

# Normal approximation of compound Hawkes functionals

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## Definition (The intensity process)

The intensity/rate process  $(\lambda_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is the predictable process defined as

$$\lambda_t dt = \mathbb{E}[H_{t+dt} - H_t | \mathcal{F}_{t-}].$$

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Let  $H$  be a counting process. We say that  $H$  is a simple Hawkes process if its intensity  $\lambda$  follows the dynamics

$$\lambda_t = \mu + \int_0^{t^-} \phi(t-s) dH_s = \mu + \sum_{\tau_k < t} \phi(t - \tau_k).$$

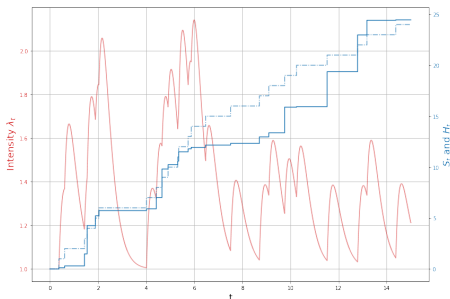
Where  $\phi$  is a non-negative integrable kernel such that  $\|\phi\|_1 < 1$ . The constant  $\mu > 0$  is called the baseline intensity.

# Definition of the compound Hawkes process

Let  $(X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be *i.i.d* of distribution  $\nu$ . Let  $H$  be a Hawkes process and assume  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp H$ . The sum

$$S_T = \sum_{k=1}^{H_T} X_k, \quad T \geq 0$$

is called a compound Hawkes process.



**Figure:** The compound Hawkes process with a kernel  $\phi(s) = 4se^{-4s}$ ,  $\mu = 1$  and  $X \sim \mathcal{E}(1)$ .

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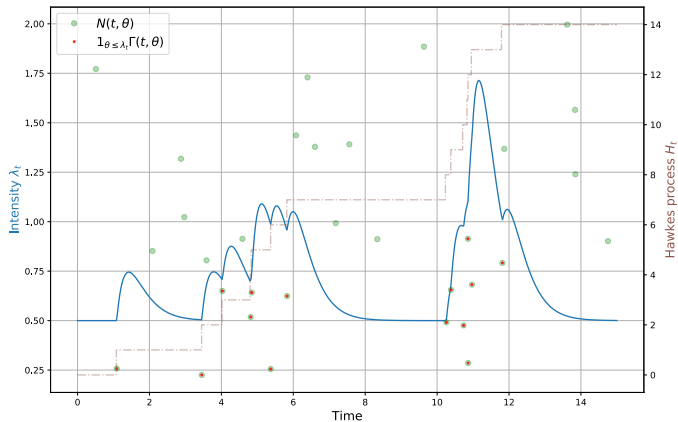
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**Figure:** A simulation with  $\phi(s) = 2se^{-3s}$  and  $\mu = 0.5$ .

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- What about the compound process?
- Can we quantify the speed of convergence?



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- Where  $\delta$  is the divergence operator with respect to the Poisson measure, defined as

$$\delta(P) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2 \times \mathbb{R}} P_{(t,\theta,x)} (N(dt, d\theta, dx) - dt d\theta \nu(dx)),$$

and  $z$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  are the predictable processes  $z_{(t,x)} = x \frac{\mathbb{1}_{t \leq T}}{\sqrt{T}}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_{(t,\theta)} = \mathbb{1}_{\theta \leq \lambda_t}$ .

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## Definition (Shift operator)

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $u \leq t$ . The shift operator  $\varepsilon_{(u,y)}$  consists of adding an artificial jump/event at time  $u$  of height  $y$  in the third component:

$$\begin{cases} H_t \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)} = H_u + 1 + \int_{(u,t] \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}} \mathbf{1}_{\theta \leq \lambda_s \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)}} N(ds, d\theta, dx), \\ S_t \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)} = S_u + y + \int_{(u,t] \times \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}} x \mathbf{1}_{\theta \leq \lambda_s \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)}} N(ds, d\theta, dx), \\ \lambda_t \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)} = \mu + \int_{(0,u)} \phi(t-s) dH_s + \phi(t-u) \\ \quad + \int_{(u,t)} \phi(t-s) d(H_t \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)}). \end{cases}$$

We extend the operator naturally to any random variable  $V \in \sigma(H_s, s \leq t)$ .

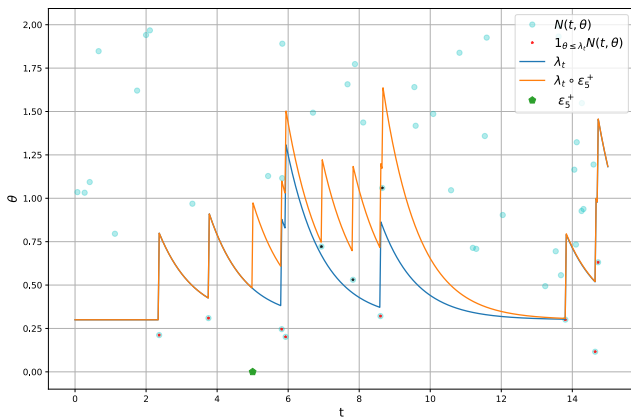
## Definition (Malliavin's derivative)

Let  $V \in \sigma(S_v, v \leq t)$ . For  $u \leq t$ , the Malliavin derivative of  $V$  is defined as

$$D_{(u,y)} V = V \circ \varepsilon_{(u,y)} - V.$$



# Illustration for the intensity on a simple Hawkes process



**Figure:** The effect of adding a jump at time  $u = 5$ . The kernel is  $\phi(s) = 0.5e^{-s}$ .

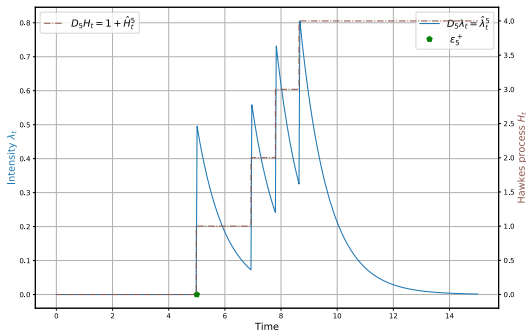
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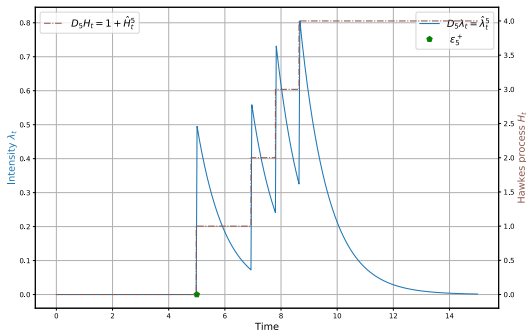
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## Derivative of the normalized martingale

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# Integration by parts

## Duality

Let  $(z_{(t,x)})_{t \geq 0}$  be a predictable process and  $V \in \sigma(S_t, t \geq 0)$ . It holds that

$$\mathbb{E}[\delta(z\mathcal{Z})V] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}} \lambda_t z_{(t,x)} D_{(t,x)} V dt \nu(dx) \right].$$

**Verification for  $X \equiv 1$ ,  $\phi \equiv 0$  and  $z_t = \mathbb{1}_{t \leq T}$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[(H_T - \mu T)f(H_T)] &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} n f(n) e^{-\mu T} \frac{(\mu T)^n}{n!} - \mu T \mathbb{E}[f(H_T)], \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} f(n) e^{-\mu T} \frac{(\mu T)^n}{(n-1)!} - \mu T \mathbb{E}[f(H_T)], \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\mu T (f(H_T + 1) - f(H_T))]. \end{aligned}$$

## Bounds on the distance between Hawkes functionals and their Gaussian limit

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## Reckless bound (2)

- Recall that  $F_T = \frac{M_T}{\sqrt{T}} = \frac{S_T - \mathbb{E}[X] \int_0^T \lambda_s ds}{\sqrt{T}}$ .
- The Gaussian limit is centered and its variance is  $\sigma^2 = \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2] \mu}{1 - \|\phi\|_1}$ .

### Theorem

If  $\int_0^{+\infty} s\phi(s)ds < +\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < +\infty$  then there exists a constant  $C_{\mu, \phi, \nu}$  independent from  $T$  such that

$$d_W(F_T, G) \leq \frac{C_{\mu, \phi, \nu}}{\sqrt{T}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left| \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \lambda_s \hat{M}_T^{(s, x)} ds \nu(dx) \right| \right] \right),$$

where  $G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

# Commutation property (1)

- Instead, we make the following observation

$$D_{(s,x)}F_T = D_{(s,x)}\delta\left(\left(x\frac{\mathbb{1}_{s\leq T}}{\sqrt{T}}\right)_{(s,x)\in\mathbb{R}_+\times\mathbb{R}}\mathcal{Z}\right)$$

and benefit from the following commutation property (for a deterministic  $z$ )

$$D_{(s,x)}\delta(z\mathcal{Z}) = z_{(s,x)} + \delta(z\hat{\mathcal{Z}}^s)$$

where  $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_{(r,\theta)}^s = \mathbb{1}_{r>s}\mathbb{1}_{\lambda_r<\theta\leq\lambda_r\circ\mathcal{E}_{(s,1)}}$ .

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Using this property we have that

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$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ f'(F_T) \left( \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} x D_{(s,x)} F_T \lambda_s ds \nu(dx) \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ f'(F_T) \left( \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{T}} \lambda_s ds \nu(dx) \right) \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{f'(F_T)}{\sqrt{T}} \left( \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta(z \hat{Z}^s) \lambda_s ds \nu(dx) \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

And we show that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ f'(F_T) \left( \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta(z \hat{Z}^s) \lambda_s ds \nu(dx) \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lambda_s \mathbb{E}_s [f'(F_T) \delta(z \hat{Z}^s)] ds \nu(dx) \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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If  $\int_0^{+\infty} s\phi(s)ds < +\infty$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < +\infty$ , then there exists  $C_{\mu, \phi, \nu} > 0$  (depending only on  $\mu, \phi, \nu$ ) such that

$$d_W(F_T, G) \leq \frac{C_{\mu, \phi, \nu}}{\sqrt{T}},$$

where  $G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

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Assume that  $\mathbb{E}[X^2] < +\infty$  and let

$$\varpi := \mu \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{1 - \|\phi\|_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_T := \frac{S_T - \varpi T}{\sqrt{T}}, \quad T > 0.$$

Then, there exists  $C'_{\mu, \phi, \nu} > 0$  (depending only on  $\mu, \|\phi\|_1, \nu$ ) such that

$$d_W(\Gamma_T, \mathcal{N}(0, \zeta^2)) \leq \frac{C'_{\mu, \phi, \nu}}{\sqrt{T}}, \quad T > 0,$$

where

$$\zeta^2 := \mu \frac{\mathbb{E}[X^2] + \|\phi\|_1 (\mathbb{E}[X^2] - (\mathbb{E}[X_1])^2) (\|\phi\|_1 - 2)}{(1 - \|\phi\|_1)^3}.$$

# Merci!

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