Higher time regularity of SPDE-based Gaussian processes using fractional brownian motion

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GEOSTATISTICAL MODELING



Geostatistical paradigm: over the spatial domain $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{D}}$

 $\begin{array}{lll} \underline{ Gaussian \ Random \ Field} & \underline{ Observed \ variable} \\ Z: \{Z(\boldsymbol{p}): \boldsymbol{p} \in \mathcal{D}\} & \underline{ Realization} & z: \{z(\boldsymbol{p}): \boldsymbol{p} \in \mathcal{D}\} \\ & \underline{ High \ correlation} & High \ "similarity" \end{array}$

- Allows to model data which are not independent, identically distributed
- Covariance function C_Z :

 $\begin{array}{rcl} C_Z & : & \mathcal{D} \times \mathcal{D} & \to & \mathbb{R} \\ & & (\boldsymbol{p}_1, \boldsymbol{p}_2) & \mapsto & C_Z(\boldsymbol{p}_1, \boldsymbol{p}_2) = \operatorname{Cov}(Z(\boldsymbol{p}_1), Z(\boldsymbol{p}_2)) \end{array}$

 \rightarrow used to model the spatial structure observed on the variable/data

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CHALLENGES IN PRACTICE

Non-euclidean domains

 Extensive literature for the sphere: Marinucci and Peccati (2011); Lang et al. (2015); Lantuéjoul et al. (2019); Emery and Porcu (2019)

Non-stationarity

 Examples of proposed methods: Karhunen-Loève expansions (Lindgren, 2012), Space deformation models (Sampson and Guttorp, 1992), Convolution models (Higdon et al., 1999)

Big "N" problem

 Need to restrict the choice of models to work with sparse matrices: Compactly-supported or tapered covariance functions (Gneiting, 2002; Furrer et al., 2006), Markovian models (Rue and Held, 2005)







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then ${\boldsymbol Z}$ has a Matérn covariance function

$$\operatorname{Cov}(\mathcal{Z}(\boldsymbol{x}+\boldsymbol{h}),\mathcal{Z}(\boldsymbol{x})) = C(\|h\|) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2^{\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)} (\kappa \|h\|)^{\nu} \mathcal{K}_{\nu}(\kappa \|h\|), \quad \nu = \alpha - d/2$$

MATÉRN RANDOM FIELDS





Simulations of Gaussian random fields with a Matérn covariance

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- Covariance properties (Pereira, 2019): when $(\mathcal{M},g)=([0,1]^d,g)$ and $\mathcal{L}=-\Delta$

$$\operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathcal{Z}(\boldsymbol{p}),\mathcal{Z}(\boldsymbol{p}+d\boldsymbol{p})\right) \approx C_0\left(\sqrt{g_{\boldsymbol{p}}(d\boldsymbol{p},d\boldsymbol{p})}\right) \quad \text{where} \quad C_0 = \mathscr{F}^{-1}[\gamma^2]$$



 $L^2(\mathcal{M})$ Self-adjoint differential operator \mathcal{L} Spectral theorem: $\{(\lambda_k, e_k) : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ eigenvalues/functions of \mathcal{L} $L^2(\mathcal{M})$ -valued random variables $\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \quad \underbrace{\gamma(\lambda_k) W_k}_{\text{independent}} \quad e_k$ independen Gaussian weights General approach Local definition of covariance: $\operatorname{Cov}\left(\mathcal{Z}(\boldsymbol{p}),\mathcal{Z}(\boldsymbol{p}+d\boldsymbol{p})\right) \approx C_0\left(\sqrt{g_{\boldsymbol{p}}(d\boldsymbol{p},d\boldsymbol{p})}\right)$ where $C_0 = \mathscr{F}^{-1}[\dot{\gamma}^2]$



$$\|\boldsymbol{u}\|_{\boldsymbol{p}} = \sqrt{g_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{u})}$$
$$\cos\left(\theta(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v})\right) = \frac{g_{\boldsymbol{p}}(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v})}{\|\boldsymbol{u}\|_{\boldsymbol{p}} \|\boldsymbol{v}\|_{\boldsymbol{p}}}$$





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$$\boldsymbol{Z} = \boldsymbol{C}^{-1/2} \gamma(\boldsymbol{S}) \boldsymbol{W}, \quad \boldsymbol{W} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \boldsymbol{I})$$

where
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EXAMPLES OF SAMPLED RANDOM FIELDS













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• If \mathcal{W} is a white noise, then $(\beta_t)_{t\in[0,T]}$ defined as

$$\beta_t = \mathcal{W}([0,T]) = \int \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]} d\mathcal{W} = \int_0^t \mathcal{W}(dt)$$

is a Brownian motion.

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$$\langle \mathcal{B}^Q_{t_{i+1}} - \mathcal{B}^Q_{t_i}, \phi \rangle \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (t_{i+1} - t_i) \langle Q\phi, \phi \rangle)$$

for some bounded, non-negative, symmetric and linear operator Q

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$$\mathcal{B}^Q_t = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt{\lambda^Q_k} \beta^{(k)}_t e^Q_k, \quad t \in [0,T]$$

where $(\beta_t^{(k)})_{t \in [0,T]}$ are independent Brownian motions, $\{e_k^Q\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ is an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\mathcal{D})$ consisting of eigenvectors of Q, with eigenvalues $\{\lambda_k^Q\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$:

$$Q e^Q_k = \lambda^Q_k e^Q_k$$

 \rightarrow "Karhunen-Loeve" decomposition



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White-noise formulation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial t} + (\kappa^2 - \Delta)^{\alpha/2} \mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{W}_T \otimes \mathcal{W}_S^Q$$

where $\mathcal{W}_T \otimes \mathcal{W}_S^Q$ is a space-time "white noise", linked to \mathcal{B}_t^Q through $\forall t \in [0,T], \quad \langle \mathcal{B}_t, \phi_S \rangle - \langle \mathcal{B}_0, \phi_S \rangle = \langle \mathcal{W}_T \otimes \mathcal{W}_S^Q, \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]} \otimes \phi_S \rangle = \int_0^t \int_{\mathcal{D}} \phi_S(x) \mathcal{W}_T \otimes \mathcal{W}_S^Q(\mathrm{d}t, \mathrm{d}x)$

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• Let $Q = (\kappa^2 - \Delta)^{-\alpha_n}$ and $\kappa > 0, \alpha_d \ge 0, \alpha_n \ge 0$, and consider the diffusion SPDE

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 $\rightarrow\,$ Existence and uniqueness of (weak and mild) solution if $\alpha_{\rm d}+\alpha_{\rm n}>d/2$



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 \rightarrow Independent Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

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• Explicit dynamic for the coeffcients $Z_t^{(k)} o$ Gaussian + Markov process

$$(Z_{t+\delta t}^{(k)}|Z_t^{(k)}=z) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(e^{-\theta_k \delta t}z, \frac{\tau_k^2}{2\theta_k}(1-e^{-2\theta_k \delta t})\right) \quad (\delta t>0)$$

Covariance of the (unconditionned) process

$$\operatorname{Cov}(Z_{t+\delta t}^{(k)}, Z_t^{(k)}) = \frac{\tau_k^2}{2\theta_k} e^{-\theta_k \delta t} \quad (\delta t > 0)$$



- Method 1 : Spectral Approach
 - 1. Pick a truncation order ${\cal N}$
 - 2. Simulate the OH processes $Z^{(1)}, \ldots, Z^{(N)}$ for $t \in (0,T]$
 - 3. Return $\mathcal{Z}_t = \sum_{k=1}^N Z_t^{(k)} e_k$, $t \in (0,T]$
 - \rightarrow Need to know the eigendecomposition of $-\Delta....$





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GEOLEARNING

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2. Space disctretization using FEM (Galerkin) to deduce that, with $\widehat{\mathcal{Z}}_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_h} [z^{(t)}]_i \psi_i$,

$$\big(\boldsymbol{I} + \delta t (\kappa^2 \boldsymbol{I} + \widetilde{\boldsymbol{R}})^{\alpha_{\rm d}} \big) \boldsymbol{C}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{z}^{(t+\delta t)} = \boldsymbol{C}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{z}^{(t)} + \sqrt{\delta t} \boldsymbol{C}^{1/2} (\kappa^2 \boldsymbol{I} + \widetilde{\boldsymbol{R}})^{-\alpha_{\rm n}/2} \boldsymbol{w}$$

where $w \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$, and C (diagonal mass lumped matrix), R (stiffness matrix) and $\widetilde{R} = C^{-1/2} R C^{-1/2}$ are sparse matrices

 \rightarrow Explicit expression for precision matrix of solution!



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3. Use Galerkin-Chebyshev to compute the solution

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 \rightarrow Mixture of exponential correlation functions!



EXAMPLES OF SAMPLES



• Time regularity: Almost-nowhere differentiable, but paths are Hölder-continuous with order $1/2 - \varepsilon$ for any $\varepsilon \in (0, 1/2)$, i.e.

$$\mathbb{E}[|\langle \mathcal{Z}_t, \phi \rangle - \langle \mathcal{Z}_{t+u}, \phi \rangle|] \le C|u|^{1/2-\varepsilon}$$
(1)

 \rightarrow Regularity inherited from the Brownian motion! Can we do better?







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- Some properties
 - $-\,$ Particular case : $H=1/2 \rightarrow$ (standard) Brownian motion
 - Associated variogram: $\mathrm{Var}(\beta^H_t-\beta^H_s)\propto |t-s|^{2H}$
 - $-\,$ Paths Hölder-continuous of order $H-\varepsilon$ for any $\varepsilon\in(0,H)$
 - Stationary increments: $\beta^{H}_{t} \beta^{H}_{s} \sim \beta^{H}_{t-s}$
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- Note: if $H \neq 1/2$, the increments are not independent \rightarrow Non Markovian process (with long-range dependence for H > 1/2)
- Remark: Fractional Brownian motion can also be seen as an integrated (standard) Brownian motion
- (Fractional) Itô calculus and (fractional) *Q*-Wiener processes are well-defined for fractional Brownian motions







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 \rightarrow Independent Fractional Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

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 \rightarrow Explicit expression for precision matrix of solution with Kronecker products!





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OUTLOOKS



- Stochastic analysis of numerical scheme (ongoing)
- Link to fractional operators
- Going further: What if we replaced the fBm with even smoother processes?



Matern process instead of fBm

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