MATH 411 HW1

Problem 1.

Let
$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

From the definition of Normal Random Variable, we have:

$$P(X=x)=rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-rac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Thus the expectation is:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x P(X = x) dx$$

Substitute the probability density function of the normal distribution:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

Make a change of variable: let $u=rac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$, hence $du=rac{dx}{\sigma}$ and $dx=\sigma du$:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma u + \mu) rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} \sigma du$$

Separate the integral into two parts:

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma u rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} \sigma du + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} \sigma du$$

The first integral is zero because it is the integral of an odd function over a symmetric interval:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma u \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \sigma du = 0$$

The second integral simplifies to:

$$\mu\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-rac{u^2}{2}}\sigma du=\mu\cdot 1=\mu$$

Thus, the expectation is:

$$E(X) = \mu$$

Thus the variance is:

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2$$

We need to calculate $E(X^2)$:

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dx$$

Using the same substitution as before: $u=rac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$, $x=\sigma u+\mu$, and $dx=\sigma du$:

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma u + \mu)^2 rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} \sigma du$$

Expanding the squared term:

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma^2 u^2 + 2\sigma \mu u + \mu^2) rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} \sigma du$$

Breaking this into three integrals:

$$E(X^2) = \sigma^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} du + 2\sigma \mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} du + \mu^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} dv$$

The middle integral is zero (odd function over symmetric interval). The last integral equals 1 (total probability). For the first integral, we know that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-rac{u^2}{2}} du = 1$$
 (second moment of standard normal).

Therefore:

$$E(X^2) = \sigma^2 \cdot 1 + 0 + \mu^2 \cdot 1 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$$

Now we can calculate the variance:

$$Var(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \mu^2 = \sigma^2$$

Therefore, for $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$:

- \bullet $E(X) = \mu$
- $Var(X) = \sigma^2$

Problem 2.

Consider a simple class of model of the form

$$y_t = r + y_{t-1} + c_0 \epsilon_t + c_{-1} \epsilon_{t-1} + \cdots + c_{-n} \epsilon_{t-n},$$

where $\epsilon_t \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$. We want to use this model to mimic the stock market. Here, y_t represents the log-price, r represents the expected return, and ϵ_t represents the impact from the news and are independent from each other. We define the residual as $z_t = y_t - r - y_{t-1}$.

1. Calculate the expectation of log return $\mathbb{E}[y_t - y_{t-1}]$

The log return is defined as $y_t - y_{t-1}$. From the given model:

$$y_t = r + y_{t-1} + c_0 \epsilon_t + c_{-1} \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + c_{-p} \epsilon_{t-p}$$

Therefore:

$$y_t - y_{t-1} = r + y_{t-1} + c_0 \epsilon_t + c_{-1} \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + c_{-p} \epsilon_{t-p} - y_{t-1}$$

= $r + c_0 \epsilon_t + c_{-1} \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + c_{-p} \epsilon_{t-p}$

Taking the expectation:

$$\mathbb{E}[y_t - y_{t-1}] = \mathbb{E}[r + c_0 \epsilon_t + c_{-1} \epsilon_{t-1} + \dots + c_{-p} \epsilon_{t-p}]$$

= $r + c_0 \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t] + c_{-1} \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{t-1}] + \dots + c_{-p} \mathbb{E}[\epsilon_{t-p}]$

Since $\epsilon_t \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$, we have $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_t] = 0$ for all t. Therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}[y_t - y_{t-1}] = r$$

Thus, the expectation of the log return is r.

2. Suppose $y_t=r+y_{t-1}+\epsilon_t$ and $y_0=0$. Suppose we are interested in the event when $y_1>\eta$ for a threshold η to represent the scenario that the company has received good news. Calculate the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]$.

First, let's identify what z_2 is in this context:

$$z_t = y_t - r - y_{t-1}$$

So
$$z_2 = y_2 - r - y_1$$

From the given model for this part, $y_t = r + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$, we have:

$$y_1 = r + y_0 + \epsilon_1 = r + 0 + \epsilon_1 = r + \epsilon_1$$

$$y_2 = r + y_1 + \epsilon_2 = r + (r + \epsilon_1) + \epsilon_2 = 2r + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2$$

Now we can compute z_2 :

$$z_2=y_2-r-y_1=2r+\epsilon_1+\epsilon_2-r-(r+\epsilon_1)=\epsilon_2$$

So
$$z_2=\epsilon_2$$

To calculate $\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]$, we need to find $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_1>\eta]$.

Since $y_1 = r + \epsilon_1$, the condition $y_1 > \eta$ is equivalent to $\epsilon_1 > \eta - r$.

Given that ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are independent (as stated in the problem), the condition $\epsilon_1 > \eta - r$ does not affect the distribution of ϵ_2 . Therefore:

$$\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_1>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|\epsilon_1>\eta-r]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2]=0$$

Thus, the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]=0.$

3. Suppose now $y_t=r+y_{t-1}+\epsilon_t+c_{-1}\epsilon_{t-1}$, $y_0=0$, and $\epsilon_0=0$. Calculate the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]$. (You can use the $\phi(x)$ to denote the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal distribution in the answer)

First, let's identify what z_2 is in this context:

$$z_t = y_t - r - y_{t-1}$$

So
$$z_2=y_2-r-y_1$$

From the given model for this part, $y_t = r + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t + c_{-1}\epsilon_{t-1}$, we have:

$$y_1 = r + y_0 + \epsilon_1 + c_{-1}\epsilon_0 = r + 0 + \epsilon_1 + c_{-1} \cdot 0 = r + \epsilon_1$$

$$y_2 = r + y_1 + \epsilon_2 + c_{-1}\epsilon_1 = r + (r + \epsilon_1) + \epsilon_2 + c_{-1}\epsilon_1 = 2r + \epsilon_2 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_1$$

Now we can compute z_2 :

$$z_2 = y_2 - r - y_1 = 2r + \epsilon_2 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_1 - r - (r + \epsilon_1) = \epsilon_2 + c_{-1}\epsilon_1$$

To calculate $\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]$, we need to find $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2+c_{-1}\epsilon_1|y_1>\eta]$.

Since $y_1 = r + \epsilon_1$, the condition $y_1 > \eta$ is equivalent to $\epsilon_1 > \eta - r$.

We can split this expectation:

$$\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2+c_{-1}\epsilon_1|y_1>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_1>\eta]+c_{-1}\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1|y_1>\eta]$$

Since ϵ_2 is independent of ϵ_1 (and thus of y_1), we have: $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_1>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2]=0$

For the second term, we need to calculate $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1|\epsilon_1>\eta-r].$

For a normal random variable $X\sim N(0,\sigma^2)$, the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[X|X>a]$ can be derived as follows:

Step 1: By definition of conditional expectation:
$$\mathbb{E}[X|X>a]=rac{\int_a^\infty x f_X(x) dx}{P(X>a)}$$

Step 2: For a normal distribution with PDF $f_X(x)=rac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{(x)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$:

$$\mathbb{E}[X|X>a] = rac{\int_a^\infty x rac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}dx}{1-\phi(a/\sigma)}$$

Step 3: Solving the integral in the numerator using integration by parts:

$$\mathbb{E}[X|X>a] = \sigma rac{rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{(a/\sigma)^2}{2}}}{1-\phi(a/\sigma)}$$

where $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ is the standard normal probability density function and $\phi(x)=\int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}}dt$ is the standard normal cumulative distribution function.

In our case,
$$\epsilon_1 \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$$
, so: $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_1|\epsilon_1>\eta-r]=\sigma rac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{((\eta-r)/\sigma)^2}{2}}}{1-\phi((\eta-r)/\sigma)}$

$$\text{Therefore: } \mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta] = 0 + c_{-1} \cdot \sigma \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{((\eta-r)/\sigma)^2}{2}}}{1-\phi((\eta-r)/\sigma)} = c_{-1} \cdot \sigma \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{((\eta-r)/\sigma)^2}{2}}}{1-\phi((\eta-r)/\sigma)}$$

Thus, the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[z_2|y_1>\eta]=c_{-1}\cdot\sigma^{rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{((\eta-r)/\sigma)^2}{2}}}$

4. Suppose now $y_t = r + y_{t-1} + \epsilon_t + c_{-1}\epsilon_{t-1}$, $y_0 = 0$, and $\epsilon_0 = 0$. Calculate the conditional expectation of $\mathbb{E}[z_3|y_2>\eta]$ (You can use the $\phi(x)$ to denote the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal distribution in the answer).

First, let's calculate z_3 and express it in terms of the error terms.

From the given model, we have:

$$y_1 = r + y_0 + \epsilon_1 + c_{-1}\epsilon_0 = r + 0 + \epsilon_1 + c_{-1} \cdot 0 = r + \epsilon_1$$
 $y_2 = r + y_1 + \epsilon_2 + c_{-1}\epsilon_1 = r + (r + \epsilon_1) + \epsilon_2 + c_{-1}\epsilon_1 = 2r + \epsilon_2 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_1$
 $y_3 = r + y_2 + \epsilon_3 + c_{-1}\epsilon_2 = r + [2r + \epsilon_2 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_1] + \epsilon_3 + c_{-1}\epsilon_2 = 3r + \epsilon_3 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_1$

Now we can compute z_3 :

$$z_3 = y_3 - r - y_2 = 3r + \epsilon_3 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_2 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_1 - r - [2r + \epsilon_2 + (1 + c_{-1})\epsilon_3 = \epsilon_3 + c_{-1}\epsilon_2$$

To calculate $\mathbb{E}[z_3|y_2>\eta]$, we need to find $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_3+c_{-1}\epsilon_2|y_2>\eta]$.

Since $y_2=2r+\epsilon_2+(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1$, the condition $y_2>\eta$ is more complex than in the previous part.

We can split the expectation:

$$\mathbb{E}[z_3|y_2>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_3+c_{-1}\epsilon_2|y_2>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_3|y_2>\eta]+c_{-1}\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_2>\eta]$$

Since ϵ_3 is independent of ϵ_2 and ϵ_1 (and thus of y_2), we have:

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_3|y_2>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_3]=0$$

For the second term, we need to calculate $\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_2>\eta]$.

The condition
$$y_2>\eta$$
 can be rewritten as: $2r+\epsilon_2+(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1>\eta$, $\epsilon_2>\eta-2r-(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1$

This is a conditional expectation where the condition itself depends on another random variable ϵ_1 . However, since ϵ_2 is independent of ϵ_1 , we can treat this as a simple truncated normal distribution.

For a normal random variable
$$X\sim N(0,\sigma^2)$$
, the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[X|X>a]$ is: $\mathbb{E}[X|X>a]=\sigmarac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{(a/\sigma)^2}{2}}}{1-\phi(a/\sigma)}$

where $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$ is the standard normal probability density function and $\phi(x)$ is the standard normal cumulative distribution function.

In our case, with $a=\eta-2r-(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1$, we have:

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_2>\eta] = \sigma rac{rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{((\eta-2r-(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1)/\sigma)^2}{2}}}{1-\phi((\eta-2r-(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1)/\sigma)}$$

However, this expression still contains ϵ_1 , which is a random variable. The correct approach is to recognize that the condition $y_2 > \eta$ depends on both ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 , so we cannot simply apply the formula for a truncated normal distribution directly.

Since $y_2=2r+\epsilon_2+(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1$, the condition $y_2>\eta$ is equivalent to $\epsilon_2>\eta-2r-(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1$.

Given that $\epsilon_2 \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$ and is independent of ϵ_1 , we have:

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|y_2>\eta]=\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2|\epsilon_2>\eta-2r-(1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1]$$

For a standard normal random variable truncated at a point, we have the formula:

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_2 | \epsilon_2 > \eta - 2r - (1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1] = \sigma rac{\phi'((\eta - 2r - (1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1)/\sigma)}{1 - \phi((\eta - 2r - (1+c_{-1})\epsilon_1)/\sigma)}$$

Where $\phi'(x)=rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-rac{x^2}{2}}$ is the standard normal PDF.

Therefore:
$$\mathbb{E}[z_3|y_2>\eta]=0+c_{-1}\cdot\sigmarac{\phi'((\eta-2r)/\sigma)}{1-\phi((\eta-2r)/\sigma)}=c_{-1}\cdot\sigmarac{\phi'((\eta-2r)/\sigma)}{1-\phi((\eta-2r)/\sigma)}$$

Thus, the conditional expectation $\mathbb{E}[z_3|y_2>\eta]=c_{-1}\cdot\sigmarac{\phi'((\eta-2r)/\sigma)}{1-\phi((\eta-2r)/\sigma)}.$

Problem 3.

Now consider we have a collection of log prices for different companies

$$y_{i,t} = r_i + y_{i,t-1} + c_0 \epsilon_{i,t} + c_{-1} \epsilon_{i,t-1} + \dots + c_{-p} \epsilon_{i,t-p}, \quad i = 1,\dots,M,$$

where $y_{i,t}$ represents the log-price, r_i represents the expected return, and $\epsilon_{i,t}\sim N(0,\sigma_i^2)$ represents the impact from the news for the i th company, and these impacts are independent from each other. We define the residual as $z_{i,t}=y_{i,t}-r_i-y_{i,t-1}$. For r_i and σ_i , you can randomly select values as long as they are positive. (As an example for demonstration, I used

 $r_i \sim 0.05/252*(1+N(0,1))$ and $\sigma_i \sim 0.05/252*|N(0,1)|$). Use the Monte Carlo simulation to generate a sequence of N (e.g., 10^4) log prices for M (e.g., 10^3) companies. Consider the event that the company keeps receiving good news, that is, given y_i , we find τ_i such that $y_{\tau_i}-y_0>\eta$, where η is the threshold (e.g., $\log(2)$). We wish to estimate the impact of the news by calculating

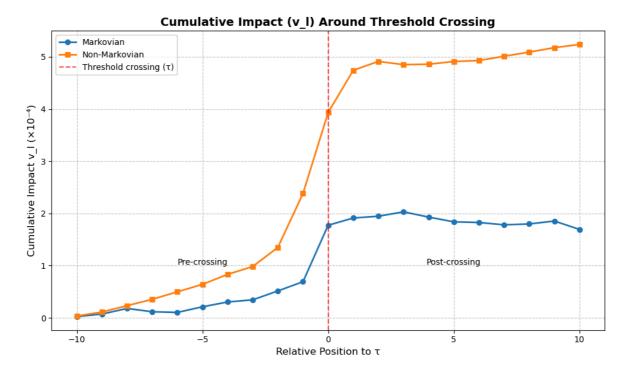
$$w_k=\sum_{j|y_{j, au_i}>\eta}z_{j,k}/\sum_{j|y_{j, au_i}>\eta}1$$
 . Then we look at $v_l=\sum_{k=1}^l w_k$ to test the

Markovian property. For convenience, we can plot v_l from au-m to au+m (e.g., m=10).

- 1. Use this model together with Monte Carlo simulation to generate a result that indicates the Markovian behavior.
- 2. Use this model together with Monte Carlo simulation to generate a result that indicates the Non-Markovian behavior.

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In [1]: import numpy as np
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from scipy.stats import norm
        np.random.seed(42)
        # Parameters
        M = 1000 # Number of companies
        N = 10000 # Number of time steps
        eta = np.log(2) # Threshold
        m = 10 # Window size for plotting
        r_i = 0.05/252 * (1 + np.random.randn(M))
        sigma_i = 0.05/252 * np.abs(np.random.randn(M))
        y = np.zeros((M, N))
        # Generate innovations (news impacts)
        epsilon = np.random.normal(0, 1, (M, N+10)) # Extra buffer for lagged to
        for i in range(M):
            epsilon[i, :] *= sigma_i[i] # Scale by company-specific volatility
        # Case 1: Markovian behavior (p=0)
        c_{markov} = [1, 0, 0] \# Only c_{0} = 1, others are 0
        y_markov = np.zeros((M, N))
        for t in range(1, N):
            y_{markov}[:, t] = r_i + y_{markov}[:, t-1] + c_{markov}[0] * epsilon[:, t]
        z_markov = np.zeros_like(y_markov)
        for t in range(1, N):
            z_{markov}[:, t] = y_{markov}[:, t] - r_i - y_{markov}[:, t-1]
        tau_markov = np.zeros(M, dtype=int)
        for i in range(M):
            exceeds = np.where(y_markov[i, :] - y_markov[i, 0] > eta)[0]
            tau_markov[i] = exceeds[0] if len(exceeds) > 0 else N-1
        companies_exceed = np.where(np.array([y_markov[i, tau_markov[i]] - y_mark
        w_markov = np.zeros(2*m+1)
        v markov = np.zeros(2*m+1)
        for l in range(2*m+1):
            k = l - m # Relative position to tau
            w_sum = 0
            count = 0
            for j in companies_exceed:
                tau = tau_markov[j]
                if 0 <= tau+k < N:
                    w_sum += z_markov[j, tau+k]
                    count += 1
            w_{markov}[l] = w_{sum} / max(1, count)
            if l > 0:
                v_markov[l] = v_markov[l-1] + w_markov[l]
            else:
                v_markov[l] = w_markov[l]
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# Case 2: Non-Markovian behavior (p>0)
c_{non_{markov}} = [1, 0.7, 0.2] \# c_{0} = 1, c_{-1} = 0.7, c_{-2} = 0.2
y_non_markov = np.zeros((M, N))
for t in range(1, N):
   y non markov[:, t] = r i + y non markov[:, t-1] + c non markov[0] * e
   for p in range(1, len(c_non_markov)):
       if t-p >= 0:
           y_non_markov[:, t] += c_non_markov[p] * epsilon[:, t-p]
z_non_markov = np.zeros_like(y_non_markov)
for t in range(1, N):
    z_non_markov[:, t] = y_non_markov[:, t] - r_i - y_non_markov[:, t-1]
tau_non_markov = np.zeros(M, dtype=int)
for i in range(M):
   exceeds = np.where(y_non_markov[i, :] - y_non_markov[i, 0] > eta)[0]
   tau_non_markov[i] = exceeds[0] if len(exceeds) > 0 else N-1
companies_exceed = np.where(np.array([y_non_markov[i, tau_non_markov[i]])
w_non_markov = np.zeros(2*m+1)
v non markov = np.zeros(2*m+1)
for l in range(2*m+1):
    k = l - m # Relative position to tau
   w_sum = 0
   count = 0
   for j in companies exceed:
       tau = tau_non_markov[j]
       if 0 <= tau+k < N:
           w_sum += z_non_markov[j, tau+k]
           count += 1
   w_non_markov[l] = w_sum / max(1, count)
   if l > 0:
       v_non_markov[l] = v_non_markov[l-1] + w_non_markov[l]
   else:
       v_non_markov[l] = w_non_markov[l]
# Plot v_l for both cases
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
# Use a more intuitive x-axis that shows relative position to tau
x_axis = np.arange(-m, m+1)
plt.axvline(x=0, color='red', linestyle='--', alpha=0.7, label='Threshold
plt.title('Cumulative Impact (v_l) Around Threshold Crossing', fontsize=1
plt.xlabel('Relative Position to \tau', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Cumulative Impact v_l (x10-4)', fontsize=12)
plt.legend(fontsize=10, framealpha=0.9)
plt.grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.7)
plt.annotate('Pre-crossing', xy=(-m/2, max(v_markov * 10**4)/2),
            xytext=(-m/2, max(v_markov * 10**4)/2), ha='center', fontsiz'
plt.annotate('Post-crossing', xy=(m/2, max(v_markov * 10**4)/2),
            xytext=(m/2, max(v_markov * 10**4)/2), ha='center', fontsize
plt.xticks(np.arange(-m, m+1, 5))
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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In []: