

Parametric estimation for sub-fractional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

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$$X_0 = 0, \quad dX_t = \theta X_t dt + dS_t^H, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (1.1)$$

S^H is a sub-fbm with Hurst index $H > \frac{1}{2}$ and $\theta \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

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- S^H is a BM, $\hat{\theta}$ has been studied by LIPTSER and SHIRYAEV 2001, KUTOYANTS 2004, BASAWA and SCOTT 1983, DIETZ and KUTOYANTS 2003.
- S^H is an α -stable Lévy motion in the equation (1.1), HU and LONG 2007 studied $\hat{\theta}$
- S^H FBM, $\hat{\theta}$ has been studied by LEBRETON 1998, LEBRETON 2002, PRAKASA RAO 2008, HU and NUALART 2010, BELFADI 2011.

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Our goal is to study $\hat{\theta}_t$, in the case $\theta > 0$, by using the least squares estimator defined by

$$\hat{\theta}_t = \frac{\int_0^t X_s dX_s}{\int_0^t X_s^2 ds}, \quad (1.2)$$

where the integral $\int_0^t X_s dX_s$ is interpreted as a Young integral.

This least squares estimator is obtained by the least squares technique, that $\hat{\theta}_t$ minimizes

$$\theta \mapsto \int_0^t |\dot{X}_s + \theta X_s|^2 ds.$$

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Definition

- BOJDECKY 2004 introduced and studied a rather special class of self-similar Gaussian processes which preserves many properties of fractional Brownian motion.
- Sub-fBm with index $H \in (0, 1)$ is mean zero Gaussian process $\{S_t^H, t \geq 0\}$ with $S_0^H = 0$ and the covariance

$$C_H(t, s) = \mathbb{E}[S_t^H S_s^H] = s^{2H} + t^{2H} - \frac{1}{2}[(s+t)^{2H} + |s-t|^{2H}] \quad (2.1)$$

for all $s, t \geq 0$.

Properties

- S^H is neither a semimartingale nor a Markov process unless $H = \frac{1}{2}$, so many of the powerful techniques from stochastic analysis are not available when dealing with S^H .
- The sub-fractional Brownian motion has properties analogous to those of fractional Brownian motion (self-similarity, long-range dependence, Hölder paths), and satisfies the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} [(2 - 2^{2H-1}) \wedge 1] |t - s|^{2H} &\leq \mathbb{E} |S_t^H - S_s^H|^2 \\ &\leq [(2 - 2^{2H-1}) \vee 1] |t - s|^{2H} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

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Properties

\mathcal{H}_{S^H} is the closure of the linear span \mathcal{E} generated by the indicator function $\mathbf{1}_{[0,t]}$, $t \in [0, T]$ with respect to the scalar product

$$\langle \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]}, \mathbf{1}_{[0,s]} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{S^H}} = C_H(t, s).$$

We know that the covariance of sub-fractional Brownian motion can be written as

$$\mathbb{E}(S_t^H S_s^H) = \int_0^t \int_0^s \phi_H(u, v) dudv = C_H(s, t) \quad (2.3)$$

where $\phi_H(u, v) = H(2H - 1)[|u - v|^{2H-2} - (u + v)^{2H-2}]$ and $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$.

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Formulae (2.3) implies that

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{S^H}} = \int_0^t \int_0^t \varphi_u \psi_v \phi_H(u, v) du dv \quad (2.4)$$

for any pair step functions φ and ψ on $[0, T]$.

Isometry between the Hilbert space \mathcal{H}_{S^H} and $L^2([0, T])$.

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Lemma

$$L^2([0, T]) \subset L^{\frac{1}{H}}([0, T]) \subset \mathcal{H}_{S^H}, \quad (2.5)$$

where $H > \frac{1}{2}$.

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We refer to NUALART 2006 for detailed account these notions.

The derivative operator D of a smooth cylindrical random variables $F = f(S^H(\varphi_1), \dots, S^H(\varphi_n))$ is defined as the \mathcal{H}_{S^H} -valued random variable

$$DF = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}(S^H(\varphi_1), \dots, S^H(\varphi_n)) \varphi_j.$$

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For any integer we denote by $\mathbb{D}^{k,p}$ ($k, p \geq 1$) the Sobolev space defined as the closure of the space of smooth random variables with respect to the norm

$$\|F\|_{k,p}^p = \mathbb{E}(|F|^p) + \sum_{j=1}^k \|D^j F\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{H}_{S^H}^{\otimes j})}^p.$$

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Consider the adjoint δ of D in $L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{H}_{S^H})$. Its domain is the class of elements $u \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{H}_{S^H})$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}(\langle DF, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{S^H}}) \leq C \|F\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

for any $F \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$, and $\delta(u)$ is the element of $L^2(\Omega)$ given by

$$\mathbb{E}(\delta(u)F) = \mathbb{E}(\langle DF, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{S^H}})$$

for any $F \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$.

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We will make use the notation

$$\delta(u) = \int_0^T u_s \delta S_s^H, u \in \text{Dom}(\delta).$$

It is well-known that $\mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathcal{H}_{S^H})$ is included in the domain of δ .

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Note that $\mathbb{E}(\delta(u)) = 0$ and the variance of $\delta(u)$ is given by

$$\mathbb{E}(\delta(u)^2) = \mathbb{E}(\|u\|_{\mathcal{H}_{S^H}}^2) + \mathbb{E}(\langle Du, (Du)^* \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_{S^H} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S^H}}), \quad (2.6)$$

if $u \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathcal{H}_{S^H})$, where $(Du)^*$ is the adjoint of Du in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_{S^H} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S^H}$.

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We also need the commutativity relationship between D and δ

$$D\delta(u) = u + \int_0^1 Du_s \delta B_s, \quad (2.7)$$

if $u \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathcal{H}_B)$ and the process $\{Du_s, s \in [0, 1]\}$ belong to the domain of δ .

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Let $f, g : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are Hölder continuous functions of order $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$ with $\alpha + \beta > 1$.

- YOUNG 1936 proved that the Riemman-Stiltjes (so called Young integral) $\int_0^T f(s)dg(s)$ exists.
- If $\alpha = \beta \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ and $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function of class \mathcal{C}^1 , the integrals

$$\int_0^\cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial f}(f(u), g(u))df(u)$$

and

$$\int_0^\cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial g}(f(u), g(u))dg(u)$$

exist in Young sense.

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and the following change variables holds:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(f(t), g(t)) &= \phi(f(0), g(0)) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial f}(f(u), g(u)) df(u) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial g}(f(u), g(u)) dg(u),\end{aligned}$$

for $0 \leq t \leq T$.

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As a consequence, if $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$ and $(u_t, t \in [0, T])$ be a process with Hölder paths of order $\alpha > 1 - H$, the integral $\int_0^T u_s dS_s^H$ is well-defined as young integral.

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Suppose moreover that for any $t \in [0, T]$, $u_t \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$, and

$$\mathbb{P} \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T |D_s u_t| |t - s|^{2H-2} ds dt < \infty \right) = 1.$$

Then, by the same argument as in ALOS and NUALART 2003 we have

$$\int_0^t u_s dS_s^H = \int_0^t u_s \delta S_s^H + \int_0^t \int_0^t D_s u_r \phi_H(s, r) ds dr. \quad (2.8)$$

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In particular, when u is a non-random Hölder continuous function of order $\alpha > 1 - H$, we obtain

$$\int_0^t u_s dS_s^H = \int_0^t u_s \delta S_s^H. \quad (2.9)$$

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The linear equation (1.1) has the following explicit solution:

$$X_t = e^{\theta t} \int_0^t e^{-\theta s} dS_s^H, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (3.1)$$

Let us introduce the following process

$$Y_t = \int_0^t e^{-\theta s} dS_s^H, \quad t \geq 0.$$

By using the equation (1.1) and (3.1) we can write the least square estimator $\hat{\theta}_t$ defined in (1.2) as follows

$$\hat{\theta}_t = \theta + \frac{\int_0^t X_s dS_s^H}{\int_0^t X_s^2 ds} = \theta + \frac{\int_0^t e^{s\theta} Y_s dS_s^H}{\int_0^t e^{2\theta s} Y_s^2 ds} \quad (3.2)$$

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The following theorem proves the strong consistency of the LSE $\hat{\theta}_t$.

Theorem

Assume $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, then

$$\hat{\theta}_t \rightarrow \theta \text{ almost surely, as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

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For the proof of theorem we need the following two lemmas.

Lemma

Suppose that $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. Then

- i) For all $\varepsilon \in (0, H)$, the process Y admits a modification with $(H - \varepsilon)$ -Hölder continuous paths, still denoted Y in the sequel.*
- ii) $Y_t \rightarrow Y_\infty = \int_0^\infty e^{-\theta r} dS_s^H$ almost surely and in $L^2(\Omega)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.*

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Suppose that $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. Then, as $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$e^{-2\theta t} \int_0^t X_s^2 ds = e^{-2\theta t} \int_0^t e^{2\theta s} Y_s^2 ds \rightarrow \frac{Y_\infty^2}{2\theta} \text{ almost surely.}$$

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Theorem

Assume $H > \frac{1}{2}$. Then, as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$e^{\theta t}(\hat{\theta}_t - \theta) \xrightarrow{\text{law}} \frac{2\theta \ell(H)}{\mathbb{E}[Y_\infty^2]} \mathcal{C}(1),$$

where $\mathcal{C}(1)$ the standard Cauchy distribution and $\ell(H)$ is the limiting variance of $e^{-\theta t} \int_0^t e^{\theta s} dS_s^H$.

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In order to prove Theorem we need the following two lemmas.

Lemma

Assume $H > \frac{1}{2}$. Let F be any $\sigma(S^H)$ -mesurable random variable such that $\mathbb{P}(F < \infty) = 1$. Then, as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\left(F, e^{-\theta t} \int_0^t e^{\theta s} dS_s^H \right) \xrightarrow{\text{law}} (F, \ell(H)N)$$

where $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ is independent of S^H and $\ell(H)$ is the limiting variance of $e^{-\theta t} \int_0^t e^{\theta s} dS_s^H$.

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Lemma

Assume $H > \frac{1}{2}$. Then, as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$e^{-\frac{\theta t}{2}} \int_0^t \delta S_s^H e^{-\theta s} \int_0^s \delta S_r^H e^{\theta r} \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } L^2(\Omega) \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$e^{-\frac{\theta t}{2}} \int_0^t ds e^{-\theta s} \int_0^s dr e^{\theta r} \phi_H(s, r) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.4)$$