + J_t$ :

$$dY_t = Y_{t-} dX_t, \quad Y_0 = 1,$$

$$Y_t = \exp\left(X_t - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}t\right) \prod_{0 < s \leq t} (1 + \Delta X_s) e^{-\Delta X_s}$$

- Can be checked by **Itô's formula** (in the next page).
- If in particular  $J \equiv 0$ , then  $Y$  is the geometric Brownian motion:

$$Y_t = \exp\left\{\sigma w_t + \left(\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)t\right\}$$

- Yet, we apply Euler-Maruyama scheme directly.

## Itô's formula (Univariate case)

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(X_t) &= f(X_0) + \int_0^t f'(X_{s-})dX_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(X_{s-})d\langle X^c \rangle_s \\ &\quad + \sum_{0 < s \leq t} \{f(X_s) - f(X_{s-}) - f'(X_{s-})\Delta X_s\} \\ &= f(X_0) + \int_0^t \left( a(X_s)f'(X_{s-}) + \frac{1}{2}b^2(X_s)f''(X_{s-}) \right) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t f'(X_{s-})b(X_s)dw_s + \int_0^t f'(X_{s-})c(X_{s-})dJ_s \\ &\quad + \sum_{0 < s \leq t} \{f(X_{s-} + c(X_{s-})\Delta J_s) - f(X_{s-}) - f'(X_{s-})c(X_{s-})\Delta J_s\}. \end{aligned}$$

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## Example: Heavy-tailed SDE

- Non-Gaussian infinite-variance Lévy process  $J_t \sim S_\alpha(\beta, \sigma, \mu)$ :

$$\varphi_{J_t}(u) = \begin{cases} -(t^{1/\alpha} \sigma)^\alpha |u|^\alpha \left(1 - i\beta \text{sign}(u) \tan \frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right) + i\mu t u, & \alpha \neq 1 \\ -t\sigma |u| \left(1 + i\frac{2\beta}{\pi} \text{sign}(u) \log |u|\right) + i\mu t u, & \alpha = 1 \end{cases}$$

- $(\alpha, \beta, \sigma, \mu) \in (0, 2) \times [-1, 1] \times (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$ :
  - $\alpha > 1 \Rightarrow$  Finite mean and infinite variance
  - $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$  Cauchy (possibly skewed)
  - $\alpha < 1 \Rightarrow$  Infinite mean
- The index  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$  controls tail heaviness and small-jump activity.
- SDE driven by a Lévy process  $J_1 \sim \text{Stable}(1.3, 0, 1, 0)$ :

$$dX_t = -\frac{X_t}{\sqrt{1 + X_t^2}} dt + dJ_t$$

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## Example: Multidimensional nonlinear SDE

- The same recipe as in the one-dimensional case (2):

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{t_{j+1}} &= X_{t_j} + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} a(X_s) ds + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} b(X_s) dw_s + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} c(X_{s-}) dJ_s \\
 &\approx X_{t_{j-1}} + a(X_{t_{j-1}})(t_j - t_{j-1}) + b(X_{t_{j-1}})(w_{t_j} - w_{t_{j-1}}) \\
 &\quad + c(X_{t_{j-1}})(J_{t_j} - J_{t_{j-1}})
 \end{aligned}$$

- Just matrix multiplications, keeping the form:

**(Predictable coefficient)  $\times$  (Noise increment)**

- YUIMA has slots for exact generation of multidimensional  $J_{t_j} - J_{t_{j-1}}$ .

- Two-dim. SDE  $X = (X^1, X^2)$  driven by a 2-dim. NIG Lévy process:

$$d \begin{pmatrix} X_t^1 \\ X_t^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2X_t^1 \\ 0.3X_t^1 - 1/\sqrt{1 + (X_t^2)^2} \end{pmatrix} dt + \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{1 + (X_t^1)^2} & -0.5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} dJ_t$$

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## Put simply

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t$$
$$J_t = \int_0^t \int_{|z| \leq 1} z(\mu - \nu)(ds, dz) + \int_0^t \int_{|z| > 1} z\mu(ds, dz)$$

- Good  $(a, b, c)$  leads to the existence of unique strong solution.
- simulate in YUIMA can generate  $X$ , as soon as YUIMA can generate  $J_h$ .
- YUIMA has several options for  $\mathcal{L}(J_h)$ -random numbers.

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- Discrete-time location-scale time series model:

$$X_n = b(X_{n-1}, \beta) + a(X_{n-1}, \alpha)\epsilon_n$$

- $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots \sim \text{i.i.d. } (0, 1)$
- $\theta = (\alpha, \beta)$ : Statistical parameter, to be estimated from  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .

- A natural continuous-time counterpart is <sup>a</sup>

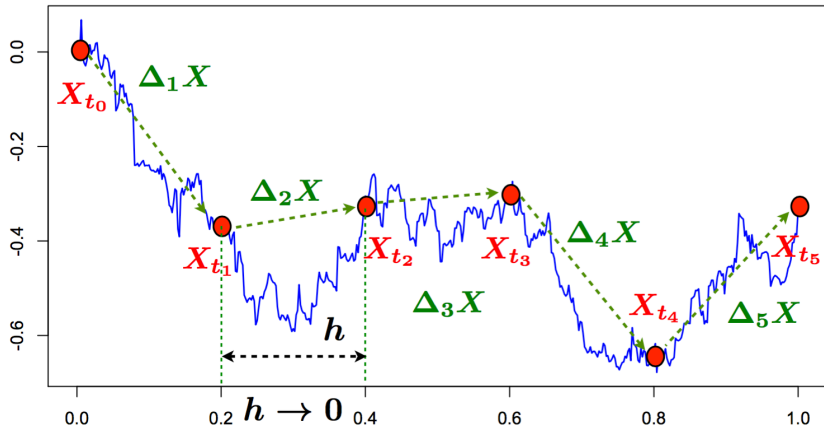
$$dX_t = a(X_{t-}, \alpha)dZ_t + b(X_t, \beta)dt, \quad \theta = (\alpha, \beta)$$

- $Z$  is a **standard Lévy process**:  $\mathbb{E}(Z_t) = 0$  and  $\text{var}(Z_t) = t$ .
- Estimate  $\theta$  from  $(X_{t_0}, X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n})$ .

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<sup>a</sup>Note: the coefficient notation got changed! ( $a \leftrightarrow b$ )

- *High-frequency sampling* can provide us with *unified* inference strategies, which generally cannot be shared with the discrete-time framework.



## Setup: joint asymptotics

- Univariate parametric Stochastic differential equation (SDE):

$$dX_t = a(X_{t-}, \alpha)dZ_t + b(X_t, \beta)dt, \quad \theta = (\alpha, \beta)$$

- Available data  $(X_{t_j})_{j=0}^n$ ;  $t_j = jh_n = jh$ ,  $T_n := nh \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $nh^2 \rightarrow 0$ .
- Driving Lévy process s.t.  $\mathbb{E}(Z_t) = 0$ ,  $\text{var}(Z_t) = t$ :

$$Z_t = \sigma W_t + \int_0^t \int z (\mu - \nu)(ds, dz),$$

- A nuisance element.

## Regularity conditions

$$dX_t = a(X_{t-}, \alpha)dZ_t + b(X_t, \beta)dt$$

- Correctly specified  $\parallel$  smooth coefficients, known up to  $\theta := (\alpha, \beta)$ .
- Stability ((Exponential) Ergodicity and bounded moments) \*\*:

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T f(X_s)ds \xrightarrow{p} \int f(x)\pi(dx), \quad T \rightarrow \infty, \quad (3)$$

$$\forall q > 0, \quad \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+} \mathbb{E}(|X_t|^q) < \infty. \quad (4)$$

- Identifiability:

$$“(a(\cdot, \alpha), b(\cdot, \beta)) = (a(\cdot, \alpha_0), b(\cdot, \beta_0)), \pi\text{-a.e.}” \Rightarrow \theta = \theta_0$$

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$\parallel$  i.e. True data-generating parameter  $\theta_0 = (\alpha_0, \beta_0)$  is assumed to exist.

\*\* A reader-friendly and comprehensive monograph is [Kulik, 2018].

## Remark on the stability assumption

$$dX_t = a(X_t)dt + b(X_t)dw_t + c(X_{t-})dJ_t.$$

- $X$  is “exponentially” ergodic (hence (3)) and (4) if:
  - ①  $(a, b, c)$  is of class  $\mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R})$  and globally Lipschitz, and  $(b, c)$  is bounded.
  - ② Either one of the following conditions holds true:
    - (i)  $b(x') \neq 0$  for some  $x'$ ,  $c(x'') \neq 0$  for every  $x''$ , and there exists a constant  $\bar{\epsilon} > 0$  such that  $\nu(-\epsilon, 0) \wedge \nu(0, \epsilon) > 0$  for every  $\epsilon \in (0, \bar{\epsilon})$ ;
    - (ii)  $b \equiv 0$ ,  $c(x'') \neq 0$  for every  $x''$ , and we have the decomposition

$$\nu = \nu_\star + \nu_{\natural}$$

for two Lévy measures  $\nu_\star$  and  $\nu_{\natural}$ , where the restriction of  $\nu_\star$  to some open set of the form  $(-\bar{\epsilon}, 0) \cup (0, \bar{\epsilon})$  admits a continuously differentiable positive density  $g_\star$ .

- ③  $\mathbb{E}(J_1) = 0$  and  $\int_{|z|>1} |z|^q \nu(dz) < \infty$  for every  $q > 0$ , and

$$\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a(x)}{x} < 0.$$

- See [Masuda, 2013, Sect 5] for details; another conditions are possible.

# GQLF and GQMLE

$$dX_t = a(X_{t-}, \alpha)dZ_t + b(X_t, \beta)dt, \quad \theta = (\alpha, \beta)$$

- Gaussian approximation in small time ( $f_{j-1}(\theta) := f(X_{t_{j-1}}, \theta)$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} X_{t_j} &\stackrel{\mathbb{P}_\theta}{\approx} X_{t_{j-1}} + a_{j-1}(\alpha)\Delta_j Z + hb_{j-1}(\beta) \\ &\stackrel{\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{P}_\theta)}{\approx} X_{t_{j-1}} + a_{j-1}(\alpha)N(0, h) + hb_{j-1}(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

## Gaussian quasi-likelihood function (GQLF) and Gaussian QMLE (GQMLE)

$$\mathbb{H}_n(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \log \phi \left( X_{t_j}; X_{t_{j-1}} + hb_{j-1}(\beta), ha_{j-1}^2(\alpha) \right), \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_n = (\hat{\alpha}_n, \hat{\beta}_n) \in \operatorname{argmax} \mathbb{H}_n.$$

- User's input:
  - Function forms of scale  $a(x, \alpha)$  and drift  $b(x, \beta)$ .
  - Small sampling stepsize value  $h = h_n$ .



## Asymptotic normality: joint asymptotics

$$dX_t = a(X_{t-}, \alpha)dZ_t + b(X_t, \beta)dt, \quad \theta = (\alpha, \beta)$$

- Diffusion case  $Z = w$  [Kessler, 1997]:

$$\left( \sqrt{n}(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha_0), \sqrt{T_n}(\hat{\beta}_n - \beta_0) \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N_{p_\alpha + p_\beta} \left( 0, \text{diag}\{\mathcal{I}_\alpha^{-1}(\alpha_0), \mathcal{I}_\beta^{-1}(\beta_0)\} \right)$$

- In the presence of jumps [Masuda, 2013]

$$\left( \sqrt{T_n}(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha_0), \sqrt{T_n}(\hat{\beta}_n - \beta_0) \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N_{p_\alpha + p_\beta} \left( 0, \begin{pmatrix} \nu_4 \mathcal{I}_\alpha^{-1}(\theta_0) & \text{sym.} \\ \nu_3 \mathcal{J}_{\alpha\beta}(\theta_0) & \mathcal{I}_\beta^{-1}(\beta_0) \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- Straightforward to estimate  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha(\theta_0)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_\beta(\beta_0)$ , and  $\mathcal{J}_{\alpha\beta}(\theta_0)$  empirically.
- Non-Gaussian structure of  $Z$  appears in the asymptotic covariance:

$$\nu_k := \int z^k \nu(dz), \quad k = 3, 4.$$

- Difference in magnitude in small time:

$$X_{t_{j+1}} = X_{t_j} + \underbrace{\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} b(X_s, \beta) ds}_{\approx O_p(h)} + \underbrace{\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} a(X_{s-}, \alpha) dZ_s}_{\approx O_p(\sqrt{h})}$$

- Suggests:
  - First estimate  $\alpha$  with ignoring  $b(x, \beta)$ ;
  - Then estimate  $\beta$  with plugging in  $\hat{\alpha}_n$ ,
 even for general standard Lévy process  $Z$ ;
  - See [Kamatani and Uchida, 2015] and the ref's therein for the diffusion case.

# Setup: stepwise asymptotics

## Objective

- Estimate true parameter  $\theta_0 = (\alpha_0, \gamma_0)$  of

$$dX_t = a(X_t, \alpha, \gamma)dt + c(X_{t-}, \gamma)dJ_t.$$

from discrete-time sample  $(X_{t_j})_{j=1}^n$  for  $t_j = jh_n$  with  $h = h_n$  s.t.

- $\exists \epsilon_0 \in (0, 1)$ ,  $nh^{1+\epsilon_0} \rightarrow \infty$
- $nh^2 \rightarrow 0$

## Assumed

- Smooth parametric coefficients known up to  $\theta = (\alpha, \gamma) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .
- Standardized pure-jump Lévy process  $J$  s.t.  $\forall q > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(|J_t|^q) < \infty$ .
- Exponentially ergodicity and bounded moments.
- Identifiability

$$dX_t = a(X_t, \alpha, \gamma)dt + c(X_{t-}, \gamma)dZ_t$$

$$X_{t_j} \stackrel{\mathbb{P}_\theta}{\approx} X_{t_{j-1}} + ha_{j-1}(\alpha, \gamma) + c_{j-1}(\gamma)\Delta_j Z$$

Stepwise-estimation recipe [Uehara and Masuda, 2017], with  $\mathbb{H}_n(\alpha, \gamma)$  of (5)

$$\textcircled{1} \mathcal{L}(X_{t_j} | X_{t_{j-1}} = x) \stackrel{\mathbb{P}_\theta}{\approx} N(x, hc^2(x, \gamma)): \hat{\gamma}_n \in \operatorname{argmin}_\gamma \mathbb{H}_n^1(\gamma),$$

$$\mathbb{H}_n^1(\gamma) := \sum_{j=1}^n \log \phi(X_{t_j}; X_{t_{j-1}}, hc_{j-1}^2(\gamma))$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathcal{L}(X_{t_j} | X_{t_{j-1}} = x) \stackrel{\mathbb{P}_\theta}{\approx} N(x + ha(x, \alpha, \gamma), hc^2(x, \hat{\gamma}_n)): \hat{\alpha}_n \in \operatorname{argmin}_\alpha \mathbb{H}_n(\alpha, \hat{\gamma}_n),$$

$$\mathbb{H}_n(\alpha, \gamma) := \sum_{j=1}^n \log \phi(X_{t_j}; X_{t_{j-1}} + ha_{j-1}(\alpha, \gamma), hc_{j-1}^2(\gamma))$$

Result: [Masuda and Uehara, 2017] & [Uehara and Masuda, 2017]

Joint asymptotic normality of  $(\hat{\gamma}_n, \hat{\alpha}_n)$  at speed  $\sqrt{T_n}$  ( $T_n := nh$ )

## Some technical details

- Asymptotics of  $\hat{\gamma}_n$  is the same as in the joint estimation, and as for  $\hat{\alpha}_n$ :

### Explicit stochastic expansions

$$\sqrt{T_n}(\hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha_0) = \hat{\mathcal{I}}_{\alpha,n}^{-1} \left( \hat{A}_n \sqrt{T_n}(\hat{\gamma}_n - \gamma_0) + v_n \right) + o_p(1)$$

$$v_n := \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_n}} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial_{\alpha} a_{j-1}(\alpha_0, \gamma_0)}{c_{j-1}^2(\gamma_0)} (\Delta_j X - h a_{j-1}(\alpha_0, \gamma_0)),$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{I}}_{\alpha,n} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(\partial_{\alpha} \hat{a}_{j-1})^{\otimes 2}}{\hat{c}_{j-1}^2},$$

$$\hat{A}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial_{\alpha} \hat{a}_{j-1} \otimes \partial_{\gamma} \hat{a}_{j-1}}{\hat{c}_{j-1}^2} \xrightarrow{p} \int \frac{\partial_{\alpha} a(x, \alpha_0, \gamma_0) \otimes \partial_{\gamma} a(x, \alpha_0, \gamma_0)}{c^2(x, \gamma_0)} \pi_0(dx),$$

## Asymptotic normality

$$\sqrt{T_n} \hat{\Sigma}_n^{-1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{I}_{\alpha,n}^{-1} & \hat{I}_{\alpha,n}^{-1} \hat{A}_n \\ O & \hat{I}_{\gamma,n}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha_0 \\ \hat{\gamma}_n - \gamma_0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N_p(0, I)$$

- Clarifies effect of simultaneous presence of  $\gamma$  in the coefficients.

- $\hat{I}_{\gamma,n}^{-1} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(\partial_\gamma \hat{c}_{j-1})^{\otimes 2}}{\hat{c}_{j-1}^2}$ , and  $\hat{\Sigma}_n$  is also given explicitly.

- Readily provides us with an approximate  $(1 - s)$ -confidence set:

$$\left\{ (\alpha, \gamma) : \left| \sqrt{T_n} \hat{\Sigma}_n^{-1/2} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{I}_{\alpha,n}^{-1} & \hat{I}_{\alpha,n}^{-1} \hat{A}_n \\ O & \hat{I}_{\gamma,n}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha}_n - \alpha \\ \hat{\gamma}_n - \gamma \end{pmatrix} \right|^2 \leq \chi^2(p; s) \right\}$$

## Put simply

- For the univariate parametric Stochastic differential equation (SDE):

$$dX_t = a(X_{t-}, \alpha) dZ_t + b(X_t, \beta) dt, \quad \theta = (\alpha, \beta)$$

or

$$dX_t = c(X_{t-}, \gamma) dJ_t + a(X_t, \alpha, \gamma) dt, \quad \theta = (\alpha, \gamma).$$

for stepwise estimation, we can make use of the explicit GQLF

$$\mathbb{H}_n(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \log \phi \left( X_{t_j}; X_{t_{j-1}} + hb_{j-1}(\beta), ha_{j-1}^2(\alpha) \right).$$

- Available data  $(X_{t_j})_{j=0}^n$ ;  $t_j = jh_n = jh$ ,  $T_n := nh \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $nh^2 \rightarrow 0$ .
  - Driving Lévy process s.t.  $\mathbb{E}(Z_t) = 0$ ,  $\text{var}(Z_t) = t$ .
- **Stability (Ergodicity)** is essential here.

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- The YUIMA function `qm1LeLevy` was composed by Dr. Yuma Uehara.



# YUIMA demo: qmleLevy

$$dX_t = a(X_t, \alpha, \gamma)dt + c(X_{t-}, \gamma)dZ_t$$

- Usage

```
qmleLevy(yuima, start, lower, upper, joint = FALSE, third = FALSE)
```

- Arguments

**yuima** a yuima object

**lower** a named list for specifying lower bounds of parameters.

**upper** a named list for specifying upper bounds of parameters.

**start** initial values to be passed to the optimizer.

**joint** perform joint estimation or two stage estimation?

- by default joint=FALSE. If there exists an overlapping parameter, joint=TRUE currently does not work.

**third** perform third estimation?

- by default third=FALSE. If there exists an overlapping parameter, third=TRUE currently does not work.

- Value

**first** estimated values of first estimation (scale parameters)

**second** estimated values of second estimation (drift parameters)

**third** estimated values of third estimation (scale parameters)

## Example: bilateral gamma

$$dX_t = -\theta_0 X_t dt + \frac{\theta_1}{\sqrt{1 + X_t^2}} dZ_t,$$

- $Z_t \sim \text{Bilateral gamma}(t, \sqrt{2}, t, \sqrt{2}), \quad (\theta_{0,0}, \theta_{1,0}) = (1, 2)$

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## Example: Normal inverse Gaussian

$$dX_t = -\theta_0 X_t dt + \frac{\theta_1}{\sqrt{1 + X_t^2}} dZ_t,$$

- $Z_t \sim NIG(\delta, 0, \delta t, 0, 1)$  with  $\delta = 10$ ,  $(\theta_{0,0}, \theta_{1,0}) = (1, 2)$ .

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## 2-dim. Example: variance gamma

$$d \begin{pmatrix} X_{1,t} \\ X_{2,t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \theta_0 X_{1,t} - X_{2,t} \\ -\theta_1 X_{2,t} \end{pmatrix} dt + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\theta_2}{1+X_{1,t}^2} + 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} dZ_t,$$

- $Z_t \sim \text{Variance gamma} \left( \frac{1}{2}t, 1, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right), \quad (\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2) = (1, 2, 3).$

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$$d \begin{pmatrix} X_{1,t} \\ X_{2,t} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \theta_0 X_{1,t} \\ -\theta_1 X_{2,t} \end{pmatrix} dt + \begin{pmatrix} \exp\left(-\frac{\theta_2}{1+X_{1,t}^2}\right) & 0 \\ 1 & \exp\left(-\frac{\theta_3}{\sqrt{1+X_{2,t}^2}}\right) \end{pmatrix} dZ_t,$$

- $Z_t \sim NIG_2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}t, 1, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right), \quad (\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = (1, 2, 3, 4).$

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