## CRAN packages comparison

## 1 DiffusionRgqd

Uses the cumulant truncation procedure developed by Varughese (2013), whereby the transition density can be approximated over arbitrarily large transition horizons for a suitably general class of non-linear diffusion models.

Generalized quadratic diffusions (GQD) are the specific class of SDEs with quadratic drift and diffusion terms:

$$dX_{t} = \mu(X_{t}, t)dt + \sigma(X_{t}, t)dW_{t}, \text{ where}$$

$$\mu(X_{t}, t) = G_{0}(t) + G_{1}(t)X_{t} + G_{2}(t)X_{t}^{2}, \text{ and}$$

$$\sigma(X_{t}, t) = Q_{0}(t) + Q_{1}(t)X_{t} + Q_{2}(t)X_{t}^{2}$$

For purposes of inference the drift and diffusion terms - and consequently the transitional density - are assumed to be dependent on a vector of parameters,  $\theta$ . For example, an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model with SDE:

$$dX_t = \theta_1(\theta_2 - X_t) + \sqrt{\theta_3^2} dW_t \tag{1}$$

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G0=function(t){theta[1]*theta[2]}
G1=function(t){-theta[1]}
Q0=function(t){theta[3]*theta[3]}
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For a constant drift, diffusion SDE, with given initial condition  $X_s$ :

$$dX_t = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t \tag{2}$$

The distribution at time t of the process  $X_t$  is  $\mathcal{N}(X_t, X_s + \mu(t-s), \sigma^2(t-s))$ 

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# Initial state
Xt <- seq(-3/2,3/2,1/50) # Possible future states
s <- 0
                      # Starting time
t <- 1
                        # Final time
mu <- 0.5
                        # Drift parameter
sigma <- 0.25
                        # Diffusion coefficient
library(DiffusionRgqd)
# Remove any existing coefficients:
GQD.remove()
## [1] "Removed : GO G1 QO"
# Define the model coefficients:
GO <- function(t){mu}
Q0 <- function(t){sigma^2}
# Calculate the transitional density:
BM <- GQD.density(Xs,Xt,s,t)
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##
##
            Generalized Quadratic Diffusion (GQD)
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##
  _____ Drift Coefficients _____
## GO : mu
## G1
## G2
## _____ Diffusion Coefficients _____
## Q0 : sigma^2
## Q1
## Q2
## _____ Distribution Approximant _____
## Density approx. : Saddlepoint
## P
## alpha
## Trunc. Order : 4
## Dens. Order : 4
# Plot the transitional density:
plot(dnorm(Xt, Xs+mu*(t-s), sigma*sqrt(t-s))~Xt, main = 'Transition density', type = 'l')
lines(BM$density[,100]~BM$Xt, col = 'blue', lty = 'dashed', lwd = 2)
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## Transition density

