

## Exercise 9: The Kolmogorov equations II

**Question 1 Random directions and the von Mises distribution:** (Compare exercise 9.7 in the notes) Consider the Itô stochastic differential equation

$$dX_t = -\sin X_t dt + \sigma dB_t,$$

which can be viewed as a random walk on the circle which is biased towards  $X_t = 2n\pi$  for  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . This is a popular model for random reorientations, when there is a preferred direction.

1. Write up the forward Kolmogorov equation and show that a stationary solution is the so-called *von Mises* (or Tikhonov) distribution  $\rho(x) = Z^{-1} \exp(\kappa \cos x)$ , where  $\kappa = 2/\sigma^2$ . *Note:* This  $\rho$  integrates to 1 over an interval of length  $2\pi$ , so we consider the state  $X_t$  an angle which is only well defined up to adding a multiple of  $2\pi$ .
2. Take  $\sigma = 1$ . Simulate the process starting at  $x = 0$  over the time interval  $t \in [0, 100]$ . Plot the trajectory and the histogram of the state. Compare the histogram with the stationary distribution.
3. Discretize the generator on  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$  using periodic boundary conditions. Determine the stationary distribution numerically from the generator and compare it, graphically, with the results from the previous question. *Note:* Unless the spatial grid is very fine, some numerical diffusion stemming from the discretization will affect the numerical solution.
4. Estimate the autocovariance function of  $\{\sin X_t\}$  from the time series (using a built-in routine in your favorite software environment) and plot it. Use a sufficient large number of lags until you can see how long it takes for the process to decorrelate.
5. Compute the autocovariance function numerically from the following formula:

$$\mathbf{E}[(h(X_0) - \mu)h(X_t)] = \int_{\mathbf{X}} \rho(x)(h(x) - \mu)[e^{Lt}h](x) dx.$$

Here, we take  $h = \sin$ . We have  $\mu = \mathbf{E}h(X_0) = \int_{\mathbf{X}} \rho(x)h(x) dx$ . Add this autocovariance to the empirical plot from the previous.

6. Compute the slowest 3 eigenmodes of  $L$  from the numerical discretization. Add to the plot of the autocovariance an exponentially decaying function  $e^{-\lambda t} \mathbf{V} \sin X_0$  where  $\lambda$  is the largest non-zero eigenvalue of  $L$ . Comment on the agreement. Then, in a different plot, plot the slowest 3 eigenfunctions of  $L$  as well as of  $L^*$  and describe their role.

**Solution:** The forward Kolmogorov equation is

$$\dot{\rho} = -(\rho \sin x)' + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \rho''.$$

The stationary distribution is the canonical distribution

$$\rho(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-U(x)/D)$$

where, as always,  $D = \sigma^2/2$  and the potential  $U$  is an antiderivative to  $-f(x) = \sin x$ , i.e.  $U(x) = -\cos x$ . So

$$\rho(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(D^{-1} \cos x)$$

as claimed, with  $\kappa = 1/D = 2/\sigma^2$ .

The question does not ask us to find  $Z$ , but we can: We normalize the distribution over  $[0, 2\pi)$ , obtaining

$$Z = \int_0^{2\pi} \exp(-U(x)/D) dx = 2\pi I_0(2/\sigma^2)$$

where  $I_0(\cdot)$  is the modified Bessel function of the first kind of order 0.

For the numerical part of the exercise:

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rm(list=ls())
graphics.off()

require(SDEtools)

## Loading required package: SDEtools

xi <- seq(-pi,pi,length=101)
dx <- diff(xi)
xc <- 0.5*(tail(xi,-1)+head(xi,-1))

sigma <- 1

f <- function(x) -sin(x)
g <- function(x) sigma

u <- function(x) f(x)
D <- function(x) 0.5*sigma^2

G <- fvade(u,D,xi,'p')

## Loading required package: Matrix

rho <- StationaryDistribution(G) / diff(xi)

## Simulation

dt <- 0.01
tv <- seq(0,2000,dt)
sim <- heun(f,g,tv,0)
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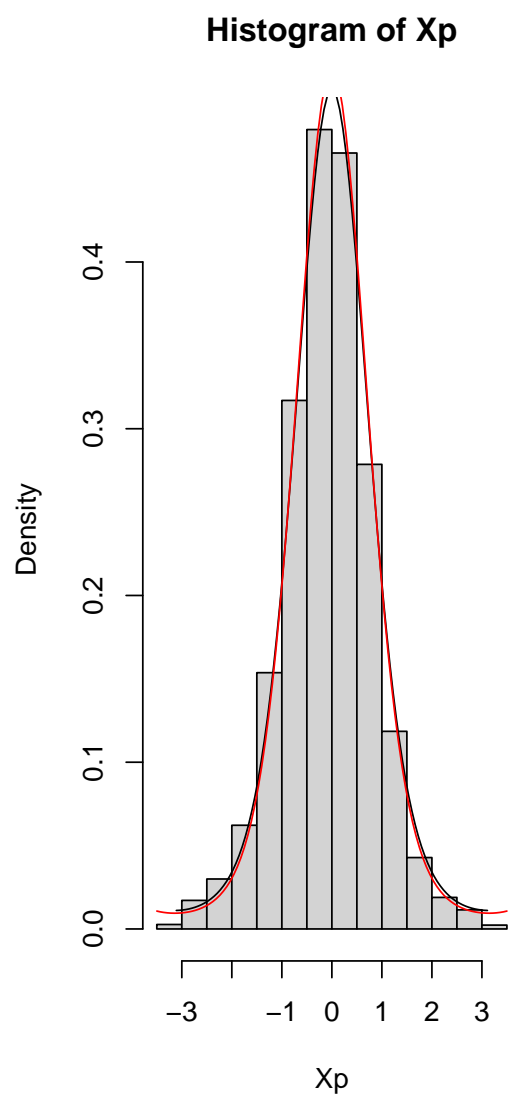
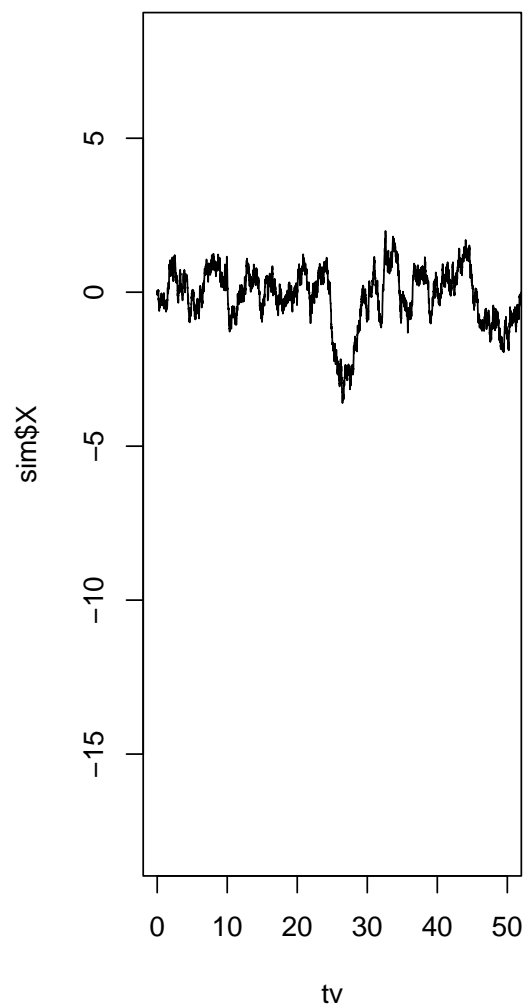
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(tv,sim$X,type="l",xlim=c(0,50))

## Project X on the interval  $[-\pi,\pi]$ 
Xp <- (sim$X + pi) %% (2*pi) - pi
hist(Xp,freq=FALSE)

lines(xc,rho)

Z <- 2*pi*besseli(2/sigma^2,0)
curve(1/Z*exp(cos(x)*2/sigma^2),add=TRUE,col="red")

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acf(sin(sim$X),type="cov",lag=1000)

h <- sin(xc)
mu <- sum(rho*h*diff(xi))

acf.theory <- Vectorize(function(ti)
  sum(rho*(h-mu)*(expm(G*ti)%*% h)*diff(xi)))

tv <- seq(0,10,0.25)
lines(tv/dt,acf.theory(tv),col="red")

## Evs
require(RSpectra)

## Loading required package: RSpectra

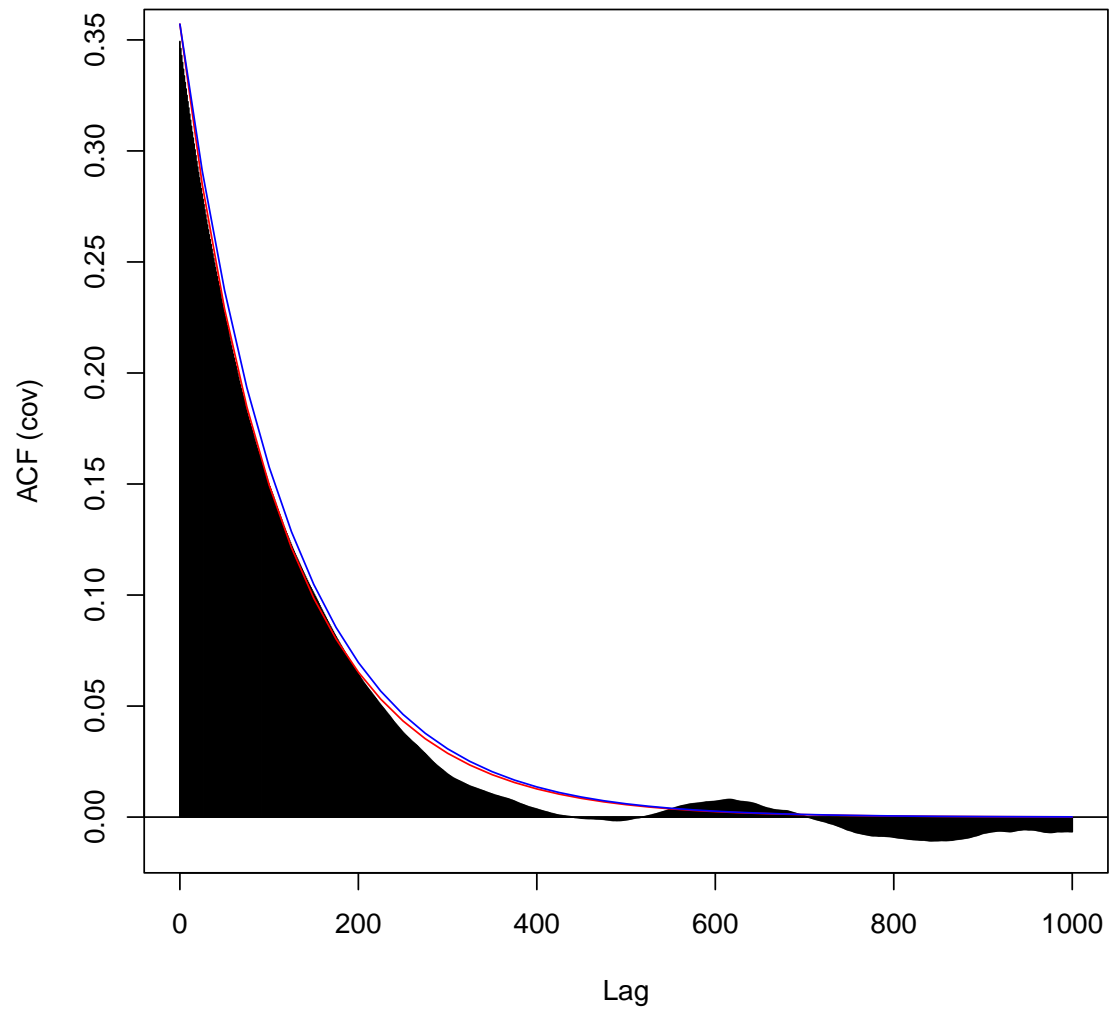
er <- eigs(G,k=4,sigma=1e-8)
el <- eigs(t(G),k=4,sigma=1e-8)

er$values <- Re(er$values)
el$values <- Re(el$values)
er$vectors <- Re(er$vectors)
el$vectors <- Re(el$vectors)

n <- nrow(G)

lambda <- -sort(abs(er$values))[2]
lines(tv/dt,acf.theory(0) * exp(lambda * tv),col="blue")

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**Series 1**

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par(mfrow=c(3,2))
for(i in 1:3)
{
  ## Extract left eigenvector
  evl <- el$vector[,4-i]
  ## Normalize to 2-norm = 1
  evl <- evl / sqrt(sum(evl^2/dx)) / dx

  ## Extract right eigenvector
  evr <- er$vector[,4-i]
  evr <- evr / max(abs(evr))

  plot(xc, evl, type="l")
  evl2 <- evr*rho
  evl2 <- evl2 * sum(evl^2)/sum(evl2*evl)
  lines(xc, evl2, col="red")
  plot(xc, evr, type="l", ylim=c(-1,1))
}

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