

Edgeworth expansion for the pre-averaging estimator

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- Object of interest: quadratic variation (integrated volatility)

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- Empirical studies show that when applied to real data RV_n diverges as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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$$\bar{Y}_{\frac{ik_n}{n}} = \sum_{j=1}^{k_n-1} g\left(\frac{j}{k_n}\right) \left(Y_{\frac{ik_n+j}{n}} - Y_{\frac{ik_n+j-1}{n}} \right).$$

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$$\mathbb{E} \left[e^{iuZ_n + ivF_n} \right].$$

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- Define

$$\underline{\sigma}(z, iu, iv) = \frac{(iu)^2}{2} \widetilde{C}(z) + iu \widetilde{N}(z) + iv \widetilde{F}(z)$$

It is a random polynomial in (iu, iv) . It was already in (Yos97).

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Theorem (Yoshida13)

Under some integrability conditions, we obtain

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Lemma

Let $\alpha_{\frac{ik_n}{n}} = b_{\frac{ik_n}{n}}^{[1]} \bar{W}_{\frac{ik_n}{n}} + \bar{\varepsilon}_{\frac{ik_n}{n}}$. Then, we obtain

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where

$$M_n = \frac{n^{1/4}}{\psi_2^n} \sum_{i=0}^{d_n-1} \alpha_{t_{ik_n}}^2 - \mathbb{E}[\alpha_{t_{ik_n}}^2 | \mathcal{F}_{t_{ik_n}}] \text{ and } N_n = \sum_{k=1}^6 N_{n,k}$$

Some Terms

$$N_{n,3} = \frac{k_n^2 (\psi_3^n)^2}{n^{3/2} \psi_2^n} \sum_{i=0}^{d_n-1} (b_{t_{ik_n}}^{[2]})^2,$$

$$N_{n,4} = \frac{k_n (2k_n \psi_4^n - (k_n + 1) \psi_2^n)}{2n^{3/2} \psi_2^n} \sum_{i=0}^{d_n-1} 2b_{t_{ik_n}}^{[1]} b_{t_{ik_n}}^{[1.2]} + (b_{t_{ik_n}}^{[1.1]})^2$$

$$N_{n,5} = -2n^{1/2} \sum_{i=0}^{d_n-1} b_{t_{ik_n}}^{[1]} b_{t_{ik_n}}^{[1.1]} \int_{t_{ik_n}}^{t_{(i+1)k_n}} \int_{t_{ik_n}}^u dW_s du,$$

$$N_{n,6} = \frac{n^{3/2} \psi_1^n}{\psi_2^n (k_n)^2} \left[\omega^2 - \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta \varepsilon_i^n)^2 \right].$$

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Our main result is:

Theorem

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Studentization

Edgeworth expansion of studentized statistic $Z_n/\sqrt{F_n}$:

Corollary

Under some smoothness conditions on $b^{[1]}$, $b^{[2]}$, we get

$$p^{Z_n/\sqrt{F_n}}(y) = \phi(y) + \frac{1}{n^{1/4}}\phi(y) \left[y \left(c_1 \mathbb{E}[DC^{-3/2}] + \mathbb{E}[\mu_2 C^{-1/2}] \dots \right) + y^3 \left(c_2 \mathbb{E}[DC^{-3/2}] + \dots \right) \right]$$

where

$$C = 2\theta \int_0^1 \left[(b^{[1]})^2(X_t) + \frac{\omega^2 \psi_1}{\theta^2 \psi_2} \right]^2 dt,$$
$$D = \int_0^1 \left[(b^{[1]})^2(X_t) + \frac{\omega^2 \psi_1}{\theta^2 \psi_2} \right]^3 dt,$$

Thanks for your attention!

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