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# Pathwise methods and Robust GANs for Pricing and Hedging

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Advantage: Ability to make use of data in different settings (via conditioning).



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**Cornerstone for (2): Evaluating the "quality"** of produced synthetic data samples (especially for data streams)







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Clustering Market Regimes Using the Wasserstein Distance I and I with Z. Issa and A. Muguruza, 2021.





Non-parametric Online Market Regime Detection and Regime 💿 🔊

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#### The signature (and truncated signature)

▶ Recall the signature S(x) of a path  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  is given by  $S(x) = (1, S^1(x), S^2(x), ...,)$ , where

$$S^k(x) := \int_{0 < t_1 < \ldots < t_k < T} dx_{t_1} \otimes dx_{t_2} \otimes \ldots \otimes dx_{t_k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- ▶ S(x) has values in the tensor algebra  $T((\mathbb{R}^d)) = \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes k}$
- ▶ This feature map, with a truncation at level  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  was used in several of the aforementioned works: Given  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , the truncated signature of order N is

 $S(x)^{\leq N} := (1, S(x)^1, \dots, S(x)^N).$ 

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### The signature kernel

▶ The associated kernel  $k_{sig} : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$k_{
m sig}(x,y) = \sum_{k\geq 0} \langle S^k(x), S^k(y) \rangle_k$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_k$  is the inner product on  $(\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes k}$ .

- ▶ A "kernel trick" for  $k_{sig}$  via solving a Goursat PDE ( $\Rightarrow$  no truncation) [SCFLY'21]
- Computation of higher rank sig kernel (⇒ incorporation of differences in filtration and pathwise effects /non-Markovianity ) [H.SLLDL'21].

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Characteristicness of the signature kernel implies an associated signature MMD, which can be used as a metric on path space [CO '18]. We choose  $k(\cdot, \cdot)$  to be the (normalised) signature kernel and use  $MMD_{\mathcal{G}}(\mu, \nu)$  as a hypothesis test:

The aforementioned MMD has been one of the most-employed tools in this context. However, only very few results are available on understanding how the signature kernel MMD functions as a statistical tool.

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# Scoring rules [GR07]

#### Definition (Scoring rule)

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a convex class of measures on a space  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$ . A scoring rule  $s : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{X} \to [-\infty, \infty]$  is any function s.t.  $s(\mathbb{P}, \cdot)$  is  $\mathcal{P}$ -quasi integrable for all  $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{P}$ .

#### Definition (Properness)

Let  $\int (\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{E}_{y \sim \mathbb{Q}}[s(\mathbb{P}, y)]$  denote the expected scoring rule. The scoring rule  $s : \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{X} \to [-\infty, +\infty]$  is called proper (relative to the class  $\mathcal{P}$ ) if  $\int (\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P}) \leq \int (\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{P})$  for all  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{P}$ . It is called strictly proper if  $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{P}$  is the unique minimiser.

Natural way to define a divergence:  $\mathcal{D}_s(\mathbb{P}||\mathbb{Q}) = \int (\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{P}) - \int (\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P})$  for strictly proper s.

### Signature kernel scores I

For a given kernel k on  $\mathcal{X}$ , the associated kernel scoring rule  $s_k$  is given by

$$s_k(\mathbb{P},y) = \mathbb{E}_{x,x' \sim \mathbb{P}}[k(x,x')] - 2\mathbb{E}_{x \sim \mathbb{P}}[k(x,y)]$$

Denote by φ<sub>sig</sub> : P(X) × X → ℝ the kernel scoring rule associated to the signature kernel k<sub>sig</sub>

### Proposition 1 (IH.LS'23 Proposition 3.3)

For any compact  $\mathcal{K} \subset \mathcal{X}$ ,  $\phi_{sig}$  is a strictly proper kernel score relative to  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K})$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{E}_{y \sim \mathbb{Q}}[\phi_{sig}(\mathbb{Q}, y)] \leq \mathbb{E}_{y \sim \mathbb{Q}}[\phi_{sig}(\mathbb{P}, y)]$  for all  $\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K})$ , with equality if and only if  $\mathbb{P} = \mathbb{Q}$ .

### Signature kernel scoring rules II

• Given samples  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^m \sim \mathbb{P}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{X}$ , an unbiased estimator of  $\phi_{sig}$  is given by

$$\hat{\phi}_{\mathrm{sig}}(\mathbb{P}, y) = rac{1}{m(m-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} k_{\mathrm{sig}}(x_i, x_j) - rac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^M k_{\mathrm{sig}}(x_i, y)$$

Note that

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathsf{sig}}(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q})^2 = \phi_{\mathsf{sig}}(\mathbb{P},\mathbb{Q}) + \mathbb{E}_{y,y'\sim\mathbb{Q}}[k_{\mathsf{sig}}(y,y')],$$

that is, we recover the (squared) signature maximum mean discrepancy (MMD).

### Key: Similarity metric and possible applications



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• Each collection of paths  $\{\mathbf{x}^k\}_{k=1}^r, \{\mathbf{y}^k\}_{k=1}^m$  results in a different distance value.



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This base-case has been considered in "Signature-based validation of real-world economic scenarios" [Andres, Boumezoued, Jourdain '23] for  $n \neq m$ .

▶ Perform a two-sample test:  $\mathcal{H}_0$ :  $\mathbb{P}_{X|\mathcal{F}_X} = \mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathcal{F}_Y}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_A$ :  $\mathbb{P}_{X|\mathcal{F}_X} \neq \mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathcal{F}_Y}$ .



**Empirical estimate** of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order MMD has a long **run-time**.

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**Claim:** In this setting, robustification comes (in some parts) naturally through small sample sizes of data:



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### Solution:

Estimate simultaneously from multiple angles to sharpen perspective (estimate MMD to several reference points/models)

### Pricing path dependent payoffs with the help of the MMD

To obtain the price of a derivative priced under the stochastic process  $\mathbb{Y}$ :

- Select N base processes as reference models (satellites).
- Compute the distance from 𝒱 to each base process (distance to satellites).
- Use these distances to price (GPS location).



Adapted from Walcott, K. (2012) Three-dimensional graphics with PGF/TiKZ [67] and Trzeciak, T. (2008) Example: Stereographics and cylindrical map projections (https://texample.net/tikz/example.s/map-projections/) [64]

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**Distance-Based Framework for Derivative Pricing** 



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...small changes in data & estimation errors should not throw the application off track. Needed: Appropriate (smooth) robustification of tasks towards small changes in input

### Robust Hedging Gans

In the context hedging and trading strategies, the (pathwise) MMD can be helpful to introduce a smooth ambiguity-aversion effect into the hedging / trading objective.

### Introducing robustness into DH/DT with the MMD

The original objective of a trading can be (most generally) given as

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where  $d(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$  denotes the (MMD) distance of a realised model  $\mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{Q}$  to our reference model  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\frac{1}{\eta}$  is a scaling parameter representing the investor's aversion to model ambiguity. Taking  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$  as the Sig-MMD allows to take a fully pathwise perspective.

# Key: Similarity metric and possible applications



Truncated signature MMD [BHLPW'20] (see more details later) 1st market gen
(2),(3) Higher rank sig-kernel (with kernel trick) [HLLMS'22] comp, [HI'23] regime det
(4) Kernel Scoring Rules [IHLS'23] significantly improved conditional market gen

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► Goal: a plug-and-play pipeline for training market gen. on path space, which is

- mesh-free,
- stable,
- memory efficient,
- easily able to be conditionalized, and
- can handle inputs/outputs taking values in infinite-dimensional spaces

# Related work: Application to MG

[BHLPW'20]: VAE-based conditional generative model using the truncated signature MMD. Required signature inversion.

[K'21]: SDE-GAN, adversarialising the training objective via a Neural CDE. Class conditioning examples.

[NSzSXW'21]: Sig-Wasserstein Gans for Time-series Generation. Training Log-RNN, AR-FNN generator against the Sig-Wasserstein distance.

- Again uses truncation of the signature
- Conditioning examples make use of on relationship between past truncated signature and future which is hard to recreate in practice

[WWPKBMB'21]: Multi-asset spot and option market simulation, 2021. Not mesh-free, and not conditional (mentioned as a future extension)

## Non-adversarial training of Neural SDEs

The training objective is

$$\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{y \sim \mathbb{P}_{X^{\mathsf{true}}}}[\phi_{\mathsf{sig}}(\mathbb{P}_{X^{\theta}}, y)] + \lambda \left\|\theta\right\|_{L_{2}}$$

▶ The training objective is minimised when  $\mathbb{P}_{X^{\theta}} = \mathbb{P}_{X^{\text{true}}}$  (since strictly proper sr)

Training procedure can be summarized by

Generator:  $X^{ heta} pprox \mathsf{SDESolve}( heta),$ 

**Discriminator:**  $\mathcal{L}(\theta) \approx \mathsf{PDESolve}(X^{\theta}, X^{\mathsf{true}}).$ 

- Both procedures are able to be backpropagated through
  - **Generator:** Through the SDE solver
  - Discriminator: Via solving another system of adjoint PDEs [LSCBDL'21]

#### Experiments: rBergomi model

Goal: Train a Neural SDE to learn the rough stochastic volatility model  $dy_t = -\frac{1}{2}V_t dt + \sqrt{V_t} dW_t$  where  $d\xi_t^u = \xi_t^u \eta \sqrt{2\alpha + 1}(u - t)^{\alpha} dB_t$ .



**Figure 1:** Neural SDE trained with  $\phi_{sig}$  where  $X^{true} \sim rBergomi(\eta, \rho_{\overline{s}}H)$ .

# Experiment: Currency pairs EUR/USD and USD/JPY



Figure 2: Neural SDE trained with  $\phi_{sig}$ , EUR/USD and USD/JPY price pairs

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## Experiments: Conditional generation EURUSD

- ▶ Conditioning variables are time-augmented EUR/USD trajectories  $\mathbb{Q} \sim x : [t_0 dt, t_0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
- ▶ Target variables: future trajectories  $\mathbb{P}(\cdot|x) \sim X^{\text{true}} : [t_0, t_0 + dt'] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
- Encode conditioning variables via the order 5 log-signature of the input trajectories
- ▶ Train to minimise the conditional expected signature kernel score
- Many hyperparameters to consider... in general, path scaling is the most important (same is true for previous case!)

## Experiments: Conditional generation EURUSD



Given a conditioning path  $x \sim \mathbb{Q}$ , the generator provides (in blue) the conditional distribution  $\mathbb{P}_{X^{\theta}}(\cdot|x)$ . The dotted line gives the true path.  $y \sim \mathbb{P}_{X^{\text{true}}}(\cdot|x)$ .

Resultant path is often captured in the envelope of the associated conditional distribution

## Experiment: Limit order books

Train a Neural SPDE model on NASDAQ LOB data, composing the signature kernel with three different SE-T type kernels



KS test average scores for each spatiotemporal marginal, 100 runs, NASDAQ data.

Thank you for your attention!

