

Change point estimation for SPDEs

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Positive, self-adjoint operator $-\Delta_{\vartheta}$ generates a strong analytic semigroup $(S_{\vartheta}(t) = \exp(t\Delta_{\vartheta}))_{t \in [0, T]}$, whose transition density obeys the heat kernel bound

$$p_t^{\vartheta}(x, y) \leq c_1 t^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{|x-y|^2}{c_2 t}\right), \quad (x, y) \in (0, 1)^2, t \in (0, T].$$

$\rightsquigarrow X(t) = \int_0^t S_{\vartheta}(t-s) dW_s$ is a **weak solution**, i.e.,

$$\langle X(t), z \rangle = \int_0^t \langle X(s), \Delta_{\vartheta} z \rangle ds + \langle W(t), z \rangle, \quad z \in D(\Delta_{\vartheta}) = \{u \in H_0^1((0, 1)) : \vartheta \nabla u \in H^1((0, 1))\}.$$

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Estimation approach in a related Gaussian white noise model

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For **homoskedastic** case $\sigma(x) = n^{-1/2}$ it follows

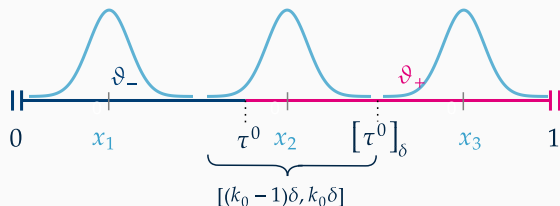
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for a two-sided Brownian motion $(B^{\leftrightarrow}(h))_{h \in \mathbb{R}}$, provided $\eta^2 n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and $\tau^0 \in (0, 1)$.

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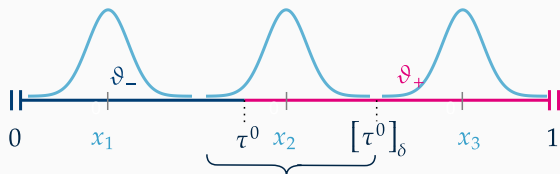
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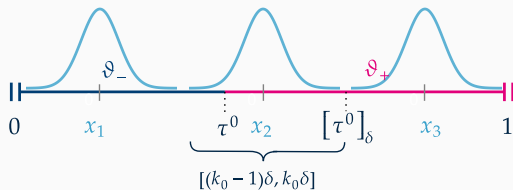
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- if $|x_i - \tau| \geq \delta/2$, then $X_{\delta,i}$ solves $dX_{\delta,i}(t) = \vartheta(x_i) X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t) dt + B_{\delta,i}(t)$ for independent Brownian motions ($B_{\delta,i}, i = 1, \dots, \delta^{-1}$)
- modified local log-likelihood** can be expressed by

$$\ell_{\delta,i}(\vartheta_-, \vartheta_+, k) := \vartheta_{\delta,i}(k) \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t) dX_{\delta,i}(t) - \frac{\vartheta_{\delta,i}(k)^2}{2} \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t)^2 dt, \quad \vartheta_{\delta,i}(k) := \begin{cases} \vartheta_-, & i \leq k, \\ \vartheta_+, & i > k \end{cases}$$



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- **CUSUM-approach** for estimation of $(\vartheta^0, \vartheta_+^0, \tau^0)$: $(\hat{\vartheta}_-^\delta, \hat{\vartheta}_+^\delta, \hat{\tau}^\delta) := (\hat{\vartheta}_-^\delta, \hat{\vartheta}_+^\delta, \hat{k}\delta)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\vartheta}_-^\delta, \hat{\vartheta}_+^\delta, \hat{k}) &:= \arg \max_{(\vartheta_-, \vartheta_+, k) \in [\underline{\vartheta}, \bar{\vartheta}]^2 \times [\delta^{-1}]} \sum_{i \in [\delta^{-1}]} \ell_{\delta,i}(\vartheta_-, \vartheta_+, k) \\ &= \arg \min_{(\vartheta_-, \vartheta_+, k) \in [\underline{\vartheta}, \bar{\vartheta}]^2 \times [\delta^{-1}]} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\delta-1} (\vartheta_{\delta,i}(k) - \vartheta_{\delta,i}^0)^2 I_{\delta,i} - \sum_{i=1}^{\delta-1} (\vartheta_{\delta,i}(k) - \vartheta_{\delta,i}^0) M_{\delta,i} - \vartheta_{\delta,k_0}(k) R_{\delta,k_0} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

for

$$M_{\delta,i} := \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^\Delta(t) dB_{\delta,i}(t), \quad I_{\delta,i} := \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^\Delta(t)^2 dt,$$

and R_{δ,k_0} is an error term resulting from $K_{\delta,k_0} \notin D(\Delta_\vartheta)$ in general

Lemma [Reiß, Strauch and T. (2023)]

- For any $i \in [\delta^{-1}] \setminus \{k_0\}$,

$$\mathbb{E}[I_{\delta,i}] = \frac{T}{2\vartheta(x_i)} \|K'\|_{L^2}^2 \delta^{-2} + \mathcal{O}(1),$$

and, moreover, $\mathbb{E}[I_{\delta,k_0}] \sim \delta^{-2}$;

- for any vector $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^n$ s.t. $\alpha_{k_0} = 0$,

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\delta^{-1}} \alpha_i I_{\delta,i}\right) \leq \frac{T}{2\vartheta^3} \delta^{-2} \|\alpha\|_{\ell^2}^2 \|K'\|_{L^2}^2;$$

- For $\eta := \vartheta_+^0 - \vartheta_-^0$,

$$\mathbb{E}[|R_{\delta,k_0}|] \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}T}{2\vartheta} \|K'\|_{L^2}^2 |\eta| \delta^{-2}.$$

Main observation: $\sum_{i=1}^{\delta^{-1}} \alpha_i (I_{\delta,i} - \mathbb{E}[I_{\delta,i}])$ belongs to second Wiener chaos for an appropriate isonormal Gaussian process associated to $(X_i^\Delta(t))_{t \in [0, T], i \in [\delta^{-1}]}$ \rightsquigarrow verify conditions for **Bernstein-type concentration inequality** of Malliavin differentiable random variables from Nourdin and Viens (2009)¹

Proposition [Reiß, Strauch and T. (2023)]

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \setminus \{0\}$ s.t. $\alpha_{k_0} = 0$. Then, for any $z > 0$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (I_{\delta,i} - \mathbb{E}[I_{\delta,i}])\right| \geq z\right) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{\vartheta^2}{4\|\alpha\|_\infty} \frac{z^2}{z + \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbb{E}[I_{\delta,i}]}\right).$$

¹I. Nourdin and F.G. Viens (2009). Density formula and concentration inequalities with Malliavin calculus. *Electron. J. Probab.*, 14:no. 78, 2287–2309.

Reformulate contrast function in terms of an empirical process: Let

$$\mathcal{L}_\delta(\vartheta_-, \vartheta_+, h) := \delta^3 \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\delta-1} (\vartheta_{\delta,i}(\lceil h/\delta \rceil) - \vartheta_{\delta,i}^0)^2 I_{\delta,i} - \sum_{i=1}^{\delta-1} (\vartheta_{\delta,i}(\lceil h/\delta \rceil) - \vartheta_{\delta,i}^0) M_{\delta,i} \right), \quad (\vartheta_-, \vartheta_+, h) \in [\underline{\vartheta}, \bar{\vartheta}]^2 \times (0, 1].$$

Then,

$$\mathcal{L}_\delta(\widehat{\vartheta}_-, \widehat{\vartheta}_+, \widehat{\tau}^\delta) = \min_{\chi \in [\underline{\vartheta}, \bar{\vartheta}]^2 \times (0, 1]} \mathcal{L}_\delta(\chi) + \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(\delta),$$

and we can show that

$$\sup_{\chi \in [\underline{\vartheta}, \bar{\vartheta}]^2 \times (0, 1]} |\mathcal{L}_\delta(\chi) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_\delta(\chi)]| = o_{\mathbb{P}}(1).$$

Theorem [Reiß, Strauch and T. (2023)]

Suppose that $\chi^0(\delta) = (\vartheta_-^0(\delta), \vartheta_+^0(\delta), \tau^0) \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} (\vartheta_-^*, \vartheta_+^*, \tau^0)$. Then, for $\widehat{\chi}^\delta := (\widehat{\vartheta}_-, \widehat{\vartheta}_+, \tau^0)$, it holds $\widehat{\chi}^\delta - \chi^0(\delta) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$.

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Theorem [Reiß, Strauch and T. (2023)]

Suppose that $\chi^0(\delta) \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} \chi^*$ and that $|\eta| \geq \underline{\eta}$ for all $\delta \in 1/\mathbb{N}$. Then, $\delta^{-1/2} \tilde{d}_\delta(\hat{\chi}_\delta, \chi^0(\delta)) = \mathcal{O}_\mathbb{P}(1)$. In particular,

$$\hat{\tau}^\delta - \tau^0 = \mathcal{O}_\mathbb{P}(\delta) \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\vartheta}_\pm - \vartheta_\pm^0 = \mathcal{O}_\mathbb{P}(\delta^{1/2}).$$

Limit theorem for vanishing jump height

- for the previous consistency result it was crucial that the jump height η **does not vanish**
- assume now that $\eta \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0$ and that the nuisance parameters $\vartheta_{\pm}^0 = \vartheta_{\pm}^0(\delta)$ are known
- **CUSUM estimator**: $\hat{\tau} = \hat{k}\delta$, where

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{k} &:= \arg \max_{k=1, \dots, \delta-1} \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\vartheta_-^0 \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t) dX_{\delta,i}(t) - \frac{(\vartheta_-^0)^2}{2} \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t)^2 dt \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=k+1}^{\delta-1} \left(\vartheta_+^0 \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t) dX_{\delta,i}(t) - \frac{(\vartheta_+^0)^2}{2} \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t)^2 dt \right) \\ &= \arg \max_{k=1, \dots, \delta-1} Z_k,\end{aligned}$$

for

$$Z_k = \begin{cases} 0, & k = k_0, \\ \eta \sum_{i=k+1}^{k_0} \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t) dB_{\delta,i}(t) - \frac{\eta^2}{2} \sum_{i=k+1}^{k_0} \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t)^2 dt + \eta R_{\delta, k_0}, & k < k_0, \\ -\eta \sum_{i=k_0+1}^k \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t) dB_{\delta,i}(t) - \frac{\eta^2}{2} \sum_{i=k_0+1}^k \int_0^T X_{\delta,i}^{\Delta}(t)^2 dt, & k > k_0, \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{\eta^2}{\delta^3} \frac{T \|K'\|_{L^2}^2}{2\vartheta^*} (\hat{\tau} - \tau^0) \xrightarrow{d} \arg \min_{h \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ B^{\leftrightarrow}(h) + \frac{|h|}{2} \right\}, \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

provided $\eta = o(\delta)$ and $\delta^{3/2} = o(\eta)$

Thank you for your attention!