

Inference on the Second Moment Structure of High-Dimensional Sensor-Type Data in a K - Sample Setting

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In this talk we consider K high-dimensional vector time series $\mathbf{Y}_{T,1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_{T,K}$ generated by independently working stations $j = 1, \dots, K$ of sensors within a time interval $[0, T]$ for some $T > 0$. Here the sensors located in different stations may collect and transmit data at distinct sampling frequencies $\omega_j \in [0, 1]$, such that the resulting sample sizes given by $N_j = \lfloor \omega_j T \rfloor$ may also be different.

Projections $\mathbf{w}'_T \mathbf{Y}_{T,j}$ based on such high-dimensional time series with some appropriate weighting vector \mathbf{w}_T appear naturally in many statistical procedures and applications, such as the Principal Component Analysis and Portfolio Optimization, and are a common method of dealing with high-dimensional data sets. Taking the data of all K stations into account, quadratic forms (and more generally bilinear forms) based on the pooled sample variance-covariance matrix need to be analyzed in order to draw inference on the variance of these projections.

Within the high-dimensional framework where not only the time horizon T shall go to infinity but also the dimension d_T of the data is allowed to grow with the time horizon we establish a new strong approximation result for the càdlàg process

$$\mathcal{D}_T(t_1, \dots, t_K) = \frac{1}{\sum_{l=1}^K N_l} \mathbf{v}'_T (S_{T, \lfloor t_1 N_1 \rfloor, \dots, \lfloor t_K N_K \rfloor} - E(S_{T, \lfloor t_1 N_1 \rfloor, \dots, \lfloor t_K N_K \rfloor})) \mathbf{w}_T,$$

for $t_1, \dots, t_K \in [0, 1]$, where $S_{T, k_1, \dots, k_K} = \sum_{j=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^{k_j} \mathbf{Y}_{T,j} \mathbf{Y}'_{T,j}$, $k_j \leq N_j$, $j = 1, \dots, K$, and $\mathbf{v}_T, \mathbf{w}_T$ are uniformly ℓ_1 - bounded weighting vectors. In particular, without any constraints on the ratio of dimension and sample sizes, we receive the strong approximation

$$\sup_{t_1, \dots, t_K \in [0, 1]} \left| \mathcal{D}_T(t_1, \dots, t_K) - \sum_{j=1}^K \alpha_{T,j} B_T^{(j)} \left(\frac{\lfloor t_j N_j \rfloor}{\sum_l N_l} \right) \right| = o(1), \quad T \rightarrow \infty,$$

by the scaled sum of independent Brownian motions $\{B_T^{(j)}(t_j) : t_j \in [0, 1]\}$ with variances $\alpha_{T,j}^2$, $j = 1, \dots, K$. Moreover, we will show that a similar result also holds for an increasing (and possibly infinite) amount, L_T , of bilinear forms based on the pooled sample variance-covariance matrix. These approximation results are therefore also applicable in situations where the dimension d_T grows much faster

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than the sample sizes N_j and the time horizon T .

As an application of the strong approximation results we will deal with a change in variance problem, where, under the null hypothesis of no change, the data $\mathbf{Y}_{T,j,1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_{T,j,N_j}$ is supposed to form a stationary d_T - dimensional vector time series with mean zero and variance - covariance matrix $\Sigma_{T,0}^{(j)}$, which can either be known or unknown.

Lastly, we conduct a simulation study in order to illustrate the finite sample performance of our change-point test statistic.

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