### LIKELIHOOD APPROXIMATIONS FOR BIG NONSTATIONARY SPATIAL TEMPORAL LATTICE DATA

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#### Supplementary Material

## S1 Proof of Matrix Approximation

**Theorem 1.** If  $A(u, \omega)$  is d+1 times continuously differentiable in  $\omega$  for every u, then

$$\|\Delta_{\mathbf{n}}(A) - K_{\mathbf{n}}(A)\|_F^2 = O(n^{1-1/d}).$$

*Proof.* The covariance matrix  $\Delta_n(A)$  has entries

$$\Delta_{\boldsymbol{n}}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) = \frac{(2\pi)^d}{n} \sum_{\boldsymbol{j} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\boldsymbol{n}}} A(\boldsymbol{x}/\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{\omega_j}) A^*(\boldsymbol{y}/\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{\omega_j}) \exp(i\boldsymbol{\omega_j'}(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})).$$

Define  $f_{x,y}(\omega) = A(x/n, \omega)A^*(y/n, \omega)$  (the dependence of f on n is suppressed). Since  $A(u, \omega)$  is d+1 times continuously differentiable in  $\omega$  for every u, we can write

$$f_{m{x},m{y}}(m{\omega}) = \sum_{m{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{m{x},m{y}}(m{k}) \exp(im{\omega}'m{k})$$

with  $c_{x,y}(k) \leq T(\max_j |k_j|)^{-d-1}$  for  $k \neq 0$  for some  $T < \infty$  (Körner, 1989). Then

$$K_{n}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^{d}} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k} \in \mathbb{T}^{d}} c_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{k}) \exp(i\boldsymbol{\omega}'(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})) d\boldsymbol{\omega} = c_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x}).$$

Similarly,

$$\Delta_{\boldsymbol{n}}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}) = \frac{(2\pi)^d}{n} \sum_{\boldsymbol{j} \in \mathbb{Z}_n} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{k}) \exp(i\boldsymbol{\omega}_{\boldsymbol{j}}'(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}),$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n} = (\ell_1 n_1, \dots, \ell_d n_d)$ . Therefore

$$\Delta_{m{n}}(m{x},m{y}) - K_{m{n}}(m{x},m{y}) = \sum_{m{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus m{0}} c_{m{x},m{y}}(m{y} - m{x} + m{\ell} \circ m{n}).$$

The difference in Frobenius norm is

$$\|\Delta_{\boldsymbol{n}} - K_{\boldsymbol{n}}\|_F^2 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left(\Delta_{\boldsymbol{n}}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) - K_{\boldsymbol{n}}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})\right)^2 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left(\sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \boldsymbol{0}} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n})\right)^2,$$

where  $\sum_{x,y}$  denotes  $\sum_{x\in\mathbb{Z}_n}\sum_{y\in\mathbb{Z}_n}$ . We partition the inner sum into two parts,

$$\mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \mathbf{0} = \{ \boldsymbol{\ell} : |\ell_j| \le 1 \,\forall j \} \setminus \mathbf{0} \cup \{ \boldsymbol{\ell} : |\ell_j| > 1 \text{ for some } j \}$$
$$= S_1 \cup S_2$$

Then we rewrite

$$\|\Delta_{\boldsymbol{n}} - K_{\boldsymbol{n}}\|_F^2 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{S_1} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}) + \sum_{S_2} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}) \right)^2$$

$$\leq 2 \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{S_1} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}) \right)^2 + 2 \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{S_2} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}) \right)^2$$

$$= 2R_1 + 2R_2$$

Treating  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  separately,

$$R_1 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in S_1} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}) \right)^2$$

$$\leq (3^d - 1) \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in S_1} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n})^2,$$

since  $S_1$  contains  $3^d - 1$  terms. Therefore,

$$R_1 \le (3^d - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_1} \sum_{x,y} \frac{T^2}{\max_j |y_j - x_j + \ell_j n_j|^{2d+2}}.$$

Recall that for every  $\ell \in S_1$ ,  $|l_j| = 1$  for at least one j, call this  $j_{\ell}$ .

$$R_{1} \leq (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \sum_{x,y} \frac{T^{2}}{|y_{j_{\ell}} - x_{j_{\ell}} + n_{j_{\ell}}|^{2d+2}}$$

$$= (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \frac{n}{n_{j_{\ell}}} \sum_{y=1}^{n_{j_{\ell}}} \sum_{x=1}^{n_{j_{\ell}}} \frac{T^{2}}{|y - x + n_{j_{\ell}}|^{2d+2}}$$

$$= (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \frac{n}{n_{j_{\ell}}} \sum_{h=-n_{j_{\ell}}+1}^{n_{j_{\ell}}-1} (n_{j_{\ell}} - |h|) \frac{T^{2}}{|h + n_{j_{\ell}}|^{2d+2}}$$

$$\leq (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \frac{n}{n_{j_{\ell}}} \sum_{h=-n_{j_{\ell}}+1}^{n_{j_{\ell}}-1} \frac{T^{2}}{(n_{j_{\ell}} - |h|)^{2d+1}},$$

where the last inequality follows because  $n_j - |h| \le |n_j + h|$ .

$$R_1 \le (3^d - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_1} \frac{n}{n_{j_{\ell}}} \left[ \frac{T^2}{n_{j_{\ell}}} + 2 \sum_{h=1}^{n_{j_{\ell}} - 1} \frac{T^2}{(n_{j_{\ell}} - h)^{2d+1}} \right].$$

Reversing the order of the second sum gives

$$R_{1} \leq (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \frac{n}{n_{j_{\ell}}} \left[ \frac{T^{2}}{n_{j_{\ell}}} + 2 \sum_{h=1}^{n_{j_{\ell}}-1} \frac{T^{2}}{h^{2d+1}} \right]$$

$$\leq (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \frac{n}{n_{j_{\ell}}} \left[ \frac{T^{2}}{n_{j_{\ell}}} + 2 \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{T^{2}}{h^{2d+1}} \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{n}{n_{1}} (3^{d} - 1) \sum_{\ell \in S_{1}} \left[ \frac{T^{2}}{n_{1}} + 2 \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \frac{T^{2}}{h^{2d+1}} \right].$$

The second sum in the last expression converges for every  $\ell \in S_1$ , and  $S_1$  has a finite number of elements, so  $R_1 = O(n/n_1) = O(n^{1-1/d})$ .

Proceeding with  $R_2$ ,

$$R_2 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in S_2} c_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{\ell} \circ \boldsymbol{n}) \right)^2$$

$$\leq \sum_{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in S_2} \frac{T}{\max_j |y_j - x_j + \ell_j n_j|^{d+1}} \right)^2.$$

Express the set  $S_2 = \bigcup_{k=2}^{\infty} B_k$ , where  $B_k = \{\ell : \max_j |\ell_j| = k\}$ . The set  $B_k$  contains

$$|B_k| = \sum_{i=1}^d \binom{d}{j} \left[ (2k)^{d-j} - (-1)^j (2k)^{d-j} \right]$$

elements, which is a polynomial in k of degree d-1, which we call  $P_{d-1}(k)$ . Then

$$R_2 \leq \sum_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in B_k} \frac{T}{\max_j |y_j - x_j + \ell_j n_j|^{d+1}} \right)^2$$
$$\leq \sum_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}} \left( \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\ell} \in B_k} \frac{T}{((k-1)n_1)^{d+1}} \right)^2,$$

since  $|y_j - x_j| < n_j$  and  $n_1 \le n_j$  for every j. Finally,

$$R_2 \le n_1^{-2d-2} \sum_{x,y} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{T P_{d-1}(k)}{k^{d+1}} \right)^2.$$

The sum over k converges, and the sum over  $\boldsymbol{x}$  and  $\boldsymbol{y}$  contains  $n^2$  terms, so  $R_2 = O(n^2 n_1^{-2d-2}) = O(n^{-2/d})$ .

Therefore 
$$\|\Delta_{n} - K_{n}\|_{F}^{2} = O(n^{1-1/d})$$
, the size of  $R_{1}$ .

## S2 Nearly Exact Simulation

Due to the integral representation of the locally stationary processes we study, exact simulation is not possible, but we describe how to efficiently produce nearly exact simulations. Let J denote an integer and define  $\omega_{1j} = 2\pi j/(Jn_1)$  and  $\omega_{2k} = 2\pi k/(Jn_2)$ . If  $Z(\omega_{1j}, \omega_{2k})$  are uncorrelated complex normal random variables, and J is sufficiently large, then

$$Y_{n,J}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{J^2 n_1 n_2}} \sum_{j=1}^{Jn_1} \sum_{k=1}^{Jn_2} A(x/n, \omega_{1j}, \omega_{2k}) \exp(i(\omega_{1j}, \omega_{2k})'x) Z(\omega_{1j}, \omega_{2k})$$

is a good approximation to  $Y_n(x)$ , and can be computed efficiently in  $O(Jn \log(Jn))$  floating point operations with a two-dimensional fast Fourier transform. We have found J=8 to be sufficiently large in all of our simulations.

# S3 Histograms for Square Root Transformation

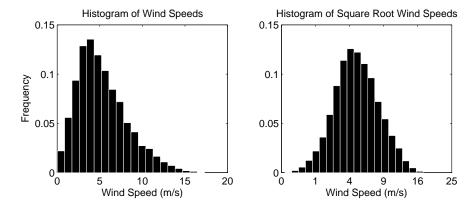


Figure 1: Histograms of wind speeds and square root wind speeds.

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