

Universal approximation theorems for continuous functions of càdlàg paths and Lévy-type signature models

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 - The signature models for asset prices proposed **so far** have only dealt with **continuous trajectories**.
 - ▶ **How can we define signature-based models including jumps?**

Signature as (non-random) reservoir

- Signature of **continuous paths** (T. Lyons ('98), P. Friz & N. Victoir ('10), P. Friz & M. Hairer ('14)) owes its importance to the fact that it serves as **linear regression basis** for **continuous functionals of continuous paths**.
- In spirit of **reservoir computing** it can thus be viewed as a **(non-random) reservoir**:
 - ▶ the input signal, in this case **a path is fed into** a fixed dynamical system, **the signature transform**, mapping the paths to an element in the extended tensor algebra (or rather group-like elements);
 - ▶ then a **simple linear readout mechanism** is trained with the goal to **approximate a continuous functional of a continuous path uniformly on compact sets of paths**.
- Extensions to **randomized versions of signature** (C.C., Gonon, Grigoryeva, Ortega, Teichmann)

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- Do we get a similar **universal approximation result for an appropriate notion of signature of a càdlàg path?**
- In view of **universal model classes** this is essential for considering signature models based on Lévy processes.

Càdlàg rough paths

Our considerations rely on the **Marcus signature for càdlàg rough paths**:

Definition (P. Friz and A. Shekhar ('17))

Let $p \in [2, 3)$ and $\Delta_1 := \{(s, t) \in [0, 1]^2 \mid s \leq t\}$. A pair $\mathbf{X} = (X, \mathbb{X}^{(2)})$ is called **càdlàg p -rough path over \mathbb{R}^d** , in symbols $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{W}^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d)$, if

$$X : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathbb{X}^{(2)} : \Delta_1 \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes 2}$$

satisfy:

① The map $[0, 1] \ni t \mapsto (X_{0,t}, \mathbb{X}_{0,t}^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^d \oplus (\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes 2}$ is càdlàg .

② Chen's relation holds:

$$\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)} = \mathbb{X}_{s,u}^{(2)} + \mathbb{X}_{u,t}^{(2)} + X_{s,u} \otimes X_{u,t} \text{ for } 0 \leq s < u < t \leq 1.$$

③ $\mathbf{X} = (X, \mathbb{X}^{(2)})$ is of **finite p -variation** in the rough path sense:

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{p\text{-var}} := \|X\|_{p\text{-var}} + \|\mathbb{X}^{(2)}\|_{p/2\text{-var}}^{1/2} < \infty.$$

Weakly geometric and Marcus-like càdlàg rough paths

Definition (P. Friz and A. Shekhar ('17))

Let $p \in [2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{W}^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d)$.

- \mathbf{X} is said to be a **weakly geometric càdlàg p -rough path over \mathbb{R}^d** , in symbols $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{W}_g^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d)$, if for all $0 \leq s < t \leq 1$

$$\text{Sym}(\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)}) = \frac{1}{2} X_{s,t} \otimes X_{s,t}.$$

- If moreover

$$\lim_{s \uparrow t} \text{Anti}(\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)}) = 0, \text{ for all } t \in [0, 1],$$

then \mathbf{X} is said to be **Marcus-like**, in symbols $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{W}_M^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d)$.

The motivation for the definition of Marcus-like path comes from the **Marcus integral**. There jumps are replaced by straight lines, which do not create area.

Lie-group point of view on càdlàg rough path

- By extending weakly geometric and Marcus-like càdlàg rough paths by 1, i.e. $\mathbf{X} = (1, X, \mathbb{X}^{(2)})$, they can also be interpreted to take values in the free step-2 nilpotent Lie group $(G^2(\mathbb{R}^d), \otimes)$ defined as $\exp^{(2)}(\mathbb{R}^d \oplus [\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d])$ where $[\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}] = \mathbf{g} \otimes \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h} \otimes \mathbf{g}$.
- For Lie group valued paths, the increments of \mathbf{X} are defined via $\mathbf{X}_{s,t} := \mathbf{X}_s^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{X}_t$ and in turn the jumps as $\Delta \mathbf{X}_t := \lim_{s \uparrow t} \mathbf{X}_{s,t}$.
- For a weakly geometric path we thus have

$$\mathbf{X}_{s,t} = (1, X_{s,t}, \frac{1}{2} X_{s,t}^{\otimes 2} + \text{Anti}(\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)})) = \exp^{(2)}(X_{s,t}, \text{Anti}(\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)})) \in G^2(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

such that the Marcus condition implies

$$\log^{(2)}(\Delta \mathbf{X}_t) = \lim_{s \uparrow t} \log^{(2)}(\mathbf{X}_{s,t}) = \lim_{s \uparrow t} (0, X_{s,t}, \text{Anti}(\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)})) = (0, \Delta X_t, 0).$$

Towards signature - analogue of Lyons' extension theorem

- We recall the analogue of Lyons' extension theorem for càdlàg rough paths.
- Here, the **free step- N -nilpotent Lie group $G^N(\mathbb{R}^d)$** is defined analogously as $G^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, namely as exponential image of $\mathbb{R}^d \oplus [\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d] \oplus [\mathbb{R}^d, [\dots, [\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d]]]$.

Theorem (P. Friz and A. Shekhar ('17))

Let $p \in [2, 3)$ and $\mathbb{N} \ni N > 2$.

A weakly geometric càdlàg p -rough path $\mathbf{X} : [0, 1] \rightarrow G^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ admits a **unique extension to a càdlàg path $\mathbb{X}^N : [0, 1] \rightarrow G^N(\mathbb{R}^d)$** , such that

- \mathbb{X}^N starts from $(1, 0, 0, \dots) \in G^N(\mathbb{R}^d)$,
- it is of **finite p -variation**, (with respect to the Carnot-Carathéodory metric d_{CC} on $G^N(\mathbb{R}^d)$), and
- satisfies $\log^{(N)}(\Delta \mathbb{X}_t^N) = \log^{(2)}(\Delta \mathbf{X}_t)$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

\mathbb{X}^N is called **minimal jump extension of \mathbf{X} in $G^N(\mathbb{R}^d)$** .

Remarks

- The proof of the above result relies on Marcus' idea of turning a càdlàg path into a continuous one by **introducing an additional time interval** at each jump time, and **replacing the jumps by a straight line** which connects the states before and after the jump.
- For computing the minimal jump extension the jumps of \mathbf{X} are connected by the **log-linear path-function** $\varphi : G^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \times G^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow C([0, 1], G^2(\mathbb{R}^d))$. For $(\mathbf{X}_{u-}, \mathbf{X}_u)$, φ explicitly reads as

$$\log^{(2)}(\varphi(\mathbf{X}_{u-}, \mathbf{X}_u)) = s \mapsto (0, X_{u-} + s\Delta X_u, \text{Anti}(\mathbb{X}_{0,u-}^{(2)} + s\Delta \mathbb{X}_u^{(2)})).$$

- The outcome of this is a **continuous weakly geometric p -rough path \mathbf{X}^φ** , which admits by Lyons' extension theorem a unique (continuous) extension $\mathbb{X}^{\varphi, N}$. The càdlàg extension is then obtained via a time-change, i.e. $\mathbb{X}^N := \mathbb{X}_\tau^{\varphi, N}$.

Marcus-type RDEs

- This construction yields the concept of **Marcus-type** rough differential equation (RDEs).
- Roughly speaking, a solution to a Marcus-type RDE driven by \mathbf{X} is defined as the time changed solution of the continuous RDE driven by \mathbf{X}^φ . The equation is denoted by

$$dY_t = V(Y_t) \diamond d\mathbf{X}_t,$$

for suitable vector fields V .

- Since $\mathbb{X}^{\varphi, N}$ is the continuous Lyons' extension of \mathbf{X}^φ , it solves the linear signature RDE

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathbb{X}^{\varphi, N} &= \mathbb{X}^{\varphi, N} \otimes d\mathbf{X}, \\ \mathbb{X}_0^{\varphi, N} &= (1, 0, 0, \dots) \in G^N(\mathbb{R}^d). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, \mathbb{X}^N is by construction a solution of the corresponding Marcus-type linear RDE.

Marcus signature RDE

Corollary (P. Friz and A. Shekhar ('17))

Let $p \in [2, 3)$, $\mathbb{N} \ni N > 2$, and $\mathbf{X} : [0, 1] \rightarrow G^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be a weakly geometric càdlàg p -rough path. The *minimal jump extension* \mathbb{X}^N with values in $G^N(\mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfies the Marcus-type RDE

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whose explicit form is (by definition of the Marcus rough integration)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{X}_t^N &= 1 + \int_0^t \mathbb{X}_{s-}^N \otimes d\mathbf{X}_s \\ &+ \sum_{0 < s \leq t} \mathbb{X}_{s-}^N \otimes \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\Delta X_s)^{\otimes 2} + \sum_{k=2}^N \frac{1}{k!} (\Delta X_s, \text{Anti}(\Delta \mathbb{X}_s^{(2)}))^{\otimes k} \right). \end{aligned}$$

The integral is understood as a rough integral and the summation term is well defined as an absolutely summable series.

Definition of signature

- Define the set of group-like elements as follows

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and denote for a multiindex $I = (i_1, \dots, i_n)$, $\epsilon_I = \epsilon_{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \epsilon_{i_n}$ the basis elements of $(\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes n}$.

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Definition

Let $p \in [2, 3)$ and $\mathbf{X} : [0, 1] \rightarrow G^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be a weakly geometric càdlàg p -rough path. The signature of \mathbf{X} , denoted by \mathbb{X} , is the unique solution to the Marcus-type RDE in $G((\mathbb{R}^d))$

$$d\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{X} \otimes \diamond d\mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbb{X}_0 = (1, 0, 0, \dots) \in G((\mathbb{R}^d)).$$

Càdlàg semimartingales as càdlàg rough paths

Càdlàg semimartingales fit well into the theory of càdlàg rough paths. Indeed, every semimartingale admits a canonical lift which is a.s. a Marcus-type càdlàg p -rough path for any $p > 2$.

Proposition (P. Friz and A. Shekhar ('17))

Let $p \in (2, 3)$, X be a \mathbb{R}^d -valued càdlàg semimartingale and $[X, X]^c$ its $(\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes 2}$ -valued continuous quadratic variation. Then, $\mathbf{X}(\omega) = (X(\omega), \mathbb{X}^{(2)}(\omega)) \in \mathcal{W}_M^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^d)$ a.s., where, for $0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$,

$$\mathbb{X}_{s,t}^{(2)} := \int_s^t X_{s,r^-} \otimes dX_r + \frac{1}{2} [X, X]_{s,t}^c + \sum_{s < u \leq t} \Delta X_u \otimes \Delta X_u,$$

and the integral is understood in Itô's sense. We call \mathbf{X} Marcus lift of X .

Marcus integral for semimartingales

- Replacing the jumps by a straight line for a semimartingale X yields the so-called Marcus integral (see Kurtz, Pardoux & Protter (1995)), defined (here for $d = 1$) as follows:

$$\int_0^t f(X_{r-}) \diamond dX_r := \int_0^t f(X_{r-}) dX_r + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f'(X_{r-}) d[X, X]_r^c + \sum_{0 \leq r \leq t} \Delta X_r \int_0^1 f(X_{r-} + \theta \Delta X_r) - f(X_{r-}) d\theta,$$

where the first integral on the right is understood as Ito integral.

- This leads to a first order calculus, namely

$$f(X_t) - f(X_s) = \int_s^t f'(X_s) \diamond dX_s.$$

Marcus SDE

Proposition

Let X be an \mathbb{R}^d -valued semimartingale and \mathbf{X} its Marcus lift. It holds that the above Marcus-type RDE coincides a.s. with the *Marcus SDE*

$$d\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{X} \otimes \diamond dX, \quad \mathbb{X}_0 = (1, 0, 0, \dots) \in G((\mathbb{R}^d)).$$

The explicit form of the Marcus SDE is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{X}_t &= 1 + \int_0^t \mathbb{X}_{r-} \otimes dX_r + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \mathbb{X}_{r-} \otimes d[X, X]_r^c \\ &\quad + \sum_{0 < r \leq t} \mathbb{X}_{r-} \otimes \{\exp(\Delta X_r) - \Delta X_r - 1\} \\ &= 1 + \int_0^t \mathbb{X}_{r-} \otimes dX_r + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \mathbb{X}_{r-} \otimes d[X, X]_r^c + \sum_{0 < r \leq t} \mathbb{X}_{r-} \otimes \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(\Delta X_r)^{\otimes k}}{k!}. \end{aligned}$$

For $d = 1$, this yields the Taylorpolynomials: $(1, X_t - X_0, \dots, \frac{(X_t - X_0)^n}{n!}, \dots)$.

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- For a metric space (E, d) and let $D([0, 1], E)$ be the space of càdlàg paths on it. Denote by Λ the set of all strictly increasing bijections of $[0, 1]$ to itself. The **Skorokhod J_1 -metric** is defined as follows: for $X, Y \in D([0, 1], E)$

$$\sigma_\infty(X, Y) := \inf_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \{ |\lambda| \vee \sup_{s \in [0, 1]} d(X_{\lambda(s)}, Y_s) \},$$

where, $|\lambda| := \sup_{s \in [0, 1]} |\lambda(s) - s|$.

- In our case we consider $(E, d) = (G^N(\mathbb{R}^d), d_{CC})$ with d_{CC} denoting the Carnot-Carathéodory metric.

UAT for continuous functionals of weakly geometric càdlàg rough paths

Theorem (C. C., F. Primavera., S. Svaluto-Ferro (22'))

Let $K \subset \widehat{\mathcal{W}}_g^p([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^{d+1})$ be a subset which is compact with respect to the topology induced by the J_1 -metric and bounded with respect to the p -variation norm on the space of weakly geometric càdlàg rough paths.

Let $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with respect to the J_1 -topology and, for each $\hat{\mathbf{X}} \in K$, denote by $\hat{\mathbb{X}}$ its signature. Then, for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a *linear functional* ℓ such that

$$\sup_{\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{[0,1]} \in K} |f(\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{[0,1]}) - \ell(\hat{\mathbb{X}}_1)| \leq \epsilon.$$

Sketch of the proof

- Apply the Stone-Weierstrass theorem to the set A given by

$$A := \text{span}\{\ell : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R} ; \hat{\mathbf{X}} \mapsto \langle \epsilon_I, \hat{\mathbb{X}}_1 \rangle : |I| \geq 0\}.$$

- Therefore, we have to prove that A
 - 1 ... is a linear subspace of continuous functions from K to \mathbb{R} , which is a consequence of the fact that the solution map of the linear Marcus-type RDE

$$\begin{aligned} (K, \sigma_\infty) &\rightarrow (D([0, 1], G^N(\mathbb{R}^{d+1})), \sigma_\infty) \\ \hat{\mathbf{X}} &\mapsto \hat{\mathbb{X}}^N \end{aligned}$$

is continuous for every $N \geq 3$ (Chevyrev and Friz (2019)).

- 2 ... is a sub-algebra containing a non-zero constant function, which is true by the shuffle-property.
- 3 ... separates points, which follows from the fact that for a càglàd function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(0) = 0$ and $\int_0^1 f(s)s^n ds = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, it holds that $f \equiv 0$.

Towards Lévy type signature models

- Consider a **Brownian motion** W and an homogeneous **Poisson random measure** μ (independent from W) with intensity $\nu(dt, dx) = dt \times F(dx)$ such that

$$F(\{0\}) = 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|x|^2 \wedge 1) F(dx) < \infty, \quad \int_{|x|>1} |x|^k F(dx) < \infty \text{ for all } k \geq 1.$$

- Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$, $N \geq 2$ and define the $\mathbb{R}^{(N+2)}$ -valued process \hat{X} via

$$\hat{X}_t = (t, W_t, \int_0^t \int x(\mu - \nu)(ds, dx), \int_0^t \int x^2 \mu(ds, dx), \dots, \int_0^t \int x^N \mu(ds, dx)).$$

- \hat{X} encodes all the randomness of the model that we are going to define and call it thus **primary underlying process**. Moreover, it is a **Lévy process**, whose signature will be denoted by $\hat{\mathbb{X}}$.

Lévy type signature models

Lévy-type signature models are jump-diffusion models whose characteristics are linear functions of the signature of the primary process \hat{X} .

Definition

We define a Lévy-type signature model (under a pricing measure \mathbb{Q}) as follows

$$S(\ell)_t = S_0 + \int_0^t \left(\sum_{|J| \leq n} \ell^{JW} \langle \epsilon_J, \hat{X}_{s-} \rangle \right) dW_s \\ + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\sum_{|J| \leq n} \ell^{J\nu} \langle \epsilon_J, \hat{X}_{s-} \rangle \right) y (\mu - \nu)(ds, dy),$$

where $\ell^{JW}, \ell^{J\nu} \in \mathbb{R}$ and J are multiindices of length at most n with entries in $\{-1, 0, 1, \dots, d\}$ for d s.t. $d \leq N$. The index -1 corresponds to t and 0 to W .

The model is motivated by the above UAT, implying that the characteristics of $S(\ell)$ can be interpreted as approximations of continuous path functionals of X .

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- The condition $N \geq nd + 1$ is the precise reason why we need to include moments of the jump measure.
- This result implies tractable pricing formulas and that time-series calibration reduces to a linear regression.

Towards pricing of signature payoffs

- As a result of the UAT, continuous (with respect to the J_1 topology) payoffs can be approximated by linear functions of the time-extended signature of the price process, so-called signature payoffs (see Lyons, S. Nejad, and I. Perez Arribas (2020)).
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Proposition (C.C., Francesca Primavera, S. Svaluto-Ferro ('22))

Consider a multi-index $I \in \{-1, 1\}^{|I|}$ and let $N \geq |I|(dn + 1)$. Then there exists a linear combination $U(I, \ell)$ of indices with entries in $\{-1, 0, 1, \dots, N\}$, such that the following equality holds

$$\langle \epsilon_I, \hat{S}(\ell)_t \rangle = \langle \epsilon_{U(I, \ell)}, \hat{\mathbb{X}}_t \rangle.$$

Furthermore, $\langle \epsilon_{U(I, \ell)}, \mathbb{X}_t \rangle$ is a polynomial of degree $|I|$ in $(\ell_{1, \dots, M}^W, \ell_{1, \dots, M}^V) \in \mathbb{R}^{2M}$ with $M = \sum_{i=1}^n (d + 2)^i$, and $U(I, \ell)$ can be computed recursively.

Pricing of signature payoffs

Corollary (C.C., F. Primavera, S. Svaluto-Ferro ('22))

Let $N \geq |I|(nd + 1)$. Then the price of a signature payoff $\langle \epsilon_I, \hat{S}(\ell)_T \rangle$ can be expressed as

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[\langle \epsilon_I, \hat{S}(\ell)_T \rangle] = \langle \epsilon_{U(I, \ell)}, \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[\hat{X}_T] \rangle.$$

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Conclusion

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- **Lévy type signature models** distinguish themselves in
 - ▶ **universality**, as the characteristics of classical models can be approximated;
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- **Generic classes of jump SDEs**, so-called jump SigSDEs, can be proved to be projections of (infinite dimensional) **polynomial processes**.
- For certain jump SigSDEs, in particular polynomial processes themselves, the **truncated signature is again a finite dimensional polynomial process**.

Thank you for your attention!