

ERROR CALCULUS :
the language of
DIRICHLET FORMS.

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Intuitive notion of error structures

Let us consider a quantity C able to be measured by an experimental device which result exhibits an error denoted by ΔC . We will consider that those quantities are represented by random variables generally correlated .

WE ARE INTERESTED IN ERROR PROPAGATION

Probabilistic approach :

It is required to know the joint law of the pair $(C, \Delta C)$ to model the experiment. Thus the study of error transmission is associated to the calculus of images of probability measures. Unfortunately, the knowledge of the law of ΔC given C by means of experiment is practically impossible. For pragmatic purposes, we adopt the following assumptions :

Intermediate approach :

H₁ : We will suppose that the conditional variance $var[\Delta C | C]$ is known and that $\mathbb{E}[\Delta C | C] = 0$.

H₂ : We assume that the errors are small to allow the simplification usually performed by engineers and to use classical differential calculus. Thus $\Delta C = \varepsilon Y$ where Y is a bounded random variable and ε a size parameter.

If f, g are in $C^3(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ with bounded derivatives, using Taylor's formula it follows that :

1)

$$\text{var}[\Delta f(C) | C] = f'^2(C)\text{var}[\Delta C | C] + \varepsilon^3 o(1)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\Delta f(C) | C] = \frac{1}{2}f''(C)\text{var}[\Delta f(C) | C] + \varepsilon^3 o(1).$$

2)

$$\text{var}[\Delta(g \circ f(C)) | C] = g'^2(f(C))\text{var}[\Delta f(C) | C] + \varepsilon^3 o(1)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\Delta(g \circ f(C)) | C] = g'(f(C))\mathbb{E}[\Delta f(C) | C] + \frac{1}{2}g''(f(C))\text{var}[\Delta f(C) | C] + \varepsilon^3 o(1).$$

We can see that the calculus on the variances is a first order calculus and does not involve the biases when the calculus on the biases is of the second order and involves the variances.

On the space $(\mathbb{R}, \text{Bor}(\mathbb{R}), \text{law of } C)$, we introduce the operator Γ^C , called the quadratic error operator, defined by

$$\Gamma^C[f](x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{var}[\Delta f(C) \mid C = x]}{\varepsilon^2}.$$

Γ^C naturally polarizes into a bilinear, symmetric, positive operator fulfilling the following functional calculus : If $F \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ with bounded partial derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^C[F(f, g)] &= F_1'^2(f, g)\Gamma^C[f] + F_2'^2(f, g)\Gamma^C[g] \\ &\quad + 2F_1'(f, g)F_2'(f, g)\Gamma^C[f, g]. \end{aligned}$$

Propagation "à la Gauss" (1821)

The term $(\mathbb{R}, \text{Bor}(\mathbb{R}), \text{loi de } C, \Gamma^C)$ is called an error structure.

AN EXTENSION TOOL

From now on, an error structure is a term $(W, \mathcal{W}, m, \mathbb{D}, \Gamma)$ where (W, \mathcal{W}, m) is a probability space, \mathbb{D} is a dense vector subspace of $L^2(m)$ and Γ is a positive symmetric bilinear map from $\mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$ into $L^1(m)$ fulfilling :

- 1) the functional calculus of class $C^1 \cap Lip$ i.e. if $U = (U_1, \dots, U_n) \in \mathbb{D}^n$, $F \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Lip$ then $F(U_1, \dots, U_n) \in \mathbb{D}$ and

$$\Gamma[F(U_1, \dots, U_n)] = \sum_{i,j} F'_i(U) F'_j(U) \Gamma[U_i, U_j],$$

- 2) $1 \in \mathbb{D}$ (this implies that $\Gamma[1] = 0$),
- 3) the bilinear form $\mathcal{E}[F, G] = \frac{1}{2} \int \Gamma[F, G] dm$ defined on $\mathbb{D} \times \mathbb{D}$ is closed i.e. \mathbb{D} is complete under the norm

$$\| \cdot \|_{\mathcal{E}} = (\| \cdot \|_{L^2(m)}^2 + \mathcal{E}[\cdot])^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

We always write $\Gamma[F]$ for $\Gamma[F, F]$ and $\mathcal{E}[F]$ for $\mathcal{E}[F, F]$.

From the hypotheses mentioned above, \mathcal{E} is a local Dirichlet form and Γ its associated squared field operator.

COMMENTS

- Natural extension of the intuitive notion (property 1)
- Image and products are quite natural
- Property (3) ensures that the domain \mathbb{D} is preserved by Lipschitz functions : if F is a contraction then for $U \in \mathbb{D}$ one has $F(U) \in \mathbb{D}$ and

$$\Gamma[F(U)] \leq \Gamma[U].$$

- Without other hypotheses we have a calculus on biases.

EXAMPLE

Ornstein-Uhlenbeck structure in dimension 1

$$(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), m = \mathcal{N}(0, 1), H^1(m), \Gamma[u] = u'^2)$$

Images and Infinite Products

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Let $S = (W, \mathcal{W}, m, \mathbb{D}, \Gamma)$ be an error structure and $U : (W, \mathcal{W}) \rightarrow (E, \mathcal{B}(E))$ a random variable with values in a general metric space E .

We want to define the image of S by U .

We consider a set \mathcal{A} of maps from E into \mathbb{R} such that :

- i) \mathcal{A} is a dense vector subspace of $L^2(U_*m)$,
- ii) $\forall G \in C_K^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ and $F \in \mathcal{A}$ then $G(F) \in \mathcal{A}$,
- iii) $\forall F \in \mathcal{A}$, $F(U) \in \mathbb{D}$.

The bilinear form $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A},U}$ defined on \mathcal{A} by $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A},U}[F] = \mathcal{E}[F(U)]$ can be extended to a domain $\mathbb{D}_{\mathcal{A},U}$ such that $(\mathbb{D}_{\mathcal{A},U}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A},U})$ is a Dirichlet form with a squared field operator denoted by $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A},U}$. The error structure

$$U_*^{(\mathcal{A})}S = (E, \mathcal{B}(E), U_*m, \mathbb{D}_{\mathcal{A},U}, \Gamma_{\mathcal{A},U})$$

is the image of S by U with respect to \mathcal{A} .

It is called the **D-law of U with respect to \mathcal{A}** .

Remark : In general such a definition depends on the choice of \mathcal{A} .

When $(E, \langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle)$ is a separable Hilbert space, additional hypotheses on U make this definition be canonical : we set

$$\mathcal{A} = \{F = f(\langle x_1, \cdot \rangle, \dots, \langle x_p, \cdot \rangle; p \in \mathbb{N}^*, \\ (x_1, \dots, x_p) \in E^p, f \in C^1 \cap Lip(\mathbb{R}^p)\},$$

and for an orthonormal basis $\beta = (e_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ we define

$$\mathcal{A}_\beta = \{F = f(\langle e_1, \cdot \rangle, \dots, \langle e_p, \cdot \rangle; p \in \mathbb{N}^*, \\ (e_1, \dots, e_p) \in \beta, f \in C^1 \cap Lip(\mathbb{R}^p)\}.$$

If $U \in \mathbb{D}_H$ (vectorial domain of a dirichlet form in the sense of Feyel, de La Pradelle) we have

$$U_*^{(\mathcal{A})} S = U_*^{(\mathcal{A}_\beta)} S.$$

Infinite products

Let $S_n = (W_n, \mathcal{W}_n, m_n, \mathbb{D}_n, \Gamma_n)$, $n \geq 0$, be a family of error structures. The product structure

$$(W, \mathcal{W}, m, \mathbb{D}, \Gamma) = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n$$

is defined by $(W, \mathcal{W}, m) = (\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} W_n, \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{W}_n, \otimes_{n=0}^{\infty} m_n)$ with an explicit domain \mathbb{D} and $\forall F \in \mathbb{D}$,

$$\Gamma[F] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_n[F]$$

where Γ_n acts on the n -th argument of F .

From the error structures in dimension 1, it is easy to provide, using the preceding operations, error structures on usual spaces of stochastic processes e.g on Wiener space

Example : The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck structure on Wiener space.

- We set $B = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous and } f(0) = 0\}$, B' its topological dual space, and ν the Wiener measure.

We consider a product error structure

$$S = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} S_n$$

where $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$,

$$S_n = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), m = \mathcal{N}(0, 1), H^1(m), \Gamma[u] = u'^2).$$

- We define

$$Z^0 : (t \rightarrow \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \int_0^t \phi_n(s) ds \cdot g_n)$$

with the g'_n s being the coordinate mappings of S and where $(\phi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ is an orthonormal basis of $L^2([0, 1], dx) = H$

We set

$$\mathcal{A} = \{F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n); n \in \mathbb{N}, (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in B' \text{ et } F \in C^1 \cap Lip\}.$$

We denote by

$$S^0 = (B, \mathcal{B}(B), \nu, \mathbb{D}_0, \Gamma_0)$$

the image of S by Z^0 with respect to \mathcal{A} . This is the **Ornstein-Uhlenbeck structure** on B .

We can see that for $f = F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \mathcal{A}$:

$$\Gamma_0[f] = \sum_{i,j=1}^n \partial_i F \partial_j F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) a_{i,j}$$

where the coefficients $a_{i,j}$ are independent of F .

This structure is very important, it is a natural and simple way to introduce the so-called Malliavin calculus : there exists an operator $\nabla : \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow L^2(\nu; H)$ such that

$$\Gamma_0[F] = \|\nabla[F]\|_{L^2([0,1], dx)}^2 \cdot$$

∇ is none other than the gradient in the Malliavin sense with an adjoint that extend the Ito integral.

THE BLACK-SCHOLES MODEL

Let us denote by r the interest rate of the bond. The asset (S_t) is modeled as the solution to the equation

$$dS_t = S_t(rdt + \sigma dB_t)$$

in such a way that the discounted stock price is a martingale. For an European option with payoff $f(S_1)$ the value of the simulating portfolio V_t at time t is

$$V_t = F(t, S_t, \sigma, r)$$

where

$$F(t, x, \sigma, r) = e^{-r(T-t)} \int f \left(x e^{(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})(T-t) + \sigma y \sqrt{T-t}} \right) \frac{e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dy.$$

If f is borel with linear growth, F is regular and we can define the following quantities :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{delta}_t &= \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(t, S_t, \sigma, r) \\ \text{gamma}_t &= \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}(t, S_t, \sigma, r). \end{aligned}$$

There are two parameters in B & S model :

-the volatility σ (finite dimensional parameter)

-The brownian motion $(B_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ defined on the Wiener space (functional parameter).

By statistical methods, we want to associate to σ and to the B.M error structures that will express the precision of our knowledge on this parameters.

- For σ , an historical observation of stock prices provides naturally an error structure via the concept of **FISHER INFORMATION**.

Cf N.Bouleau et Ch.Chorro, "Error structure and parameter estimation", note C.R.A.S, February 2004.

- For the **B.M** the preceding method is meaningless. As the classical C.L.T explains the importance of the normal law in practical applications we are going to prove convergence theorems that give a natural structure on the Wiener space.

D-independence, Convergence in D-law

In this section $S = (W, \mathcal{W}, m, \mathbb{D}, \Gamma)$ is fixed.

Here we extend the notion of independence and convergence in distribution to error structures.

Let $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be random variables from W into E and \mathcal{A} a set such that $(U_n)_*^{(\mathcal{A})} S$ is well defined.

D-independence

U_1 and U_2 are said to be D-independent if

$$(U_1)_*^{(\mathcal{A})} S \otimes (U_2)_*^{(\mathcal{A})} S = (U_1, U_2)_*^{(\mathcal{A})} S.$$

Convergence in D-law

We say that $(U_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converge in D-law with respect to \mathcal{A} if there exists an error structure $\tilde{S} = (E, \mathcal{B}(E), p, \tilde{\mathbb{D}}, \tilde{\Gamma})$ such that :

- i) $(U_n)_* m \rightarrow p$ in distribution in E ,
- ii) $\mathcal{A} \subset \tilde{\mathbb{D}}$ and $\forall F \in \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{E}[F(U_n)] \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{E}}[F]$.

Convergence theorem

A central limit theorem for hilbert-valued random variables

Let us suppose that (U_n) is a sequence in \mathbb{D}_H of Dirichlet-independent random variables with the same Dirichlet-law. If we suppose that U_1 has zero mean and a covariance operator denoted by Σ then, $V_n = \frac{U_1 + \dots + U_n}{\sqrt{n}}$ converge in Dirichlet-law with respect to \mathcal{A} toward $\tilde{S} = (H, \mathcal{B}(H), \nu, \tilde{\mathbb{D}}, \tilde{\Gamma})$ where

i) ν is a gaussian measure on H with zero mean and covariance operator Σ ,

ii) $\forall F \in \mathcal{A}$, $F = f(\langle x_1, \cdot \rangle, \dots, \langle x_p, \cdot \rangle) \in \tilde{\mathbb{D}}$ and

$$\tilde{\Gamma}[F] = \sum_{i,j=1}^p \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} (\langle x_1, \cdot \rangle, \dots, \langle x_p, \cdot \rangle) a_{i,j}$$

where $a_{i,j} = \mathcal{E}[\langle x_i, U_1 \rangle, \langle x_j, U_1 \rangle]$,

iii) $(\mathcal{A}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}})$ is closable and we denote by $(\tilde{\mathbb{D}}, \tilde{\mathcal{E}})$ its smallest closed extension.

An extension of the Donsker's theorem

Here we suppose that (U_n) is a sequence of random variables in \mathbb{D} , Dirichlet-independent with the same Dirichlet-law. For $t \in [0, 1]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we put

$$X_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{[nt]} U_k + (nt - [nt]) U_{[nt]+1} \right)$$

where $[nt]$ is the interger part of nt .

According to Donsker's theorem the process X_n converges in distribution toward ν in B .

If we put $\pi_t : f \in B \rightarrow f(t)$ and

$$\mathcal{A} = \{F(\pi_{t_1}, \dots, \pi_{t_n}); n \in \mathbb{N}, (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in [0, 1]^n$$

$$\text{and } F \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap Lip\},$$

we have the following extension

X_n converges in Dirichlet-law with respect to \mathcal{A} toward the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck structure on B .

Black and Scholes (II)

If we simulate the brownian motion by means of random walks, the natural error structure expressing the precision of the method is the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck structure on B .

We obtain the following results :

$$\Gamma_0[S_t, S_s] = S_s S_t (s \wedge t)$$

$$\Gamma_0[V_s, V_t] = \text{delta}_s \text{delta}_t \Gamma_0[S_s, S_t]$$

$$\Gamma_0[H_t, H_s] = \text{gamma}_s \text{gamma}_t \Gamma_0[S_s, S_t].$$

- Extension of the calculus of Greeks.
- Error on $\int_0^1 e^{-rs} H_s S_s ds$
- General diffusion models.