

# Low-frequency estimation for moving-average Lévy processes

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## Setup

Moving-average Lévy process is a stochastic integral

$$Z_t = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}(t-s) dL_s, \quad \text{where}$$

- ▶  $L_t$  is a Lévy process on  $\mathbb{R}$ : (1)  $X_0 = 0$  a.s.; (2) independent and stationary increments; (3) stochastic continuity:  $X_{t+s} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} X_t$  as  $s \rightarrow 0$ .

Typical construction:  $L_t = L_t^1 \mathbb{I}\{t \geq 0\} - L_{(-t)}^2 \mathbb{I}\{t < 0\}$ , where  $L^1$  and  $L^2$  are two independent copies of a Lévy process on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

- ▶  $\mathcal{K}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a deterministic function,  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$ .  
Rajput & Rosiński (1989): if  $L_s \sim (\mu, 0, \nu)$ , then  $Z_t$  exists iff

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ \mathcal{K}(t-s)\mu + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}(t-s)x (\mathbb{I}\{|\mathcal{K}(t-s)x| \leq 1\} - \mathbb{I}\{|x| \leq 1\}) \nu(dx) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathcal{K}(t-s)x)^2 \nu(dx) \right] ds < \infty.$$

Typical example:  $\mathcal{K}(x) = |x|^r e^{-\rho|x|}$  with  $r > -1/2$  and  $\rho > 0$ .

## Moving-average process: motivation

### Lévy-driven Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process:

$$Z_t = e^{-\rho t} Z_0 + \int_0^t e^{-\rho(t-s)} dL_s \quad \text{with } \rho > 0.$$

Well-balanced Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process (*Schnurr & Woerner, 2011*):

$$\mathcal{K}(x) = e^{-\rho|x|} \implies Z_t = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\rho|t-s|} dL_s.$$

More general set-up:  $Z_t = \int_{\mathbb{R}} K(t, s) dL_s$ , where, for instance,

$$K(t, s) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma)} [(t - s)_+^\gamma - (-s)_+^\gamma]$$

with  $\gamma \in (0, 1/2)$  (fractional Lévy process).

*Barndorff-Nielsen & Schmiegel (2009), Basse & Pedersen (2009),  
Podolskij (2014), Barndorff-Nielsen, Benth & Veraart (2015),  
Basse-O'Connor & Rosiński (2016)*

## Statistical problem

**Stationarity of the process**  $Z_t = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}(t-s) dL_s$  :

Characteristic function  $\Phi(u) := \mathbb{E}e^{iuZ_t}$  is equal to

$$\Phi(u) = \exp\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(u\mathcal{K}(x)) dx\right\},$$

where  $\psi(u)$  is the characteristic exponent of  $L_t$ . For instance, if  $L_t$  has Lévy triplet  $(\mu, \sigma, \nu)$ , and the jump part has finite variation, then

$$\psi(u) = t^{-1} \log\left(\mathbb{E}\left[e^{iuL_t}\right]\right) = i\mu u - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}} (e^{iux} - 1) \nu(x) dx.$$

Important:  $Z_t$  is an integral over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Statistical problem:** estimate  $\nu(x)$  from  $Z_0, Z_{\Delta}, \dots, Z_{n\Delta}$  with fixed  $\Delta > 0$ .

### Previous research:

- ▶ *Brockwell & Lindner (2012)* - inference for Lévy-driven OU and CARMA;
- ▶ *Cohen & Lindner (2013), Zhang, Lin & Zhang (2015)* - estimation of the parameters of the kernel function (empirical moments, least squares);
- ▶ *Glaser (2015), Basse-O'Connor, Lachieze-Rey & Podolskij (2015)* - limit theorems for the power variation (useful for high-frequency data).

## Direct approach

Special choice of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a symmetric kernel of the form:

$$\mathcal{K}_\alpha(x) := (1 - \alpha|x|)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \quad |x| \leq \alpha^{-1}$$

for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . In this case,  $\mathcal{K}'_\alpha(x) = -\mathcal{K}_\alpha^{1-\alpha}(x)$ .

Direct relation between  $\psi$  and  $\Phi$ .

$$\psi(u) = \frac{1}{2} u^{1-\alpha} (u^\alpha \log(\Phi(u)))' = \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha \log(\Phi(u)) + u \frac{\Phi'(u)}{\Phi(u)} \right).$$

Assumptions on the model

$$L_t = \mu t + \sigma W_t + CPP_t^{(1)} \cdot \mathbb{I}\{t \geq 0\} + CPP_{-t}^{(2)} \cdot \mathbb{I}\{t < 0\}, \quad CPP_t^{(j)} := \sum_{k=1}^{N_t^{(j)}} \xi_k^{(j)},$$

where  $N_t^{(1)}, N_t^{(2)}$ , are 2 Poisson processes with intensity  $\lambda$ ,  $\xi_1^{(1)}, \xi_2^{(1)}, \dots$  and  $\xi_1^{(2)}, \xi_2^{(2)}, \dots$  are i.i.d. r.v's with absolutely continuous distribution.

## Direct approach: estimation procedure

### 1. Estimation of $\Phi, \psi$ .

$$\Phi_n(u) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{iuZ_j\Delta}, \quad \psi_n(u) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha \log(\Phi_n(u)) + u \frac{\Phi_n'(u)}{\Phi_n(u)} \right).$$

### 2. Estimation of $\sigma, \lambda, \mu$ . Since

$$\psi(u) = i\mu u - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 u^2 - \lambda + \mathcal{F}[V](u),$$

we define

$$(\sigma_n^2, \lambda_n) := \arg \min_{(\sigma^2, \lambda)} \int_0^\infty w^{U_n}(u) (\operatorname{Re} \psi_n(u) + \sigma^2 u^2 / 2 + \lambda)^2 du$$

$$\mu_n := \arg \min_{\mu} \int_0^\infty w^{U_n}(u) (\operatorname{Im} \psi_n(u) - \mu u)^2 du.$$

### 3. Estimation of $\nu$ :

$$\nu_n(x) := \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[ \left( \psi_n(\cdot) - i\mu_n[\cdot] + \frac{\sigma_n^2}{2}[\cdot]^2 + \lambda_n \right) w_\nu(\cdot / U_n) \right] (x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

## Direct approach: theoretical results

Consider the class

$$\mathcal{T}_s = \mathcal{T}_s(\sigma^\circ, R) = \left\{ \sigma \in (0, \sigma^\circ), \int x^2 \nu(dx) \leq R, \left\| \nu^{(s)} \right\|_\infty \leq R \right\}$$

with some  $\sigma^\circ, R > 0$ .

**Upper bound.** If  $\|\mathcal{F}(w_\sigma^1(u)/u^s)\|_{L^1} < \infty$ , then it holds

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow +\infty} \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{(\gamma, \sigma, \nu) \in \mathcal{T}_s} \mathbb{P} \left\{ \left| \sigma_n^2 - \sigma^2 \right| \geq A \cdot U_n^{-(s+3)} \right\} = 0.$$

provided  $U_n = \sqrt{\kappa \log(n)}$  with some constant  $\kappa > 0$  depending on  $\sigma^\circ$  and  $R$ .

**Lower bound.** For any  $\sigma^\circ, R > 0$ , there exists some  $A > 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \inf_{\check{\sigma}_n} \sup_{(\gamma, \sigma, \nu) \in \mathcal{T}_s} \mathbb{P} \left\{ \left| \check{\sigma}_n^2 - \sigma^2 \right| \geq A \cdot (\log(n))^{-(s+3)/2} \right\} > 0,$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible estimates  $\check{\sigma}_n, \check{\gamma}_n, \check{\lambda}_n$  of the parameters  $\sigma, \gamma, \lambda$ , and supremum - over all triplets from the class  $\mathcal{T}_s$ .

Mellin transform  $\mathcal{M}[f](z) := \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} x^{z-1} f(x) dx, z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Analyticity:** If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} O(x^{-a-\varepsilon}) & \text{as } x \rightarrow 0+ \\ O(x^{-b+\varepsilon}) & \text{as } x \rightarrow +\infty \end{cases}$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0, a < b$ ,

then  $\mathcal{M}[f]$  is analytic in the region  $\{z : a < \operatorname{Re}(z) < b\}$ .

**Parsenval formula:**  $\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f(x)g(x)dx = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \mathcal{M}[f](z) \cdot \mathcal{M}[g](1-z)dz$ .

**Inverse Mellin transform:**  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} x^{-z} \cdot \mathcal{M}[f](z)dz$ .

**Multiplicative convolution:**

$$f \star g(u) := \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} f(ux)g(x)dx \implies \mathcal{M}[f \star g](z) = \mathcal{M}[f](z) \mathcal{M}[g](1-z).$$

**Superposition of Mellin and Fourier transforms**

$$\mathcal{M}[\mathcal{F}[f]](z) = \mathcal{M}[e^{ix}](z) \cdot \mathcal{M}[f](1-z).$$



## Inference in general case: main idea

**Denote**  $\Lambda(u) := \log(\Phi(u))$ , and consider the Mellin transform of  $\Lambda''(u)$ :

$$\mathcal{M}[\Lambda''](z) = -\mathcal{M}[\mathcal{F}[\bar{\nu}]](z) \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathcal{K}(x))^{2-z} dx, \quad \text{where } \bar{\nu}(x) = x^2 \cdot \nu(x).$$

$$\mathcal{M}[\bar{\nu}](1-z) = \frac{\mathcal{M}[\Lambda''](1-z)}{Q(1-z)}, \quad \text{with } Q(z) := -\Gamma(z)e^{i\pi z/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (\mathcal{K}(x))^{2-z} dx.$$

### Estimation scheme

$$1. Z_0, Z_{\Delta}, \dots, Z_{n\Delta} \longrightarrow \Phi \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}[\Lambda'']:$$

$$\mathcal{M}_n[\Lambda''](1-z) := \int_0^{U_n} \left[ \frac{\Phi''(u)}{\Phi_n(u)} - \left( \frac{\Phi'_n(u)}{\Phi_n(u)} \right)^2 \right] u^{-z} du,$$

where  $\Phi_n(u) := n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \exp\{iZ_{k\Delta} u\}$  and a sequence  $U_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$2. \mathcal{M}[\Lambda''] \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}[\bar{\nu}] \longrightarrow \nu:$$

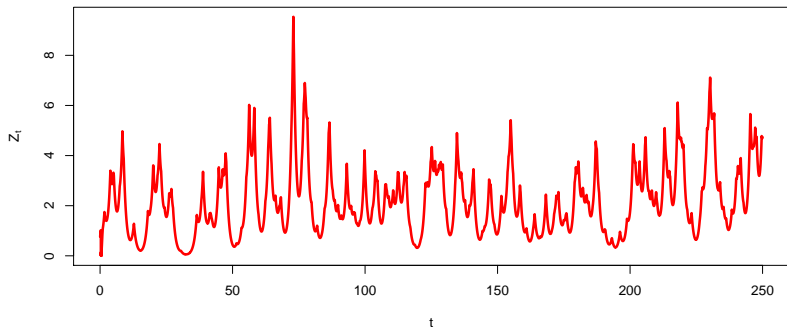
$$\bar{\nu}_n(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-iV_n}^{c+iV_n} \frac{\mathcal{M}_n[\Lambda''](1-z)}{Q(1-z)} x^{-z} dz,$$

where  $V_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $c \in (0, 1)$ .

## Example

Consider the integral  $Z_t := \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}(t-s) dL_s$ , where

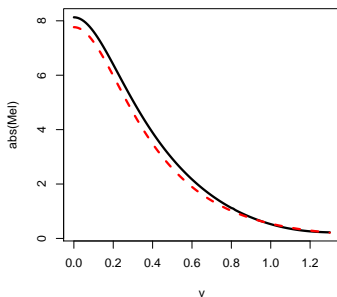
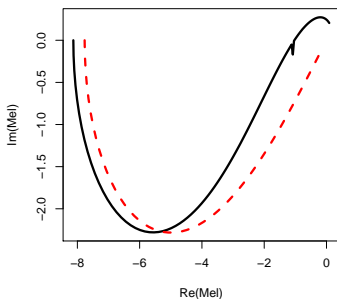
1.  $\mathcal{K}(x) = e^{-|x|}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
2.  $L_t$  is constructed from the compound Poisson process  $L_t^{(1)} \stackrel{d}{=} L_t^{(2)} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \xi_k$ , where  $N_t$  is a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$ , and  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots$  are independent r.v.'s with standard exponential distribution.



## Estimation of $\mathcal{M}[\Lambda']$ : practice

We estimate the Mellin transform  $\mathcal{M}[\Lambda'](1-z) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\Phi'(u)}{\Phi(u)} u^{-z} du$  at the points  $z = c + iv$ ,  $v = -V_n \dots V_n$ , with step  $\delta = 2V_n/K$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_n[\Lambda'](1-z) := i \int_0^{U_n} \left[ \frac{\text{mean}(Z_{k\Delta} e^{iuZ_{k\Delta}})}{\text{mean}(e^{iuZ_{k\Delta}})} - \text{mean}(Z) e^{iu} \right] u^{-z} du + 2i\lambda\Gamma(1-z) \exp\{i\pi(1-z)/2\}.$$

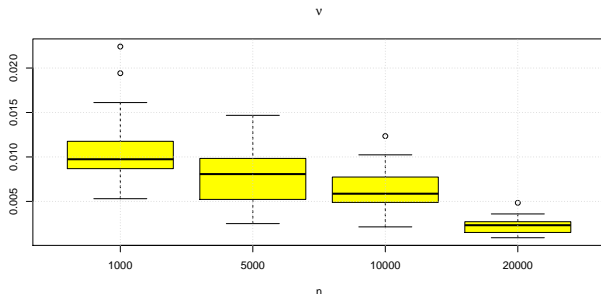


## Estimation of $\nu(x)$ : practice

Next, we estimate the Lévy density  $\nu(x)$  by

$$\nu_n(x) := \frac{\delta}{2\pi x} \sum_{k=1}^K \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\mathcal{M}_n[\Lambda'](1 - c - iv_k)}{\tilde{Q}(1 - c - iv)} x^{-(c+iv_k)} \right\},$$

where  $\tilde{Q}(z) = i\Gamma(z) \exp\{i\pi z/2\} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (K(x))^{1-z} dx$ , and measure the quality in terms of  $\mathcal{R}(\nu_n) = \int_1^3 (\nu_n^*(x) - \nu(x))^2 dx$ .



## Theoretical study: main difficulty

**Exponential inequality for i.i.d.** (*Hoeffding's inequality, 1963*)

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are centered, i.i.d., and  $\exists M : |X_k| \leq M$  a.s. Then for any  $\zeta > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \zeta\right\} \geq 1 - 2 \exp\left\{-\frac{\zeta^2}{2nM^2}\right\}.$$

**Dependence concept:  $\alpha$ -mixing.** For sigma-algebras  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

$$\alpha(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}) := \sup_{B \in \mathcal{B}, C \in \mathcal{C}} |\mathbb{P}\{B \cap C\} - \mathbb{P}\{B\}\mathbb{P}\{C\}|$$

A sequence  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  is said to be exponentially  $\alpha$ -mixing, if

$$\alpha_k := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha(\sigma(X_s, s \leq t), \sigma(X_s, s \geq t+k)) \leq e^{-k\alpha^*} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Exponential inequalities** (*Merlevède, Peligrad, Rio, 2009*)

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are centered, exponentially  $\alpha$ -mixing, and  $|X_k| \leq M, \forall k$  a.s. Then

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \zeta\right\} \geq 1 - \exp\left\{-\frac{C\zeta^2}{nv^2 + M^2 + M\zeta \log^2(n)}\right\}.$$

for all  $\zeta > 0$  and  $n \geq 4$ , where  $v^2 = \sup_i \left(\mathbb{E}[X_i]^2 + 2 \sum_{j \geq i} \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)\right)$ .

Mixing for multidimensional diffusions with jumps: *Masuda (2007)*

## Assumptions on the Lévy density $\nu$

$\nu$  is supported on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ , fulfills  $\int_0^1 x\nu(x)dx < \infty$ , and for some  $A > 0$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $c \in (0, 1)$ , it holds

$$\max\left\{\int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 + |y|)^\alpha |\mathcal{F}[\bar{\nu]}(y)| dy, \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\gamma|u|} |\mathcal{M}[\bar{\nu]}(c + iu)| du\right\} \leq A,$$

Moreover, assume that for some  $R > 0$ ,

$$\int_{x>1} e^{Rx} \nu(x) dx \leq A.$$

**Typical example:**  $\nu(x) = \sum_{j=1}^J a_j x^{-\eta_j - 1} e^{-\lambda_j x} \cdot \mathbb{I}\{x \geq 0\}$ ,  
where  $a_j > 0$ ,  $\eta_j < 1$ ,  $\lambda_j > 0$ ,  $\forall j \in 1..J$ .

For instance, tempered stable process:  $J = 1$  and  $\eta_1 \in (0, 1)$ .

## Theorem 1. Upper bound for $\bar{\nu}_n(x)$

Consider the event

$$\mathcal{A}_K := \left\{ \max_{j=0,1,2} \left\| \frac{\Phi_n^{(j)}(u) - \Phi^{(j)}(u)}{\Phi(u)} \right\|_{U_n} \leq K\varepsilon_n \right\},$$

for some  $K > 0$ , where for any function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\|f\|_{U_n} = \sup_{u \in [-U_n, U_n]} |f(u)|$ , and  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  is such that

$$K\varepsilon_n \left( 1 + \|\Psi'_\sigma\|_{U_n} \right) \leq 1/2.$$

On the set  $\mathcal{A}_K$ , the estimate  $\bar{\nu}_n(x)$  satisfies

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}_+} \{x^c |\bar{\nu}_n(x) - \bar{\nu}(x)|\} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\{|v| \leq V_n\}} \frac{\Omega_n}{|Q(1-c-iv)|} dv + \frac{A}{2\pi} e^{-\gamma V_n},$$

where

$$\Omega_n = 2K\varepsilon_n U_n^{1-c} + \left( A + \frac{2^\alpha A}{1-c} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} [\mathcal{K}(x)]^{c+1} [1 + U_n \mathcal{K}(x)]^{-\alpha} dx.$$

## Assumptions on the kernel function $\mathcal{K}$

The kernel  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{L}^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \left| \mathcal{F}[\mathcal{K}] \left( 2\pi \frac{j}{\Delta} \right) \right| \leq K^*,$$

$$(\mathcal{K} \star \mathcal{K})(\Delta j) \leq \kappa_0 |j|^{\kappa_1} e^{-\kappa_2 |j|}, \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

for some positive constants  $K^*$ ,  $\kappa_0$ ,  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$ , and moreover all eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\mathcal{M} = \left( (\mathcal{K} \star \mathcal{K})(\Delta(j - k)) \right)_{k, j \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

are bounded from below and above by two finite positive constants.

Typical example:  $\mathcal{K}(x) = \left( \sum_{r=0}^R \beta_r |x|^r \right) e^{-\rho|x|}$ ,  
 where  $\beta_r \geq 0$  for all  $r = 0, \dots, R$ , and  $\rho > 0$ .



## Theorem 2. Probability of the event $\mathcal{A}_K$

*Under the choice*

$$\varepsilon_n = \sqrt{\frac{\log(n)}{n}} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{A}{2}\sigma^2 U_n^2 \int (\mathcal{K}(x))^2 dx\right),$$

*it holds for any  $K > 0$*

$$\mathbb{P}\{\mathcal{A}_K\} \geq 1 - \frac{C_1}{\sqrt{K}} \frac{\sqrt{U_n} n^{(1/4)} - C_2 K^2}{\log^{1/4}(n)},$$

*where the positive constants  $C_1, C_2$  may depend on  $K^*, A_R$  and  $\kappa_i, i = 0, 1, 2$ .*

## Upper bound for $\bar{\nu}_n(x)$ : example

Consider the following  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\nu$  :

$$\mathcal{K}(x) = \left( \sum_{r=0}^R \beta_r |x|^r \right) e^{-\rho|x|}, \quad \nu(x) = \sum_{j=1}^J a_j x^{-\eta_j - 1} e^{-\lambda_j x} \cdot \mathbb{I}\{x \geq 0\}.$$

We have on  $\mathcal{A}_K$

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}_+} \{x^c |\bar{\nu}_n(x) - \bar{\nu}(x)|\} \lesssim V_n^\zeta \left( \varepsilon_n U_n^{(1-c)} + U_n^{-\alpha} \right) + e^{-\gamma V_n},$$

with  $\zeta = c + 1 + \mathbb{I}(R = 0)/2$ . Therefore, under the choice

$$U_n = \theta \log^{1/2}(n), \quad V_n = \varkappa \log(U_n),$$

with  $\varkappa > \alpha/\gamma$ ,  $\theta < (A \int (\mathcal{K}(x))^2 dx)^{-1/2}$ , we get that the rates are logarithmic on  $\mathcal{A}_K$ :

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}_+} \{x^c |\bar{\nu}_n(x) - \bar{\nu}(x)|\} \lesssim \log^{-\alpha/2}(n), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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