

# 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:

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= \mu(X_t, t)dt + \sigma(X_t, t)dW_t, \text{ where} \\ \mu(X_t, t) &= G_0(t) + G_1(t)X_t + G_2(t)X_t^2, \text{ and} \\ \sigma(X_t, t) &= Q_0(t) + Q_1(t)X_t + Q_2(t)X_t^2 \end{aligned}$$

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:

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

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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  $X_s$ :

$$dX_t = \mu dt + \sigma dW_t \quad (2)$$

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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Xs <- 0 # 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 : G0 G1 Q0"

# Define the model coefficients:
G0 <- 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 -----
## G0 : mu
## G1
## G2
## ----- Diffusion Coefficients -----
## Q0 : sigma^2
## Q1
## Q2
## ----- Distribution Approximant -----
## Density approx. : Saddlepoint
## P                :
## alpha            :
## Trunc. Order     : 4
## Dens. Order      : 4
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