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, θ. For example, an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model with SDE:

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

```
G0=function(t){theta[1]*theta[2]}
G1=function(t){-theta[1]}
Q0=function(t){theta[3]*theta[3]}
```

1.1 Constant drift, diffusion SDE

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 $\mathcal{N}(X_t, X_s + \mu(t-s), \sigma^2(t-s))$

```
library('DiffusionRgqd')

# Remove any existing coefficients
GQD.remove()

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

# Define the model coefficients
G0 <- function(t){mu}
Q0 <- function(t){sigma^2}
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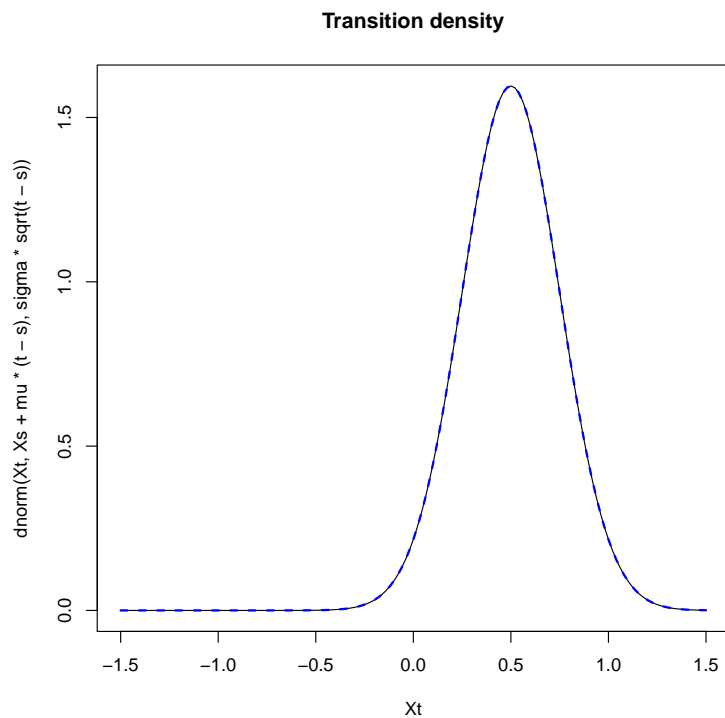
```
# Calculate the transitional density
BM <- GQD.density(Xs,Xt,s,t)

# 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)
```

Transition density

1.2 CIR process

Another example using the CIR process SDE:

$$dX_t = \theta_1(\theta_2 - X_t)dt + \theta_3\sqrt{X_t}dW_t \tag{3}$$

```
GQD.remove()
a = 0.5; b = 5; sigma = 0.35; # Parameter values

G0 <- function(t){a*b}
G1 <- function(t){-a}
Q1 <- function(t){sigma^2}

states     <-  seq(1, 9, 1/10) # State values
initial    <-  6               # Starting value of the process
Tmax       <-  5               # Time horizon
Tstart     <-  1               # Time starts at 1
increment  <-  1/100           # Incremental time steps
```
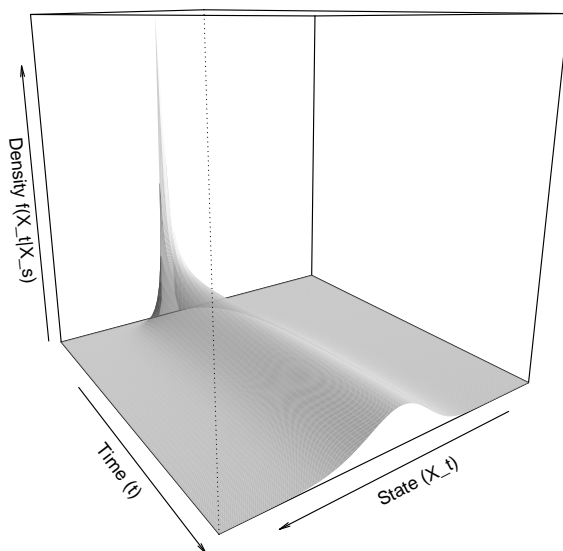
```
# Generate the transitional density
M <- GQD.density(Xs = initial, Xt = states, s = Tstart, t = Tmax, delt = increment)

persp(x = M$Xt, y = M$time, z = M$density, col = 'white', xlab = 'State (X_t)',ylab
 = 'Time (t)', zlab = 'Density f(X_t|X_s)', border = NA, shade = 0.5, theta = 145)
```


The GQD.density() returns (density, Xt, time, cumulants, moments, mesh).

1.3 Time dependent CIR process
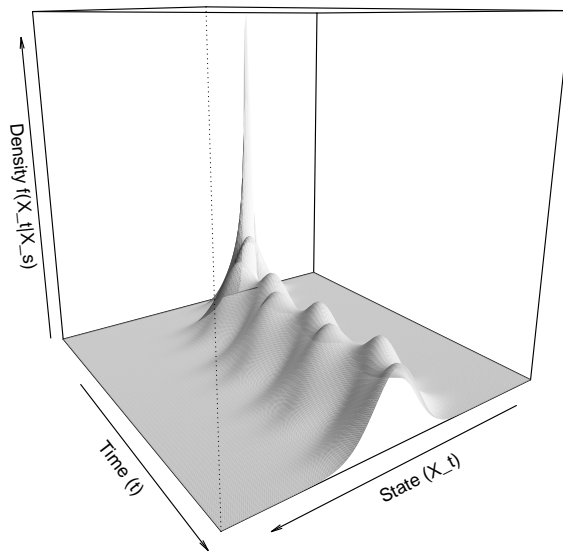
Consider the time-inhomogeneous CIR process for a more complicated example

$$dX_t = 2(10 + \sin(2\pi(t - 0.5)) - X_t)dt + sqrt0.25(1 + 0.75\sin(4\pi t))X_t dW_t \tag{4}$$

```
library(DiffusionRgqd)
GQD.remove()
G0 <- function(t){2*(10+sin(2*pi*(t-0.5)))}
G1 <- function(t){-2}
Q1 <- function(t){0.25*(1+0.75*(sin(4*pi*t)))}

states    <- seq(5, 15, 1/10)
initial   <- 8
Tmax      <- 5
Tstart    <- 1
increment <- 1/100

M <- GQD.density(Xs = initial, Xt = states, s = Tstart, t = Tmax, delt = increment)
persp(x = M$Xt, y = M$time, z = M$density, col = 'white', xlab = 'State (X_t)', ylab = 'Time
```

1.4 Coupled SDEs - Prey predator model

A model that is often used to illustrate non-linear dynamics in the analysis of ODEs is that of the Lotka-Volterra model. The equations are often used to describe the dynamics of two interacting populations wherein the population growth rate of the populations are mutually influenced by the current level of the opposing population. As such the model has been used to explain oscillatory behaviour in predator-prey relationships Hoppensteadt2006 where xtxt denotes the prey population and ytyt the predator population at time t. Continuing with the predator-prey metaphor, perhaps one deficiency of the model, one might argue, is the absence of random input and subsequent effects on population levels. Indeed, under the ODE formulation the predicted population behaviour (given fixed parameters) are completely deterministic. Another deficiency might be the absence of growth inhibiting factors such as disease or over-grazing. For these purposes we may define an example of a stochastic counterpart to the Lotka-Volterra equations as:

$$dX_t = (aX_t - bX_tY_t)dt + f\sqrt{X_t}dW_t^1$$
$$dY_t = (-cY_t + dX_tY_t - eY_t^2)dt + g\sqrt{Y_t}dW_t^2$$

```
library(DiffusionRgqd)
# Remove any existing coefficients:
GQD.remove()

## [1] "Removed :  G0 G1 Q1"

# Define the X dimesnion coefficients:
a10 <- function(t){1.5}
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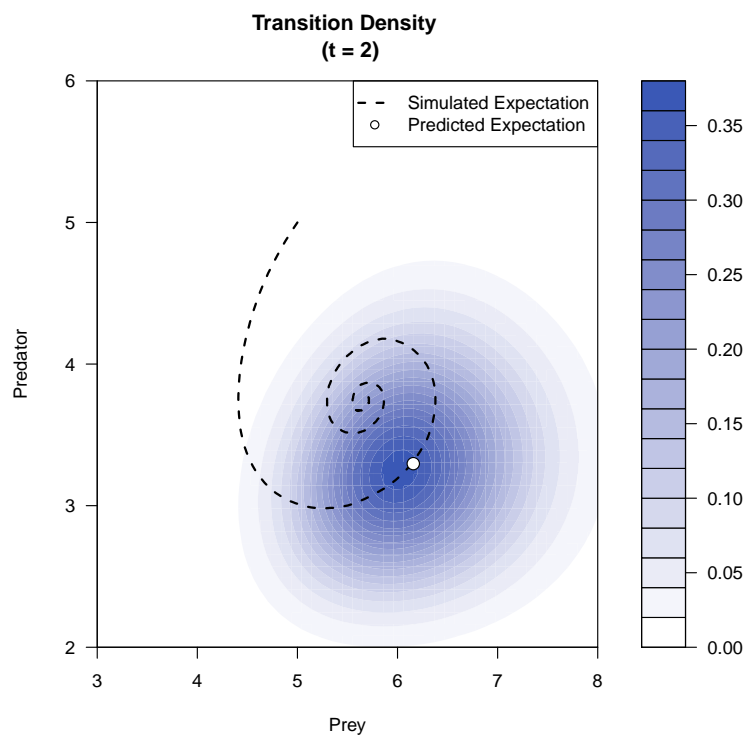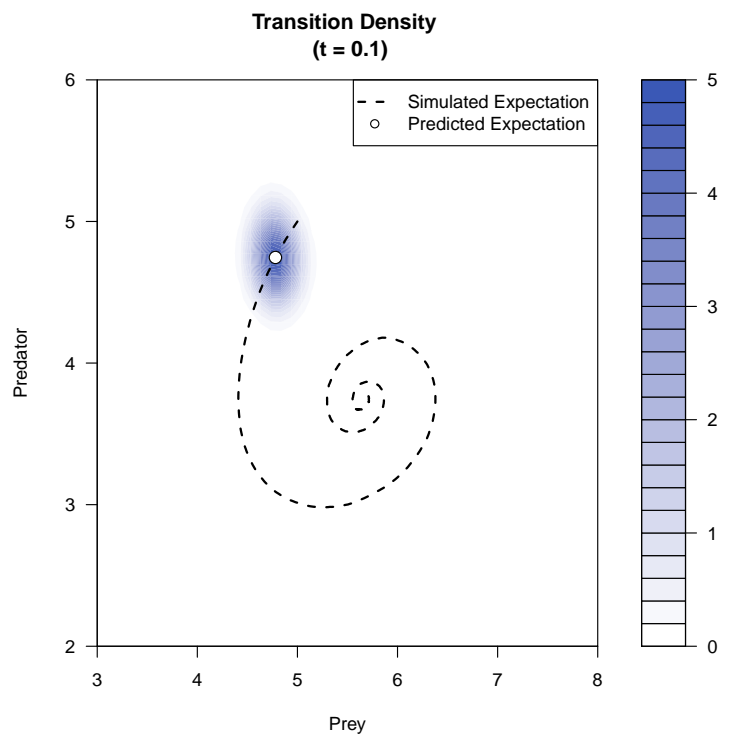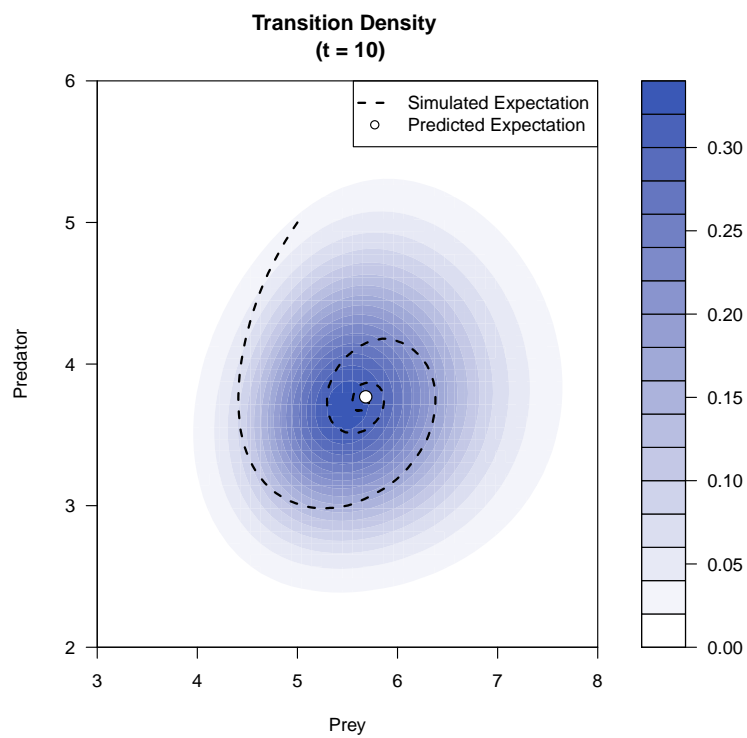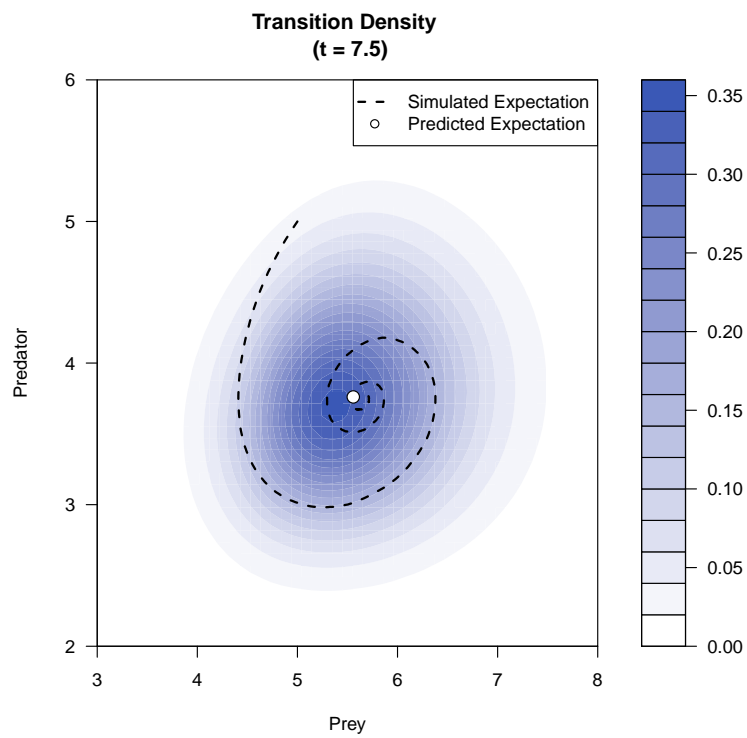
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a11 <- function(t){-0.4}
c10 <- function(t){0.05}
# Define the Y dimension coefficients:
b01 <- function(t){-1.5}
b11 <- function(t){0.4}
b02 <- function(t){-0.2}
f01 <- function(t){0.1}
# Approximate the transition density
res <- BiGQD.density(Xs = 5, Ys = 5, Xt = seq(3, 8, length = 50), Yt = seq(2, 6, length = 50)

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##   ================================================================
##   _____ Drift Coefficients _____
##  a10 : 1.5
##  a11 : -0.4
##  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...
##  b01 : -1.5
##  b02 : -0.2
##  b11 : 0.4
##   _____ Diffusion Coefficients _____
##  c10 : 0.05
##  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...
##  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...
##  ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...    ...
##  f01 : 0.1
##   ================================================================
```

```
## Loading required package:  methods
```

Transition Density
(t = 0.1)

- - - Simulated Expectation
○ Predicted Expectation

Predator

Prey

Transition Density
(t = 2)

- - - Simulated Expectation
○ Predicted Expectation

Predator

Prey

Transition Density
**(t = 7.5)**

Transition Density
(t = 10)

1.5 Inference on Diffusion Processes

```
library("DiffusionRgqd")
data(SDEsim1)
attach(SDEsim1)
```

```
## The following object is masked _by_ .GlobalEnv:
##
##      Xt
## The following object is masked from SDEsim3:
##
##      time
```

```
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2*(5+3*sin(0.5*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
plot(SDEsim1$Xt~SDEsim1$time, type = 'l', col = '#222299', xlab = 'Time (t)', ylab = expressi
```


$$dX_t = 2(5 + 3\sin(0.5\pi t) - X_t)dt + 0.5\sqrt{X_t}dW_t$$
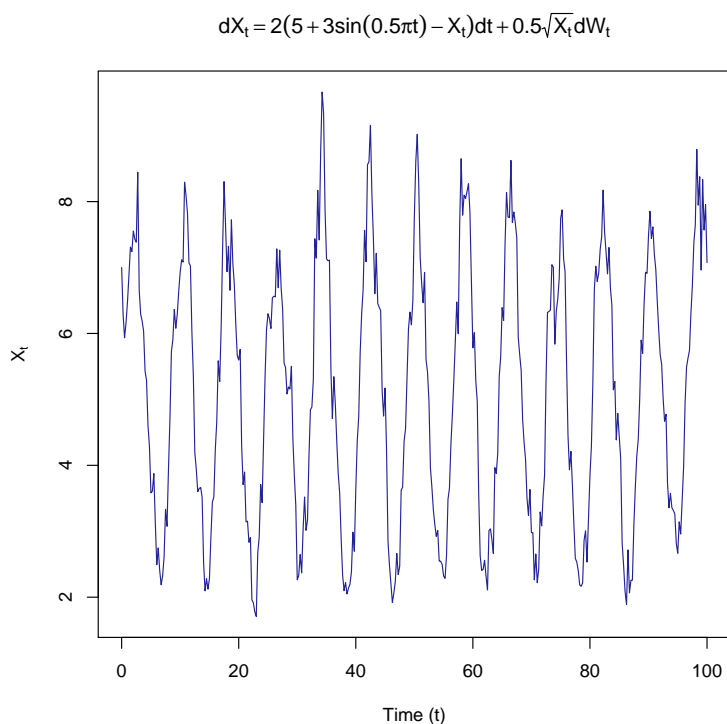
```
GQD.remove()

G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q1 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta     <- c(1, 10, 1, 1)              # Starting values for the chain
sds       <- c(0.25, 0.25, 0.2, 0.05)/1.5 # Std devs for proposal distributions
mesh      <- 10                          # Number of mesh points
updates   <- 110000                      # Perform 110000 updates
burns     <- 10000                       # Burn 10000 updates

# Run the MCMC procedure for the model defined above:
model_1 <- GQD.mcmc(SDEsim1$Xt, SDEsim1$time, mesh, theta, sds, updates, burns)
```

The estimates are given by

```
GQD.estimates(model_1, thin = 100, burns = 10000, corrmat = TRUE)
```

2 pomp: statistical inference for partially-observed Markov processes

POMP focuses on partially observed Markov process models or hidden Markov models. They consist of an observed process Y_n from the system and an unobserved process X_n controlled by a stochastic process. The stochastic process model is determined by the density $f_{X_n|X_{n-1}}$. Following the R convention, in the pomp package the simulation of $f_{X_n|X_{n-1}}$ (the process model) is referred to as the *rprocess* whereas the evaluation of $f_{X_n|X_{n-1}}$ is referred as the *dprocess*. Similarly, for the measurement process, $f_{Y_n|X_n}$, the simulation component is *rmeasure*, while the evaluation component is called *dmeasure*.

3 Robfilter

4 Sim.DiffProc Package - PMLE

Pseudo-maximum likelihood estimators for one-dimensional SDEs. The four schemes implemented are: **Euler**, **Ozaki**, **Shoji-Ozaki**, **Kessler** method. These methods don't approximate the transition density directly but the path of the process X_t in such a way that the discretized version of the process has a usable likelihood.

Consider the general form of the SDE:

$$dX_t = f(X_t, t, \theta)dt + g(X_t, t, \theta)dWt \tag{5}$$

An assumption is made that the infinitesimal coefficients don't depend on t, so the equation can be approximated as

$$dX_t = f(X_t, \theta)dt + g(X_t, \theta)dW_t \tag{6}$$

where X_t is considered a time-homogeneous process. Using the above assumption, the transition density can be approximated as $p(\Delta t, x, y) = p(t_{i-1}, x, y, t_i)$. Given initial conditions X_0 and θ_0, the log likelihood function is

$$l_n(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} logp_\theta(\Delta t, X_{i-1}, X_i) + logp_\theta(X_0)$$

The PMLE (pseudo maximum likelihood estimator) $\tilde{\theta}_n = \arg\max h_n(\theta|X_1, \cdots, X_n)$ is estimated from a density h that doesn't belong to the family of the true conditional density but is compatible with the moments with p (??). This method applied to high frequency data, i.e. $\Delta t \to 0, n\Delta t \to \infty$.

5 HPloglik

6 abctools

7 sde (Stefano 2015)

8 yuima (Stefano 2014)

Simulation and inference for multidimensional SDEs

9 PSM package (Stig and Soren 2013)

Estimation of linear and non-linear mixed-effects models using SDEs