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DiffusionRgqd-package *A package for Performing Inference and Analysis on Generalized Quadratic Diffusion Processes (GQDs).*

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## Description

**DiffusionRgqd** is a toolbox for performing analysis and inference on a class of diffusion processes with quadratic drift and diffusion. The package consists of functions for performing likelihood based inference and transitional density approximations for both 1D and 2D GQDs. For scalar diffusions, a module is provided for solving first passage time problems for both time homogeneous and time inhomogeneous GQDs.

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The package is designed around an interface whereby the user supplies standard R-functions dictating the functional form of the coefficients of the GQD. For example, for scalar GQDs nested within the stochastic differential equation:

$$dX_t = (G_0(t) + G_1(t)X_t + G_2(t)X_t^2)dt + \sqrt{Q_0(t) + Q_1(t)X_t + Q_2(t)X_t^2}dW_t,$$

the user supplies  $G_0(t), G_1(t)$  and  $Q_1(t)$  etc. These coefficients may depend on a both vector of parameters and time. The package handles all the necessary mathematics and algorithmic construc-

tion. Furthermore, computational efficiency is optimized by constructing algorithms in C++ using the **Rcpp** and **RcppArmadillo** libraries.

Functions included in the package:

|                             |   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| <code>BiGQD.density</code>  | : | Generate the transitional density of a 2D GQD.                                       |
| <code>BiGQD.mcmc*</code>    | : | Conduct inference via MCMC on a 2D GQD.  |
| <code>BiGQD.mle*</code>     | : | Calculate MLEs for a 2D GQD.   |
| <code>GQD.density</code>    | : | Generate the transitional density of a 1D GQD.                                       |
| <code>GQD.mcmc*</code>      | : | Conduct inference via MCMC on a 1D GQD.  |
| <code>GQD.mle*</code>       | : | Calculate MLEs for a 1D GQD.   |
| <code>GQD.passage*</code>   | : | Approximate the first passage time density of a time homogeneous GQD to a barrier.   |
| <code>GQD.TIpassage*</code> | : | Approximate the first passage time density of a time-inhomogeneous GQD to a barrier. |

\* Functions use C++.

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## See Also

`BiGQD.mcmc`, `BiGQD.mle`, `GQD.mcmc`, `GQD.dic`, `GQD.mle`, `GQD.remove`, `GQD.passage`, `GQD.TIpassage` and `GQD.density`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
example(GQD.density)
example(BiGQD.density)

## End(Not run)
```

`BiGQD.density`

*Generate the Transition Density of a Bivariate Generalized Quadratic Diffusion Model (2D GQD).*

## Description

BiGQD.density generates approximate transitional densities for bivariate generalized quadratic diffusions (GQDs). Given a starting coordinate, (Xs, Ys), the approximation is evaluated over a lattice Xt x Yt for an equispaced discretization (intervals of width delt) of the transition time horizon [s, t].

BiGQD.density() approximates the transitional density of jump diffusions of the form:

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)d\mathbf{W}_t$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) &= \sum_{i+j \leq 2} a_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j, \\ \mu^{(2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) &= \sum_{i+j \leq 2} b_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X_t, Y_t, t)\boldsymbol{\sigma}'(X_t, Y_t, t) = (\gamma^{(i,j)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t))_{i,j=1,2}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma^{(1,1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) &= \sum_{i+j \leq 2} c_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j, \\ \gamma^{(1,2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) &= \sum_{i+j \leq 2} d_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j, \\ \gamma^{(2,1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) &= \sum_{i+j \leq 2} e_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j, \\ \gamma^{(2,2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) &= \sum_{i+j \leq 2} f_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j.\end{aligned}$$

## Usage

```
BiGQD.density(Xs, Ys, Xt, Yt, s, t, delt=1/100, Dtype='Saddlepoint', print.output=TRUE,
                eval.density=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Xt           | x-Coordinates of the lattice at which to evaluate the transition density.   |
| Yt           | y-Coordinates of the lattice at which to evaluate the transition density.   |
| Xs           | Initial x-coordinate.   |
| Ys           | Initial y-coordinate.   |
| s            | Starting time of the diffusion.   |
| t            | Final time at which to evaluate the transition density.   |
| delt         | Step size for numerical solution of the cumulant system. Also used for the discretization of the transition time-horizon. See warnings [1] and [2]. |
| Dtype        | The density approximant to use. Valid types are "Saddlepoint" (default) or "Edgeworth".   |
| print.output | If TRUE information about the model and algorithm is printed to the console.  |
| eval.density | If TRUE, the density is evaluated in addition to calculating the moment eqns.   |

## Details

`BiGQD.density` constructs an approximate transition density for a class of quadratic diffusion models. This is done by first evaluating the trajectory of the cumulants/moments of the diffusion numerically as the solution of a system of ordinary differential equations over a time horizon  $[s, t]$  split into equi-distant points `delt` units apart. Subsequently, the resulting cumulants/moments are carried into a density approximant (by default, a saddlepoint approximation) in order to evaluate the transition surface.

## Value

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>density</code>   | 3D Array containing approximate density values. Note that the 3rd dimension represents time.                            |
| <code>Xmarginal</code> | 2D Array containing approximate Xt-marginal density values (calculated using the univariate saddlepoint approximation). |
| <code>Ymarginal</code> | 2D Array containing approximate Yt-marginal density values (calculated using the univariate saddlepoint approximation). |
| <code>Xt</code>        | Copy of x-coordinates.  |
| <code>Yt</code>        | Copy of y-coordinates.  |
| <code>time</code>      | A vector containing the time mesh at which the density was evaluated.   |
| <code>cumulants</code> | A matrix giving the cumulants of the diffusion. Cumulants are indicated by row-names.                                   |

## Warning

**Warning [1]:** The system of ODEs that dictate the evolution of the cumulants do so approximately. Thus, although it is unlikely such cases will be encountered in inferential contexts, it is worth checking (by simulation) whether cumulants accurately replicate those of the target GQD. Furthermore, it may in some cases occur that the cumulants are indeed accurate whilst the density approximation fails. This can again be verified by simulation.

**Warning [2]:** The parameter `delt` is also used as the stepsize for solving a system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) that govern the evolution of the cumulants of the diffusion. As such `delt` is required to be small for highly non-linear models in order to ensure sufficient accuracy.

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## See Also

See [BiGQD.mcmc](#) and [BiGQD.mle](#) for likelihood based inference procedures for bivariate GQDs.

## Examples

```
#=====
# Generate the transition density of a stochastic perturbed Lotka-Volterra
# predator-prey model, with state-dependent volatility:
# dX = (1.5X-0.4*X*Y)dt +sqrt(0.05*X)dWt
# dY = (-1.5Y+0.4*X*Y-0.2*Y^2)dt +sqrt(0.10*Y)dBt
#-----

# Remove any existing coefficients
GQD.remove()

# Define the X dimension coefficients
a10 = function(t){1.5}
a11 = function(t){-0.4}
c10 = function(t){0.05}

# Define the Y dimension coefficients
b01 = function(t){-1.5}
b11 = function(t){0.4}
b02 = function(t){-0.2}
f01 = function(t){0.1}

# Approximate the transition density
res = BiGQD.density(5,5,seq(3,8,length=25),seq(2,6,length=25),0,10,1/100)

#-----
# Visualize the density
#-----

par(ask=FALSE)
# Load simulated trajectory of the joint expectation:
data(SDEsim3)
attach(SDEsim3)

# We will simulate some trajectories (crudely) as well:
N=1000; delt= 1/100 # 1000 trajectories
```

```

X1=rep(5,N)           # Initial values for each trajectory
X2=rep(5,N)

for(i in 1:1001)
{
  # Apply Euler-Murayama scheme to the LV-model
  X1=pmax(X1+(a10(d)*X1+a11(d)*X1*X2)*delt+sqrt(c10(d)*X1)*rnorm(N, sd=sqrt(delt)),0)
  X2=pmax(X2+(b01(d)*X2+b11(d)*X1*X2+b02(d)*X2^2)*delt+sqrt(f01(d)*X2)*rnorm(N, sd=sqrt(delt)),0)

  # Now illustrate the density:
  filled.contour(res$Xt,res$Yt,res$density[,,i],
  main=paste0('Transition Density \n (t = ',res$time[i],')'),
  color.palette=colorRampPalette(c('white','green','blue','red'))
  ,xlab='Prey',ylab='Preditor',plot.axes=
  {
    # Add simulated trajectories
    points(X2~X1,pch=20,col='grey47',cex=0.01)
    # Add trajectory of simulated expectation
    lines(my~mx,col='grey57')
    # Show the predicted expectation from BiGQD.density()
    points(res$cumulants[5,i]~res$cumulants[1,i],bg='white',pch=21,cex=1.5)
    axis(1);axis(2);
    # Add a legend
    legend('topright',lty=c('solid',NA,NA),col=c('grey57','grey47','black'),
           pch=c(NA,20,21),legend=c('Simulated Expectation','Simulated Trajectories',
           'Predicted Expectation'))
  })
}

=====

```

BiGQD.mcmc

*MCMC Inference on Bivariate Generalized Quadratic Diffusions (2D GQDs).*

## Description

BiGQD.mcmc() uses parametrised coefficients (provided by the user as R-functions) to construct a C++ program in real time that allows the user to perform Bayesian inference on the resulting diffusion model. Given a set of starting parameters and other input parameters, a MCMC chain is returned for further analysis.

BiGQD.density() approximates the transitional density of jump diffusions of the form:

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)d\mathbf{W}_t$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} a_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\mu^{(2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} b_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X_t, Y_t, t) \boldsymbol{\sigma}'(X_t, Y_t, t) = (\gamma^{(i,j)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t))_{i,j=1,2}$$

such that

$$\gamma^{(1,1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} c_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\gamma^{(1,2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} d_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\gamma^{(2,1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} e_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\gamma^{(2,2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} f_{ij}(t) X_t^i Y_t^j.$$

## Usage

```
BiGQD.mcmc(X, time, mesh=10, theta, sds, updates, burns=min(round(updates/2),25000),
             RK.order=4, exclude=NULL, plot.chain=TRUE, Tag=NA, Dtype='Saddlepoint',
             recycle=FALSE, rtf=runif(2), wrt=FALSE, print.output=TRUE, palette = "mono")
```

## Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| X          | A matrix containing rows of data points to be modelled. Although observations are allowed to be non-equidistant, observations in both dimensions are assumed to occur at the same time epochs (i.e. time gives the time signature for both dimensions).  |
| time       | A vector containing the time epochs at which observations were made.   |
| mesh       | The number of mesh points in the time discretization.  |
| theta      | The parameter vector of the process. theta are taken as the starting values of the MCMC chain and gives the dimension of the parameter vector used to calculate the DIC. Care should be taken to ensure that each element in theta is in fact used within the coefficient-functions, otherwise redundant parameters will be counted in the calculation of the DIC. |
| sds        | Proposal distribution standard deviations. That is, for the i-th parameter the proposal distribution is $\sim Normal(..., sds[i]^2)$ .   |
| updates    | The number of MCMC updates/iterations to perform (including burn-in).  |
| burns      | The number of MCMC updates/iterations to burn.   |
| exclude    | Vector indicating which transitions to exclude from the analysis. Default = NULL.  |
| plot.chain | If = TRUE (default), a trace plot of the MCMC chain will be made along with a trace of the acceptance rate.  |
| RK.order   | The order of the Runge-Kutta solver used to approximate the trajectories of cumulants. Must be 4 (default) or 10.  |
| Tag        | Tag can be used to name (tag) an MCMC run e.g. Tag='Run_1'   |

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Dtype        | The density approximant to use. Valid types are "Saddlepoint" (default), "Edgeworth" or "Normal".               |
| recycle      | Whether or not to recycle the roots calculated for the saddlepoint approximation over successive updates.       |
| rtf          | Starting vector for internal use.   |
| wrt          | If TRUE a .cpp file will be written to the current directory. For bug report diagnostics.                       |
| print.output | If TRUE information about the model and algorithm is printed to the console.                                    |
| palette      | Colour palette for drawing trace plots. Default palette = 'mono', otherwise a qualitative palette will be used. |

### Value

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| par.matrix                   | A matrix containing the MCMC chain on theta.                                  |
| acceptence.rate              | A vector containing the acceptance rate of the MCMC at every iteration.       |
| model.info                   | A list of variables pertaining to inference calculations.                     |
| model.info\$elapsed.time     | The runtime, in h/m/s format, of the MCMC procedure (excluding compile time). |
| model.info\$time.homogeneous | 'No' if the model has time-homogeneous coefficients and 'Yes' otherwise.      |
| model.info\$p                | The dimension of theta.   |
| model.info\$DIC              | Calculated Deviance Information Criterion.                                    |
| model.info\$pd               | Effective number of parameters (see model.info\$DIC).                         |

### Syntactical jargon

**Synt. [1]:** The coefficients of the 2D GQD may be parameterized using the reserved variable `theta`. For example:

```
a00 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+sin(2*pi*(t-theta[3])))}.
```

**Synt. [2]:** Due to syntactical differences between R and C++ special functions have to be used when terms that depend on `t`. When the function cannot be separated into terms that contain a single `t`, the `prod(a,b)` function must be used. For example:

```
a00 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}.
```

Here `sqrt(t)*cos(3*pi*t)` constitutes the product of two terms that cannot be written i.t.o. a single `t`. To circumvent this issue, one may use the `prod(a,b)` function.

**Synt. [3]:** Similarly, the `^` - operator is not overloaded in C++. Instead the `pow(x,p)` function may be used to calculate  $x^p$ . For example  $\sin(2\pi t)^3$  in:

```
a00 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*pow(sin(2*pi*t),3))}.
```

### Warning

**Warning [1]:** The parameter `mesh` is used to discretize the transition horizons between successive observations. It is thus important to ensure that `mesh` is not too small when large time differences are present in `time`. Check output for `max(dt)` and divide by `mesh`.

## Note

**Note [1]:** When `plot.chain` is TRUE, a trace plot is created of the resulting MCMC along with the acceptance rate at each update. This may save time when scrutinizing initial MCMC runs.

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## See Also

`GQD.remove`, `BiGQD.mle`, `GQD.mcmc`, `GQD.mle`, `GQD.passage` and `GQD.TIpassage`.

## Examples

```
#=====
# This example simulates a bivariate time homogeneous diffusion and shows how
# to conduct inference using BiGQD.mcmc(). We fit two competing models and then
# use the output to select a winner.
#-----

data(SDEsim2)
data(SDEsim2)
attach(SDEsim2)
# Have a look at the time series:
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',ylim=c(2,10),main='Simulated Data',xlab='Time (t)',ylab='State',
      axes=FALSE)
lines(Yt~time,col='red')
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2(Y[t]-X[t])*dt+0.3*sqrt(X[t]*Y[t])*dW[t])
expr2=expression(dY[t]==(5-Y[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(Y[t])*dB[t])
text(50,9,expr1)
text(50,8.5,expr2)
```

```

axis(1,seq(0,100,5))
axis(1,seq(0,100,5/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)
axis(2,seq(0,20,2))
axis(2,seq(0,20,2/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)

#-----
# Define the coefficients of a proposed model
#-----
GQD.remove()
a00 <- function(t){theta[1]*theta[2]}
a10 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
c00 <- function(t){theta[3]*theta[3]}

b00 <- function(t){theta[4]}
b01 <- function(t){-theta[5]}
f00 <- function(t){theta[6]*theta[6]}

theta.start <- c(3,3,3,3,3,3)
prop.sds   <- c(0.15,0.16,0.04,0.99,0.19,0.04)
updates    <- 50000
X          <- cbind(Xt,Yt)

# Define prior distributions:
priors=function(theta){dunif(theta[1],0,100)*dunif(theta[4],0,100)}

# Run the MCMC procedure
m1=BiGQD.mcmc(X,time,10,theta.start,prop.sds,updates)

#-----
# Remove old coefficients and define the coefficients of a new model
#-----
GQD.remove()
a10 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
a01 <- function(t){theta[1]*theta[2]}
c11 <- function(t){theta[3]*theta[3]}

b00 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[5]}
b01 <- function(t){-theta[4]}
f01 <- function(t){theta[6]*theta[6]}

theta.start <- c(3,3,3,3,3,3)
prop.sds   <- c(0.16,0.02,0.01,0.18,0.12,0.01)

# Define prior distributions:
priors=function(theta){dunif(theta[1],0,100)*dunif(theta[4],0,100)}

# Run the MCMC procedure
m2=BiGQD.mcmc(X,time,10,theta.start,prop.sds,updates)

# Compare estimates:
GQD.estimates(m1)
GQD.estimates(m2)

```

```
#-----
# Compare the two models
#-----

GQD.dic(list(m1,m2))

=====

```

---

BiGQD.mle*Calculate Maximum Likelihood Estimates for a 2D GQD Model.*

---

**Description**

BiGQD.mle() uses parametrised coefficients (provided by the user as R-functions) to construct a C++ program in real time that allows the user to perform maximum likelihood inference on the resulting diffusion model.

BiGQD.density() approximates the transitional density of jump diffusions of the form:

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}_t, t)d\mathbf{W}_t$$

where

$$\mu^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} a_{ij}(t)X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\mu^{(2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} b_{ij}(t)X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X_t, Y_t, t)\boldsymbol{\sigma}'(X_t, Y_t, t) = (\gamma^{(i,j)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t))_{i,j=1,2}$$

such that

$$\gamma^{(1,1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} c_{ij}(t)X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\gamma^{(1,2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} d_{ij}(t)X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\gamma^{(2,1)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} e_{ij}(t)X_t^i Y_t^j,$$

$$\gamma^{(2,2)}(\mathbf{X}_t, t) = \sum_{i+j \leq 2} f_{ij}(t)X_t^i Y_t^j.$$

**Usage**

```
BiGQD.mle(X, time, mesh=10, theta, control=NULL, method='Nelder-Mead', RK.order=4,
exclude=NULL, Tag=NA, Dtype='Saddlepoint', rtf= runif(2,-1,1), wrt=FALSE,
print.output=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| X            | A matrix containing rows of data points to be modelled. Though observations are allowed to be non-equidistant, observations in both dimensions are assumed to occur at the same time epochs. |
| time         | A vector containing the time epochs at which observations were made.   |
| mesh         | The number of mesh points in the time discretisation.  |
| theta        | The parameter vector starting values.  |
| control      | List of control variables to be used by <a href="#">optim</a> .  |
| method       | Method to be used by <a href="#">optim</a> .   |
| exclude      | Vector indicating which transitions to exclude from the analysis. Default = NULL.  |
| RK.order     | The order of the Runge-Kutta solver used to approximate the trajectories of cumulants. Must be 4 (default) or 10.  |
| Tag          | Tag can be used to name (tag) an MCMC run e.g. Tag='Run_1'   |
| Dtype        | The density approximant to use. Valid types are "Saddlepoint" (default), "Edgeworth" or "Normal".  |
| rtf          | Starting vector for internal use.  |
| wrt          | If TRUE a .cpp file will be written to the current directory. For bug report diagnostics.  |
| print.output | If TRUE information about the model and algorithm is printed to the console.   |

## Value

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| opt                          | The output from optim.  |
| model.info                   | A list of variables pertaining to inference calculations.                     |
| model.info\$elapsed.time     | The runtime, in h/m/s format, of the MCMC procedure (excluding compile time). |
| model.info\$time.homogeneous | 'No' if the model has time-homogeneous coefficients and 'Yes' otherwise.      |
| model.info\$p                | The dimension of theta.   |

## Syntactical jargon

**Synt. [1]:** The coefficients of the 2D GQD may be parameterized using the reserved variable theta. For example:

```
a00 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+sin(2*pi*(t-theta[3])))}.
```

**Synt. [2]:** Due to syntactical differences between R and C++ special functions have to be used when terms that depend on t. When the function cannot be separated in to terms that contain a single t, the prod(a,b) function must be used. For example:

```
a00 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}.
```

Here  $\sqrt{t} \cdot \cos(3\pi t)$  constitutes the product of two terms that cannot be written i.t.o. a single t. To circumvent this issue, one may use the prod(a,b) function.

**Synt. [3]:** Similarly, the  ${}^{\wedge}$  - operator is not overloaded in C++. Instead the pow(x,p) function may be used to calculate  $x^p$ . For example  $\sin(2\pi t)^3$  in:

```
a00 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*pow(sin(2*pi*t),3))}.
```

## Warning

**Warning [1]:** The parameter `mesh` is used to discretize the transition horizons between successive observations. It is thus important to ensure that `mesh` is not too small when large time differences are present in `time`. Check output for `max(dt)` and divide by `mesh`.

**Warning [2]:** Note that minus the likelihood is minimized, as such the `optim` output (`hessian`) needs to be adjusted accordingly if used for calculating confidence intervals. Furthermore, `GQD.mle` may be temperamental under certain conditions

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## See Also

`GQD.remove`, `BiGQD.mcmc`, `GQD.mcmc`, `GQD.mle`, `GQD.passage` and `GQD.TIpassage`.

## Examples

```
#=====
# This example simulates a bivariate time homogeneous diffusion and shows how
# to conduct inference using BiGQD.mle(). We fit two competing models and then
# use the output to select a winner.
#-----

data(SDEsim2)
data(SDEsim2)
attach(SDEsim2)
# Have a look at the time series:
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',ylim=c(2,10),main='Simulated Data',xlab='Time (t)',ylab='State',
      axes=FALSE)
lines(Yt~time,col='red')
```

```

expr1=expression(dX[t]==2(Y[t]-X[t])*dt+0.3*sqrt(X[t]*Y[t])*dW[t])
expr2=expression(dY[t]==(5-Y[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(Y[t])*dB[t])
text(50,9,expr1)
text(50,8.5,expr2)
axis(1,seq(0,100,5))
axis(1,seq(0,100,5/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)
axis(2,seq(0,20,2))
axis(2,seq(0,20,2/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)

#-----
# Define the coefficients of a proposed model
#-----
GQD.remove()
a00 <- function(t){theta[1]*theta[2]}
a10 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
c00 <- function(t){theta[3]*theta[3]}

b00 <- function(t){theta[4]}
b01 <- function(t){-theta[5]}
f00 <- function(t){theta[6]*theta[6]}

theta.start <- c(3,3,3,3,3,3)
X           <- cbind(Xt,Yt)

# Calculate MLEs
m1=BiGQD.mle(X,time,10,theta.start)

#-----
# Remove old coefficients and define the coefficients of a new model
#-----
GQD.remove()
a10 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
a01 <- function(t){theta[1]*theta[2]}
c11 <- function(t){theta[3]*theta[3]}

b00 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[5]}
b01 <- function(t){-theta[4]}
f01 <- function(t){theta[6]*theta[6]}

theta.start <- c(3,3,3,3,3,3)

# Calculate MLEs
m2=BiGQD.mle(X,time,10,theta.start)

# Compare estimates:
GQD.estimates(m1)
GQD.estimates(m2)

#-----
# Compare the two models
#-----
GQD.aic(list(m1,m2))

```

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**fpt.sim.times**

*Simulated First Passage Times for a Time-Inhomogeneous Non-Linear Diffusion*

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### Description

A dataset of 500000 simulated first passage times of a diffusion:

$$dX_t = \theta_1 X_t (10 + 0.2 \sin(2\pi t) + 0.3\sqrt{t}(1 + \cos(3\pi t)) - X_t) dt + \sqrt{0.1} X_t dB_t$$

starting in  $X_1 = 8$  traversing a fixed barrier at  $B = 8$ .

### Usage

```
data("SDEsim6")
```

### Format

**fpt.sim.times** 500 000 simulated first passage times.

### Examples

```
data("SDEsim6")
hist(fpt.sim.times, freq = FALSE, col = 'gray85', border = 'white',
     main = 'First Passage Time Density', ylab = 'Density', xlab = 'Time',
     breaks = 100)
```

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**GQD.aic**

*Summarize MLE Selection Output for a List of GQD.mle or BiGQD.mle objects.*

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### Description

**GQD.aic()** summarizes the MCMC output from a list of **GQD.mle()** objects. This may be used to neatly summarize the MCMC output of various models fitted to a given dataset.

### Usage

```
GQD.aic(model.list, type = "col")
```

### Arguments

- model.list A list of GQD.mle() objects.  
 type Shoould output be of row ('row') or column ('col') format.

### Details

GQD.aic() summarizes the output from various models fitted via GQD.mle(). By ranking them according to DIC. [=] indicates which model has the minimal DIC.

|         | Convergence | p | min.likelihood | AIC          | BIC          | N   |
|---------|-------------|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| Model 1 | 0           | 5 | 171.5576       | [=] 353.1152 | [=] 369.6317 | 201 |
| Model 2 | 0           | 5 | 185.7518       | 381.5036     | 398.0201     | 201 |

### Value

A data frame with summary of model output. See Details.

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### References

Updates available on GitHub at <https://github.com/eta21>.

### See Also

[GQD.mle](#)

### Examples

```
#=====
# Simulate a time inhomogeneous diffusion.
#-----

data(SDEsim1)
attach(SDEsim1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2*(5+3*sin(0.5*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',xlab='Time (t)',ylab=expression(X[t]),main=expr1)

#-----
# Define coefficients of the process.
#-----

GQD.remove()
G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
```

```

Q0 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start  <- c(1,1,1,1)                                # Starting values for the chain
mesh.points  <- 10                                         # Number of mesh points

m1 <- GQD.mle(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start)

GQD.remove()

G1 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G2 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q2 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start  <- c(1,1,1,1)                                # Starting values for the chain
mesh.points  <- 10                                         # Number of mesh points

m2 <- GQD.mle(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start)

# Check estimates:
GQD.estimates(m1)
GQD.estimates(m2)

# Compare models:
GQD.aic(list(m1,m2))

#=====

```

**GQD.density**

*Generate the Transition Density of a Scalar Generalized Quadratic Diffusion (GQD).*

### Description

`GQD.density` approximates the transition density of a scalar generalized quadratic diffusion model (GQD). Given an initial value for the diffusion,  $X_s$ , the approximation is evaluated for all  $X_t$  at equispaced time-nodes given by splitting  $[s, t]$  into subintervals of length  $\text{delt}$ .

`GQD.density()` approximates transitional densities of jump diffusions of the form:

$$dX_t = \mu(X, t)dt + \sigma(X_t, t)dW_t + dP_t$$

where

$$\mu(X, t) = G_0(t, \theta) + G_1(t, \theta)X_t + G_2(t, \theta)X_t^2$$

and

$$\sigma(X, t) = \sqrt{Q_0(t, \theta) + Q_1(t, \theta)X_t + Q_2(t, \theta)X_t^2}.$$

## Usage

```
GQD.density(Xs, Xt, s, t, delt=1/100, Dtype='Saddlepoint', Trunc=c(4,4),
             P=100, alpha=0, lower=0, upper=50, print.output=TRUE,
             eval.density=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Xs           | Initial value of the process at time s.   |
| Xt           | Vector of values at which the transition density is to be evaluated over the trajectory of the transition density from time s to t.   |
| s            | The starting time of the process.   |
| t            | The time horizon up to and including which the transitional density is evaluated.   |
| delt         | Size of the time increments at which successive evaluations are made.   |
| Dtype        | Character string indicating the type of density approximation (see details) to use. Types: 'Saddlepoint', 'Normal', 'Gamma', 'InvGamma' and 'Beta' are supported (default = 'Saddlepoint').                         |
| Trunc        | Vector of length 2 containing the cumulant truncation order and the density truncation order respectively. May take on values 4, 6 and 8 with the constraint that Trunc[1] >= Trunc[2]. Default is c(4,4).          |
| P            | Normalization parameter indicating the number of points to use when normalizing members of the Pearson system (see details)   |
| alpha        | Normalization parameter controlig the mesh concentration when normalizing members of the Pearson system (see details). Increasing alpha decreases concentration around the mean and vice versa (default alpha = 0). |
| lower,upper  | Lower and upper bounds for the normalization range.   |
| print.output | If TRUE information about the model and algorithm is printed to the console.  |
| eval.density | If TRUE, the density is evaluated in addition to calculating the moment eqns.   |

## Details

GQD.density constructs an approximate transition density for a class of quadratic diffusion models. This is done by first evaluating the trajectory of the cumulants/moments of the diffusion numerically as the solution of a system of ordinary differential equations over a time horizon [s, t] split into equi-distant points delt units apart. Subsequently, the resulting cumulants/moments are carried into a density approximant (by default, a saddlepoint approximation) in order to evaluate the transtion surface.

## Value

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| density | A matrix giving the density over the spatio-temporal mesh whose vertices are defined by paired permutations of the elements of Xt and time |
| Xt      | A vector of points defining the state space at which the density was evaluated(recycled from input).                                       |
| time    | A vector of time points at which the density was evaluated.  |

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| cumulants | A matrix giving the cumulants of the diffusion. Row i gives the i-th cumulant. |
| moments   | A matrix giving the moments of the diffusion. Row i gives the i-th cumulant.   |
| mesh      | A matrix giving the mesh used for normalization of the density.                |

### Warning

**Warning [1]:** The system of ODEs that dictate the evolution of the cumulants do so approximately. Thus, although it is unlikely such cases will be encountered in inferential contexts, it is worth checking (by simulation) whether cumulants accurately replicate those of the target GQD. Furthermore, it may in some cases occur that the cumulants are indeed accurate whilst the density approximation fails. This can again be verified by simulation after which alternate density approximants may be specified through the variable Dtype.

**Warning [2]:** The parameter delt is also used as the stepsize for solving a system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) that govern the evolution of the cumulants of the diffusion. As such delt is required to be small for highly non-linear models in order to ensure sufficient accuracy.

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- Varughese, M.M. 2013 Parameter estimation for multivariate diffusion systems. *Comput. Stat. Data An.*, **57**:417–428.

### See Also

See `GQD.mcmc` and `GQD.mle` for likelihood based inference procedures for GQDs.

### Examples

```
#=====
# Generate the transition density of a CIR process with time dependant
# drift and volatility.
#-----

# Remove any existing coefficients
GQD.remove()

# Define drift Coefficients. Note that the limiting mean is sinusoidal.
G0 <- function(t){2*(10+sin(2*pi*(t-0.5)))}
G1 <- function(t){-2}

# Define sinusoidal diffusion coefficient with 'faster' oscillation.
```

```

Q1 <- function(t){0.25*(1+0.75*(sin(4*pi*t)))}

states      <- seq(5,15,1/10) # State values
initial     <- 8             # Starting value of the process
Tmax        <- 5             # Time horizon
Tstart      <- 1             # Time starts at 1
increment   <- 1/100         # Incremental time steps

# Generate the transitional density
M <- GQD.density(Xs=initial,Xt=states,s=Tstart,t=Tmax,delt=increment)

if(require(rgl, quietly = TRUE))
{
  open3d(windowRect=c(50,50,640+50,50+640),zoom=0.95)
  persp3d(x=M$Xt,y=M$time,z=M$density,col=3,box=FALSE,xlab='State (X_t)',
           ylab='Time (t)',zlab='Density f(X_t|X_s)')
  play3d(spin3d(axis=c(0,0,1), rpm=3), duration=10)
}else
{
  persp(x=M$Xt,y=M$time,z=M$density,col=3,xlab='State (X_t)',ylab='Time (t)',
         zlab='Density f(X_t|X_s)',border=NA,shade=0.5,theta=145)
}

#=====
# Generate the transition density for a diffusion process with restricted domain.
# The diffusion has reflective boundaries at 0 and 1.
#-----

GQD.remove()

G0 <- function(t){0.4*(0.5+sin(2*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-0.4}
Q1 <- function(t){0.25}
Q2 <- function(t){-0.25}

states      <- seq(0.005,0.995,1/200)
initial     <- 0.5
Tmax        <- 5
increment   <- 1/50

# Generate the transitional density
M <- GQD.density(Xs=initial,Xt=states,s=0,t=Tmax,delt=increment,
                  Dtype='Beta',Trunc=c(8,8))

if(require(rgl, quietly = TRUE))
{
  open3d(windowRect=c(50,50,640+50,50+640),zoom=0.95)
  persp3d(x=M$Xt,y=M$time,z=M$density,col='steelblue',box=FALSE,
           xlab='State (X_t)',ylab='Time (t)',zlab='Density f(X_t|X_s)')
  play3d(spin3d(axis=c(0,0,1), rpm=3), duration=10)
}else
{
  persp(x=M$Xt,y=M$time,z=M$density,col=3,xlab='State (X_t)',ylab='Time (t)',
         zlab='Density f(X_t|X_s)',border=NA,shade=0.5,theta=145)
}

```

```

    zlab='Density f(X_t|X_s)',border=NA,shade=0.5,theta=145)
}
#-----

```

**GQD.dic**

*Summarize MCMC Selection Output for a List of GQD.mcmc or BiGQD.mcmc objects.*

**Description**

`GQD.dic()` summarizes the MCMC output from a list of `GQD.mcmc()` objects. This may be used to neatly summarize the MCMC output of various models fitted to a given dataset.

**Usage**

```
GQD.dic(model.list, type = "col")
```

**Arguments**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>model.list</code> | A list of <code>GQD.mcmc()</code> objects.  |
| <code>type</code>       | Should output be of row (' <code>row</code> ') or column (' <code>col</code> ') format. |

**Details**

`GQD.dic()` summarizes the output from various models fitted via `GQD.mcmc()`. By ranking them according to DIC. [=] indicates which model has the minimal DIC.

|         | Elapsed_Time | Time_Homogeneous | p  | DIC  | pD        | N    |
|---------|--------------|------------------|----|------|-----------|------|
| Model 1 | 00:00:47     |                  | No | 5.00 | 389.30    | 3.92 |
| Model 2 | 00:01:00     |                  | No | 5.00 | [=]386.45 | 4.13 |
| Model 3 | 00:02:50     |                  | No | 5.00 | 391.37    | 3.94 |

**Value**

A data frame with summary of model output. See Details.

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**References**

Updates available on GitHub at <https://github.com/eta21>.

**See Also**

[GQD.mcmc](#)

**Examples**

```
#=====
# Simulate a time inhomogeneous diffusion.
#-----

data(SDEsim1)
attach(SDEsim1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
expr1=expression(dx[t]==2*(5+3*sin(0.5*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',xlab='Time (t)',ylab=expression(X[t]),main=expr1)

#-----
# Define coefficients of model 1
#-----

# Remove any existing coefficients. If none are present NAs will be returned, but
# this is a safeguard against overlapping.
GQD.remove()

# Define time dependant coefficients. Note that all functions have a single argument.
# This argument has to be 't' in order for the dependency to be recognized.
# theta does not have to be defined as an argument.

G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q0 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start    <- c(1,1,1,1)                                # Starting values for the chain
proposal.sds   <- c(0.8,0.1,0.1,0.1)                      # Std devs for proposal distributions
mesh.points    <- 10                                         # Number of mesh points
updates        <- 50000                                       # Perform 50000 updates

priors=function(theta){dnorm(theta[1],5,5)}
m1 <- GQD.mcmc(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start,sds=proposal.sds,
                updates=updates)

#-----
# Define coefficients of model 2
#-----

GQD.remove()
G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q1 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}
```

```

proposal.sds <- c(0.8,0.1,0.1,0.1)
m2 <- GQD.mcmc(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta.start, sds=proposal.sds,
                 updates=updates)

# Check the parameter estimates:
GQD.estimates(m2,thin = 200)
#-----
# Summarize the output from the models.
#-----

GQD.dic(list(m1,m2))

#=====

```

**GQD.estimates***Extract Parameter Estimates from .mle() or .mcmc() Objects.***Description**

`GQD.estimates()` calculates parameter estimates from `.mle()` or `.mcmc()` model objects.

**Usage**

```
GQD.estimates(x, thin = 100, burns, CI = c(0.05, 0.95), corrrmat =
  FALSE, acf.plot = TRUE, palette = 'mono')
```

**Arguments**

- `x` List object of type 'GQD.mcmc' or 'GQD.mle'. That is, when `model = GQD.mcmc()` then `model` constitutes an appropriate object for `x`.
- `thin` Thinning level for parameter chain.
- `burns` Number of MCMC updates to discard before calculating estimates.
- `CI` Credibility interval quantiles (for MCMC chains).
- `corrrmat` If TRUE, an estimated correlation matrix is returned in addition to the estimate vector.
- `acf.plot` If TRUE, an acf plot is drawn for each element of the parameter chain.
- `palette` Colour palette for drawing trace plots. Default `palette = 'mono'`, otherwise a qualitative palette will be used.

**Value**

Data frame with parameter estimates and appropriate interval statistics.

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## References

Updates available on GitHub at <https://github.com/eta21>.

## See Also

`GQD.mcmc`, `GQD.mle`, `BiGQD.mcmc` and `BiGQD.mle`.

## Examples

```
#=====
# This example simulates a time inhomogeneous diffusion and shows how to conduct
# inference using GQD.mcmc
#-----
library(DiffusionRgqd)
data(SDEsim1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
x <- SDEsim1
plot(x$Xt~x$time,type='l',col='blue')
#-----
# Define parameterized coefficients of the process, and set up starting
# parameters.
# True model: dX_t = 2(5+3sin(0.25 pi t)-X_t)dt+0.5sqrt(X_t)dW_t
#-----

# Remove any existing coefficients. If none are present NAs will be returned, but
# this is a safeguard against overlapping.
GQD.remove()

# Define time dependant coefficients. Note that all functions have a single argument.
# This argument has to be 't' in order for the dependancy to be recognized.
# theta does not have to be defined as an argument.

G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q1 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start <- c(1,1,1,1)                      # Starting values for the chain
proposal.sds <- c(0.4,0.3,0.2,0.1)*1/2        # Std devs for proposal distributions
mesh.points <- 10                                # Number of mesh points
updates     <- 50000                             # Perform 50000 updates

#-----
# Run the MCMC procedure for the model defined above
#-----

m1 <- GQD.mcmc(x$Xt,x$time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start,sds=proposal.sds,
                 updates=updates)

# Calculate estimates:
GQD.estimates(m1,thin=200)
=====
```

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GQD.mcmc*MCMC Inference on Generalized Quadratic Diffusion Models (GQDs).*

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### Description

GQD.mcmc() uses parametrised coefficients (provided by the user as R-functions) to construct a C++ program in real time that allows the user to perform Bayesian inference on the resulting jump diffusion model. Given a set of starting parameters, a MCMC chain is returned for further analysis. GQD.mcmc() performs inference using the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for diffusions of the form:

$$dX_t = \mu(X, t)dt + \sigma(X_t, t)dW_t$$

where

$$\mu(X, t) = G_0(t, \theta) + G_1(t, \theta)X_t + G_2(t, \theta)X_t^2$$

and

$$\sigma(X, t) = \sqrt{Q_0(t, \theta) + Q_1(t, \theta)X_t + Q_2(t, \theta)X_t^2}.$$

### Usage

```
GQD.mcmc(X, time, mesh=10, theta, sds, updates, burns=min(round(updates/2),25000),
          Dtype='Saddle', Trunc=c(4,4), RK.order=4, P=200, alpha=0,
          lower=min(na.omit(X))/2, upper=max(na.omit(X))*2,
          exclude=NULL, plot.chain=TRUE, Tag=NA, wrt=FALSE, print.output=TRUE,
          palette = 'mono')
```

### Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| X       | Time series (vector) of discretely observed points of the process of interest. These may be non-equidistant observations (see time).   |
| time    | A vector of time-stamps associated with each observation in X.   |
| mesh    | The number mesh points between any two given data points.  |
| theta   | The parameter vector of the process. theta are taken as the starting values of the MCMC chain and gives the dimension of the parameter vector used to calculate the DIC. Care should be taken to ensure that each element in theta is in fact used within the coefficient-functions, otherwise redundant parameters will be counted in the calculation of the DIC. |
| sds     | Proposal distribution standard deviations. That is, for the i-th parameter the proposal distribution is $\sim Normal(\dots, sds[i]/2)$   |
| updates | The number of chain updates (including burned updates) to perform.   |
| burns   | The number of updates to burn. That is, the first burns values are omitted from the inference, although the entire chain is returned.  |

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| exclude      | Vector indicating which transitions to exclude from the analysis. Default = NULL.   |
| plot.chain   | If TRUE (default), a trace plot is made of the resulting MCMC chain (see details).  |
| RK.order     | The order of the Runge-Kutta solver used to approximate the trajectories of cumulants. Must be 4 or (default) 10.   |
| Dtype        | Character string indicating the type of density approximation (see details) to use. Types: 'Saddlepoint', 'Normal', 'Gamma', 'InvGamma' and 'Beta' are supported (default = 'Saddlepoint').                         |
| Trunc        | Vector of length 2 containing the cumulant truncation order and the density truncation order respectively. May take on values 4, 6 and 8 with the constraint that Trunc[1] >= Trunc[2]. Default is c(4,4).          |
| P            | Normalization parameter indicating the number of points to use when normalizing members of the Pearson system (see details)   |
| alpha        | Normalization parameter controlig the mesh concentration when normalizing members of the Pearson system (see details). Increasing alpha decreases concentration around the mean and vice versa (default alpha = 0). |
| lower,upper  | Lower and upper bounds for the normalization range.   |
| Tag          | Tag can be used to name (tag) an MCMC run e.g. Tag='Run_1'  |
| wrt          | If TRUE a .cpp file will be written to the current directory. For bug report diagnostics.   |
| print.output | If TRUE information about the model and algorithm is printed to the console.  |
| palette      | Colour palette for drawing trace plots. Default palette = 'mono', otherwise a qualitative palette will be used.   |

## Details

GQD.mcmc() operates by searching the workspace for functions with names that match the coefficients of the predefined stochastic differential equation. Only the required coefficients need to be specified e.g. G0(t),G1(t) and Q0(t) for an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model. Unspecified coefficients are ignored. When a new model is to be defined, the current model may be removed from the workspace by using the [GQD.remove](#) function, after which the new coefficients may be supplied.

## Value

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| par.matrix                   | A matrix containing the MCMC chain on theta.                                 |
| acceptence.rate              | A vector containing the acceptance rate of the MCMC at every iteration.      |
| model.info                   | A list of variables pertaining to inference calculations.                    |
| model.info\$elapsed.time     | The runtime, in h/m/s format,of the MCMC procedure (excluding compile time). |
| model.info\$time.homogeneous | 'No' if the model has time-homogeneous coefficients and 'Yes' otherwise.     |
| model.info\$p                | The dimension of theta.  |
| model.info\$DIC              | Calculated Deviance Information Criterion.                                   |
| model.info\$pd               | Effective number of parameters (see <code>model.info\$DIC</code> ).          |

## Syntactical jargon

**Synt. [1]:** The coefficients of the GQD may be parameterized using the reserved variable theta. For example:

```
G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+sin(2*pi*(t-theta[3])))}.
```

**Synt. [2]:** Due to syntactical differences between R and C++ special functions have to be used when terms that depend on t. When the function cannot be separated in to terms that contain a single t, the prod(a,b) function must be used. For example:

```
G0 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}.
```

Here  $\sqrt{t} \cdot \cos(3\pi t)$  constitutes the product of two terms that cannot be written i.t.o. a single t. To circumvent this issue, one may use the prod(a,b) function.

**Synt. [3]:** Similarly, the  $\wedge$  - operator is not overloaded in C++. Instead the pow(x,p) function may be used to calculate  $x^p$ . For example  $\sin(2\pi t)^3$  in:

```
G0 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*pow(sin(2*pi*t),3))}.
```

## Note

**Note [1]:** When `plot.chain` is TRUE, a trace plot is created of the resulting MCMC along with the acceptance rate at each update. This may save time when scrutinizing initial MCMC runs.

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## See Also

`GQD.remove`, `GQD.mle`, `BiGQD.mcmc`, `BiGQD.mle`, `GQD.passage` and `GQD.TIpassage`.

## Examples

```

#=====
# This example simulates a time inhomogeneous diffusion and shows how to conduct
# inference using GQD.mcmc
#-----
#-----#
data(SDEsim1)
attach(SDEsim1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2*(5+3*sin(0.5*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',xlab='Time (t)',ylab=expression(X[t]),main=expr1)
#-----
# Define parameterized coefficients of the process, and set up starting
# parameters.
# True model: dX_t = 2X_t(5+3sin(0.25 pi t)-X_t)dt+0.5X_tdW_t
#-----

# Remove any existing coefficients. If none are present NAs will be returned, but
# this is a safeguard against overlapping.
GQD.remove()

# Define time dependant coefficients. Note that all functions have a single argument.
# This argument has to be 't' in order for the dependency to be recognized.
# theta does not have to be defined as an argument.

G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q1 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start <- c(1,1,1,1)                      # Starting values for the chain
proposal.sds <- c(0.4,0.3,0.2,0.1)*1/2        # Std devs for proposal distributions
mesh.points <- 10                                # Number of mesh points
updates      <- 50000                            # Perform 50000 updates

#-----
# Run the MCMC procedure for the model defined above
#-----

m1 <- GQD.mcmc(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start,sds=proposal.sds,
                 updates=updates)

# Calculate estimates:
GQD.estimates(m1,thin=200)
#=====#

```

## Description

GQD.mle() constructs a C++ program in real time that allows the user to perform maximum likelihood inference on scalar GQDs. Given a set of starting parameters, the maximum likelihood estimates are calculated via minimization of minus the likelihood function via the built-in R-function optim.

GQD.mcmc() performs inference using the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for diffusions of the form:

$$dX_t = \mu(X, t)dt + \sigma(X_t, t)dW_t$$

where

$$\mu(X, t) = G_0(t, \theta) + G_1(t, \theta)X_t + G_2(t, \theta)X_t^2$$

and

$$\sigma(X, t) = \sqrt{Q_0(t, \theta) + Q_1(t, \theta)X_t + Q_2(t, \theta)X_t^2}.$$

## Usage

```
GQD.mle(X, time, mesh=10, theta, control=NULL, method='Nelder-Mead', Dtype='Saddle',
         Trunc=c(4,4), RK.order=4, P=200, alpha=0, lower=min(X)/2, upper=max(X)*2,
         exclude=NULL, Tag=NA, wrt=FALSE, print.output=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| X           | Time series (vector) of discretely observed points of the process of interest. These may be non-equidistant observations (see time).  |
| time        | A vector of time-stamps associated with each observation in X.  |
| mesh        | The number mesh points between any two given data points.   |
| theta       | The set of starting parameters for the optimization routine.  |
| control     | List of control variables to be used by <a href="#">optim</a> .   |
| method      | Method to be used by <a href="#">optim</a> .  |
| exclude     | Vector indicating which transitions to exclude from the analysis. Default = NULL.   |
| RK.order    | The order of the Runge-Kutta scheme used. Value must be 4 or (default) 10.  |
| Dtype       | Character string indicating the type of density approximation (see details) to use. Types: 'Saddlepoint', 'Normal', 'Gamma', 'InvGamma' and 'Beta' are supported (default = 'Saddlepoint').                         |
| Trunc       | Vector of length 2 containing the cumulant truncation order and the density truncation order respectively. May take on values 4, 6 and 8 with the constraint that Trunc[1] >= Trunc[2]. Default is c(4,4).          |
| P           | Normalization parameter indicating the number of points to use when normalizing members of the Pearson system (see details)   |
| alpha       | Normalization parameter controlig the mesh concentration when normalizing members of the Pearson system (see details). Increasing alpha decreases concentration around the mean and vice versa (default alpha = 0). |
| lower,upper | Lower and upper bounds for the normalization range.   |
| Tag         | Tag can be used to name (tag) an MCMC run e.g. Tag='Run_1'  |

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| wrt          | If TRUE a .cpp file will be written to the current directory. For bug report diagnostics. |
| print.output | If TRUE information about the model and algorithm is printed to the console.              |

### Value

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| opt                          | The output from optim.   |
| model.info                   | A list of variables pertaining to inference calculations.                      |
| model.info\$elapsed.time     | The run-time, in h/m/s format, of the MCMC procedure (excluding compile time). |
| model.info\$time.homogeneous | ‘No’ if the model has time-homogeneous coefficients and ‘Yes’ otherwise.       |
| model.info\$p                | The dimension of theta.  |

### Syntactical jargon

**Synt. [1]:** The coefficients of the GQD may be parameterized using the reserved variable theta. For example:

```
G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+sin(2*pi*(t-theta[3])))}.
```

**Synt. [2]:** Due to syntactical differences between R and C++ special functions have to be used when terms that depend on t. When the function cannot be separated into terms that contain a single t, the prod(a,b) function must be used. For example:

```
G0 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}.
```

Here  $\sqrt{t} \cdot \cos(3\pi t)$  constitutes the product of two terms that cannot be written i.t.o. a single t. To circumvent this issue, one may use the prod(a,b) function.

**Synt. [3]:** Similarly, the  ${}^{\wedge}$  - operator is not overloaded in C++. Instead the pow(x,p) function may be used to calculate  $x^p$ . For example  $\sin(2\pi t)^3$  in:

```
G0 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*pow(sin(2*pi*t),3))}.
```

### Warning

**Warning [1]:** The parameter mesh is used to discretize the transition horizons between successive observations. It is thus important to ensure that mesh is not too small when large time differences are present in time. Check output for max(dt) and divide by mesh.

**Warning [2]:** Note that minus the likelihood is minimized, as such the optim output (hessian) needs to be adjusted accordingly if used for calculating confidence intervals. Furthermore, GQD.mle may be temperamental under certain conditions

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## See Also

[GQD.remove](#), [GQD.mcmc](#), [BiGQD.mcmc](#), [BiGQD.mle](#), [GQD.passage](#) and [GQD.TIpassage](#).

## Examples

```
#=====
# Simulate a time inhomogeneous diffusion.
#-----

data(SDEsim1)
attach(SDEsim1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2*(5+3*sin(0.5*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',xlab='Time (t)',ylab=expression(X[t]),main=expr1)

#-----
# Define coefficients of the process.
#-----


GQD.remove()
G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q0 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start  <- c(1,1,1,1)                                # Starting values for the chain
mesh.points  <- 10                                         # Number of mesh points

m1 <- GQD.mle(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start)

GQD.remove()

G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+theta[3]*sin(0.25*pi*t))}
```

```

G1 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q1 <- function(t){theta[4]*theta[4]}

theta.start  <- c(1,1,1,1)                      # Starting values for the chain
mesh.points  <- 10                                # Number of mesh points

m2 <- GQD.mle(Xt,time,mesh=mesh.points,theta=theta.start)

# Check estimates:
GQD.estimates(m1)
GQD.estimates(m2)

# Compare models:
GQD.aic(list(m1,m2))

#=====

```

**GQD.passage**

*Calculate the First Passage Time Density of a Time-Homogeneous GQD Process to a Fixed Barrier.*

**Description**

GQD.passage uses the cumulant truncation procedure of Varughese (2013) in conjunction with a Volterra-type integral equation developed by Buonocore et al. (1987) in order to approximate the first passage time density of a time-homogeneous univariate GQD

$$dX_t = (\theta_1 + \theta_2 X_t + \theta_3 X_t^2) dt + \sqrt{\theta_4 + \theta_5 X_t + \theta_6 X_t^2} dW_t,$$

to a fixed barrier.

**Usage**

```
GQD.passage(Xs, B, theta, t, delt)
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| Xs    | Initial value of the process.  |
| B     | Fixed barrier (>Xs).   |
| theta | Parameter vector giving the coefficients of the time-homogeneous GQD.      |
| t     | The time horizon up to and including which the density is to be evaluated. |
| delt  | Stepsize for the solution of the first passage time density.               |

**Value**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| density       | The approximate first passage time density.              |
| time          | The time points at which the approximation is evaluated. |
| prob.coverage | The approximate cumulative probability coverage.         |

## Warning

**Warning [1]:** Some instability may occur when `delt` is large or where the saddlepoint approximation fails. As always it is important to check both the validity of the diffusion process under the given parameters and the quality of the saddlepoint approximation. For a given set of parameters the latter can be checked using `GQD.density`.

**Warning [2]:** The first passage time problem is considered from one side only i.e.  $X_s < B$ . For  $X_s > B$  one may equivalently consider  $Y_t = -X_t$ , apply Ito's lemma and proceed as above.

## Note

**Note [1]:** Since time-homogeneity is assumed for the present implementation, the interface of `GQD.mcmc` etc. is discarded and the model is inferred from the non-zero values of `theta`. For example `theta = c(0.5*10, -0.5, 0, 0.5^2, 0, 0)` defines an Ornstein-Uhlenbeck model.

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## See Also

`GQD.density` for functions that generate the transitional density of GQDs. `GQD.mcmc` and `GQD.remove` for MCMC procedures to perform inference on GQDs.

## Examples

```
#=====
# Calculate the first passage time from state X_0 = 7 to X_T =10 for
# various diffusions, with T the first passage time.
#=====

res1 <- GQD.passage(7,10,c(0.1*10,-0.1,0,0.2,0,0),25,1/100)
res2 <- GQD.passage(7,10,c(0.1*10,-0.1,0,0,0.2,0),25,1/100)
res3 <- GQD.passage(7,10,c(0,0.1*10,-0.1,0.5^2,0,0),25,1/100)
res4 <- GQD.passage(7,10,c(0,0.1*10,-0.1,0,0,0.1^2),25,1/100)

expr1 <- expression(dX[t]==(1-0.1*X[t])*dt+sqrt(0.2)*dW[t])
expr2 <- expression(dX[t]==(1-0.1*X[t])*dt+sqrt(0.2*X[t])*dW[t])
expr3 <- expression(dX[t]==(1*X[t]-0.1*X[t]^2)*dt+0.5*dW[t])
expr4 <- expression(dX[t]==(1*X[t]-0.1*X[t]^2)*dt+0.1*X[t]*dW[t])

#=====
# Plot the resulting first passage time densities.
#=====

par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(res1$density~res1$time,type='l',main=expr1,xlab='Time (t)',ylab='density',col='blue')
plot(res2$density~res2$time,type='l',main=expr2,xlab='Time (t)',ylab='density',col='blue')
plot(res3$density~res3$time,type='l',main=expr3,xlab='Time (t)',ylab='density',col='blue')
plot(res4$density~res4$time,type='l',main=expr4,xlab='Time (t)',ylab='density',col='blue')
```

GQD.plot

*Quick Plots for DiffusionRgqd Objects*

## Description

GQD.plot() recognizes output objects calculated using routines from the **DiffusionRgqd** package and subsequently constructs an appropriate plot, for example a perspective plot of a transition density.

## Usage

```
GQD.plot(x, thin = 1, burns, h = FALSE, palette = "mono")
```

## Arguments

- |       |   |
|-------|---|
| x     | Generic GQD-objects, i.e. res = GQD.density().          |
| thin  | Thinning interval for .mcmc objects.                    |
| burns | Number of parameter draws to discard for .mcmc objects. |

**h** if TRUE a histogram is drawn i.s.o. a trace plot.

**palette** Colour palette for drawing trace plots. Default palette = 'mono', otherwise a qualitative palette will be used.

### Value

Varies in accordance with input type.

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### References

Updates available on GitHub at <https://github.com/eta21>.

### See Also

[GQD.mcmc](#), [GQD.mle](#), [GQD.density](#), [BiGQD.density](#) etc.

### Examples

```
# Remove any existing coefficients
GQD.remove()

# Define drift Coefficients. Note that the limiting mean is sinusoidal.
G0 <- function(t){2*(10+sin(2*pi*(t-0.5)))}
G1 <- function(t){-2}

# Define sinusoidal diffusion coefficient with 'faster' oscillation.
Q1 <- function(t){0.25*(1+0.75*(sin(4*pi*t)))}

states     <- seq(5,15,1/10) # State values
initial    <- 8                 # Starting value of the process
Tmax       <- 5                 # Time horizon
Tstart     <- 1                 # Time starts at 1
increment  <- 1/100            # Incremental time steps

# Generate the transitional density
M <- GQD.density(Xs=initial,Xt=states,s=Tstart,t=Tmax,delt=increment)

GQD.plot(M)
```

---

GQD.remove

*Remove the Coefficients of a GQD Model.*

---

## Description

Removes any existing coefficient functions from the current workspace.

## Usage

`GQD.remove()`

## Details

`GQD.remove` clears the workspace of functions with names that match the coefficients of the 1D GQD. This may be used when more than one model is specified in a given session.

## Value

No value is returned.

## Note

`GQD.remove` simply searches the workspace for functions with definitions that match the form of the DiffusionRgqd interface and removes them from the workspace, freeing up the user to redefine a diffusion with new coefficients.

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## References

Updates available on GitHub at <https://github.com/eta21>.

## See Also

[GQD.density](#) and [BiGQD.density](#).

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GQD.TIpassage

*Compute the First Passage Time Density of a GQD With Time Inhomogeneous Coefficients.*

---

## Description

GQD.TIpassage() solves first passage time problems for GQDs with time dependent coefficients:

$$dX_t = (G_0(t) + G_1(t)X_t + G_2(t)X_t^2)dt + \sqrt{Q_0(t) + Q_1(t)X_t + Q_2(t)X_t^2}dW_t$$

to a fixed barrier. The function combines the cumulant truncation procedure of Varughese (2013) with a numerical solution to a non-singular Volterra integral equation for the first passage time density, developed by Buonocore et al. (1987), in order to generate an approximate solution.

## Usage

```
GQD.TIpassage(Xs, B, s, t, delt, theta=c(0), IEQ.type='Buonocore', wrt=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Xs       | Initial value of the diffusion process at time tmin.                                      |
| B        | Fixed barrier (or first constant in static barier transform - see detail [1]).            |
| s        | Starting time for the diffusion process (see detail [2]).                                 |
| t        | The time horizon up to and including which the density is to be evaluated.                |
| delt     | Stepsize for the solution of the first passage time density.                              |
| theta    | Parameter vector for parameters contained in the coefficients (if required).              |
| IEQ.type | Currently only IEQ.type = "Buonocore" is supported.                                       |
| wrt      | If TRUE a .cpp file will be written to the current directory. For bug report diagnostics. |

## Details

**Detail [1]:** First passage through a time dependant barrier may be analysed by applying the transform:

$$Y_t = X_t - B_t,$$

if  $B_t$  may be decomposed as

$$B_t = k + f(t).$$

By applying Ito's lemma the revised drift and diffusion functionals, and first passage parameters may be inferred.

**Detail [2]:** The starting time is of particular importance when the drift and/or diffusion terms are time-inhomogeneous. Take care to select the correct starting time - especially if the drift or diffusion components which are time dependant have poles or singular points in the time domain.

**Value**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| density       | The approximate first passage time density.              |
| time          | The time points at which the approximation is evaluated. |
| prob.coverage | The approximate cumulative probability coverage.         |

**Warning**

**Warning [1]:** Some instability may occur when `delt` is large or where the saddlepoint approximation fails. As always it is important to check both the validity of the diffusion process under the given parameters and the quality of the saddlepoint approximation. For a given set of parameters the latter can be checked using `GQD.density`.

**Warning [2]:** The first passage time problem is considered from one side only i.e.  $X_s < B$ . For  $X_s > B$  one may equivalently consider  $Y_t = -X_t$ , apply Ito's lemma and proceed as above.

**Note**

**Note [1]:** The coefficients of the GQD may be parameterized using the reserved variable `theta`. For example:

```
G0 <- function(t){theta[1]*(theta[2]+sin(2*pi*(t-theta[3])))}
```

may be used so long as values are assigned in the function call, say

```
GQD.TIpassage(Xs=3,B=11,tmin=1,tmax=10,delt=1/100,theta=c(1,10,0.5)).
```

**Note [2]:** Due to syntactical differences between R and C++ special functions have to be used when terms that depend on `t`. When the function cannot be separated into terms that contain a single `t`, the `prod(a,b)` function must be used. For example (see examples below):

```
G0 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}.
```

Here `sqrt(t)*cos(3*pi*t)` constitutes the product of two terms that cannot be written i.t.o. a single `t`. To circumvent this issue, one may use the `prod(a,b)` function.

**Note [3]:** Similarly, the `^` - operator is not overloaded in C++. Instead the `pow(x,p)` function may be used to calculate  $x^p$ . For example  $\sin(2\pi t)^3$  in:

```
G0 <- function(t){0.1*(10+0.2*pow(sin(2*pi*t),3))}.
```

**Note [4]:** `delt` is used as the stepsize of the Runge-Kutta method used to numerically solve a system of ODEs used to approximate the cumulants of the underlying diffusion process. The 10th-order scheme of Feagin (2007) is used as the default method.

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## See Also

[GQD.density](#) for functions that generate the transitional density of GQDs and [GQD.mcmc](#) for MCMC procedures for GQD models.

## Examples

```
#=====
# Generate the first passage time density of a CIR process with time
# dependant drift to a fixed barrier.
#-----

# Remove any existing coefficients.
GQD.remove()

# Define the coefficients of the process.
G0 <- function(t){10+0.5*sin(2*pi*t)}
G1 <- function(t){-1}
Q1 <- function(t){0.25}

#Define the parameters of the first passage time problem.
delt <- 1/100      # The stepsize for the solution
X0 <- 8            # The initial value of the process
BB <- 11           # Fixed barrier
T0 <- 2             # Starting time of the diffusion
TT <- 10            # Time horizon of the computation

# Run the calculation
res1 <- GQD.TIpassage(X0, BB, T0, TT, delt)

# Remove any existing coefficients.
GQD.remove()

# Redefine the coefficients.
```

```

G0 <- function(t){ 0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}
G1 <- function(t){-0.1*(1+0.2*sin(2*pi*t))}

Q1 <- function(t){0.25}

# Redefine the parameters of the f.p.t. problem.

delt <- 1/100
X0 <- 8
BB <- 11
T0 <- 1
TT <- 10

# Run the calculation
res2 <- GQD.TIpassage(X0,BB,T0,TT,delt)

#=====
# Plot the two solutions.
#=====

expr1 <- expression(dX[t]==(10+0.5*sin(2*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.25*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
expr2 <- expression(dX[t]==(0.1*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*sqrt(t)*(1+cos(3*pi*t)))
-0.1*(1+0.2*sin(2*pi*t))*X[t])*dt+0.25*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t]))

par(mfrow=c(1,1))
plot(res1$density~res1$time,type='l',col='blue',
     ylab='Density',xlab='Time',main=expr1,cex.main=0.95)

plot(res2$density~res2$time,type='l',col='red',
     ylab='Density',xlab='Time',main =expr2,cex.main=0.95)

#=====
# Let's see how sensitive the first passage density is w.r.t a speed parameter
# of a non-linear diffusion.
#=====

GQD.remove()
# Redefine the coefficients with a parameter theta:
G1 <- function(t){theta[1]*(10+0.2*sin(2*pi*t)+0.3*prod(sqrt(t),1+cos(3*pi*t)))}
G2 <- function(t){-theta[1]}
Q2 <- function(t){0.1}
# Now just give a value for the parameter in the standard fashion:
res3=GQD.TIpassage(8,12,1,4,1/100,theta=c(0.5))

plot(res3$density~res3$time,type='l',col=2,ylim=c(0,1.0),
main='First Passage Time Density',ylab='Density',xlab='Time',cex.main=0.95)
# Change the parameter and see the effect on the f.p.t. density.
th.seq=seq(0.1,0.5,1/20)
for(i in 2:length(th.seq))
{
  res3=GQD.TIpassage(8,12,1,4,1/100,,theta=c(th.seq[i]))
  lines(res3$density~res3$time,type='l',col=rainbow(10)[i])
}
lines(res3$density~res3$time,type='l',col=rainbow(10)[i],lwd=2)

```

```
legend('topright',legend=th.seq,col=rainbow(10),lty='solid',cex=0.75,
title=expression(theta[1]))
#-----
```

**RcppArmadillo-Functions***A Junk Funktion For Build Purposes***Description**

This function was created as a filler in order for the package to build correctly.

**Usage**

```
junkfunction()
```

**Details**

This function was created as a filler in order for the package to build correctly.

**Value**

`junkfunction()` does nothing useful.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

See the documentation for Armadillo, and RcppArmadillo, for more details.

**SDEsim1***A Simulated Diffusion with Sinusoidal Drift and State-Dependant Diffusion Coefficient.***Description**

The dataset contains discretely sampled observations for a simulated stochastic differential equation (SDE) with dynamics:

$$dX_t = 2(5 + 3 \sin(0.25\pi t) - X_t)dt + 0.5\sqrt{X_t}dW_t$$

where `dW_t` is standard Brownian motion, `t` is time and `X_0 = 7`.

## Usage

```
data(SDEsim1)
```

## Format

A data frame with 401 observations with the following variables:

1. `Xt` : A numeric vector of simulated observations.
2. `time` : A numeric vector of time nodes at which `Xt` was observed (`time[i+1]-time[i] = 1/4`).

## Details

The process was simulated by numerically solving the SDE using a Euler-Maruyama scheme with stepsize = 1/2000. Subsequently each 200-th observation was recorded in order to construct the resulting time series.

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## References

Updates available on GitHub at <https://github.com/eta21>.

## Examples

```
data(SDEsim1)
attach(SDEsim1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2*(5+3*sin(0.5*pi*t)-X[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(X[t])*dW[t])
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',xlab='Time (t)',ylab=expression(X[t]),main=expr1)
```

## Description

The dataset contains discretely sampled observations for a simulated stochastic differential equation (SDE) with dynamics:

$$dX_t = 2.0(Y_t - X_t)dt + 0.3\sqrt{X_t Y_t}dW_t$$

$$dY_t = 1.0(5 - Y_t)dt + 0.5\sqrt{Y_t}dB_t$$

where `dW_t` and `dB_t` are standard Brownian motions, `t` is time and  $X_0 = 5$ ,  $Y_0 = 5$ .

## Usage

```
data("SDEsim2")
```

## Format

A data frame with 801 observations on the following 3 variables.

Xt Xt trajectory of the diffusion.

Yt Yt trajectory of the diffusion.

time Time vector (time[i+1]-time[i] = 1/8).

## Examples

```
data(SDEsim2)
data(SDEsim2)
attach(SDEsim2)
# Have a look at the time series:
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',ylim=c(2,10),main='Simulated Data',xlab='Time (t)',ylab='State',
      axes=FALSE)
lines(Yt~time,col='red')
expr1=expression(dX[t]==2(Y[t]-X[t])*dt+0.3*sqrt(X[t]*Y[t])*dW[t])
expr2=expression(dX[t]==(5-Y[t])*dt+0.5*sqrt(Y[t])*dB[t])
text(50,9,expr1)
text(50,8.5,expr2)
axis(1,seq(0,100,5))
axis(1,seq(0,100,5/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)
axis(2,seq(0,20,2))
```

## Description

The dataset contains discretely sampled observations for a simulated stochastic differential equation (SDE) with dynamics:

$$dX_t = (1.5X_t - 0.4X_t Y_t)dt + \sqrt{0.05X_t}dW_t$$

$$dY_t = (-1.5Y_t + 0.4X_t Y_t - 0.2Y_t^2)dt + \sqrt{0.1X_t}dB_t$$

where dW\_t and dB\_t are standard Brownian motions, t is time and X\_0 = 5, Y\_0 = 5.

## Usage

```
data("SDEsim3")
```

## Format

A data frame with 1001 observations on the following 3 variables.

time A numeric vector of time nodes at which means are calculated (time[i+1]-time[i] = 1/4).

mx Mean Xt trajectory of the diffusion.

my Mean Yt trajectory of the diffusion.

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SDEsim4A Simulated Non-Linear Bivariate Diffusion With Time-Inhomogeneous Coefficients

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## Description

The dataset contains discretely sampled observations for a simulated stochastic differential equation (SDE) with dynamics:

$$dX_t = (1.0(7.5 - X_t) + 1.5Y_t)dt + 0.5\sqrt{X_t Y_t}dW_t$$

$$dY_t = (1.5(5 - Y_t) + 3 \sin(0.25\pi t))dt + 0.25\sqrt{Y_t}dB_t$$

where `dW_t` and `dB_t` are standard Brownian motions, `t` is time and `X_0 = 10, Y_0 = 5`.

## Usage

```
data("SDEsim4")
```

## Format

A data frame with 401 observations on the following 3 variables.

`Xt` Xt trajectory of the diffusion.

`Yt` Yt trajectory of the diffusion.

`time` Time vector.

## Examples

```
data(SDEsim4)
attach(SDEsim4)
# Have a look at the time series:
plot(Xt~time,type='l',col='blue',ylim=c(0,25),main='Simulated Data',
      xlab='Time (t)',ylab='State',axes=FALSE)
lines(Yt~time,col='red')
axis(1,seq(0,100,5))
axis(1,seq(0,100,5/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)
axis(2,seq(0,25,2))
axis(2,seq(0,25,2/10),tcl=-0.2,labels=NA)
```

SDEsim5

*Simulated First Passage Times for a Time-Inhomogeneous Non-Linear Diffusion***Description**

A histogram with counts/density values for a 500000 simulated first passage times of a diffusion:

$$dX_t = \theta_1 X_t (10 + 0.2 \sin(2\pi t) + 0.3\sqrt{t}(1 + \cos(3\pi t)) - X_t) dt + \sqrt{0.1} X_t dB_t$$

starting in  $X_1 = 8$  traversing a fixed barrier at  $B = 8$ .

**Usage**

```
data("SDEsim5")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 92 observations on the following 3 variables.

**counts** Histogram counts for each bin.

**density** Approximate density values.

**mids** Midpoints for each bin.

**Examples**

```
data(SDEsim5)
plot(SDEsim5$density ~ c(SDEsim5$mids-diff(SDEsim5$mids)[1] / 2), type = 's',
     lty = 'solid', lwd = 1, xlab = 'time', ylab = 'Density')
```

SDEsim6

*Simulated First Passage Times for a Time-Inhomogeneous Non-Linear Diffusion***Description**

A dataset of 500000 simulated first passage times of a diffusion:

$$dX_t = \theta_1 X_t (10 + 0.2 \sin(2\pi t) + 0.3\sqrt{t}(1 + \cos(3\pi t)) - X_t) dt + \sqrt{0.1} X_t dB_t$$

starting in  $X_1 = 8$  traversing a fixed barrier at  $B = 8$ .

**Usage**

```
data("SDEsim6")
```

**Format**

fpt.sim.times 500 000 simulated first passage times.

**Examples**

```
data("SDEsim6")
hist(fpt.sim.times, freq = FALSE, col = 'gray85', border = 'white',
  main = 'First Passage Time Density', ylab = 'Density', xlab = 'Time',
  breaks = 100)
```

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