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The derivation of the multivariate Lévy measure for the multivariate variance gamma model was in error in the paper entitled Instantaneous Portfolio Theory.

Let $g(t)$ be a gamma process with unit mean rate and variance rate ν . Let $\beta(t)$ be a multivariate Brownian motion with mean rate μ and covariance matrix Σ .

The multivariate Variance Gamma model is the process $X(t) = \beta(g(t))$, and

$$X(t) = \mu g(t) + W(g(t))$$

where W is a correlated Brownian motion with covariance matrix Σ .

PROPOSITION 1 *The multivariate Lévy density $m(x)$ for the process $X(t)$, is given by*

$$m(x) = \frac{2 \exp(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x)}{\nu (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \left(\sqrt{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{\nu}} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(\sqrt{x^T \Sigma^{-1} x} \right)^{-n/2} \\ \times K_{n/2} \left(\sqrt{\left(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{\nu} \right) x^T \Sigma^{-1} x} \right),$$

where $K_{n/2}$ is the modified Bessel function of the second kind of order $n/2$.

Proof The process $g(t)$ is a Gamma process with Lévy measure

$$k(dy) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\nu}{y}}}{\nu y} dy.$$

The multivariate Lévy density for the process $X(t)$ is given by Sato (1999) theorem 30.1 as

$$m(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\nu} \frac{e^{-\frac{\nu}{y}}}{y} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma y|}} \\ \times \exp \left(-\frac{(x - \mu y)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu y)}{2y} \right) dy \\ = \frac{1}{\nu (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^{2+n}}} e^{-\frac{\nu}{y}} \\ \times \exp \left(-\frac{x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}{2y} + \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x - \frac{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu}{2} y \right) dy \\ = \frac{\exp(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x)}{\nu (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \int_0^\infty y^{-n/2-1} \\ \times \exp \left(-\frac{x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}{2y} - \frac{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{\nu}}{2} y \right) dy$$

On substituting

$$t = \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{\nu},$$

we find that

$$m(x) = \frac{\exp(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x)}{\nu (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \left(\frac{2}{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{\nu}} \right)^{-n/2} \int_0^\infty t^{-n/2-1} \\ \times \exp \left(-t - \frac{(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{\nu}) x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}{4t} \right) dt.$$

We now use the result

$$K_a(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z}{2} \right)^a \int_0^\infty \exp \left(-\left(t + \frac{z^2}{4t} \right) \right) t^{-a-1} dt$$

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with

$$z = \sqrt{\left(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{v}\right) x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}$$

$$a = n/2$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \frac{2 \exp(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x)}{v (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \left(\frac{2}{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{v}} \right)^{-n/2} \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\left(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{v}\right) x^T \Sigma^{-1} x}} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &\quad \times K_{n/2} \left(\sqrt{\left(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{v}\right) x^T \Sigma^{-1} x} \right) \\ &= \frac{2 \exp(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} x)}{v (2\pi)^{n/2} \sqrt{|\Sigma|}} \left(\sqrt{\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{v}} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(\sqrt{x^T \Sigma^{-1} x} \right)^{-n/2} \\ &\quad \times K_{n/2} \left(\sqrt{\left(\mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \frac{2}{v}\right) x^T \Sigma^{-1} x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

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