

**SUPPLEMENT TO “ON THE ESTIMATION OF  
INTEGRATED COVARIANCE MATRICES OF HIGH  
DIMENSIONAL DIFFUSION PROCESSES”**

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The proposition/lemma/equation numbers below refer to the main article Zheng and Li (2010).

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 4. By (2.5) and (2.6), for any  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\frac{\int_0^t \sigma_s^{(j)} \sigma_s^{(k)} d\langle W^{(j)}, W^{(k)} \rangle_s}{\sqrt{\int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(j)})^2 ds \cdot \int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(k)})^2 ds}} = r^{(jk)} \frac{\int_0^t \sigma_s^{(j)} \sigma_s^{(k)} ds}{\sqrt{\int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(j)})^2 ds \cdot \int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(k)})^2 ds}} = \rho^{(jk)},$$

i.e., for any  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\frac{\rho^{(jk)}}{r^{(jk)}} = \frac{\int_0^t \sigma_s^{(j)} \sigma_s^{(k)} ds/t}{\sqrt{\int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(j)})^2 ds/t \cdot \int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(k)})^2 ds/t}}.$$

Letting  $t \downarrow 0$ , using the l’Hospital’s rule and noting that  $\sigma_t^{(j)}$  are càdlàg, we see that

$$\frac{\rho^{(jk)}}{r^{(jk)}} = \frac{\sigma_0^{(j)} \sigma_0^{(k)}}{\sqrt{(\sigma_0^{(j)})^2 \cdot (\sigma_0^{(k)})^2}} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad -1.$$

Therefore for all  $t \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$\left| \int_0^t \sigma_s^{(j)} \sigma_s^{(k)} ds \right| = \sqrt{\int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(j)})^2 ds \cdot \int_0^t (\sigma_s^{(k)})^2 ds}.$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, this holds only if  $\sigma_s^{(j)}$  and  $\sigma_s^{(k)}$  are proportional to each other. Therefore, almost surely, there exists a scalar process  $\gamma_t \in D([0, 1]; \mathbb{R})$  and a  $p$ -dimensional vector  $(\sigma^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma^{(p)})^T$  such that

$$(\sigma_t^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma_t^{(p)})^T = \gamma_t \cdot (\sigma^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma^{(p)})^T.$$

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Now we show that  $\mathbf{X}_t := (X_t^{(j)})$  belongs to Class  $\mathcal{C}$ . In fact one can always find a  $p$ -dimensional standard Brownian motion  $\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_t$  such that

$$\mathbf{W}_t = R^{1/2} \widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_t,$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_t = (W_t^{(1)}, \dots, W_t^{(p)})^T$ ,  $R$  is the (constant) correlation matrix of  $\mathbf{W}_t$ , and  $R^{1/2}$  stands for its square root matrix. Hence, writing  $\mu_t = (\mu_t^{(1)}, \dots, \mu_t^{(p)})^T$ , we have

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = \mu_t dt + \text{diag}(\sigma_t^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma_t^{(p)}) d\mathbf{W}_t = \mu_t dt + \gamma_t \cdot \text{diag}(\sigma^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma^{(p)}) R^{1/2} d\widetilde{\mathbf{W}}_t.$$

□

Next, we give a detailed explanation of the second statement in Remark 3, namely, if  $w_s \not\equiv \int_0^1 w_t dt$  on  $[0, 1)$ , then except in the trivial case when  $H$  is a delta measure at 0, the LSD  $F^w \neq F$ , where  $F$  is the LSD in Proposition 1 determined by  $H(\cdot / \int_0^1 w_t dt)$ . The reason is as follows: firstly, for any  $w = (w_s)$ , the family of distributions  $\{F^{cw} : c > 0\}$  is a scale family, i.e., for any  $x \geq 0$ ,  $F^{cw}(x) = F^w(x/c)$ . Hence it suffices to show that for any  $w$  such that  $0 < w_s \not\equiv 1$  on  $[0, 1)$  and  $\int_0^1 w_s ds = 1$ ,  $F^w \neq F$ . In fact,  $F^w = F$  if and only if  $m_{F^w}(z) = m_F(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}_+$ , and by the uniqueness of the solution to the equation (1.3), this can be true only if  $M(z) = -1/z \cdot (1 - y(1 + zm(z)))$ . Suppose this is true, then by (3.28),  $(1 + zm(z))/\widetilde{m}(z) = 1 - y(1 + zm(z))$ , or,  $1/(1 + y\widetilde{m}(z)) = (1 + zm(z))/\widetilde{m}(z) = 1 - y(1 + zm(z))$ . By (3.23), the last equation implies that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + y\widetilde{m}(z)w_s} ds = \frac{1}{1 + y\widetilde{m}(z)}.$$

Since both sides are analytical in  $\widetilde{m}(z)$ , we get

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + uw_s} ds = \frac{1}{1 + u}, \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathbb{C} \text{ such that } \text{Re}(u) > 0.$$

In particular, focusing on  $u > 0$ , multiplying both sides by  $u$ , letting  $u \rightarrow \infty$  and applying the monotone convergence theorem to the left hand side yield

$$(5.1) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{1}{w_s} ds = 1.$$

However, by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, since  $\int_0^1 w_s ds = 1$ , (5.1) holds only if  $w_s \equiv 1$  on  $[0, 1)$ . □

Now we give the proofs of the various lemmas in Section 3.1

PROOF OF LEMMA 1. For notational ease we shall omit the superscript  $p$ , and write  $\mathbf{v}_\ell = \mathbf{v}_\ell^{(p)}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_\ell = \mathbf{w}_\ell^{(p)}$ , and  $v_\ell^{(p,j)} = v_\ell^{(j)}$  etc. For each  $p$ , set  $A = A_p = (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n + \mathbf{w}_n)$ , and  $B = B_p = (\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_n)$ . Then  $\tilde{S}_n = AA^T$ , and  $S_n = BB^T$ . By Lemma 2.7 of Bai (1999),

$$(L(F^{\tilde{S}_n}, F^{S_n}))^4 \leq \frac{2}{p^2} \operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)^T) \cdot \operatorname{tr}(\tilde{S}_n + S_n).$$

By condition (ii),  $\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)(\mathbf{v}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n)^T) \leq np \cdot \varepsilon_p^2$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{tr}(\tilde{S}_n) &= \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^p (v_\ell^{(j)} + w_\ell^{(j)})^2 \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^p (v_\ell^{(j)})^2 + 2 \sum_{\ell=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^p (w_\ell^{(j)})^2 \\ &\leq 2np \cdot \varepsilon_p^2 + 2 \operatorname{tr}(S_n). \end{aligned}$$

The conclusion follows since  $\varepsilon_p = o(1/\sqrt{p})$  and hence  $o(1/\sqrt{n})$ .  $\square$

REMARK 4. When applying this lemma to conclude that in Proposition 5 the drift terms are negligible, the  $\mathbf{v}_\ell$ 's are  $\int_{\tau_{n,\ell-1}}^{\tau_{n,\ell}} \mu_t dt$ , whose entries are  $O(1/n) = o(1/\sqrt{p})$ . Similar remark applies to Proposition 8.

PROOF OF LEMMA 3. Let  $A = UDU^*$  be the eigen-decomposition of  $A$ , where  $D = \operatorname{diag}(d_j)$  with  $d_j \geq 0$ . Then  $(wA + I)^{-1} = U(wD + I)^{-1}U^*$ , and

$$\|(wA + I)^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\min_j |wd_j + 1|} \leq 1.$$

$\square$

Lemma 5 can be proved similarly.

PROOF OF LEMMA 4. The proof relies on the following three facts: for any  $p \times p$  matrices  $C$  and  $D$ ,

- (1)  $|\operatorname{tr}(CD)| \leq \sqrt{\operatorname{tr}(CC^*) \cdot \operatorname{tr}(DD^*)} \leq p \cdot \|C\| \cdot \|D\|$ ;
- (2) if  $C$  and  $D$  are invertible, then  $C^{-1} - D^{-1} = C^{-1}(D - C)D^{-1}$ ;
- (3)  $\|CD\| \leq \|C\| \cdot \|D\|$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &|\operatorname{tr}(B((w_1A + I)^{-1} - (w_2A + I)^{-1}))| \\ &\leq p \cdot \|B\| \cdot \|(w_1A + I)^{-1}\| \cdot \|(w_1 - w_2)A\| \cdot \|(w_2A + I)^{-1}\|. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3 we see that (i) holds.

As to (ii),

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\mathbf{q}^* B(w_1 A + I)^{-1} \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{q}^* B(w_2 A + I)^{-1} \mathbf{q}| \\
&= |\mathbf{q}^* B(w_1 A + I)^{-1} ((w_1 - w_2) A) (w_2 A + I)^{-1} \mathbf{q}| \\
&\leq \|B\| \cdot \|(w_1 A + I)^{-1} ((w_1 - w_2) A) (w_2 A + I)^{-1}\| \cdot |\mathbf{q}|^2 \\
&\leq \|B\| \cdot |w_1 - w_2| \cdot \|A\| \cdot |\mathbf{q}|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we used Lemma 3 again.  $\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA 6. Since  $-1/z = i/v$ , it suffices to show that  $1 + \tau \mathbf{q}^* (A - zI)^{-1} \mathbf{q} \in Q_1$ . In fact, let  $A = UDU^*$  be the eigen-decomposition of  $A$  with  $D = \text{diag}(d_j)$  and  $d_j \geq 0$ . Then  $\mathbf{q}^* (A - zI)^{-1} \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}^* U \text{diag}(1/(d_j - iv)) U^* \mathbf{q}$ . Let  $\mathbf{q}^* U = (w_1, \dots, w_p)$ . Then

$$(5.2) \quad \text{Re}(\mathbf{q}^* (A - zI)^{-1} \mathbf{q}) = \sum_j |w_j|^2 d_j / (d_j^2 + v^2) \geq 0,$$

and

$$\text{Im}(\mathbf{q}^* (A - zI)^{-1} \mathbf{q}) = \sum_j |w_j|^2 v / (d_j^2 + v^2) \geq 0.$$

$\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA 7. This is by direct calculation. Using the fact that for any two invertible matrices  $C$  and  $D$ ,  $C^{-1} + D^{-1} = C^{-1}(C + D)D^{-1}$ , and plugging in  $z = iv$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Re}(\text{tr}(A(B - zI)^{-1} A^*)) &= \frac{\text{tr}(A(B - ivI)^{-1} A^* + A(B + ivI)^{-1} A^*)}{2} \\
&= \frac{\text{tr}(A(B - ivI)^{-1} (2B)(B + ivI)^{-1} A^*)}{2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The last term is nonnegative because the matrix inside the trace function is Hermitian nonnegative definite. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Im}(\text{tr}(A(B - zI)^{-1} A^*)) &= \frac{\text{tr}(A(B - ivI)^{-1} A^* - A(B + ivI)^{-1} A^*)}{2i} \\
&= \frac{\text{tr}(A(B - ivI)^{-1} (2ivI)(B + ivI)^{-1} A^*)}{2i} \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

$\square$

PROOF OF LEMMA 8. Suppose otherwise that there exist  $z_1 = a + ib \neq z_2 = c + id$  with  $a, b, c, d \geq 0$  such that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + z_1 w_s} ds - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + z_2 w_s} ds = (z_2 - z_1) \int_0^1 \frac{w_s}{(1 + z_1 w_s)(1 + z_2 w_s)} ds = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$(5.3) \quad \int_0^1 \frac{w_s(1 + \bar{z}_1 w_s)(1 + \bar{z}_2 w_s)}{|1 + z_1 w_s|^2 |1 + z_2 w_s|^2} ds = 0.$$

Let us first study the imaginary part. We have that

$$\text{Im}((1 + \bar{z}_1 w_s)(1 + \bar{z}_2 w_s)) = -(b + d)w_s - (ad + bc)w_s^2 \leq 0,$$

hence in order for (5.3) to hold, it has be that  $b = d = 0$ . It follows that

$$\text{Re}((1 + \bar{z}_1 w_s)(1 + \bar{z}_2 w_s)) = 1 + (a + c)w_s + acw_s^2 \geq 1,$$

contradicting (5.3). □

Finally we prove Proposition 7. The proof uses the following Lemma which is of some independent interest.

LEMMA 10. *Suppose that  $X_t$  is a one dimensional diffusion process satisfying*

$$dX_t = \mu_t dt + \sigma_t dW_t, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

*and there exist constants  $C_\mu, c_\sigma, C_\sigma$  such that*

$$|\mu_t| \leq C_\mu, \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < c_\sigma \leq |\sigma_t| \leq C_\sigma < \infty, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, 1] \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

*Suppose further that the observation times (not necessarily independent of  $X_t$ !)  $0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \dots < \tau_n = 1$  satisfy*

$$\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} n|\tau_i - \tau_{i-1}| \leq C_\Delta < \infty.$$

*Then the realized volatility  $[X, X]_1 := \sum_{i=1}^n |X_{\tau_i} - X_{\tau_{i-1}}|^2$  satisfies*

$$P \left( \sqrt{n} \left| [X, X]_1 - \int_0^1 \sigma_t^2 dt \right| \geq x \right) \leq \sqrt{2} \exp(3C_\mu^2/(2c_\sigma^2)) \cdot \exp(-x^2/(16C_\sigma^4 C_\Delta^2))$$

*for all  $0 \leq x \leq C_\sigma^2 C_\Delta \sqrt{n}$ .*

PROOF. The proof makes use of Lemma 3 in Fan, Li and Yu (2010) and the Girsanov Theorem. Denote  $A(x) = A_n(x) = \{\sqrt{n}|[X, X]_1 - \int_0^1 \sigma_t^2 dt| \geq x\}$ . Define

$$Z_t = \exp\left(-\int_0^t \frac{\mu_s}{\sigma_s} dW_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{\mu_s^2}{\sigma_s^2} ds\right), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

which is a martingale (under  $P$ ), and define a measure  $\tilde{P}$  via Radon - Nikodym derivative  $d\tilde{P}/dP|_{\mathcal{F}_t} = Z_t$ . Then under measure  $\tilde{P}$ ,  $X_t$  satisfies

$$dX_t = \sigma_t d\tilde{W}_t,$$

where  $\tilde{W}_t$  is a standard Brownian-motion under  $\tilde{P}$ . Hence by Lemma 3 in Fan, Li and Yu (2010),

$$\tilde{P}(A(x)) \leq 2 \exp(-x^2/(8C_\sigma^4 C_\Delta^2)), \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq x \leq C_\sigma^2 C_\Delta \sqrt{n}.$$

Now by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$P(A(x)) = \tilde{E}(\mathbf{1}_{A(x)} \cdot 1/Z_1) \leq \sqrt{\tilde{P}(A(x)) \cdot \tilde{E}(1/Z_1^2)},$$

where  $\tilde{E}$  stands for the expectation taken under measure  $\tilde{P}$ . However, by a similar argument as in the proof of Lemma 3 of Fan, Li and Yu (2010) (namely, firstly using a time-change for martingales and then applying the optional sampling theorem) one gets that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}(1/Z_1^2) &= \tilde{E} \exp\left(2 \int_0^1 \frac{\mu_s}{\sigma_s} d\tilde{W}_s + \int_0^1 \frac{\mu_s^2}{\sigma_s^2} ds\right) \\ &\leq \tilde{E} \exp\left(2\tilde{B} C_\mu^2/c_\sigma^2 + C_\mu^2/c_\sigma^2\right) = \exp(3C_\mu^2/c_\sigma^2), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{B}$  is a Brownian-motion under  $\tilde{P}$  resulted from the time change of the martingale  $\int_0^t \mu_s/\sigma_s d\tilde{W}_s$ . The conclusion follows.  $\square$

PROOF OF PROPOSITION 7. It suffices to show that  $(\text{tr}(\Sigma_p^{RCV}) - \text{tr}(\Sigma_p))/p \rightarrow 0$  almost surely. By Lemma 10, there exist constants  $c, C_1, C_2 > 0$  such that for all  $1 \leq j \leq p$  and  $0 \leq x \leq c\sqrt{n}$ ,

$$P(\sqrt{n}|\Sigma_{p;jj}^{RCV} - \Sigma_{p;jj}| > x) \leq C_1 \exp\{-C_2 x^2\}.$$

Hence for any  $0 < \varepsilon < c$  and for all  $p$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\left|\frac{\text{tr}(\Sigma_p^{RCV}) - \text{tr}(\Sigma_p)}{p}\right| \geq \varepsilon\right) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^p P(|\Sigma_{p;jj}^{RCV} - \Sigma_{p;jj}| \geq \varepsilon) \\ &\leq p \cdot C_1 \exp(-C_2 \varepsilon^2 \cdot n). \end{aligned}$$

The almost sure convergence then follows from the Borel-Cantelli Lemma.  $\square$

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