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Parameter estimation for Ornstein–Uhlenbeck processes driven by fractional Lévy process

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Abstract

We study the minimum Skorohod distance estimation θ_ε^* and minimum L_1 -norm estimation $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ of the drift parameter θ of a stochastic differential equation $dX_t = \theta X_t dt + \varepsilon dL_t^d$, $X_0 = x_0$, where $\{L_t^d, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ is a fractional Lévy process, $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$. We obtain their consistency and limit distribution for fixed T , when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Moreover, we also study the asymptotic laws of their limit distributions for $T \rightarrow \infty$.

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1 Introduction

Statistical inference for stochastic equations is a main research direction in probability theory and its applications. The asymptotic theory of parametric estimation for diffusion processes with small noise is well developed. Genon-Catalot [8] and Laredo [17] considered the efficient estimation for drift parameters of small diffusions from discrete observations as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$. Using martingale estimating function, Sørensen [27] obtained consistency and asymptotic normality of the estimators of drift and diffusion coefficient parameters as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and n is fixed. Using a contrast function under suitable conditions on ε and n , Sørensen and Uchida [28] and Gloter and Sørensen [9] considered the efficient estimation for unknown parameters in both drift and diffusion coefficient functions. Long [20], Ma [21] studied parameter estimation for Ornstein–Uhlenbeck processes driven by small Lévy noises for discrete observations when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$ simultaneously. Shen and Yu [26] obtained consistency and the asymptotic distribution of the estimator for Ornstein–Uhlenbeck processes with small fractional Lévy noises.

Recently, Diop and Yode [4] obtained the minimum Skorohod distance estimate for the parameter θ of a stochastic differential equation with a centered Lévy processes $\{Z_t, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$, $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$,

$$dX_t = \theta X_t dt + \varepsilon dZ_t, \quad X_0 = x_0.$$

When $\{Z_t, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ is a Brownian motion, Millar [24] obtained the asymptotic behavior of the estimator of the parameter θ . The minimum uniform metric estimate of parameters

of diffusion-type processes was considered in Kutoyants and Pilibossian [14, 15]. Hénaff [10] considered the asymptotics of a minimum distance estimator of the parameter of the Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process. Prakasa Rao [25] studied the minimum L_1 -norm estimates of the drift parameter of Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process driven by fractional Brownian motion and investigated the asymptotic properties following Kutoyants and Pilibossian [14, 15]. Some surveys on the parameter estimates of fractional Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process can be found in Hu and Nualart [11], El Onsy, Es-Sebaiy and Ndiaye [5], Xiao, Zhang and Xu [29], Jiang and Dong [12], Liu and Song [19].

Motivated by the above results, in this paper we consider the minimum Skorohod distance estimation θ_ε^* and minimum L_1 -norm estimation $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ of the drift parameter θ for Ornstein–Uhlenbeck processes driven by the fractional Lévy process $\{L_t^d, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ which satisfies the following stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = \theta X_t dt + \varepsilon dL_t^d, \quad X_0 = x_0, \tag{1}$$

where the shift parameter $\theta \in \Theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2) \subseteq R$ is unknown, $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$. Denote by θ_0 the true value of the unknown parameter θ . Note that

$$X_t(\theta) = x_t(\theta) + \varepsilon e^{\theta t} \int_0^t e^{-\theta s} dL_s^d,$$

where $x_t(\theta) = x_0 e^{\theta t}$ is a solution of (1) with $\varepsilon = 0$.

Recall that fractional Lévy processes is a natural generalization of the integral representation of fractional Brownian motion. Analogously to Mandelbrot and Van Ness [22] for fractional Brownian motion we introduce the following definition.

Definition 1.1 (Marquardt [23]) Let $L = (L(t), t \in R)$ be a zero-mean two-sided Lévy process with $E[L(1)^2] < \infty$ and without a Brownian component. For $d \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, a stochastic process

$$L_t^d := \frac{1}{\Gamma(d+1)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(t-s)_+^d - (-s)_+^d] L(ds), \quad t \in R, \tag{2}$$

is called a fractional Lévy process (fLp), where

$$L(t) = L_1(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad L(t) = -L_2(-t), \quad t < 0. \tag{3}$$

$\{L_1(t), t \geq 0\}$ and $\{L_2(t), t \geq 0\}$ are two independent copies of a one-side Lévy process.

Lemma 1.1 (Marquardt [23]) Let $g \in H$, H is the completion of $L^1(R) \cap L^2(R)$ with respect to the norm $\|g\|_H^2 = E[L(1)^2] \int_R (I_-^d g)^2(u) du$, then

$$\int_R g(s) dL_s^d = \int_R (I_-^d g)(u) dL(u), \tag{4}$$

where the equality holds in the L^2 sense and $I_-^d g$ denotes the Riemann–Liouville fractional integral defined by

$$(I_-^d g)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(d)} \int_x^\infty g(t)(t-x)^{d-1} dt.$$

Lemma 1.2 (Marquardt [23]) *Let $|f|, |g| \in H$. Then*

$$E \left[\int_R f(s) dL_s^d \int_R g(s) dL_s^d \right] = \frac{\Gamma(1-2d)E[L(1)^2]}{\Gamma(d)\Gamma(1-d)} \int_R \int_R f(t)g(s)|t-s|^{2d-1} ds dt. \tag{5}$$

Lemma 1.3 (Bender et al. [2]) *Let L_t^d be a fLp. Then for every $p \geq 2$ and $\delta > 0$ such that $d + \delta < \frac{1}{2}$ there exists a constant $C_{p,\delta,d}$ independent of the driving Lévy process L such that for every $T \geq 1$*

$$E \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d|^p \right) \leq C_{p,\delta,d} E(|L(1)|^p) T^{p(d+1/2+\delta)}.$$

For the study of fLp see Bender et al. [3], Fink and Klüppelberg [7], Lin and Cheng [18], Benassi et al. [1], Lacaux [16], Engelke [6] and the references therein.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we consider the minimum Skorohod distance estimation θ_ε^* of the drift parameter θ , its consistency and limit distribution are studied for fixed T , when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Moreover, the asymptotic law of its limit distribution are also studied for $T \rightarrow \infty$. The similar problems for minimum L_1 -norm estimation $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ of the drift parameter θ were studied in Sect. 3.

2 Minimum Skorohod distance estimation

In this section, we consider the minimum Skorohod distance estimation which defined by

$$\theta_\varepsilon^* = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \rho(X, x(\theta)), \tag{6}$$

where

$$\rho(x, y) = \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} (H(\mu) + \sup |x(\mu(t)) - y(t)|) \tag{7}$$

on the Skorohod space $D([0, T], R)$ consists of càdlàg functions on $[0, T]$, $\Lambda([0, T])$ is the set of functions μ defined on $[0, T]$ with values in $[0, T]$, continuous, strictly increasing such that $\mu(0) = 0$ and $\mu(T) = T$, and

$$H(\mu) = \sup_{s, t \in [0, T], s \neq t} \left| \log \left(\frac{\mu(s) - \mu(t)}{s - t} \right) \right| < \infty.$$

Let

$$\eta_T = \arg \min_{u \in R} \rho(Y(\theta_0), u\dot{x}(\theta_0)), \tag{8}$$

where $\dot{x}(\theta_0) = x_0 t e^{\theta_0 t}$ is the derivative of $x_t(\theta_0)$ with respect to θ_0 and

$$Y_t(\theta_0) = e^{\theta_0 t} \int_0^t e^{\theta_0 s} dL_s^d. \tag{9}$$

Let

$$f(\kappa) = \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} |X_t - x(\theta_0)|_\infty = \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_t - x(\theta_0)|, \quad \kappa > 0 \tag{10}$$

and $P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}$ denotes the probability measure induced by the process X_t for fixed ε .

Theorem 2.1 (Consistency) *For every $p \geq 2$ and $\kappa > 0$ such that, for every $T \geq 1$, we have*

$$P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}(|\theta_\varepsilon^* - \theta_0| > \kappa) \leq C_{p,\kappa,d} E(|L(1)|^p) T^{p(d+1/2+\kappa)} \left(\frac{2\varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T}}{f(\kappa)}\right)^p = O((f(\kappa))^{-p} \varepsilon^p), \tag{11}$$

where constant $C_{p,\kappa,d}$ is only dependent on p, κ, d .

Proof Fixed $\kappa > 0$ and let

$$\mathcal{I}_0 = \left\{ \omega : \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(X, x(\theta)) > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \rho(X, x(\theta)) \right\}.$$

Then we can obtain $\mathcal{I}_0 = \{|\theta_\varepsilon^* - \theta_0| > \kappa\}$. In fact, for $\omega \in \mathcal{I}_0$, we have

$$\inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(X(\omega), x(\theta)) \geq \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \rho(X(\omega), x(\theta)) = \rho(X(\omega), x(\theta_\varepsilon^*)),$$

thus, $|\theta_\varepsilon^*(\omega) - \theta_0| > \kappa$. On the other hand, assume that $|\theta_\varepsilon^*(\omega) - \theta_0| > \kappa$,

$$\rho(X(\omega), x(\theta_\varepsilon^*)) = \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \rho(X(\omega), x(\theta)) < \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(X(\omega), x(\theta)).$$

For any $\kappa > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}(\mathcal{I}_0) &= P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left(\inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(X, x(\theta)) > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \rho(X, x(\theta))\right) \\ &\leq P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left(\inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(X, x(\theta)) > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} |\rho(X, x(\theta)) - \rho(x(\theta_0), x(\theta))|\right) \\ &\leq P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left(\inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(X, x(\theta)) > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \rho(x(\theta_0), x(\theta)) - \rho(X, x(\theta_0))\right) \\ &\leq P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left(\inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \kappa} \rho(x(\theta), x(\theta_0)) + 2\rho(X, x(\theta_0)) > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \rho(x(\theta_0), x(\theta))\right) \\ &\leq P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left(\|X - x(\theta_0)\|_\infty > \frac{f(\kappa)}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Besides, since the process X_t satisfies the stochastic differential Eqs. (1), it follows that

$$X_t - x_t(\theta_0) = x_0 + \theta_0 \int_0^t X_s ds + \varepsilon L_t^d - x_t(\theta_0) = \theta_0 \int_0^t (X_s - x_s(\theta_0)) ds + \varepsilon L_t^d. \tag{12}$$

Then

$$|X_t - x_t(\theta_0)| = \left| \theta_0 \int_0^t (X_s - x_s(\theta_0)) ds + \varepsilon L_t^d \right| \leq |\theta_0| \int_0^t |X_s - x_s(\theta_0)| ds + \varepsilon |L_t^d|. \tag{13}$$

Hence, we have

$$\|X - x(\theta_0)\|_\infty = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_t - x_t(\theta_0)| \leq \varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d| \tag{14}$$

because of the Gronwall–Bellman lemma. Thus,

$$P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left(\|X - x(\theta_0)\|_\infty > \frac{f(\kappa)}{2}\right) \leq P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d| \geq \frac{f(\kappa)}{2\varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T}}\right). \tag{15}$$

According to Lemma 1.3 and Chebyshev’s inequality, for all $p \geq 2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}(|\theta_\varepsilon^* - \theta_0| > \kappa) &\leq E\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d|\right)^p \left(\frac{2\varepsilon e^{|\theta_0 T|}}{f(\kappa)}\right)^p \\
 &\leq C_{p,\kappa,d} E(|L(1)|^p) T^{p(d+1/2+\kappa)} 2^p e^{|\theta_0 T|p} (f(\kappa))^{-p} \varepsilon^p \\
 &= O((f(\kappa))^{-p} \varepsilon^p).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{16}$$

This completes the proof. □

Remark 2.1 As a consequence of the above theorem, we obtain the result that θ_ε^* converges in probability to θ_0 under $P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}$ -measure as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Furthermore, the rate of convergence is of order $O(\varepsilon^p)$ for every $p \geq 2$.

Theorem 2.2 (Limit distribution) *For any $h \in D([0, T], R)$ satisfying $h(0) = 0$, $\phi_h^\alpha = \rho(h, u \cdot a)$, $a(t) = te^{\alpha t}$, $\alpha \in R$, $u \in R$ admits a unique minimum at u . Then we have, as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, $\varepsilon^{-1}(\theta_\varepsilon^* - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} \zeta_T$, where the notation “ \xrightarrow{d} ” denotes “convergence in distribution”.*

Remark 2.2 ϕ_h^α is a convex function and $\phi_h^\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$ when $|u| \rightarrow +\infty$, so ϕ_h^α admits a minimum.

The following lemma due to Diop and Yode [4] which is vital for our proof of Theorem 2.2.

Lemma 2.1 *Let $\{K_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$ be a sequence of continuous functions on R and K_0 be a convex function which admits a unique minimum η on R . Let $\{L_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon>0}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $L_\varepsilon \rightarrow +\infty$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. We suppose that*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \sup_{|u| \leq L_\varepsilon} |K_\varepsilon(u) - K_0(u)| = 0.$$

Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \arg \min_{|u| \leq L_\varepsilon} K_\varepsilon(u) = \eta,$$

where if there are several minima of K_ε , we choose one of them arbitrarily.

Proof of Theorem 2.2 We introduce the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_\varepsilon(u) &= \rho\left(Y, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(x(\theta_0 + \varepsilon u) - x(\theta_0))\right), \\
 K_0(u) &= \rho(Y, u\dot{x}(\theta_0)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 |K_\varepsilon(u) - K_0(u)| &= \left| \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} \left(H(\mu) + \left\| Y_\mu - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(x(\theta_0 + \varepsilon u) - x(\theta_0)) \right\|_\infty \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} \left(H(\mu) + \|Y_\mu - u\dot{x}(\theta_0)\|_\infty \right) \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left| \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} \left(H(\mu) + \left\| Y_\mu - u\dot{x}(\theta_0) - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon u^2 \ddot{x}(\tilde{\theta}) \right\|_\infty \right) - \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} (H(\mu) + \|Y_\mu - u\dot{x}(\theta_0)\|_\infty) \right|$$

with $\tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}_{\varepsilon, u, t} \in (\theta_0, \theta_0 + \varepsilon u)$, where the second equality is because of the Taylor expansion. If we take $L_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{\delta-1}$ with $\delta \in (1/2, 1)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{|u| \leq L_\varepsilon} |K_\varepsilon(u) - K_0(u)| &= \left| \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} \left(H(\mu) + \left\| Y_\mu - u\dot{x}(\theta_0) - \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon u^2 \ddot{x}(\tilde{\theta}) \right\|_\infty \right) - \inf_{\mu \in \Lambda([0, T])} (H(\mu) + \|Y_\mu - u\dot{x}(\theta_0)\|_\infty) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{|u| \leq L_\varepsilon} \left[\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon u^2 \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \ddot{x}(\tilde{\theta}) \right] \leq \frac{\varepsilon L_\varepsilon^2}{2} |x_0| T^2 e^{(|\theta_0| + \varepsilon L_\varepsilon)T} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon^{2\delta-1}}{2} |x_0| T^2 e^{(|\theta_0| + \varepsilon L_\varepsilon)T} \rightarrow 0 \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get the desired results by Lemma 2.1. □

In the following, we will consider the limiting behavior of η_T for $T \rightarrow +\infty$. Let us introduce the following notations:

$$A_t = \int_t^{+\infty} e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d,$$

$$B_t = \int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d.$$

From Theorem 3.6.6 of Jurek and Mason [13] and Lemma 4 of Diop and Yode [4], we can get the logarithmic moment condition is necessary and sufficient for the existence of the improper integral A_0 .

Lemma 2.2 *Suppose that $E(\log(1 + |L_1|)) < +\infty$. Then*

$$A_t \stackrel{d}{=} e^{-\theta_0 t} A_0 \tag{17}$$

where “ $\stackrel{d}{=}$ ” denotes “identical distribution”.

Proof It is not hard to see,

$$\begin{aligned} A_t &= \int_t^{+\infty} e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d = \int_t^{+\infty} (I_-^d e^{-\theta_0 u})(s) dL(s) \\ &= \int_t^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(d)} \int_s^\infty e^{-\theta_0 u} (u-s)^{d-1} du \right) dL(s) \\ &= \int_t^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(d)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\theta_0(s+x)} x^{d-1} dx \right) dL(s) \\ &= \int_t^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(d)} e^{-\theta_0 s} \theta_0^{-d} \int_s^\infty e^{-\theta_0 x} (\theta_0 x)^{d-1} d(\theta_0 x) \right) dL(s) \\ &= \theta_0^{-d} \int_t^{+\infty} e^{-\theta_0 s} dL(s). \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way,

$$A_0 = \theta_0^{-d} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\theta_0 s} dL(s).$$

From Lemma 4 of Diop and Yode [4], we have immediately

$$A_t \stackrel{d}{=} e^{-\theta_0 t} A_0. \tag*{\square}$$

The next theorem gives the asymptotic behavior of the limit distribution η_T for large T .

Theorem 2.3 *Suppose that $\theta_0 > 0$ and $E(\log(1 + |L_1|)) < +\infty$. Then $\xi_T = x_0 T \eta_T$ converges in distribution to A_0 as $T \rightarrow +\infty$.*

Proof Recall that

$$\eta_T = \arg \min_{u \in R} \rho(Y(\theta_0), u\dot{x}(\theta_0)).$$

By changing variable, we have

$$\xi_T = \arg \min_{\omega \in R} \rho(Y(\theta_0), M_t(\omega)) := \arg \min_{\omega \in R} N(\omega), \tag{18}$$

where $M_t(\omega) = \frac{\omega t e^{\theta_0 t}}{T}$ and $N(\cdot) = \rho(Y(\theta_0), M(\cdot))$.

We want to show that, for every $\Delta > 0$,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} P_{\theta_0} \{ |\xi_T - A_0| > \Delta \} = 0. \tag{19}$$

Therefore, let us consider the set

$$V_\Delta = \{ \omega : |\omega - A_0| > \Delta \},$$

where P_{θ_0} is the probability measure induced by the process X_t when θ_0 is the true parameter and $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. We can get

$$\begin{aligned} N(A_0) &= \rho(Y(\theta_0), M(A_0)) \leq \|Y(\theta_0) - M(A_0)\|_\infty \\ &= \left\| e^{\theta_0 t} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - \frac{A_0 t}{T} - A_0 + A_0 \right) \right\|_\infty \\ &= \left\| e^{\theta_0 t} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - A_0 + \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) A_0 \right) \right\|_\infty \\ &= \left\| e^{\theta_0 t} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - A_0 \right) \right\|_\infty + |A_0 t| \left\| \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) e^{\theta_0 t} \right\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for $\omega \in V_\Delta$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(\omega) &= \rho(Y(\theta_0), M(\omega)) \\ &\geq \rho(M(A_0), M(\omega)) - \rho(Y(\theta_0), M(A_0)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \|M(\omega) - M(A_0)\|_\infty - N(A_0) \\
 &= |\omega - A_0| \left\| \frac{te^{\theta_0 t}}{T} \right\|_\infty - N(A_0) \\
 &\geq \Delta \left\| \frac{te^{\theta_0 t}}{T} \right\|_\infty - N(A_0).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{N(\omega)}{N(A_0)} &\geq \frac{\Delta \| \frac{te^{\theta_0 t}}{T} \|_\infty}{N(A_0)} - 1, \\
 \frac{\inf_{\omega \in V_\Delta} N(\omega)}{N(A_0)} &\geq \Delta \left[\frac{T \| e^{\theta_0 t} (\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - A_0) \|_\infty}{\| te^{\theta_0 t} \|_\infty} + \frac{|A_0| \| (T-t)e^{\theta_0 t} \|_\infty}{\| te^{\theta_0 t} \|_\infty} \right]^{-1} - 1 \\
 &= \Delta \left[\frac{T \| e^{\theta_0 t} (B_t - A_0) \|_\infty}{\| te^{\theta_0 t} \|_\infty} + \frac{|R_0| \| (T-t)e^{\theta_0 t} \|_\infty}{\| te^{\theta_0 t} \|_\infty} \right]^{-1} - 1 \\
 &= \left[e^{-\theta_0 T} \| e^{\theta_0 t} A_t \|_\infty + \frac{|A_0|}{T\theta_0 e} \right]^{-1} - 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we get the maximum value of the function $(T - t)e^{\theta_0 t}$ by taking the derivative.

We obtain

$$\frac{|A_0|}{T\theta_0 e} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s. as } T \rightarrow +\infty. \tag{20}$$

Using Lemma 2.2 we have

$$P_{\theta_0} (e^{-\theta_0 T} \| e^{\theta_0 t} A_t \|_\infty > \Delta) = P_{\theta_0} (|A_0| > e^{\theta_0 T} \Delta) \leq e^{-\theta_0 T} \frac{E_{\theta_0}(|A_0|)}{\Delta} \rightarrow 0, \quad T \rightarrow +\infty. \tag{21}$$

By (20) and (21), we obtain

$$\frac{\inf_{\omega \in V_\Delta} N(\omega)}{N(A_0)} \xrightarrow{P} +\infty, \quad T \rightarrow +\infty. \tag{22}$$

In addition, using (18), $\xi_T \in V_\Delta$, we have

$$N(\xi_T) = \inf_{\omega \in V_\Delta} N(\omega) \leq N(A_0). \tag{23}$$

We can get the desired result (19) by Eqs. (22) and (23). □

3 Minimum L_1 -norm estimation

In this section, we will study the minimum L_1 -norm estimation $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ of the drift parameter θ .

Let

$$D_T(\theta) = \int_0^T |X_t - x_t(\theta)| dt. \tag{24}$$

It is well known that $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ is the minimum L_1 -norm estimator if there exists a measurable selection $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ such that

$$D_T(\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon) = \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} D_T(\theta). \tag{25}$$

Suppose that there exists a measurable selection $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ satisfying the above equation. We can also define the estimator $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ by the relation

$$\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon = \arg \inf_{\theta \in \Theta} \int_0^T |X_t - x_t(\theta)| dt. \tag{26}$$

For any $\kappa > 0$, we define

$$\tilde{f}(\kappa) = \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \int_0^T |X_t(\theta) - x_t(\theta_0)| dt > 0, \quad \text{for any } \kappa > 0. \tag{27}$$

Theorem 3.1 (Consistency) *For any $p \geq 2$, there exists a constant $C_{p,\kappa,d}$ (only depending the p, κ, d), such that, for every $\kappa > 0$, we have*

$$P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}(|\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0| > \kappa) \leq C_{p,\kappa,d} E(|L(1)|^p) T^{p(d+1/2+\kappa)} \left(\frac{2\varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T}}{f(\kappa)}\right)^p = O((\tilde{f}(\kappa))^{-p} \varepsilon^p). \tag{28}$$

Proof Set $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the L_1 -norm, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}(|\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0| > \kappa) &= P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left\{ \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| \leq \kappa} \|X - x(\theta)\| > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \|X - x(\theta)\| \right\} \\ &\leq P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left\{ \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| \leq \kappa} (\|X - x(\theta_0)\| + \|x(\theta) - x(\theta_0)\|) \right. \\ &\quad \left. > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} (\|x(\theta) - x(\theta_0)\| - \|X - x(\theta_0)\|) \right\} \\ &= P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left\{ 2\|X - x(\theta_0)\| > \inf_{|\theta - \theta_0| > \kappa} \|x(\theta) - x(\theta_0)\| \right\} \\ &= P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left\{ \|X - x(\theta_0)\| > \frac{1}{2}\tilde{f}(\kappa) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the process X_t satisfies the stochastic differential equation (1), it follows that

$$X_t - x_t(\theta_0) = x_0 + \theta_0 \int_0^t X_s ds + \varepsilon L_t^d - x_t(\theta_0) = \theta_0 \int_0^t (X_s - x_s(\theta_0)) ds + \varepsilon L_t^d, \tag{29}$$

where $x_t(\theta) = x_0 e^{\theta t}$.

Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_t - x_t(\theta_0)| \leq \varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d|. \tag{30}$$

Thus,

$$P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\left\{ \|X - x(\theta)\| > \frac{1}{2}\tilde{f}(\kappa) \right\} \leq P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d| \geq \frac{\tilde{f}(\kappa)}{2\varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T}}\right). \tag{31}$$

Applying Lemma 1.3 to the estimate obtained above, we have

$$P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}(|\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0| > \kappa) \leq E\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |L_t^d|\right)^p \left(\frac{2\varepsilon e^{|\theta_0|T}}{\tilde{f}(\kappa)}\right)^p$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C_{p,\kappa,d} E(|L(1)|^p) T^{p(d+1/2+\kappa)} 2^p e^{-|\theta_0 T| p} (\tilde{f}(\kappa))^{-p} \varepsilon^p \\ &= O((\tilde{f}(\kappa))^{-p} \varepsilon^p). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

Remark 3.1 It follows from Theorem 3.1 that we have $\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon$ converges in probability to θ_0 under $P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}$ -measure as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. Furthermore, the rate of convergence is of order $O(\varepsilon^p)$ for every $p \geq 2$.

Theorem 3.2 (Limit distribution) *As $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, $\varepsilon^{-1}(\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} \xi$, ξ has the same probability distribution as $\tilde{\eta}$ under $P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}$*

$$\tilde{\eta} = \arg \inf_{-\infty < u < +\infty} \int_0^T |Y_t(\theta) - utx_0 e^{\theta_0 t}| dt. \tag{32}$$

Proof Let

$$Z_\varepsilon(u) = \|Y - \varepsilon^{-1}(x(\theta_0 + \varepsilon u) - x(\theta_0))\| \tag{33}$$

and

$$Z_0(u) = \|Y - u\dot{x}(\theta_0)\|. \tag{34}$$

Furthermore, let

$$A_\varepsilon = \{\omega : |\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0| < \delta_\varepsilon\}, \quad \delta_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^\tau \tau, \tau \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right), \quad L_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{\tau-1}. \tag{35}$$

It is easy to see that the random variable $\tilde{u}_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{-1}(\tilde{\theta}_\varepsilon - \theta_0)$ satisfies the equation

$$Z_\varepsilon(\tilde{u}_\varepsilon) = \inf_{|u| < L_\varepsilon} Z_\varepsilon(u), \quad \omega \in A_\varepsilon. \tag{36}$$

Define

$$\tilde{\eta}_\varepsilon = \arg \inf_{|u| < L_\varepsilon} Z_0(u). \tag{37}$$

Observe that, with probability one,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{|u| < L_\varepsilon} |Z_\varepsilon(u) - Z_0(u)| &= \left\| \|Y - u\dot{x}(\theta_0) - 1/2\varepsilon u^2 \ddot{x}(\tilde{\theta})\| - \|Y - u\dot{x}(\theta_0)\| \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} L_\varepsilon^2 \sup_{|\theta - \theta_0| < \delta_\varepsilon} \int_0^T |\ddot{x}(\theta)| dt \leq C\varepsilon^{2\tau-1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

where $\tilde{\theta} = \theta_0 + \alpha(\theta - \theta_0)$ for some $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. Note that the last term in the above inequality tends to zero as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. This follows from the arguments given in Theorem 2 of Kutoyants and Pilibossian [14, 15]. In addition, we can choose the interval $[-L, L]$ such that

$$P_{\theta_0}^{(\varepsilon)}\{u_\varepsilon^* \in (-L, L)\} \geq 1 - \beta \tilde{f}(L)^{-p} \tag{39}$$

and

$$P\{u^* \in (-L, L)\} \geq 1 - \beta \tilde{f}(L)^{-p}, \quad \beta > 0. \tag{40}$$

Note that $\tilde{f}(L)$ increases as L increases. The process $\{Z_\varepsilon(u), u \in [-L, L]\}$ and $\{Z_0(u), u \in [-L, L]\}$ satisfy the Lipschitz conditions and $Z_\varepsilon(u)$ converges uniformly to $Z_0(u)$ over $u \in [-L, L]$. Hence the minimizer of $Z_\varepsilon(\cdot)$ converges to the minimizer of $Z_0(u)$. This completes the proof. \square

Although the distribution of $\tilde{\eta}$ is not clear, we can consider its limiting behaviors as $T \rightarrow +\infty$.

Theorem 3.3 (Asymptotic law) *Suppose that $\theta_0 > 0$ and $E(\log(1 + |L_1|)) < +\infty$. Then*

$$\tilde{\xi}_T = x_0 T \tilde{\eta}_T \xrightarrow{d} A_0, \quad T \rightarrow +\infty,$$

where L_1, A_0 and other notations in the following are the same as Theorem 2.3.

Proof Recall that

$$\tilde{\eta}_T = \arg \inf_{u \in \mathbb{R}} \int_0^T |Y_t(\theta_0) - utx_0 e^{\theta_0 t}| dt.$$

Let $\|\cdot\|$ denote the L_1 -norm. By changing variable, we have the following:

$$\tilde{\xi}_T = \arg \inf_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} \|Y - \tilde{M}(\omega)\| := \arg \inf_{\omega \in \mathbb{R}} \tilde{N}(\omega), \tag{41}$$

where $\tilde{M}_t(\omega) = \frac{\omega t e^{\theta_0 t}}{T}$ and $\tilde{N}(\cdot) = \|Y - \tilde{M}(\cdot)\|$.

We want to show that, for every $\Delta > 0$,

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} P_{\theta_0} \{|\tilde{\xi}_T - A_0| > \Delta\} = 0. \tag{42}$$

Therefore, we consider the set

$$V_\Delta = \{\omega : |\omega - A_0| > \Delta\},$$

where P_{θ_0} is the probability measure induced by the process X_t when θ_0 is the true parameter and $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

Besides, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{N}(A_0) &= \|Y - \tilde{N}(A_0)\| \\ &= \left\| e^{\theta_0 t} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - \frac{A_0 t}{T} - A_0 + A_0 \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| e^{\theta_0 t} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - A_0 + \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) A_0 \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| e^{\theta_0 t} \left(\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dL_s^d - A_0 \right) \right\| + |A_0 t| \left\| \left(1 - \frac{t}{T}\right) e^{\theta_0 t} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for $\omega \in V_\Delta$, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{N}(\omega) &= \|Y - \tilde{M}(\omega)\| \\ &\geq \|\tilde{M}(A_0) - \tilde{M}(\omega)\| - \|Y - \tilde{M}(A_0)\| \\ &= \|\tilde{M}(\omega) - \tilde{M}(A_0)\| - \tilde{N}(A_0) \\ &= |\omega - R_0| \left\| \frac{te^{\theta_0 t}}{T} \right\| - \tilde{N}(A_0) \\ &\geq \Delta \left\| \frac{te^{\theta_0 t}}{T} \right\| - \tilde{N}(A_0). \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tilde{N}(\omega)}{\tilde{N}(A_0)} &\geq \frac{\Delta \left\| \frac{te^{\theta_0 t}}{T} \right\|}{\tilde{N}(A_0)} - 1, \\ \inf_{\omega \in V_\Delta} \frac{\tilde{N}(\omega)}{\tilde{N}(A_0)} &\geq \Delta \left[\frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} (\int_0^t e^{-\theta_0 s} dM_s^d - A_0)\|}{\|te^{\theta_0 t}\|} + \frac{|A_0| \|(T-t)e^{\theta_0 t}\|}{\|te^{\theta_0 t}\|} \right]^{-1} - 1 \\ &= \Delta \left[\frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} (B_t - A_0)\|}{\|te^{\theta_0 t}\|} + \frac{|A_0| \|(T-t)e^{\theta_0 t}\|}{\|te^{\theta_0 t}\|} \right]^{-1} - 1 \\ &= \Delta (I_1 + I_2)^{-1} - 1, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} (B_t - A_0)\|}{\|te^{\theta_0 t}\|} = \frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} A_t\|}{\int_0^T te^{\theta_0 t} dt} = \frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} A_t\|}{\theta_0^{-1} T e^{\theta_0 T} - \theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T} + \theta_0^{-2}}, \\ I_2 &= \frac{|A_0| \|(T-t)e^{\theta_0 t}\|}{\|te^{\theta_0 t}\|} = \frac{|A_0| \int_0^T e^{\theta_0 t} dt}{\int_0^T te^{\theta_0 t} dt} = \frac{|A_0| (\theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T} - \theta_0 T - \theta_0^{-2})}{\theta_0^{-1} T e^{\theta_0 T} - \theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T} + \theta_0^{-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain with probability one

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} I_2 &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{|A_0| (\theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T} - \theta_0 T - \theta_0^{-2})}{\theta_0^{-1} T e^{\theta_0 T} - \theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T} + \theta_0^{-2}} \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{|A_0| \theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T}}{\theta_0^{-1} T e^{\theta_0 T}} = \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{|A_0|}{\theta_0 T} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Moreover, using Lemma 2.2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} P_{\theta_0}(I_1 > \Delta) &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} P_{\theta_0} \left(\frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} R_t\|}{\theta_0^{-1} T e^{\theta_0 T} - \theta_0^{-2} e^{\theta_0 T} + \theta_0^{-2}} > \Delta \right) \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} P_{\theta_0} \left(\frac{T \|e^{\theta_0 t} R_t\|}{\theta_0^{-1} T e^{\theta_0 T}} > \Delta \right) \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} P_{\theta_0} (|R_0| > \theta_0 e^{\theta_0 T} \Delta) \leq \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \theta_0^{-1} e^{-\theta_0 T} \frac{E_{\theta_0}(|R_0|)}{\Delta} = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

By (43) and (44), we obtain as $T \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\frac{\inf_{\omega \in V_\Delta} \tilde{N}(\omega)}{\tilde{N}(A_0)} \xrightarrow{P} +\infty. \quad (45)$$

Using (41), $\tilde{\xi}_T \in V_\Delta$ implies

$$\tilde{N}(\tilde{\xi}_T) = \inf_{\omega \in V_\Delta} \tilde{N}(\omega) \leq \tilde{N}(A_0). \quad (46)$$

Therefore, from Eqs. (45) and (46), we have the result (42). \square

Remark 3.2 If L_t^d is a Brownian motion, then $\tilde{\xi}_T$ is asymptotically Gaussian, this is treated by Kutoyants and Pilibossian [14, 15].

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