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Hawkes processes

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- Point processes introduced by A.G.Hawkes in the 70's
- Flexible and versatile tool to investigate mutual and/or self interaction of dynamic flows
- Very successful in seismic (> 1980)
- Rising popularity in finance (> 2007)
→ Modeling high frequency time-series events (price changes, cancel/limit/market orders, ...)
- Rising popularity in machine learning (network, ...)

The 1-Dimensional Poisson process

- N_t : a jump process (jumps are all of size 1)
- λ_t : intensity (\simeq density of jumps)

$$\lambda_t = \mu$$

\implies **The inter-arrival times are independant**

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Hawkes processes - general definition in dimension D

- N_t : a D -dimensional jump process (jumps are all of size 1)
- λ_t : D -dimensional stochastic intensity
- μ : D -dimensional **exogenous intensity**
- $\Phi(t)$: $D \times D$ square matrix of **kernel functions** $\Phi^{jj}(t)$ which are **positive** and **causal** (i.e., supported by R^+).

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$$\lambda_t = \mu + \Phi \star dN_t,$$

where by definition

$$(\Phi \star dN_t)^i = \sum_{k=1}^D \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \Phi^{ik}(t-s) dN^k(s)$$

Stationnarity of λ_t ? ($\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)$ should not depend on t)

Since

$$\lambda_t = \mu + \Phi \star dN_t,$$

One gets

$$\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t) = \mu + \Phi \star \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)$$

which implies

$$(\delta_t \mathbb{I} - \Phi_t) \star \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t) = \mu$$

We take the Fourier transform ($\hat{f}(i\omega) = \int f(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$)

$$(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)) \widehat{\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)}(i\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)\mu$$

Stationnarity of λ_t ?

First step : **Find a condition for $\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)$ not to depend on t ?**

$$(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega))\widehat{\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)}(i\omega) = 2\pi\mu\delta(\omega)$$

If the operator $(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega))$ was inversible for all ω we could write

$$\widehat{\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)}(i\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega))^{-1}\mu$$

which implies that $\widehat{\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)}(i\omega)$ is proportional to a dirac function

which implies that $\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)$ is a constant function

Proposition

$$\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1 \implies (\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)) \text{ is invertible } \forall \omega$$

where $\rho(M)$ is the spectral radius of the matrix M (i.e., the maximum eigenvalue modulus), i.e.,

$$\rho(M) = \sup_x \frac{\|Mx\|_2}{\|x\|_2}$$

Proof 1/2

Let ω such that $(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega))$ is not invertible, i.e.,

$$\exists x^*, \quad \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)x^* = x^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall k, \quad \sum_l \hat{\Phi}^{kl}(i\omega)x_l^* = x_k^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall k, \quad \sum_l |\hat{\Phi}^{kl}(i\omega)||x_l^*| \geq |x_k^*|$$

Since $\Phi^{kl}(t) \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{\Phi}^{kl}(i\omega)| &= \left| \int \Phi^{kl}(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt \right| \\ &\leq \int |\Phi^{kl}(t)| dt \\ &= \int \Phi^{kl}(t) dt = \hat{\Phi}^{kl}(0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\forall k, \quad \sum_l \hat{\Phi}^{kl}(0)|x_l^*| \geq |x_k^*|$,

Proof 2/2

We proved $\forall k, \sum_l \hat{\Phi}^{kl}(0) |x_k^*| \geq |x_l^*|$,

Thus

$$\forall k, \left| \sum_l \hat{\Phi}^{kl}(0) |x_k^*| \right|^2 \geq |x_l^*|^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k \left| \sum_l \hat{\Phi}^{kl}(0) |x_l^*| \right|^2 \geq \sum_k |x_k^*|^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x, \|\hat{\Phi}(0)x\|_2 \geq \|x\|_2^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x, \frac{\|\hat{\Phi}(0)x\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) \geq 1$$

So we proved the proposition, i.e.,

$$\exists \omega \text{ such that } (\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)) \text{ is not invertible, } \Rightarrow \rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) \geq 1$$

Thus we proved (Proposition)

$$\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1 \implies (\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)) \text{ is invertible } \forall \omega$$

Remember that we also proved

$$(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)) \widehat{\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)}(i\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)\mu$$

Thus

$$\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1 \implies \widehat{\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)}(i\omega) = 2\pi\delta(\omega)(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(0))^{-1}\mu$$

Thus if $\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1$ then $\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t)$ is the constant function

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t) = (\delta\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(0))^{-1}\mu$$

Theorem (not proved here)

If $\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1$ then λ_t is a stationary process

Moreover

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t) = (\delta\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(0))^{-1}\mu$$

Let us introduce a useful notation : we set $\Psi(t)$ the matrix such that

$$\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(i\omega) = (\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}(i\omega))^{-1},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \hat{\Psi}(i\omega) = \hat{\Phi}(i\omega) + \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)^2 + \hat{\Phi}(i\omega)^3 + \dots$$

Consequently

- $\Psi(t) = \Phi(t) + \Phi(t) \star \Phi(t) + \Phi(t) \star \Phi(t) \star \Phi(t) + \dots$
- $\Psi(t)$ is a causal function
- $\Psi(t)$ and $\Phi(t)$ commute
- If $\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1$ then

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t) = (\delta\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(0))\mu$$

A martingale representation

We define the infinitesimal martingale dM_t as :

$$dM_t = dN_t - \lambda_t dt$$

Thus

$$\lambda_t = \mu + \Phi \star dN_t = \mu + \Phi \star dM_t + \Phi \star \lambda_t$$

Consequently

$$(\delta\mathbb{I} - \Phi) \star \lambda_t = \mu + \Phi \star dM_t$$

which gives (when $\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1$)

$$\lambda_t = \Lambda + \Psi \star dM_t$$

In the case the process is stationary ($\rho(\hat{\Phi}(0)) < 1$), we have proved

$$\lambda_t = \Lambda + \Psi \star dM_t$$

Now, we would like to characterize second order statistics. For that purpose we propose to compute the **infinitesimal covariance** defined as

$$C(t' - t)dtdt' = \mathbb{E}(dN_t dN_{t'}^T) - \Lambda \Lambda^T dtdt'$$

It contains all the second-order statistics information of the Hawkes process.

Computing the infinitesimal covariance

$$C(t' - t)dtdt' = \mathbb{E}(dN_t dN_{t'}^T) - \Lambda \Lambda^T dtdt'$$

using the martingale dM_t defined as

$$dN_t = dM_t + \lambda_t dt$$

we get 4 terms

$$\begin{aligned} C(t' - t)dtdt' &= \mathbb{E}((dM_t + \lambda_t dt)(dM_{t'}^T + \lambda_{t'}^T dt')) - \Lambda \Lambda^T dtdt' \\ &= \mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T) + \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t dM_{t'}^T) dt + \mathbb{E}(dM_t \lambda_{t'}^T) dt' + \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t \lambda_{t'}^T) dtdt' \end{aligned}$$

First term $\mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T)$

- if $t \neq t'$, $\mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T) = 0$
- if $t = t'$ and $i \neq j$, $\mathbb{E}(dM_t^i dM_t^j) = 0$
- if $t = t'$ and $i = j$, $\mathbb{E}(dM_t^i dM_t^i) = \mathbb{E}(dN_t^i dN_t^i) = \Lambda^i dt$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T) = \Sigma \delta(t' - t) dt$$

where $\delta(t)$ is the dirac distribution and

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda^1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \Lambda^D \end{pmatrix}$$

Second term $\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t dM_{t'}^T)dt$

Using $\lambda_t = \Lambda + \Psi \star dM_t$, one gets

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t dM_{t'}^T)dt &= \mathbb{E}(\Psi \star dM_t dM_{t'}^T)dt \\ &= dt \int_{s < t} \Psi(t-s) \mathbb{E}(dM_s dM_{t'}^T)\end{aligned}$$

Since we just proved that $\mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T) = \Sigma \delta(t' - t) dt'$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t dM_{t'}^T)dt &= dt dt' \int_{s < t} \Psi(t-s) \Sigma \delta(t' - s) \\ &= \Psi(t - t') \Sigma dt dt'\end{aligned}$$

Third term $\mathbb{E}(dM_t \lambda_{t'}^T) dt'$

Using second term computation $\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t dM_{t'}^T) dt = \Psi(t - t') \Sigma dt dt'$,
one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(dM_t \lambda_{t'}^T) dt' &= \mathbb{E}(\lambda_{t'} dM_t^T)^T dt' \\ &= (\Psi(t' - t) \Sigma)^T dt dt' \\ &= \Sigma \Psi(t' - t)^T dt dt' \end{aligned}$$

Fourth term $\mathbb{E}(\lambda_t \lambda_{t'}^T) - \Lambda \Lambda^T$

Using $\lambda_t = \Lambda + \Psi \star dM_t$, one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t \lambda_{t'}^T) - \Lambda \Lambda^T &= \mathbb{E} \left(\int \Psi(t-s) dM_s \int dM_u^T \Psi(t'-u)^T \right) \\ &= \int \int \Psi(t-s) \mathbb{E}(dM_s dM_u^T) \Psi(t'-u)^T \end{aligned}$$

Since we just proved that $\mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T) = \Sigma \delta(t' - t) dt'$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t \lambda_{t'}^T) - \Lambda \Lambda^T &= \int \int \Psi(t-s) \Sigma \delta(s-u) ds \Psi(t'-u)^T \\ &= \int \Psi(t-s) \Sigma \Psi(t'-s)^T ds \\ &= \int \Psi(t-s) \Sigma \Psi(t'-s)^T ds \\ &= \tilde{\Psi} \star \Sigma \Psi^T(t' - t) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\Psi}(s) = \Psi(-s)$

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} C(t' - t)dt dt' &= \mathbb{E}(dM_t dM_{t'}^T) + \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t dM_{t'}^T) dt + \mathbb{E}(dM_t \lambda_{t'}^T) dt' + \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t \lambda_{t'}^T) dt dt' \\ &= \Sigma \delta(t' - t) dt + \Psi(t - t') \Sigma dt dt' + \Sigma \Psi(t' - t)^T dt dt' \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$C(\tau) = (\delta \mathbb{I} + \tilde{\Psi}) \star \Sigma (\delta \mathbb{I} + \Psi^T)(\tau)$$

with the convention $\delta \star \delta = \delta$

We get an explicit formula for the second-order statistics in the stationary case !

We just proved, in the case λ_t is stationary that the second-order statistics can be obtained through

$$C(\tau) = (\delta\mathbb{I} + \tilde{\Psi}) \star \Sigma(\delta\mathbb{I} + \Psi^T)(\tau)$$

Important question : **Could we use this equation for estimation of the kernel functions Φ ?**

Idea : Applying the Fourier transform on

$$C(\tau) = (\delta\mathbb{I} + \tilde{\Psi}) \star \Sigma(\delta\mathbb{I} + \Psi^T)(\tau)$$

one gets (using the Laplace transform $\hat{f}(z) = \int f(t)e^{-zt} dt$)

$$\hat{C}(z) = (\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(-z))\Sigma(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}^T(z))$$

Particular case : $D = 1$ (1-dimensional Hawkes process), one gets

$$\hat{C}(i\omega) = (\mathbb{I} + \hat{\psi}^*(i\omega))\Lambda(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\psi}(i\omega)) = \Lambda|\mathbb{I} + \hat{\psi}^*(i\omega)|^2$$

Pb : Given \hat{C} is there a unique function $\hat{\psi}$ satisfying this last equation ? s

The quadratic form makes us think there are multiple solutions ... ?

A nice trick ... :

We (right) multiply the equation

$$\hat{C}(z) = (\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(-z))\Sigma(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}^T(z))$$

on each side by $(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}^T(z))^{-1} = \mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}^T(z)$, and we get

$$\hat{C}(z)(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}^T(z)) = (\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(-z))\Sigma$$

which is equivalent to

$$C \star (\mathbb{I}\delta - \Phi^T)(\tau) = (\mathbb{I}\delta(\tau) + \tilde{\Psi}(\tau))\Sigma$$

Since $\Psi(\tau)$ is causal, $\tilde{\Psi}(\tau)$ is anti-causal, and consequently

$$C \star (\mathbb{I}\delta - \Phi^T)(\tau) = 0, \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

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We finally get a linear equation !

$$C(\tau) = C \star \Phi^T(\tau), \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

Remember C has a dirac component

($C(\tau) = (\delta\mathbb{I} + \tilde{\Psi}) \star \Sigma(\delta\mathbb{I} + \Psi^T)(\tau)$), we can set $g(\tau)$ a function such that

$$g(\tau) = C^T(\tau)\Sigma^{-1} - \mathbb{I}\delta(\tau)$$

we finally get

$$\Sigma g^T(\tau) = (\Sigma g^T(\tau) + \Sigma\delta(\tau)) \star \Phi^T(\tau), \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

and

$$g(\tau) = \Phi(\tau) + \Phi \star g(\tau), \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

Recap

- The infinitesimal covariance is defined as

$$C(t' - t)dtdt' = \mathbb{E}(dN_t dN_{t'}^T) - \Lambda \Lambda^T dtdt'$$

- We setted $g(\tau) = C^T(\tau)\Sigma^{-1} - \mathbb{I}\delta(\tau)$
- we finally got

$$g(\tau) = \Phi(\tau) + \Phi \star g(\tau), \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

Estimation Pb : We can compute $g(\tau)$

- How do we get from $g(\tau)$ to $\Phi(\tau)$?
- For a given ("admissible") $g(\tau)$ is there a unique $\Phi(\tau)$?

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This is equivalent to asking whether the equation in Φ

$$g(\tau) = \Phi(\tau) + \Phi \star g(\tau), \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

could have more than one positive causal solutions ?

The answer is No ! There can be at most one solution !

Thus The second-order statistics of a Hawkes process do fully determine a Hawkes process

Proof 1/2

Let Φ_1 and Φ_2 two positive causal solutions of

$$g(\tau) = \Phi(\tau) + \Phi \star g(\tau), \quad \text{for } \tau > 0$$

We set $\Delta(t) = \Phi_1(t) - \Phi_2(t)$, and $B(\tau) = \Delta(\tau) + \Delta(\tau) \star g(\tau)$.
Then $B(\tau)$ is anticausal (i.e., it is 0 for $\tau > 0$)

We get $\hat{B}(z) = \hat{\Delta}(z)(\mathbb{I} + \hat{g}(z))$.

Let us recall that $\hat{g}(z) = \hat{C}^T(z)\Sigma^{-1} - \mathbb{I}$ and

$$\hat{C}(z) = (\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(-z))\Sigma(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}^T(z))$$

Thus

$$\hat{g}(z) = (\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(z))\Sigma(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}^T(-z))\Sigma^{-1} - \mathbb{I}$$

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we get

$$\hat{B}(z)\Sigma(\mathbb{I} - \hat{\Phi}^T(-z)) = \hat{\Delta}(z)(\mathbb{I} + \hat{\Psi}(z))\Sigma$$

In this latter equation

- The left term corresponds to an anticausal function ($\hat{f}(z) \rightarrow 0$, for $|z| \rightarrow +\infty$ with $\text{Re}(z) > 0$)
- The right term corresponds to a causal function ($s(\hat{f}(z)) \rightarrow 0$, for $|z| \rightarrow +\infty$ with $\text{Re}(z) < 0$)

From Liouville Theorem we get $\hat{\Delta}(z) = 0$ and consequently

$$\Phi_1(\tau) = \Phi_2(\tau)$$