

Asymptotic inference for a stochastic differential equation with uniformly distributed time delay

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Abstract

For the affine stochastic delay differential equation

$$dX(t) = a \int_{-1}^0 X(t+u) du dt + dW(t), \quad t \geq 0,$$

the local asymptotic properties of the likelihood function are studied. Local asymptotic normality is proved in case of $a \in (-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, 0)$, local asymptotic mixed normality is shown if $a \in (0, \infty)$, periodic local asymptotic mixed normality is valid if $a \in (-\infty, -\frac{\pi^2}{2})$, and only local asymptotic quadraticity holds at the points $-\frac{\pi^2}{2}$ and 0. Applications to the asymptotic behaviour of the maximum likelihood estimator \hat{a}_T of a based on $(X(t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ are given as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

1 Introduction

Assume $(W(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a standard Wiener process, $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and $(X^{(a)}(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is a solution of the affine stochastic delay differential equation (SDDE)

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} dX(t) = a \int_{-1}^0 X(t+u) du dt + dW(t), & t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \\ X(t) = X_0(t), & t \in [-1, 0], \end{cases}$$

where $(X_0(t))_{t \in [-1, 0]}$ is a continuous stochastic process independent of $(W(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$. The SDDE (1.1) can also be written in the integral form

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} X(t) = X_0(0) + a \int_0^t \int_{-1}^0 X(s+u) du ds + W(t), & t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \\ X(t) = X_0(t), & t \in [-1, 0]. \end{cases}$$

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Equation (1.1) is a special case of the affine stochastic delay differential equation

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} dX(t) = \int_{-r}^0 X(t+u) m_\theta(du) dt + dW(t), & t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \\ X(t) = X_0(t), & t \in [-r, 0], \end{cases}$$

where $r > 0$, and for each $\theta \in \Theta$, m_θ is a finite signed measure on $[-r, 0]$, see Gushchin and K uchler [4]. In that paper local asymptotic normality has been proved for stationary solutions. In Gushchin and K uchler [2], the special case of (1.3) has been studied with $r = 1$, $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^2$, and $m_\theta = a\delta_0 + b\delta_{-1}$ for $\theta = (a, b)$, where δ_x denotes the Dirac measure concentrated at $x \in \mathbb{R}$, and they described the local properties of the likelihood function for the whole parameter space \mathbb{R}^2 .

The solution $(X^{(a)}(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ of (1.1) exists, is pathwise uniquely determined and can be represented as

$$(1.4) \quad X^{(a)}(t) = x_{0,a}(t)X_0(0) + a \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 x_{0,a}(t+u-s)X_0(s) ds du + \int_0^t x_{0,a}(t-s) dW(s),$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, where $(x_{0,a}(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$ denotes the so-called fundamental solution of the deterministic homogeneous delay differential equation

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{cases} x(t) = x_0(0) + a \int_0^t \int_{-1}^0 x(s+u) du ds, & t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \\ x(t) = x_0(t), & t \in [-1, 0]. \end{cases}$$

with initial function

$$x_0(t) := \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [-1, 0), \\ 1, & t = 0. \end{cases}$$

In the trivial case of $a = 0$, we have $x_{0,0}(t) = 1$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, and $X^{(0)}(t) = X_0(0) + W(t)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$. In case of $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, the behaviour of $(x_{0,a}(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$ is connected with the so-called characteristic function $h_a : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, given by

$$(1.6) \quad h_a(\lambda) := \lambda - a \int_{-1}^0 e^{\lambda u} du, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C},$$

and the set Λ_a of the (complex) solutions of the so-called characteristic equation for (1.5),

$$(1.7) \quad \lambda - a \int_{-1}^0 e^{\lambda u} du = 0.$$

Applying usual methods (e.g., argument principle in complex analysis and the existence of local inverses of holomorphic functions), one can derive the following properties of the set Λ_a , see, e.g., Reiß [9]. We have $\Lambda(a) \neq \emptyset$, and $\Lambda(a)$ consists of isolated points. Moreover, $\Lambda(a)$ is countably infinite, and for each $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the set $\{\lambda \in \Lambda_a : \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \geq c\}$ is finite. In particular,

$$v_0(a) := \sup\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda_a\} < \infty.$$

Put

$$v_1(a) := \sup\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) : \lambda \in \Lambda_a, \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) < v_0(a)\},$$

where $\sup \emptyset := -\infty$. We have the following cases:

- (i) If $a \in (-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, 0)$ then $v_0(a) < 0$;
- (ii) If $a = -\frac{\pi^2}{2}$ then $v_0(a) = 0$ and $v_0(a) \notin \Lambda_a$;
- (iii) If $a \in (-\infty, -\frac{\pi^2}{2})$ then $v_0(a) > 0$ and $v_0(a) \notin \Lambda_a$;
- (iv) If $a \in (0, \infty)$ then $v_0(a) > 0$, $v_0(a) \in \Lambda_a$, $m(v_0(a)) = 1$ (where $m(v_0(a))$ denotes the multiplicity of $v_0(a)$), and $v_1(a) < 0$.

For any $\gamma > v_0(a)$, we have $x_{0,a}(t) = O(e^{\gamma t})$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$. In particular, $(x_{0,a}(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is square integrable if (and only if, see Gushchin and K uchler [3]) $v_0(a) < 0$. The Laplace transform of $(x_{0,a}(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is given by

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} x_{0,a}(t) dt = \frac{1}{h_a(\lambda)}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) > v_0(a).$$

Based on the inverse Laplace transform and Cauchy's residue theorem, the following crucial lemma can be shown (see, e.g., Gushchin and K uchler [2, Lemma 1.1]).

1.1 Lemma. *For each $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and each $c \in (-\infty, v_0(a))$, there exists $\gamma \in (-\infty, c)$ such that the fundamental solution $(x_{0,a}(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$ of (1.5) can be represented in the form*

$$x_{0,a}(t) = \psi_{0,a}(t)e^{v_0(a)t} + \sum_{\substack{\lambda \in \Lambda_a \\ \operatorname{Re}(\lambda) \in [c, v_0(a))}} c_a(\lambda)e^{\lambda t} + o(e^{\gamma t}), \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

with some constants $c_a(\lambda)$, $\lambda \in \Lambda_a$, and with

$$\psi_{0,a}(t) := \begin{cases} \frac{v_0(a)}{v_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a}, & \text{if } v_0(a) \in \Lambda_a \text{ and } m(v_0(a)) = 1, \\ A_0(a) \cos(\kappa_0(a)t) + B_0(a) \sin(\kappa_0(a)t) & \text{if } v_0(a) \notin \Lambda_a, \end{cases}$$

with $\kappa_0(a) := |\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_0(a))|$, where $\lambda_0(a) \in \Lambda_a$ is given by $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_0(a)) = v_0(a)$, and

$$A_0(a) := \frac{2[(v_0(a)^2 - \kappa_0(a)^2)(v_0(a) - 2) - av_0(a)]}{(v_0(a)^2 - \kappa_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a)^2 + 4\kappa_0(a)^2(v_0(a) + 1)^2},$$

$$B_0(a) := \frac{2(v_0(a)^2 + \kappa_0(a)^2 + a)\kappa_0(a)}{(v_0(a)^2 - \kappa_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a)^2 + 4\kappa_0(a)^2(v_0(a) + 1)^2}.$$

2 Quadratic approximations to likelihood ratios

We recall some definitions and statements concerning quadratic approximations to likelihood ratios based on Jeganathan [6], Le Cam and Yang [7] and van der Vaart [10].

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space. Let $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ be an open set. For each $\theta \in \Theta$, let $(X^{(\theta)}(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$ be a continuous stochastic process on $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$. For each $T \in \mathbb{R}_+$, let $\mathbb{P}_{\theta, T}$ be the probability measure induced by $(X^{(\theta)}(t))_{t \in [-1, T]}$ on the space $(C([-1, T]), \mathcal{B}(C([-1, T])))$.

2.1 Definition. The family $(C([-1, T]), \mathcal{B}(C([-1, T])), \{\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\})_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments is said to have locally asymptotically quadratic (LAQ) likelihood ratios at $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ if there exist (scaling) matrices $\mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, random vectors $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ and $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and random matrices $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ and $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, such that

$$(2.1) \quad \log \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} \mathbf{h}_T, T}}{d\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T}}(X(\boldsymbol{\theta})|_{[-r, T]}) = \mathbf{h}_T^\top \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{h}_T^\top \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} \mathbf{h}_T + o_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

whenever $\mathbf{h}_T \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, is a bounded family satisfying $\boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} \mathbf{h}_T \in \Theta$ for all $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$,

$$(2.2) \quad (\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T}, \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} (\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

and we have

$$(2.3) \quad \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \text{ is symmetric and strictly positive definite}) = 1$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \mathbb{E} \left(\exp \left\{ \mathbf{h}^\top \boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{h}^\top \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbf{h} \right\} \right) = 1, \quad \mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^p.$$

2.2 Definition. A family $(C([-1, T]), \mathcal{B}(C([-1, T])), \{\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\})_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments is said to have locally asymptotically mixed normal (LAMN) likelihood ratios at $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ if it is LAQ at $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$, and the conditional distribution of $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ given $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is $\mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$, or, equivalently, there exist a random vector $\mathcal{Z} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ and a random matrix $\eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, such that they are independent, $\mathcal{Z} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_p)$, and $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{Z}$, $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top$.

2.3 Definition. The family $(C([-1, T]), \mathcal{B}(C([-1, T])), \{\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\})_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments is said to have periodic locally asymptotically mixed normal (PLAMN) likelihood ratios at $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ if there exist $D \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, (scaling) matrices $\mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, random vectors $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$, $d \in [0, D)$, and $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and random matrices $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, $d \in [0, D)$, and $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, such that (2.1) holds whenever $\mathbf{h}_T \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, is a bounded family satisfying $\boldsymbol{\theta} + \mathbf{r}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} \mathbf{h}_T \in \Theta$ for all $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$,

$$(2.5) \quad (\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, kD+d}, \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, kD+d}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} (\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d), \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d)) \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

for all $d \in [0, D)$, we have

$$(2.6) \quad \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) \text{ is symmetric and strictly positive definite}) = 1, \quad d \in [0, D),$$

and for each $d \in [0, D)$, the conditional distribution of $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d)$ given $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d)$ is $\mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d))$, or, equivalently, there exist a random vector $\mathcal{Z} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ and a random matrix $\eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ such that they are independent, $\mathcal{Z} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_p)$, and $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) = \eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) \mathcal{Z}$, $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) = \eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(d) \eta_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top(d)$.

2.4 Remark. The notion of LAMN is defined in Le Cam and Yang [7] and Jeganathan [6] so that PLAMN in the sense of Definiton 2.3 is LAMN as well.

2.5 Definition. A family $(C([-1, T]), \mathcal{B}(C([-1, T])), \{\mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}, T} : \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta\})_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments is said to have locally asymptotically normal (LAN) likelihood ratios at $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$ if it is LAMN at $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$, and $\mathbf{J}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ is deterministic.

3 Radon–Nikodym derivatives

From this section, we will consider the SDDE (1.1) with fixed continuous initial process $(X_0(t))_{t \in [-1, 0]}$. Further, for all $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, let $\mathbb{P}_{a, T}$ be the probability measure induced by $(X^{(a)}(t))_{t \in [-1, T]}$ on $(C([-1, T]), \mathcal{B}(C([-1, T])))$. We need the following statement, which can be derived from formula (7.139) in Section 7.6.4 of Liptser and Shiryaev [8].

3.1 Lemma. Let $a, \tilde{a} \in \mathbb{R}$. Then for all $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, the measures $\mathbb{P}_{a, T}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\tilde{a}, T}$ are absolutely continuous with respect to each other, and

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{\tilde{a}, T}}{d\mathbb{P}_{a, T}}(X^{(a)}|_{[-1, T]}) \\ &= (\tilde{a} - a) \int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t + u) du dX^{(a)}(t) - \frac{\tilde{a}^2 - a^2}{2} \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t + u) du \right)^2 dt \\ &= (\tilde{a} - a) \int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t + u) du dW(t) - \frac{(\tilde{a} - a)^2}{2} \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t + u) du \right)^2 dt. \end{aligned}$$

In order to investigate convergence of the family

$$(3.1) \quad (\mathcal{E}_T)_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}} := (C(\mathbb{R}_+), \mathcal{B}(C(\mathbb{R}_+)), \{\mathbb{P}_{a, T} : a \in \mathbb{R}\})_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$$

of statistical experiments, we derive the following corollary.

3.2 Corollary. For each $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, $r_{a, T} \in \mathbb{R}$ and $h_T \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\log \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{a+r_{a, T}h_T, T}}{d\mathbb{P}_{a, T}}(X^{(a)}|_{[-1, T]}) = h_T \Delta_{a, T} - \frac{1}{2} h_T^2 J_{a, T},$$

with

$$\Delta_{a, T} := r_{a, T} \int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t + u) du dW(t), \quad J_{a, T} := r_{a, T}^2 \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t + u) du \right)^2 dt.$$

Consequently, the quadratic approximation (2.1) is valid.

4 Local asymptotics of likelihood ratios

4.1 Proposition. *If $a \in (-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, 0)$ then the family $(\mathcal{E}_T)_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments given in (3.1) is LAN at a with scaling $r_{a,T} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and with*

$$J_a = \int_0^\infty \left(\int_{-(t \wedge 1)}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt.$$

4.2 Proposition. *The family $(\mathcal{E}_T)_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments given in (3.1) is LAQ at 0 with scaling $r_{0,T} = \frac{1}{T}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and with*

$$\Delta_0 = \int_0^1 \mathcal{W}(t) d\mathcal{W}(t), \quad J_0 = \int_0^1 \mathcal{W}(t)^2 dt,$$

where $(\mathcal{W}(t))_{t \in [0,1]}$ is a standard Wiener process.

4.3 Proposition. *The family $(\mathcal{E}_T)_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments given in (3.1) is LAQ at $-\frac{\pi^2}{2}$ with scaling $r_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2},T} = \frac{1}{T}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and with*

$$\Delta_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}} = \frac{4(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} \int_0^1 (\mathcal{W}_1(t) d\mathcal{W}_2(t) - \mathcal{W}_2(t) d\mathcal{W}_1(t)),$$

$$J_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}} = \frac{16(4-\pi)^2}{\pi^2(\pi^2+16)^2} \int_0^1 (\mathcal{W}_1(t)^2 + \mathcal{W}_2(t)^2) dt,$$

where $(\mathcal{W}_1(t), \mathcal{W}_2(t))_{t \in [0,1]}$ is a 2-dimensional standard Wiener process.

4.4 Proposition. *If $a \in (0, \infty)$ then the family $(\mathcal{E}_T)_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments given in (3.1) is LAMN at a with scaling $r_{a,T} = e^{-v_0(a)T}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and with*

$$\Delta_a = Z \sqrt{J_a}, \quad J_a = \frac{(1 - e^{-v_0(a)})^2}{2v_0(a)(v_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a)^2} (U^{(a)})^2,$$

with

$$U^{(a)} = x_0(0) + a \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 e^{-v_0(a)(u-s)} ds du + \int_0^\infty e^{-v_0(a)s} dW(s),$$

and Z is a standard normally distributed random variable independent of J_a .

4.5 Proposition. *If $a \in (-\infty, -\frac{\pi^2}{2})$ then the family $(\mathcal{E}_T)_{T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}}$ of statistical experiments given in (3.1) is PLAMN at a with period $D = \frac{\pi}{\kappa_0(a)}$, with scaling $r_{a,T} = e^{-v_0(a)T}$, $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, and with*

$$\Delta_a(d) = Z \sqrt{J_a(d)}, \quad J_a(d) = \int_0^\infty e^{-v_0(a)s} (V^{(a)}(d-s))^2 ds, \quad d \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{\kappa_0(a)}\right),$$

where

$$V^{(a)}(t) := X_0(0) \varphi_a(t) + a \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 \varphi_a(t+u-s) e^{v_0(a)(u-s)} X_0(s) ds du$$

$$+ \int_0^\infty \varphi_a(t-s) e^{-v_0(a)s} dW(s), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

with

$$\varphi_a(t) := A_0(a) \cos(\kappa_0(a)t) + B_0(a) \sin(\kappa_0(a)t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and Z is a standard normally distributed random variable independent of $J_a(d)$.

4.6 Remark. If LAN property holds then one can construct asymptotically optimal tests, see, e.g., Theorem 15.4 and Addendum 15.5 of van der Vaart [10].

5 Maximum likelihood estimates

For fixed $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, maximizing $\log \frac{d\mathbb{P}_{0,T}}{d\mathbb{P}_{a,T}}(X^{(a)}|_{[-1,T]})$ in $a \in \mathbb{R}$ gives the MLE of a based on the observations $(X(t))_{t \in [-1,T]}$ having the form

$$\hat{a}_T = \frac{\int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du dX^{(a)}(t)}{\int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt},$$

provided that $\int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt > 0$. Using the SDDE (1.1), one can check that

$$\hat{a}_T - a = \frac{\int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du dW(t)}{\int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt},$$

hence

$$r_{a,T}^{-1}(\hat{a}_T - a) = \frac{\Delta_{a,T}}{J_{a,T}}.$$

Using the results of Section 4 and the continuous mapping theorem, we obtain the following result.

5.1 Proposition. *If $a \in (-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, 0)$ then*

$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{a}_T - a) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}(0, J_a^{-1}) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

where J_a is given in Proposition 4.1.

If $a = 0$ then

$$T(\hat{a}_T - a) = T\hat{a}_T \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\int_0^1 \mathcal{W}(t) d\mathcal{W}(t)}{\int_0^1 \mathcal{W}(t)^2 dt} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $(\mathcal{W}(t))_{t \in [0,1]}$ is a standard Wiener process.

If $a = -\frac{\pi^2}{2}$ then

$$T(\hat{a}_T - a) = T \left(\hat{a}_T + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\int_0^1 (\mathcal{W}_1(t) d\mathcal{W}_2(t) - \mathcal{W}_2(t) d\mathcal{W}_1(t))}{\int_0^1 (\mathcal{W}_1(t)^2 + \mathcal{W}_2(t)^2) dt} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $(\mathcal{W}_1(t), \mathcal{W}_2(t))_{t \in [0,1]}$ is a 2-dimensional standard Wiener process.

If $a \in (0, \infty)$ then

$$e^{v_0(a)T} (\widehat{a}_T - a) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{Z}{\sqrt{J_a}} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

where J_a is given in Proposition 4.4.

If $a \in (-\infty, -\frac{\pi^2}{2})$ then for each $d \in [0, \frac{\pi}{\kappa_0(a)})$,

$$e^{v_0(a)(k\frac{\pi}{\kappa_0(a)}+d)} (\widehat{a}_{k\frac{\pi}{\kappa_0(a)}+d} - a) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{Z}{\sqrt{J_a(d)}} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $J_a(d)$ is given in Proposition 4.5.

If LAMN property holds then we have local asymptotic minimax bound for arbitrary estimators, see, e.g., Le Cam and Yang [7, 6.6, Theorem 1]. Maximum likelihood estimators attain this bound for bounded loss function, see, e.g., Le Cam and Yang [7, 6.6, Remark 11]. Moreover, maximum likelihood estimators are asymptotically efficient in Hájek's convolution theorem sense (see, for example, Le Cam and Yang [7, 6.6, Theorem 3 and Remark 13] or Jeganathan [6]).

6 Proofs

In some cases the proofs are omitted or condensed, however in these cases we always refer to our ArXiv preprint Benke and Pap [1] for a detailed discussion.

By Fubini's theorem and the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, one obtains the following estimate.

6.1 Lemma. *Let $(y(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$ be a deterministic continuous function. Put*

$$Z(t) := \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 y(t+u-s) X_0(s) ds du, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Then for each $T \in \mathbb{R}_+$,

$$\int_0^T Z(t)^2 dt \leq \int_{-1}^0 X_0(s)^2 ds \int_{-1}^T y(v)^2 dv.$$

For each $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and each deterministic continuous function $(y(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$, consider the continuous stochastic process $(Y^{(a)}(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ given by

$$(6.1) \quad Y^{(a)}(t) := y(t)X_0(0) + a \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 y(t+u-s)X_0(s) ds du + \int_0^t y(t-s) dW(s)$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$. The following statements are analogues of Lemmas 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8 and 4.9 of Gushchin and K uchler [2].

6.2 Lemma. Let $(y(t))_{t \in [-1, \infty)}$ be a deterministic continuous function with $\int_0^\infty y(t)^2 dt < \infty$. Then for each $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Y^{(a)}(t) dt &\xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty, \\ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T Y^{(a)}(t)^2 dt &\xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \int_0^\infty y(t)^2 dt \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

6.3 Lemma. Let $w \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$ and $y(t) := e^{wt}$, $t \in [-1, \infty)$. Then for each $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-wt} Y^{(a)}(t) &\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} U_w^{(a)}, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-2wT} \int_0^T (Y^{(a)}(t))^2 dt &\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \frac{1}{2w} (U_w^{(a)})^2, \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$U_w^{(a)} := X_0(0) + a \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 e^{w(u-s)} X_0(s) ds du + \int_0^\infty e^{-ws} dW(s).$$

6.4 Lemma. Let $w \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$, and $y(t) := \varphi(t)e^{wt}$, $t \in [-1, \infty)$, with $\varphi(t) = \cos(\kappa t)$, $t \in [-1, \infty)$, or $\varphi(t) = \sin(\kappa t)$, $t \in [-1, \infty)$. Then for each $a \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-wt} Y^{(a)}(t) - V_w^{(a)}(t) &\xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty, \\ e^{-2wT} \int_0^T (Y^{(a)}(t))^2 dt - \int_0^\infty e^{-2wt} (V_w^{(a)}(T-t))^2 dt &\xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0, \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

with

$$V_w^{(a)}(t) := X_0(0)\varphi(t) + a \int_{-1}^0 \int_u^0 \varphi(t+u-s) e^{w(u-s)} X_0(s) ds du + \int_0^\infty \varphi(t-s) e^{-ws} dW(s)$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof of Proposition 4.1. Observe that the process $(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ has a representation (6.1) with

$$y(t) = \int_{-(t \wedge 1)}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) du, \quad t \in [-1, \infty).$$

Assumption $a \in (-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, 0)$ implies $v_0(a) < 0$, and hence $\int_0^\infty x_{0,a}(t)^2 dt < \infty$ holds. Thus

$$\int_0^\infty y(t)^2 dt = \int_{-1}^0 \int_{-1}^0 \int_{-(u \wedge v)}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) x_{0,a}(t+v) dt du dv \leq \int_0^\infty x_{0,a}(t)^2 dt < \infty.$$

Hence we can apply Lemma 6.2 to obtain

$$J_{a,T} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \int_0^\infty \left(\int_{-(t \wedge 1)}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt = J_a$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Moreover, the process

$$M^{(a)}(T) := \int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du dW(t), \quad T \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

is a continuous martingale with $M^{(a)}(0) = 0$ and with quadratic variation

$$\langle M^{(a)} \rangle(T) = \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt,$$

hence, Theorem VIII.5.42 of Jacod and Shiryaev [5] yields the statement. \square

Proof of Proposition 4.2. We have

$$\Delta_{0,T} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(0)}(t+u) du dW(t) \quad T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}.$$

As in the proof of Proposition 4.1, for each $t \in [1, \infty)$, we obtain

$$\int_{-1}^0 X^{(0)}(t+u) du = X_0(0) \int_{-1}^0 x_{0,0}(t+u) du + \int_0^t \int_{-1}^0 x_{0,0}(t+u-s) du dW(s).$$

Here we have

$$\int_{-1}^0 x_{0,0}(t+u) du = 1, \quad \int_{-1}^0 x_{0,0}(t+u-s) du = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \in [0, t-1], \\ t-s, & \text{for } s \in [t-1, t], \end{cases}$$

hence

$$\int_{-1}^0 X^{(0)}(t+u) du = X_0(0) + W(t) + \int_{t-1}^t (t-s-1) dW(s) = W(t) + \bar{X}(t),$$

where $\mathbb{E}(T^{-2} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t)^2 dt) \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. For each $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, consider the process

$$W^T(s) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} W(Ts), \quad s \in [0, 1].$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{0,T} &= \int_0^1 W^T(t) dW^T(t) + \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t) dW(t), \\ J_{0,T} &= \int_0^1 W^T(t)^2 dt + \frac{2}{T^2} \int_0^T W(t) \bar{X}(t) dt + \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t)^2 dt. \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t) dW(t) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0, \quad \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t)^2 dt \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$, since

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t) dW(t) \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \mathbb{E}(\bar{X}(t)^2) dt \rightarrow 0.$$

By the functional central limit theorem,

$$W^T \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{W} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

hence

$$\left| \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T W(t) \overline{X}(t) dt \right| \leq \sqrt{\left(\int_0^1 W^T(t)^2 dt \right) \left(\frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \overline{X}(t)^2 dt \right)} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

and the claim follows from Corollary 4.12 in Gushchin and K uchler [2]. \square

Proof of Proposition 4.3. We have

$$\Delta_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, T} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_{-1}^0 X^{(-\pi^2/2)}(t+u) du dW(t) \quad T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}.$$

As in the proof of Proposition 4.1, for each $t \in [1, \infty)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^0 X^{(-\pi^2/2)}(t+u) du &= X_0(0) \int_{-1}^0 x_{0, -\frac{\pi^2}{2}}(t+u) du + \int_0^t \int_{-1}^0 x_{0, -\frac{\pi^2}{2}}(t+u-s) du dW(s) \\ &\quad - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_{-1}^0 \int_v^0 X_0(s) \int_{-1}^0 x_{0, -\frac{\pi^2}{2}}(t+u+v-s) du ds dv. \end{aligned}$$

We have $v_0(-\frac{\pi^2}{2}) = 0$ and $\kappa_0(-\frac{\pi^2}{2}) = \pi$, hence $A_0(-\frac{\pi^2}{2}) = \frac{16}{\pi^2+16}$ and $B_0(-\frac{\pi^2}{2}) = \frac{4\pi}{\pi^2+16}$. Consequently, by Lemma 1.1, there exists $\gamma \in (-\infty, 0)$ such that

$$x_{0, -\frac{\pi^2}{2}}(t) = \frac{16 \cos(\pi t) + 4\pi \sin(\pi t)}{\pi^2 + 16} + o(e^{\gamma t}), \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^0 X^{(-\pi^2/2)}(t+u) du &= \int_0^t \int_{-1}^0 \frac{16 \cos(\pi(t+u-s)) + 4\pi \sin(\pi(t+u-s))}{\pi^2 + 16} du dW(s) + \overline{X}(t) \\ &= \frac{8(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} \int_0^t \sin(\pi(t-s)) dW(s) + \overline{X}(t), \end{aligned}$$

where $T^{-2} \int_0^T \overline{X}(t)^2 dt \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Introducing

$$X_1(t) := \int_0^t \cos(\pi s) dW(s), \quad X_2(t) := \int_0^t \sin(\pi s) dW(s), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

we obtain

$$\int_{-1}^0 X^{(-\pi^2/2)}(t+u) du = \frac{8(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} (X_1(t) \sin(\pi t) - X_2(t) \cos(\pi t)) + \overline{X}(t),$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, T} &= \frac{8(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (X_1(t) \sin(\pi t) - X_2(t) \cos(\pi t)) dW(t) + I_1(T), \\ J_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, T} &= \frac{64(4-\pi)^2}{\pi^2(\pi^2+16)^2} \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T (X_1(t) \sin(\pi t) - X_2(t) \cos(\pi t))^2 dt \\ &\quad + \frac{16(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} I_2(T) + I_3(T)\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}I_1(T) &:= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t) dW(t), & I_3(T) &:= \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \bar{X}(t)^2 dt, \\ I_2(T) &:= \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T (X_1(t) \sin(\pi t) - X_2(t) \cos(\pi t)) \bar{X}(t) dt.\end{aligned}$$

For each $T \in \mathbb{R}_{++}$, consider the following processes on $[0, 1]$:

$$\begin{aligned}W^T(s) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} W(Ts), & X_1^T(s) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} X_1(Ts), & X_2^T(s) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} X_2(Ts), \\ X^T(s) &:= X_1^T(s) \sin(\pi Ts) - X_2^T(s) \cos(\pi Ts).\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, T} &= \frac{8(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} \int_0^1 X^T(s) dW^T(s) + I_1(T), \\ J_{-\frac{\pi^2}{2}, T} &= \frac{64(4-\pi)^2}{\pi^2(\pi^2+16)^2} \int_0^1 X^T(s)^2 ds + \frac{16(4-\pi)}{\pi(\pi^2+16)} I_2(T) + I_3(T).\end{aligned}$$

Introducing the process

$$Y(t) := \int_0^t X^T(s) dW^T(s), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

we have

$$\int_0^t X^T(s)^2 ds = [Y, Y]_t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

where $([U, V]_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ denotes the quadratic covariation process of the processes $(U_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ and $(V_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$. Moreover,

$$Y(t) = \int_0^t (X_1^T(s) dX_2^T(s) - X_2^T(s) dX_1^T(s)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

By the functional central limit theorem,

$$(X_1^T, X_2^T) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathcal{W}_1, \mathcal{W}_2) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

hence

$$Y \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{Y} \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

with

$$\mathcal{Y}(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (\mathcal{W}_1(s) d\mathcal{W}_2(s) - \mathcal{W}_2(s) d\mathcal{W}_1(s)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

see, e.g., Lemma 4.1 in Gushchin and K uchler [2]. Further, by Corollary 4.12 in Gushchin and K uchler [2],

$$(Y(1), [Y, Y]_1) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} (\mathcal{Y}(1), [\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}]_1) \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty$$

Here we have

$$[\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Y}]_1 = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t (\mathcal{W}_1(s)^2 + \mathcal{W}_2(s)^2) ds.$$

Recall that $I_3(T) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Further, $I_1(T) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$, since $\mathbb{E}(I_1(T)^2) = T^{-2} \int_0^T \mathbb{E}(\overline{X}(t)^2) dt \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Finally,

$$|I_2(T)| \leq \sqrt{\left(\int_0^1 X^T(s)^2 ds \right) \frac{1}{T^2} \left(\int_0^T \overline{X}(t)^2 dt \right)} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty,$$

and the claim follows. \square

Proof of Proposition 4.4. We have

$$J_{a,T} = e^{-2v_0(a)T} \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt \quad T \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

The process $\left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)_{t \in [1, \infty)}$ has a representation (6.1) with $y(t) = \int_{-1}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) du$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, see the proof of Proposition 4.1. The assumption $a \in (0, \infty)$ implies $v_0(a) > 0$ and $v_1(a) < 0$, hence by Lemma 1.1, there exists $\gamma \in (v_1(a), 0)$ such that

$$x_{0,a}(t) = \frac{v_0(a)}{v_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a} e^{v_0(a)t} + o(e^{\gamma t}), \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Consequently,

$$\int_{-1}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) du = \frac{1 - e^{-v_0(a)}}{v_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a} e^{v_0(a)t} + o(e^{\gamma t}), \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

and we obtain

$$J_{a,T} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} \frac{1}{2v_0(a)} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-v_0(a)}}{v_0(a)^2 + 2v_0(a) - a} \right)^2 (U^{(a)})^2 = J_a \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

Theorem VIII.5.42 of Jacod and Shiryaev [5] yields the statement. \square

Proof of Proposition 4.5. We have again

$$J_{a,T} = e^{-2v_0(a)T} \int_0^T \left(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du \right)^2 dt \quad T \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

and the process $(\int_{-1}^0 X^{(a)}(t+u) du)_{t \in [1, \infty)}$ has a representation (6.1) with $y(t) = \int_{-1}^0 x_{0,a}(t+u) du$, $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, see the proof of Proposition 4.1. The assumption $a \in (-\infty, -\frac{\pi^2}{2})$ implies $v_0(a) > 0$ and $v_0(a) \notin \Lambda_a$, hence by Lemma 1.1, there exists $\gamma \in (0, v_0(a))$ such that

$$x_{0,a}(t) = \varphi_a(t)e^{v_0(a)t} + o(e^{\gamma t}), \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Applying Lemma 6.4, we obtain

$$J_{a,T} - J_a(T) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} 0, \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty.$$

The process $(J_a(t))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$ is periodic with period $D = \frac{\pi}{\kappa_0(a)}$. □

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