

# Stable Marked Point Processes

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## Abstract

In many contexts, such as queueing theory, spatial statistics, geostatistics and meteorology, data are observed at irregular spatial positions. One model of this situation is to consider the observation points as generated by a Poisson Process. Under this assumption, we study the limit behavior of the partial sums of the Marked Point Process  $\{(t_i, X(t_i))\}$ , where  $X(t)$  is a stationary random field and the points  $t_i$  are generated from an independent Poisson random measure  $\mathbb{N}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . We define the sample mean and sample variance statistics, and determine their joint asymptotic behavior in a heavy-tailed setting, thus extending some finite variance results of Karr (1986). New results on subsampling in the context of a Marked Point Process are also presented, with the application of forming a confidence interval for the unknown mean under an unknown degree of heavy tails.

## 1 Introduction

Random field data arise in diverse areas, such as spatial statistics, geostatistics, and meteorology, to name a few. It often happens that the observation locations of the data are irregularly spaced, which is a serious deviation from the typical formulation of random field theory where data are located at lattice points. One effective way of modeling the observation points is through a Poisson Process. In Karr (1982, 1986), the statistical problem of mean estimation is addressed given a Marked Point Process

structure of the data where the observation locations are governed by a Poisson Random Measure  $\mathbb{N}$  assumed independent of the distribution of the stationary random field itself. Karr (1986) obtained Central Limit Theorem results for the sample mean in this context under a finite second moment assumption, and showed that the limiting variance depends on the integrated autocovariance function. The paper at hand is a first analysis of infinite-variance Marked Point Processes.

Within the literature of dependent, heavy-tailed stationary time series, the discrete time stochastic process

$$X(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t+x) \mathbb{M}(dx) \tag{1}$$

has been studied in Resnick, Samorodnitsky, and Xue (1999). In their work,  $t$  is the integer index of the discrete time process,  $\mathbb{M}$  is an  $\alpha$ -stable random measure with Lebesgue control measure, and  $\psi$  is a sufficiently regular real-valued function. This is an excellent model for the types of data discussed above because  $X(t)$  can be defined for any  $t$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , when  $\psi$  and  $\mathbb{M}$  are extended to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  as well. A Marked Point Process can be defined using model (1); data from a Marked Point Process are of the form  $\{t_i, X(t_i)\}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  where the points  $t_1, t_2, \dots$  are generated by a Poisson Random Measure. We focus on the non-Gaussian case where  $\alpha < 2$ , so that the variance of  $X$  is infinite. Nevertheless, we study the sample variance statistic, since it forms a suitable studentization of the mean – see McElroy and Politis (2002). The sample variance (as well as its square root, the sample standard deviation) is always well-defined, even though the true variance may be infinite.

The second section of this paper develops some theory on continuous-time stable processes, and the convergence of integrated partial sums of the data is established. This is relevant to our main discussion since a continuously observed process must be defined before we can conceive of a Marked Point Process, as the random field must be well-defined at every observation point  $t$ . Since the limit results for continuous-time

stable processes are new, and helpful towards our Marked Point Process problem, they are also included.

In the third section, we describe the Marked Point Process situation, and derive the joint asymptotics for the sample mean and sample variance. As expected, the limit is stochastic, but its randomness only comes from the stable random measure  $\mathbb{M}$ , and not from the Poisson Random Measure  $\mathbb{N}$ . It will be seen that our results generalize the limit theory of Karr (1986) to the case of infinite variance.

Finally, it is well known that subsampling is applicable in the context of a Marked Point Process under some conditions; see Chapter 6 of Politis, Romano, and Wolf (1999) – hereafter denoted PRW (1999). Our limit theorems permit us to verify the subsampling requirements, so that a valid confidence interval for the mean is constructed in our Section 4. Two methods are presented: one based on the asymptotics of the sample mean when  $\alpha$  is known, and one based on the asymptotics of the self-normalized sample mean when  $\alpha$  is not known. These methods are tested and compared through a simulation study in Section 5. All technical proofs are placed in the Appendix, Section 6.

## 2 Continuous Parameter Processes

In this section we develop a limit theory for the sample mean and sample variance of an  $\alpha$ -stable continuous-time random field  $\{X(t), t \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$ . Consider an  $\alpha$ -stable random measure  $\mathbb{M}$  with skewness intensity  $\beta(\cdot)$  and Lebesgue control measure (denoted by  $\lambda$ ) defined on the space  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . The random measure is independently scattered, and for Lebesgue-measurable sets  $A$  the distribution of  $\mathbb{M}(A)$  is  $\alpha$ -stable with scale  $\lambda(A)^{1/\alpha}$ , skewness  $\int_A \beta(x)\lambda(dx)/\lambda(A)$ , and location 0 – see Samorodnitsky and Taqqu (1994, page 118) for details. This choice of control measure reflects our desire that the process be strictly stationary; translation invariance is a necessary condition for stationarity

in such models. In addition, it is necessary for  $\beta$  to have period “zero” for stationarity, i.e., the skewness intensity  $\beta(x)$  is constant as a function of  $x$ . We will denote this constant by  $\beta$ . Let  $\psi$  be a *filter function* in  $\mathbb{L}_\delta := \{f : \|f\|_\delta^\delta := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^\delta \lambda(dx) < \infty\}$  that is continuous and bounded for almost every  $x$  with respect to Lebesgue measure. Then we may construct the following stochastic integral with respect to an  $\alpha$ -stable random measure  $\mathbb{M}$  (see Samorodnitsky and Taqqu, 1994):

$$X(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{M}(dx) \quad (2)$$

with  $t \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . We stipulate that the number  $\delta$  is in  $(0, \alpha] \cap [0, 1]$  (later we require  $\psi$  to be integrable);  $\alpha$  will be fixed throughout the discussion. Note that  $\alpha = 2$  corresponds to a Gaussian stochastic process, and has been extensively studied. It is a fact that the random variable  $X(t)$  is  $\alpha$ -stable with scale parameter

$$\sigma_\psi = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(x+t)|^\alpha \lambda(dx) \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(x)|^\alpha \lambda(dx) \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

and skewness parameter

$$\beta_\psi = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+t)^{<\alpha>} \beta(x) \lambda(dx)}{\sigma_\psi^\alpha} = \beta \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x)^{<\alpha>} \lambda(dx)}{\sigma_\psi^\alpha}$$

where  $b^{<\alpha>} = \text{sign}(b)|b|^\alpha$ . The location parameter is zero unless  $\alpha = 1$ , in which case it is

$$\mu_\psi = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+t) \beta(x) \log |\psi(x+t)| \lambda(dx) = -\frac{2\beta}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x) \log |\psi(x)| \lambda(dx).$$

Intuitively, we may think of  $X$  as the convolution of  $\psi$  and  $\mathbb{M}$ , in analogy with the infinite order moving average of classical time series analysis. Essentially, one runs the independent increments  $\alpha$ -stable measure  $\mathbb{M}$  through the linear filter  $\psi$ , and the resulting time series is strictly stationary with non-trivial dependence; two random variables  $X(t)$  and  $X(t+k)$  are independent if and only if the lag  $k$  exceeds the diameter of  $\psi$ 's support. Of course,  $\psi$  need not be compactly supported, in which case all the variables are dependent. Hence, this construction makes for an interesting and

relevant linear heavy-tailed model. As shown in Proposition 1 of McElroy and Politis (2004), the model defined by equation (1) is well-defined and stationary. That is, for each  $t$ , the random variable  $X(t)$  is  $\alpha$ -stable with location zero (unless  $\alpha = 1$ , in which case the location is  $\mu_\psi$ ), constant skewness, and constant scale.

We will be interested in the asymptotic distribution of the partial sums. In order to consider fairly general, non-rectangular regions, we let  $K$  be a “prototype region”, which is a Lebesgue measurable set in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with measurable boundary  $\partial K$  such that  $\lambda(\partial K) = 0$ ; see Nordman and Lahiri (2003) for background on this concept. Then let  $K_n = n \cdot K$ , which essentially scales the prototype region by the integer  $n$ . Our statistics are computed over  $K_n$ , and our asymptotic results are achieved as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This device allows us to consider non-rectangular regions, and at the same time is a realistic construction. The appropriate rate of convergence for the partial sums will then be  $n^{\frac{d}{\alpha}}$ , as shown in Theorem 1 below. We wish to average  $X(t)$  over *all* points in  $K_n$ , and so to that end we must calculate

$$\int_{K_n} X(t)\lambda(dt). \quad (3)$$

Now a discrete sum of the random field is certainly well-defined by the linearity of the  $\alpha$ -stable random integral, but it is not a priori clear that (3) makes sense. Thus we make the following definition:

**Definition 1** *By the expression (3) we mean the limit in probability as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  of the following:*

$$\sum_{t_i \in K_n^m} X(t_i)\Delta t_i, \quad (4)$$

where  $K_n^m$  is a mesh of  $m$  points  $t_i$  in  $K_n$ ,  $\Delta t_i$  is the  $d\lambda$  volume of the elements of the mesh, and the mesh gets progressively finer as  $m$  is increased (this is the usual Riemann sums construction).

Let us establish that this definition makes sense. By using the linearity of the stable integral, line (4) becomes

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{t_i \in K^m} \psi(t_i + x) \Delta t_i \mathbb{M}(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F_m(x) \mathbb{M}(dx) \quad (5)$$

where  $F_m(x) = \sum_{t_i \in K^m} \psi(t_i + x) \Delta t_i$ . Now it follows that the limit in probability as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  of (5) is  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F(x) \mathbb{M}(dx)$  for  $F(x) := \int_{K_n} \psi(t + x) \lambda(dt)$  so long as

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F_m(x) - F(x)|^\alpha \lambda(dx) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the integrands are bounded in  $\mathbb{L}^1$ , we may apply the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem and obtain our result, since  $F_m(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  pointwise.

Thus we have established that the expression (3) makes sense, and also that it is equal to

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F(x) \mathbb{M}(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{K_n} \psi(t + x) \lambda(dt) \mathbb{M}(dx). \quad (6)$$

In a similar fashion, one can define the integral of the second moment

$$\int_{K_n} X^2(t) \lambda(dt) \quad (7)$$

as a limit in probability of a Riemann sum of  $X^2(t)$ ; unfortunately, due to squaring, a nice representation such as (6) is not possible. However, the Laplace transform of (7) is closely related to the Fourier transform of

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{K_n} \psi(t + x) \mathbb{B}(dt) \mathbb{M}(dx), \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathbb{B}$  is an independent Gaussian random measure. This is shown in the proof of Theorem 1. Note that, conditional on  $\mathbb{B}$ , (8) is an  $\alpha$ -stable random variable with scale

$$\left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x + t) \mathbb{B}(dt) \right|^\alpha \lambda(dx) \right)^{1/\alpha}.$$

Now we are interested in the continuous versions of the sample mean and sample variance; it is sufficient to examine the asymptotics of

$$\left( n^{-\frac{d}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X(t) \lambda(dt), n^{-\frac{2d}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) \lambda(dt) \right)$$

which we explore through the joint Fourier/Laplace Transform. For two random variables  $A$  and  $B \geq 0$ , this is defined by

$$\phi_{A,B}(\theta, \gamma) = \mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta A - \gamma B\} \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \gamma \geq 0.$$

Like the joint characteristic function, the pointwise convergence of  $\phi_{A_n, B_n}$  to a function continuous at  $(0, 0)$  establishes joint weak convergence of  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  – see Fitzsimmons and McElroy (2006). The next theorem gives a complete answer to our inquiry:

**Theorem 1** *Consider a random field defined by the model given by (1), where  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$ . Then the sample first and second moments jointly have a limit:*

$$\left( n^{-\frac{d}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X(t) \lambda(dt), n^{-\frac{2d}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) \lambda(dt) \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} (S_\infty(\alpha), U_\infty(\alpha)) \quad (9)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; in the above,  $U_\infty(\alpha)$  is nondegenerate only if  $\alpha < 2$ .  $S_\infty(\alpha)$  is an  $\alpha$ -stable random variable with scale parameter  $|\Phi|$  where  $\Phi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x) \lambda(dx)$  and skewness parameter  $\beta \cdot \text{sign}(\Phi)$ . If  $\alpha \neq 1$ , the location parameter is zero; otherwise the location parameter is  $-\frac{2\beta}{\pi} \Phi \log |\Phi|$ . When either  $\alpha \neq 1$  or  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 0$ , we may write  $S_\infty(\alpha) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} \lambda(K)^{1/\alpha} \Phi \cdot \mathbb{M}(B)$  for the marginal distribution.  $U_\infty(\alpha)$  is – for  $\alpha < 2$  – an  $\alpha/2$ -stable random variable with scale parameter

$$2[\lambda(K)\mathbb{E}|G|^\alpha]^{2/\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(x) \lambda(dx) (\cos(\pi\alpha/4))^{2/\alpha},$$

skewness 1, and location 0, where  $G$  is a standard normal random variable. If  $\alpha = 2$ , then  $U_\infty(\alpha)$  is a point mass at the second moment of  $X$ , which is  $2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \lambda(ds)$ .

We may write the marginal distribution as

$$U_\infty(\alpha) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} 2[\lambda(K)\mathbb{E}|G|^\alpha]^{2/\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(x) \lambda(dx) (\cos(\pi\alpha/4))^{2/\alpha} \cdot \epsilon(\alpha)$$

where  $\epsilon(\alpha)$  is an  $\alpha/2$ -stable subordinator. The limiting joint Fourier/Laplace Transform  $\mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta S_\infty(\alpha) - \gamma U_\infty(\alpha)\}$  for  $\alpha < 2$  is (letting  $\Phi_2 = \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(x) \lambda(dx)}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp\{-\lambda(K) \mathbb{E} |\theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G|^\alpha \left(1 - i\beta \frac{\mathbb{E}(\theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G)^{<\alpha>}}{\mathbb{E} |\theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G|^\alpha}\right) \\ & - i\lambda(K) \frac{2\beta}{\pi} 1_{\alpha=1} \mathbb{E} \left[ (\theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G) \log |\theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G| \right] \} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

for  $\theta$  real and  $\gamma \geq 0$ .

**Remark 1** One can develop confidence intervals via this result. However, due to considerations of space, we will give the details only in the Marked Point case, as the continuous case is much simpler.

### 3 Marked Point Processes

We will now consider the more intricate situation wherein the observation locations of the random field are themselves random. It often happens in statistical problems that random field data is not observed at lattice points, but instead at points scattered around the observation region with no discernible pattern. Frequently, we can model this situation through the employment of a Random Measure for the point locations. Generally, this probabilistic structure is referred to as a *Marked Point Process*  $\tilde{N}$ :

$$\tilde{N} = \sum_i \epsilon_{(T_i, X(T_i))}$$

for  $\epsilon_x(A) = 1$  if  $x \in A$  and 0 otherwise. See Karr (1986) for a treatment of Marked Point Processes for  $\mathbb{L}_2$  random fields. If we wish to impose that the distribution of points does not depend on the location of the observation region, but only on its size and shape, then we say the random measure is spatially homogeneous – this is like a stationarity assumption. Also it is often sensible that the distribution of points in one observation region can be assumed independent of the distribution of points in another disjoint observation region – the “independent scattering” property. It turns



out that a homogeneous Poisson Random Measure (*PRM*) satisfies these properties, and therefore is a reasonable model in many scenarios. So let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote a *PRM* with mean measure  $\Lambda$  – hence  $\mathbb{N}$  is sometimes denoted *PRM*( $\Lambda$ ), i.e.,

**Definition 2** *We say that  $\mathbb{N}$  is *PRM*( $\Lambda$ ) on the measure space  $\{\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}, \Lambda\}$  (where  $\mathcal{B}$  are the Borel sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ) if and only if it is an independently scattered, countably additive random measure that satisfies*

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathbb{N}(A) = k] = \exp\{-\Lambda(A)\} \frac{\Lambda(A)^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1 \dots \quad (11)$$

for every  $A \in \mathcal{B}_0 := \{B \subset \mathcal{B} : \Lambda(A) < \infty\}$ . In other words,  $\mathbb{N}(A) \sim \mathcal{Pois}(\Lambda(A))$ . We call  $\Lambda$  the mean measure of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Remark 2** More generally, we could just define the mean measure to be  $\Lambda(\cdot) := \mathbb{E}\mathbb{N}(\cdot)$ . Now if we impose that  $\Lambda$  be a translation invariant measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , then spatial homogeneity follows at once from (11). Of course,  $\Lambda$  must then be Lebesgue measure (denoted by  $\lambda$ , as in the previous section) modulo some constant positive multiplicative factor, i.e.,  $\Lambda = r\lambda$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

We are interested in investigating the limit behavior of the sample mean and sample variance over the observation region  $K_n$  (we preserve the notation from last section), where the data locations are now determined by the random measure  $\mathbb{N}$ , which is independent of the stochastic process (1). Thus we wish to study the joint convergence of

$$\left( \mathbb{N}(K_n)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X(t) \mathbb{N}(dt), \mathbb{N}(K_n)^{-\frac{2}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right) \quad (12)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; note that  $\mathbb{N}(K_n)$  is the actual observed sample size.

**Theorem 2** *Consider a continuous parameter random field generated from the model given by (1), where  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$  and the skewness intensity  $\beta$  is constant. Suppose that a *PRM*  $\mathbb{N}$  with mean measure  $\Lambda = r\lambda$ , independent of the stochastic process, governs the distribution of observation locations. If the observation region is the set  $K_n$  and  $\alpha < 2$ ,*

then the normalized sample mean and sample variance computed over the observation region jointly converge in distribution to an  $\alpha$ -stable random variable  $\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)$  and a positive  $\alpha/2$ -stable random variable  $\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\left( \mathbb{N}(K_n)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X(t) \mathbb{N}(dt), \mathbb{N}(K_n)^{-\frac{2}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right) \quad (13)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \left( r^{-1/\alpha} \tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha), r^{-2/\alpha} \tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha) \right)$$

The joint Fourier/Laplace transform of the limit ( $\theta$  real and  $\gamma > 0$ ) is given by

$$\mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta \tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha) - \gamma \tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)\} = \exp\{-\tilde{\sigma}_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma) \left( 1 - i\beta \frac{\tilde{\beta}_\infty(\theta, \gamma)}{\tilde{\sigma}_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma)} \right) + i1_{\{\alpha=1\}} \tilde{\mu}_\infty(\theta, \gamma)\}$$

with the parameters given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}_\infty(\theta, \gamma) &= (\mathbb{E}|g(\theta, \gamma)|^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} \\ \tilde{\beta}_\infty(\theta, \gamma) &= \mathbb{E}(g(\theta, \gamma))^{\langle \alpha \rangle} \\ \tilde{\mu}_\infty(\theta, \gamma) &= \frac{-2\beta}{\pi} \mathbb{E}[g(\theta, \gamma) \log g(\theta, \gamma)] \\ g(\theta, \gamma) &= \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(s) \mathbb{N}(ds) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \mathbb{N}(ds)} G \end{aligned}$$

for  $G$  a standard normal random variable independent of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)$  is  $\alpha$ -stable with scale  $\tilde{\sigma}_\infty(1, 0)$ , skewness  $\beta \frac{\tilde{\beta}_\infty(1, 0)}{\tilde{\sigma}_\infty^\alpha(1, 0)}$ , and location  $1_{\{\alpha=1\}} \tilde{\mu}_\infty(1, 0)$ ; whereas  $\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)$  is  $\alpha/2$ -stable with scale

$$2 \left( \cos(\pi\alpha/4) \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right]^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{E}|Z|^\alpha \right)^{2/\alpha}$$

skewness one, and location zero. If  $\alpha = 2$ , the limit of the sample variance  $\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)$  is a point mass at  $2r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \lambda(ds)$ . The stated limit for the sample mean still holds when  $\alpha = 2$ ; in this case,  $\tilde{S}_\infty(2)$  is a Gaussian random variable.

As a special case, let us fix  $\alpha = 2$  in Theorem 2: the limiting squared scale  $\tilde{\sigma}_\infty^2(\theta, 0)$  (half the variance) of the partial sums is then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right|^2 &= \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(s) r \lambda(ds) \right)^2 + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) r \lambda(ds) \\ &= r^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x) \psi(x+t) \lambda(dx) \lambda(dt) + r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \lambda(ds) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tau(t) \lambda(dt) + \frac{1}{2} r \tau(0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau(t) = \text{Cov}(X(t), X(0)) = 2r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x) \psi(x+t) \lambda(dx)$  is the covariance (or codifference) function. Therefore the variance of the limit  $r^{-1/2} \tilde{S}_\infty(2)$  is  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tau(t) \lambda(dt) + \tau(0)$  which agrees with equation (3.10) of Karr (1986) in the finite variance case.

**Remark 3** Since the codifference function  $\tau(t) = 2\|\psi\|_\alpha^\alpha - \|\psi(\cdot + t) - \psi\|_\alpha^\alpha$  is a natural generalization of the covariance function to  $\alpha < 2$ , one may be tempted to conjecture that  $\mathbb{E} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right|^\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \tau(s) \lambda(ds) + \tau(0) \right)$ . This is in fact false, as evaluation on a simple  $\psi$  will confirm.

Corollary 1 follows from Theorem 2 by the continuous mapping theorem:

**Corollary 1** *Under the same assumptions as Theorem 2, the self-normalized mean converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ :*

$$\frac{\int_{K_n} X(t) \mathbb{N}(dt)}{\sqrt{\int_{K_n} X^2(t) \mathbb{N}(dt)}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)}{\sqrt{\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)}}.$$

**Remark 4** Note that no knowledge of  $\alpha$  is required to compute the self-normalized mean. It is also interesting that the limit does not depend on  $r$ . The ratio is nonconstant, since a squared  $\alpha$ -stable variable never has an  $\alpha/2$ -stable distribution.

## 4 Subsampling Applications

This next section of the paper describes how subsampling methods may be used for practical application of the results of the previous section. The idea is to use the

subsampling distribution estimator as an approximation of the limit distribution of our mean-centered statistic from a Marked Point Process that depends on unknown parameters (including  $\alpha$ ); this procedure will yield approximate quantiles for its sampling distribution, and thus confidence intervals for the mean can be formed. For more details and background on these methods, see PRW (1999).

In order to use subsampling, it is desirable that the model satisfy certain mixing conditions. Strong mixing is one common condition on the dependence structure which is sufficient to insure the validity of the subsampling theorems – see Rosenblatt (1956) for its introduction. Many time series models satisfy the assumption of strong mixing; for Gaussian processes, the summability of the autocovariance function implies the strong mixing property. In the case where  $d = 1$ , if our process (1) is symmetric, the strong mixing condition is always satisfied, as Proposition 3 of McElroy and Politis (2004) demonstrates. The mixing condition that is needed in general is a bit more complicated, and is defined in the next subsection.

#### 4.1 Subsampling with Known Index $\alpha$

In this subsection assume that  $\alpha$  is known, and is greater than 1; consider the following location-shifted model:

$$Z(t) := X(t) + \mu = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+t)\mathbb{M}(dx) + \mu \quad (14)$$

This is the appropriate model for stable stationary random fields with nonzero location. Note that, since  $\alpha > 1$ , the location parameter of  $X(t)$  is zero. For applications, we will suppose that our data are the observations  $\{Z(t_i) : t_i \in K_n\}$  for some specified observation region  $K_n$ , and a random collection of  $\mathbb{N}(K_n)$  points  $t_i$  generated by the Poisson Random Measure  $\mathbb{N}$ . Our goal is to estimate the location parameter (i.e., the mean)  $\mu$  with the sample mean

$$\hat{\mu}_{K_n} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} \int_{K_n} Z(t)\mathbb{N}(dt).$$

Let  $\bar{\alpha}_Z(k; l_1)$  be the mixing coefficients defined in PRW (1999, p. 141). Since by (13) the sample mean converges, we can apply Theorem 6.3.1 of PRW(1999) to this situation. Let  $K_n(1-c) := \{y \in K_n : B+y \subset K_n\}$  for  $B := cK_n$ , where  $c = c_n \in (0, 1)$  is a sequence that tends to zero as the diameter of  $K_n$ , denoted by  $\delta(K_n)$ , tends to infinity. We also require that  $c_n\delta(K_n) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\delta(K_n) = \delta(nK) = n\delta(K)$ , this means that  $1/c_n = o(n)$ . In practice, since  $K_n$  is not clearly defined by the data, one may take it to be the convex hull or rectangular hull of the observation points. Then it is simple to produce the scaled down copy  $B$  of  $K_n$ , once  $c$  is chosen. Let  $\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y}$  be the statistic  $\hat{\mu}$  evaluated on the set  $B+y$  for any  $y \in K_n(1-c)$ , and let  $L_{K_n, B}(x)$  be the subsampling distribution estimator (6.8) of PRW(1999). We will assume (6.9) of PRW(1999) as a condition on the mixing coefficients; this condition is easily satisfied in the  $d = 1$  special case if the random field is strong mixing (which is always true for symmetric one-dimensional stable integrals, by Proposition 3 of McElroy and Politis (2004)). Then by Theorem 6.3.1 of PRW(1999),

$$L_{K_n, B}(x) \xrightarrow{P} J(x)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $J(x)$  is the cdf of  $r^{-1/\alpha}\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 5** It follows that an asymptotically correct  $(1-p)100\%$  confidence interval for  $\mu$  is given by

$$\left[ \hat{\mu} - L_{1-p/2}\mathbb{N}(K_n)^{1/\alpha-1}, \hat{\mu} - L_{p/2}\mathbb{N}(K_n)^{1/\alpha-1} \right]$$

where  $L_p$  is the  $p$ -th quantile of  $L_{K_n, B}$ , defined as  $\inf\{x : L_{K_n, B}(x) \geq p\}$ . Note that explicit knowledge of  $\alpha$  is necessary for this construction.

## 4.2 Subsampling with Unknown index $\alpha$

The method outlined above is often not immediately applicable because the rate of convergence  $\tau_{\Lambda(K_n)}$  depends on  $\alpha$ , which is typically unknown; thus, in practice, it may be necessary to estimate  $\alpha$ . This can be done via a subsampling estimator of the rate,

as discussed in Bertail, Politis, and Romano (1999) or PRW (1999, Chapter 8). These methods can be extended to the Marked Point Process scenario in a straightforward fashion; details are omitted here, but may be obtained by contacting the authors. The single important difference from Bertail, Politis, and Romano (1999), is that the data-driven rate  $\tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}$  appearing in the subsampling distribution estimator must be replaced by a deterministic rate  $\tau_{\Lambda(B+y)}$ ; one can even use Lebesgue measure instead of the mean measure  $\Lambda$ , since the use of logarithms in the estimator ensures that the differences in scale are irrelevant.

Alternatively, one may be able to avoid the estimation of  $\alpha$  by using a self-normalized estimate of the mean, e.g., one may consider dividing by the sample standard deviation as in our Corollary 1. Suppose that  $\hat{\sigma}_{K_n}$  is an estimate of scale for  $X(t)$ . Then we may form the ratio

$$\tau_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} \frac{(\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu)}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n}}$$

where  $\tau_u$  is the appropriate rate of convergence, such that the ratio has a nontrivial weak limit. The goal is to self-normalize such that  $\tau_u$  will be a known rate, i.e., a rate that does not depend on unknown model parameters. A leading example is to self-normalize such that an asymptotic result with  $\tau_u = \sqrt{u}$  holds. This is an improvement over the convergence rate of the (un-normalized) sample mean, where  $\tau_u$  depends on  $\alpha$ , which is unknown.

We consider, generally, the scenario in which such a self-normalized convergence holds, such that  $\tau_u$  is a known rate. Corollary 1 furnishes an example of such a scenario – see the discussion following Remark 6 below. Now we adjust the definition of the subsampling distribution estimator accordingly:

$$L_{K_n, B}(x) := \lambda(K_n(1-c))^{-1} \int_{K_n(1-c)}^1 \mathbb{1}_{\left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \hat{\mu}_{K_n}}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq x \right\}} dy, \quad (15)$$

with  $\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}$  defined similarly to  $\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y}$ . On a practical note, it is possible that  $\mathbb{N}(B + y) = 0$ ; in this case we get a point mass in  $L_{K_n, B}(x)$  at zero, but this won't affect the asymptotics.

**Theorem 3** *Assume the following convergences:*

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} \frac{(\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu)}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n}} &\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} J \\ a_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} (\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu) &\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} V \\ d_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} \hat{\sigma}_{K_n} &\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} W \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

for positive  $a_n$  and  $d_n$  such that  $\tau_n = a_n/d_n$ , and  $W$  does not have positive mass at zero. Let  $\mu$  be a parameter and assume that  $\tau_u$  has the form (6.6) of PRW (1999). Let  $c = c_n \in (0, 1)$  be such that  $c_n \rightarrow 0$  but  $c_n \delta(K_n) \rightarrow \infty$ . Finally, assume the mixing condition (6.9) of PRW(1999). Then the following conclusions hold:

- (i.)  $L_{K_n, B}(x) \xrightarrow{P} J(x)$  for every continuity point  $x$  of  $J(x)$ .
- (ii.) If  $J(\cdot)$  is continuous, then  $\sup_x |L_{K_n, B}(x) - J(x)| \xrightarrow{P} 0$ .
- (iii.) Let

$$c_{K_n, B}(1 - t) = \inf\{x : L_{K_n, B}(x) \geq 1 - t\}.$$

If  $J(x)$  is continuous at  $x = \inf\{x : J(x) \geq 1 - t\}$ , then

$$\mathbb{P}\{\tau_{\Lambda(K_n)} (\hat{\theta}_{K_n} - \theta) \leq c_{K_n, B}(1 - t)\} \rightarrow 1 - t.$$

Thus the asymptotic coverage probability of the interval  $[\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \tau_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)}^{-1} c_{K_n, B}(1 - p), \infty)$  is the nominal level  $1 - p$ .

**Remark 6** Since the subsampling distribution estimator involves Riemann integration, some numerical approximation must be made in its calculation – see section 6.4 of PRW (1999) for further details.

As a specific application of Theorem 3, consider the model given by (14), and define the sample standard deviation by

$$\hat{\sigma}_{K_n} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} \int_{K_n} (Z(t) - \hat{\mu}_{K_n})^2 \mathbb{N}(dt)}.$$

Hence, we have the following convergence:

$$\mathbb{N}(K_n)^{1/2} \frac{(\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu)}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)}{\sqrt{\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)}} \quad (17)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which follows at once from Corollary 1. Note that when  $\alpha = 2$ , this convergence is valid, but  $\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)$  is degenerate (it is equal to the variance of  $X$ , which is  $2r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \lambda(ds)$ ). The limiting ratio, however, is always absolutely continuous. Hence, we may apply Theorem 3 with  $\tau_u = \sqrt{u}$ , and obtain an asymptotic  $1 - p$  confidence interval for  $\mu$ :

$$\left[ \hat{\mu}_{K_n} - L_{1-p/2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n}}{\sqrt{\mathbb{N}(K_n)}}, \hat{\mu}_{K_n} - L_{p/2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n}}{\sqrt{\mathbb{N}(K_n)}} \right]$$

where  $p = L_{K_n, B}(L_p)$ . Note that no explicit knowledge of  $\alpha$  is necessary for this construction; neither is it necessary to know the Poisson intensity  $r$ .

## 5 Simulation Studies

Focus on the above mean estimation situation, with the asymptotic result (17). So in this case,  $\tau_u = \sqrt{u}$  is a known rate. In this section we demonstrate the methods of Section Four through several simulation studies. First we illustrate how a stable marked point process can be simulated, and then we discuss the practical implementation of the subsampling distribution estimators. Finally, our simulation results present the empirical coverage of the confidence intervals constructed via the subsampling methodology.



## 5.1 Implementation

Following Samorodnitsky and Taqqu (1994, p. 149) – also see Resnick, Samorodnitsky, and Xue (1999) – the series representation of (1) is

$$X(t) = C_\alpha^{1/\alpha} \sum_{i \geq 1} \epsilon_i \Gamma_i^{-1/\alpha} \psi(U_i + t) q(U_i)^{-1/\alpha}$$

so long as  $X(t)$  is symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable. In this representation,

- $\{\epsilon_i\}$  are *iid* Rademacher random variables
- $\{\Gamma_i\}$  are the arrival times of a unit Poisson process (so they are sums of *i iid* unit exponentials)
- $\{U_i\}$  are *iid* random variables with pdf  $q$
- $C_\alpha$  is a positive constant defined in (1.2.9) of Samorodnitsky and Taqqu (1994)

and all these three sequences are independent of each other. We have freedom to select  $q$ , as long as it is a pdf with support on the whole real line. In our simulations, we take  $q$  to be the Cauchy density in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ; in practice, a heavy-tailed  $q$  was more effective in producing realistic simulations. For simulation, we adopt the following procedure: firstly, fix  $\alpha$  and determine the observation region  $K_n = nK$ , which can have a variety of shapes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Also let  $\Lambda$  be Lebesgue measure for simplicity. If we want a sample of size  $n$ , we might pick  $K_n$  such that  $\Lambda(K_n) = n$ , though this is no guarantee that we will obtain  $n$  data points.

1. Simulate  $\mathbb{N}(K_n)$  which is Poisson with mean rate  $\Lambda(K_n)$ .
2. Simulate  $T_1, \dots, T_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)}$  *iid* from a uniform distribution on  $K_n$ .
3. Simulate  $\{\epsilon_i\}$ ,  $\{\Gamma_i\}$ , and  $\{U_i\}$  for  $i \leq I$ , where  $I$  is a predetermined threshold.
4. Determine a vector  $v$ , which is the “center” of the region  $K_n$ . Compute

$$X(T_j) = C_\alpha^{1/\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^I \epsilon_i \Gamma_i \psi(U_i + T_j - v) q(U_i)^{-1/\alpha}$$

for  $j = 1, \dots, \mathbb{N}(K_n)$ .

Use of the centering constant  $v$  is optional, but we found that it improves the quality of the simulation; theoretically, it merely introduces a deterministic lag, and thus does not affect the distribution. One choice of  $v$  is to let each component be defined by the various centroids. As mentioned in Samorodnitsky and Taqqu (1994), simulation by this method is unwieldy because convergence in  $I$  is slow. However, there is no alternative method for correlated stable random fields. By trial and error, we found that  $I = 100$  gave a decent trade-off between simulation quality and speed; increasing  $I$  to 1000 gave little visible improvement to the simulation, while greatly retarding the speed.

Next, we need to compute the subsampling distribution estimators given by (6.8) of PRW(1999) and (15). The easiest method is to approximate the integrals with a Monte Carlo approximation. This is achieved by drawing a large number of random variables (we used 10,000) uniform on  $K_n(1-c)$ . One detail is that for a given simulated  $y$ , the number  $\mathbb{N}(B+y)$  could be zero; this will create divide by zero problems for  $\hat{\theta}_{K,B,y}$ , so by convention the latter is set equal to zero in this case. In practice, this creates a point mass at zero in the subsampling distribution, but the effect is lessened by taking larger  $c$  values. Another practical problem occurs when  $\mathbb{N}(B+y) = 1$ , which creates a divide by zero issue for the self-normalized subsampling distribution estimator. In this case, we should have

$$\tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n,B,y} - \hat{\mu}_{K_n}}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n,B,y}} \right) = 1 \cdot (X(t^*) - \hat{\mu}_{K_n})/0 = \pm\infty$$

where the sign depends on whether or not the data value at the single point  $t^*$  exceeds the mean. In our code, we replace  $\hat{\sigma}_{K_n,B,y}$  by a very small value in this case, so the resulting ratio will be a large positive or negative value, corresponding to whether  $X(t^*)$  is greater than or less than the mean.

## 5.2 Results

Our simulation study focuses on dimension  $d = 2$ , with  $K_{100}$  given by both a square region (10 by 10) and a rectangular (5 by 20). Using Lebesgue mean measure, this gives us samples of average size 100. The centering vector  $v$  is just given by the midpoints (5, 5) and (2.5, 10) respectively. We simulated stable processes for  $\alpha$  values 1.1, 1.2,  $\dots$ , 1.9 and a “Gaussian” filter function  $\psi(x_1, x_2) = \exp\{-(x_1^2 + x_2^2)/2\}$ , and investigated the block ratios  $c = .1, .2, .3, .4$ .

Method 1 assumes that  $\alpha$  is known (see Subsection 4.1) whereas Method 2 uses a self-normalized subsampling distribution, as in Subsection 4.2. Each simulation was performed 1000 times; the tables record the proportion of simulations for which the constructed confidence interval contained the true mean of zero (the standard errors are approximately .0095, .0069, and .0031 for  $\alpha = .1, .05$ , and .01 respectively). Clearly both methods are sensitive to the choice of  $c$ . For Method 2, the coverage is a decreasing function of  $c$  and an increasing function of  $\alpha$ , whereas for Method 1 the coverage is not monotonic in  $c$  and is decreasing in  $\alpha$ . For most cases, an optimal value of  $c$  for Method 2 would seem to lie between .2 and .3, based on the observed pattern that  $c = .2$  resulted in over-coverage and  $c = .3$  in under-coverage. In contrast, it seems that for high values of  $\alpha$ , no value of  $c$  could be found to provide good coverage for Method 1. Neither method was particularly sensitive to the shape of the sampling region, since results for the square and the rectangular region were similar. Although Method 1 had superior coverage for low  $\alpha$ , the overall performance of Method 2 was superior. In general, the choice of  $c$  will depend on how important under-coverage and over-coverage are for a particular problem;  $c$  is also sensitive to the shape of  $K_n$ . Finally, the coverage did improve with larger sample size, but for reasons of brevity those results are not displayed here.

**Table 1.** Coverage at Nominal Level .90, Square Region

	Method 1				Method 2			
$c$	.1	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\alpha = 1.1$	.926	.961	.954	.869	.983	.909	.699	.577
$\alpha = 1.2$	.904	.954	.918	.857	.981	.933	.719	.591
$\alpha = 1.3$	.807	.928	.909	.810	.991	.942	.752	.638
$\alpha = 1.4$	.726	.911	.880	.821	.987	.961	.770	.637
$\alpha = 1.5$	.622	.854	.863	.806	.995	.954	.780	.687
$\alpha = 1.6$	.547	.777	.834	.777	.998	.965	.783	.721
$\alpha = 1.7$	.440	.761	.802	.740	.997	.974	.798	.716
$\alpha = 1.8$	.414	.712	.746	.723	.997	.984	.810	.706
$\alpha = 1.9$	.366	.670	.739	.691	.999	.986	.839	.727

**Table 2.** Coverage at Nominal Level .95, Square Region

	Method 1				Method 2			
$c$	.1	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\alpha = 1.1$	.987	.989	.987	.934	.999	.984	.810	.676
$\alpha = 1.2$	.987	.992	.959	.881	.996	.984	.829	.663
$\alpha = 1.3$	.943	.983	.999	.992	1.000	.991	.845	.721
$\alpha = 1.4$	.925	.964	.938	.886	.998	.990	.857	.701
$\alpha = 1.5$	.844	.941	.929	.872	.998	.991	.856	.749
$\alpha = 1.6$	.763	.871	.894	.850	1.000	.993	.873	.785
$\alpha = 1.7$	.661	.860	.880	.811	1.000	.995	.874	.785
$\alpha = 1.8$	.616	.808	.820	.794	1.000	.998	.890	.762
$\alpha = 1.9$	.519	.776	.801	.759	1.000	.997	.901	.784

**Table 3.** Coverage at Nominal Level .99, Square Region

$c$	Method 1				Method 2			
	.1	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\alpha = 1.1$	.999	.999	.999	.981	1.000	1.000	.926	.784
$\alpha = 1.2$	1.000	.999	.987	.945	1.000	.999	.941	.763
$\alpha = 1.3$	.995	.995	.999	.997	1.000	1.000	.946	.806
$\alpha = 1.4$	.987	.993	.985	.945	1.000	1.000	.948	.802
$\alpha = 1.5$	.964	.978	.966	.925	1.000	1.000	.952	.831
$\alpha = 1.6$	.930	.943	.949	.911	1.000	1.000	.955	.851
$\alpha = 1.7$	.862	.927	.922	.876	1.000	1.000	.949	.863
$\alpha = 1.8$	.838	.895	.885	.863	1.000	1.000	.957	.834
$\alpha = 1.9$	.734	.873	.873	.827	1.000	1.000	.976	.845

**Table 4.** Coverage at Nominal Level .90, Rectangular Region

$c$	Method 1				Method 2			
	.1	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\alpha = 1.1$	.948	.965	.926	.874	.983	.861	.582	.492
$\alpha = 1.2$	.893	.945	.896	.853	.987	.848	.582	.507
$\alpha = 1.3$	.835	.925	.883	.838	.992	.894	.637	.548
$\alpha = 1.4$	.737	.879	.848	.784	.992	.887	.632	.558
$\alpha = 1.5$	.631	.840	.804	.764	.997	.921	.675	.560
$\alpha = 1.6$	.571	.784	.788	.759	.996	.922	.687	.602
$\alpha = 1.7$	.472	.727	.731	.693	.998	.940	.707	.601
$\alpha = 1.8$	.418	.681	.712	.695	.998	.951	.728	.626
$\alpha = 1.9$	.396	.645	.709	.672	.997	.954	.737	.651

**Table 5.** Coverage at Nominal Level .95, Rectangular Region

$c$	Method 1				Method 2			
	.1	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\alpha = 1.1$	.991	.990	.979	.932	.998	.960	.673	.558
$\alpha = 1.2$	.979	.978	.966	.911	.998	.948	.681	.578
$\alpha = 1.3$	.966	.973	.943	.901	.999	.953	.716	.599
$\alpha = 1.4$	.920	.946	.911	.864	.998	.967	.724	.625
$\alpha = 1.5$	.859	.909	.882	.833	1.000	.960	.752	.625
$\alpha = 1.6$	.797	.884	.857	.827	.999	.976	.771	.658
$\alpha = 1.7$	.719	.821	.812	.782	.999	.988	.795	.666
$\alpha = 1.8$	.618	.799	.787	.764	1.000	.988	.806	.699
$\alpha = 1.9$	.567	.751	.773	.745	1.000	.990	.806	.696

**Table 6.** Coverage at Nominal Level .99, Rectangular Region

$c$	Method 1				Method 2			
	.1	.2	.3	.4	.1	.2	.3	.4
$\alpha = 1.1$	.999	1.000	.996	.975	1.000	.994	.818	.655
$\alpha = 1.2$	.998	1.000	.994	.958	1.000	.998	.820	.656
$\alpha = 1.3$	1.000	.996	.978	.952	1.000	.996	.843	.685
$\alpha = 1.4$	.992	.982	.968	.931	1.000	.999	.852	.694
$\alpha = 1.5$	.963	.970	.942	.889	1.000	.997	.861	.707
$\alpha = 1.6$	.942	.948	.924	.886	1.000	.996	.885	.747
$\alpha = 1.7$	.889	.912	.882	.852	1.000	1.000	.902	.736
$\alpha = 1.8$	.832	.878	.870	.826	1.000	1.000	.894	.777
$\alpha = 1.9$	.794	.856	.860	.813	1.000	1.000	.899	.776

Method 2's superior performance in simulation is interesting, since it also uses less information (it does not assume that  $\alpha$  is known) than Method 1. This seems to corroborate the assertion that a data-driven normalization (such as the standard deviation) is superior in finite-sample to one based purely on a rate of convergence. If an extreme does not occur in the observed data, normalization via a rate will over-compensate; conversely, if an unusual number of extremes (or an unusually large extreme) occurs, the rate under-compensates. Use of the standard deviation instead will automatically adjust in an appropriate fashion, since it will be smaller in the first scenario and larger in the second.

## 6 Appendix

**Proof of Theorem 1** We will principally treat the  $\alpha < 2$  case, since when  $\alpha = 2$  the results are already known – see Karr (1986). We will consider the joint Fourier/Laplace Transform of

$$\left( n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t) \lambda(dt), n^{-2d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) \lambda(dt) \right).$$

We first consider the case that the filter function has compact support in the set  $L = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x_i| \leq l \forall i\}$ . Then we can write the following

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t) dt - \gamma n^{-2d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) dt\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t) dt + i\sqrt{2\gamma} n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t) \mathbb{B}(dt)\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \exp\{in^{-d/\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt) \right) \mathbb{M}(dx)\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbb{W}_t$  is a Brownian motion with drift  $\theta$  and volatility  $\sqrt{2\gamma}$ , and  $\mathbb{B}$  is a Gaussian random measure independent of  $\mathbb{M}$ . Conditional on this Brownian motion, the scale parameter is

$$\sigma_n = \left( \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt) \right|^\alpha dx \right)^{1/\alpha},$$

the skewness is  $\beta\beta_n/\sigma_n^\alpha$ , with

$$\beta_n = \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt) \right)^{\langle \alpha \rangle} dx,$$

and the location  $1_{\{\alpha=1\}}\mu_n$ , with

$$\mu_n = \frac{-2\beta}{\pi} \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt) \right) \log \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt) \right| dx.$$

We only need to determine the convergence in probability of each parameter. We focus on the scale, as the other two are proved in a similar fashion. Let us define  $H_x = \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt)$ , which is Gaussian with mean  $\theta \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) dt$  and covariance

$$\mathbb{E}[(H_x - \mathbb{E}[H_x])(H_y - \mathbb{E}[H_y])] = 2\gamma \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)\psi(y+t) dt.$$

Hence all moments are bounded in  $K_n$ , since the variance is uniformly bounded by  $2\gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(t) dt$ . Let  $B = (0, 1]^d$ , and  $J_j = \int_B |H_{x+j}|^\alpha dx$ , so that

$$\sigma_n^\alpha = \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |H_x|^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_B |H_{x+j}|^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} J_j$$

where  $J_j = 0$  if  $x+j+t \notin L$  for all  $x \in B$  and  $t \in K_n$ . Since the summands are bounded in probability (since, for example, the  $2\alpha$  moment exists), we claim that the above expression is  $o_P(1) + \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} J_{-k}$ . If  $J_j \neq 0$ , then there must exist some  $x \in B$  and  $t \in K_n$  such that  $j+x+t \in L$ . For any set  $A$ , define  $A(l) = \{y : d_\infty(y, A) \leq l\}$  where  $d_\infty$  is the sup-norm metric on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then  $\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} J_j = \sum_{j \in -K_n(l+1)} J_j$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} j+x+t \in L &\Rightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, d} |j_i + x_i + t_i| \leq l \\ &\Rightarrow \max_{i=1, \dots, d} |j_i + t_i| \leq l+1 \text{ for some } t \in K_n \\ &\Rightarrow \inf_{t \in K_n} \max_{i=1, \dots, d} |j_i + t_i| \leq l+1 \end{aligned}$$

and hence for such a  $j$

$$d_\infty(j, -K_n) = \inf_{k \in K_n} d_\infty(j, -k) = \inf_{k \in K_n} \max_{i=1, \dots, d} |j_i + k_i| \leq l+1,$$



which implies that  $j \in -K_n(l+1)$ . Now we partition into a disjoint union  $-K_n(l+1) = -K_n \cup (-K_n(l+1) \setminus -K_n)$ . It is simple to show that  $-K_n(l+1) = -nK(l+1/n)$ , where  $K = K_1$  the prototype region. Hence  $-K_n(l+1) \setminus -K_n = n(-K(l+1/n) \setminus -K)$ , and the count of integer lattice points in this set will be asymptotic (as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) to  $n^d \lambda(-K(l+1/n) \setminus -K)$  by the definition of Lebesgue measure. However, the sequence of sets  $-K(l+1/n) \setminus -K$  are inscribed for  $l$  fixed, so by continuity from above,

$$\lambda(-K(l+1/n) \setminus -K) \rightarrow \lambda \left( \bigcap_{n \geq 1} -K(l+1/n) \setminus -K \right) \leq \lambda(\partial(-K)) = 0$$

since the intersection is a subset of the boundary. This shows that asymptotically, the only terms that count in  $\sum_j J_j$  are those in  $-K_n$ . Now these  $J_{-k}$  variables are weakly dependent, since the Gaussian variables  $H_x$  and  $H_y$  are independent if  $\min_i |x_i - y_i| > l$ . Hence the law of large numbers holds, and

$$\sigma_n^\alpha = o_P(1) + \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \mathbb{E}[J_{-k}].$$

It is necessary to determine  $\mathbb{E}[J_{-k}]$ ; here we follow the argument given in the proof of Theorem 2 below, which is actually more complicated. Defining  $\tilde{H}_x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+t) \mathbb{W}(dt)$ , one can show that the difference between  $\mathbb{E}|H_{x-k}|^\alpha$  and  $\mathbb{E}|\tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\alpha$  tends to zero. Now

$$\mathbb{E}|\tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\alpha = \mathbb{E} \left| \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(t) dt + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(t) dt} G \right|^\alpha$$

which no longer depends on  $x$  or  $k$  (and  $G$  denotes a standard normal random variable).

With similar results for the other parameters, the joint Fourier/Laplace Transform satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ -\sigma_N^\alpha \left( 1 - i\beta \frac{\beta_N}{\sigma_N^\alpha} \right) + i\mu_N 1_{\{\alpha=1\}} \right\} \\ & \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ -\lambda(K) \sigma_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma) \left( 1 - i\beta \frac{\beta_\infty(\theta, \gamma)}{\sigma_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma)} \right) + i\lambda(K) \mu_\infty(\theta, \gamma) 1_{\{\alpha=1\}} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_\infty(\theta, \gamma) &= \left( \mathbb{E} \left| \theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G \right|^\alpha \right)^{1/\alpha} \\ \beta_\infty(\theta, \gamma) &= \mathbb{E} \left( \theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G \right)^{<\alpha>} \\ \mu_\infty(\theta, \gamma) &= -\frac{2\beta}{\pi} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G \right) \log \left( \theta\Phi + \sqrt{2\gamma}\Phi_2 G \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

with  $\Phi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(s) \lambda(ds)$  and  $\Phi_2 = \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(s) \lambda(ds)}$ . This convergence follows from the convergence in probability of the parameters, because the exponential function in the transform is bounded. The existence of  $S_\infty(\alpha)$  and  $U_\infty(\alpha)$  follow from the continuity of the limiting Fourier/Laplace Transform at  $(0, 0)$ . Letting  $\gamma = 0$ , one recognizes the Fourier Transform of an  $\alpha$ -stable random variable with parameters as described in Theorem 1, which is  $S_\infty(\alpha)$ ; if  $\theta = 0$ , one obtains the Laplace Transform of a positive  $\alpha/2$  stable random variable  $U_\infty(\alpha)$ , whose scale parameter is calculated in the Theorem's statement.

We comment that it is sufficient to consider convergence of the joint Fourier/Laplace transform by Fitzsimmons and McElroy (2006). Finally, we must remove the truncation of the model. This is similar (and actually easier) to the argument presented in the proof of Theorem 2, and is not repeated here. Thus the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 2** Note that, since  $\mathbb{N}$  is a *PRM*, it follows from the Law of Large Numbers, independent scattering, spatial homogeneity, and shift invariance of  $\Lambda$  that  $\frac{\mathbb{N}(K_n)}{\Lambda(K_n)} \xrightarrow{a.s.} 1$  as  $n$  tends to infinity. Thus it suffices to examine the limit behavior of

$$\left( n^{-\frac{d}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X(t) \mathbb{N}(dt), n^{-\frac{2d}{\alpha}} \int_{K_n} X^2(t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right) \quad (18)$$

since  $\Lambda(K_n) = rn^d \lambda(K)$ ; at the end we must multiply our results by  $r^{-1/\alpha} \lambda(K)^{-1/\alpha}$ . Let us first consider a filter function  $\psi$  with compact support in the set  $L = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d :$

$|x_i| \leq l \forall i$ . Then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) - \gamma n^{-2d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X^2(t)\mathbb{N}(dt)\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \exp\{i\theta n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) + i\sqrt{2\gamma} n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t)G(t)\mathbb{N}(dt)\} \\ &= \mathbb{E} \exp\{in^{-d/\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \theta \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)\mathbb{N}(dt) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)G(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) \right) \mathbb{M}(dx)\} \end{aligned}$$

by introducing a process of *iid* standard normal random variables  $\{G(t)\}$  that are independent of  $\mathbb{M}$ . Conditional on  $\mathbb{N}$  and the  $G(t)$ 's, this is an  $\alpha$ -stable random variable with scale

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{N}} = \left( \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \theta \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)\mathbb{N}(dt) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)G(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) \right|^\alpha dx \right)^{1/\alpha},$$

skewness  $\beta\beta_{\mathbb{N}}/\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha$ , with

$$\beta_{\mathbb{N}} = \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \theta \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)\mathbb{N}(dt) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)G(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) \right)^{<\alpha>} dx,$$

and location  $1_{\{\alpha=1\}}\mu_{\mathbb{N}}$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathbb{N}} &= \frac{-2\beta}{\pi} \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \theta \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)\mathbb{N}(dt) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)G(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) \right) \\ &\quad \log \left( \theta \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)\mathbb{N}(dt) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t)G(t)\mathbb{N}(dt) \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, to determine convergence, we will establish the limits in probability of each of these parameters and thereby determine the joint Fourier/Laplace Transform of the sample mean and sample variance. We provide an explicit proof of the convergence of  $\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha$ ; the proofs for the other two parameters are similar. Let us write

$$H_x = \theta \int_K \psi(x+s)\mathbb{N}(ds) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_K \psi(x+s)G(s)\mathbb{N}(ds)$$

so that  $\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha = n^{-d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |H_x|^\alpha dx$ . Now  $\{H_x\}$  is, conditional on  $\mathbb{N}$ , a Gaussian process with mean  $\theta \int_K \psi(x+s)\mathbb{N}(ds)$  and covariance

$$Cov_{\mathbb{N}}[H_x, H_y] = \mathbb{E}[(H_x - \mathbb{E}H_x)(H_y - \mathbb{E}H_y)|\mathbb{N}] = 2\gamma \int_K \psi(x+s)\psi(y+s)\mathbb{N}(ds).$$

Taking a second expectation shows that

$$\text{Cov}[H_x, H_y] = \mathbb{E}[(H_x - \mathbb{E}H_x)(H_y - \mathbb{E}H_y)] = 2\gamma \int_K \psi(x+s)\psi(y+s) ds$$

which is zero if  $|x_i - y_i| \geq l$  for at least one  $i$  between 1 and  $d$ . Hence, these variables are  $l$ -dependent (taking the  $\infty$ -norm for  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ), which will be useful in establishing a weak law of large numbers. It is also true that all moments of  $H_x$  exist (even as  $n$  increases):

$$\begin{aligned} |H_x| &\leq |\theta| \int_{K_n} |\psi(x+s)|\mathbb{N}(ds) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n} |\psi(x+s)||G(s)|\mathbb{N}(ds) \\ &\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} |\theta| \int_{K_n} |\psi(x+s)|\mathbb{N}(ds) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{K_n} \psi(x+s)^2 \mathbb{N}(ds)} |G_x| \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(x+s)|\mathbb{N}(ds) (|\theta| + \sqrt{2\gamma}|G_x|) \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_x$  is a dependent sequence of standard normal random variables. The equality in distribution follows from the stability property of Gaussian random variables, and the fact that integration with respect to  $\mathbb{N}$  is, conditional on  $\mathbb{N}$ , a discrete sum. The final random variable is a Poisson with mean  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(s)|\mathbb{N}(ds)$  multiplied by an independent Gaussian with mean  $|\theta|$  and variance  $2\gamma$ ; all moments therefore exist, even as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Next, we write

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha = \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |H_x|^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_B |H_{x+j}|^\alpha dx$$

using the same notation as in the proof of Theorem 1. By the same arguments, up to terms going to zero in probability this expression is the same as  $\frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B |H_{x-k}|^\alpha dx$ . Because the variables  $J_{-k} = \int_B |H_{x-k}|^\alpha dx$  are a random field in  $k$  with finite dependence, the weak law of large numbers applies. Hence  $\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha = o_P(1) + \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \mathbb{E}[J_{-k}]$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . It remains to compute the expectations. Let

$$\tilde{H}_x = \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+s)\mathbb{N}(ds) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+s)G(s)\mathbb{N}(ds)$$

so that

$$\mathbb{E}|\tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\alpha = \mathbb{E} \left| \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(y)\mathbb{N}(dy) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(y)\mathbb{N}(dy)} \tilde{G}_{x-k} \right|^\alpha$$

where  $\tilde{G}_x$  is a mean zero Gaussian sequence with known correlation structure:

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{G}_x \tilde{G}_{x+h}] = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(y) \psi(y+h) dy}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(y) dy}.$$

We claim that the average  $\overline{\mathbb{E}[J]_n}$  is asymptotically  $\mathbb{E}|\tilde{H}_0|^\alpha$ . The absolute difference is

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \mathbb{E}[J_{-k}] - \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \mathbb{E} \int_B |\tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\alpha dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \mathbb{E} \left| |H_{x-k}|^\alpha - |\tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\alpha \right| dx. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

We have the following inequality, stated as a separate Lemma:

**Lemma 1** *If  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ,*

$$||a|^\alpha - |b|^\alpha| \leq |a - b|^\alpha$$

*and if  $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ ,*

$$||a|^\alpha - |b|^\alpha| \leq |a - b|^\alpha + 2 \max\{|a|, |b|\} |a - b|^{\alpha/2}$$

*for all real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .*

**Proof of Lemma 1.** The case  $\alpha \leq 1$  is well-known. So suppose that  $\alpha > 1$ . If  $|a| > |b|$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |a - b|^\alpha &= \left( |a - b|^{\alpha/2} \right)^2 \\ &\geq \left( |a|^{\alpha/2} - |b|^{\alpha/2} \right)^2 \\ &= \left( |a|^{\alpha/2} - |b|^{\alpha/2} \right) \left( |a|^{\alpha/2} + |b|^{\alpha/2} - 2|b|^{\alpha/2} \right) \\ &= (|a|^\alpha - |b|^\alpha) - 2|b|^{\alpha/2} \left( |a|^{\alpha/2} - |b|^{\alpha/2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where the second line follows from  $\alpha \leq 2$ . This in turn implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |a|^\alpha - |b|^\alpha &\leq |a - b|^\alpha + 2|b|^{\alpha/2} \left( |a|^{\alpha/2} - |b|^{\alpha/2} \right) \\ &\leq |a - b|^\alpha + 2 \max\{|a|^{\alpha/2}, |b|^{\alpha/2}\} |a - b|^{\alpha/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now the case that  $|b| > |a|$  is similar, which proves the Lemma.  $\square$

Using this lemma, it suffices to examine the average expected integral of

$$\begin{aligned} & |H_{x-k} - \tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\delta \\ & \leq 2^\delta \left( \left| \theta \int_{K_n^c} \psi(x-k+s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right|^\delta + \left| \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n^c} \psi(x-k+s) G(s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right|^\delta \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\delta$  is either  $\alpha$  or  $\alpha/2$ . If  $\delta = \alpha/2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \mathbb{E} |H_{x-k} - \tilde{H}_{x-k}|^{\alpha/2} \\ & \leq 2^{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^{\alpha/2} ds dx \left( |\theta|^{\alpha/2} + (2\gamma)^{\alpha/4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

using the fact that  $\mathbb{E} \mathbb{N}(ds) = ds$ . If  $\delta = \alpha$ , using the result that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left| \theta \int_{K_n^c} \psi(x-k+s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right|^\alpha + \mathbb{E} \left| \sqrt{2\gamma} \int_{K_n^c} \psi(x-k+s) G(s) \mathbb{N}(ds) \right|^\alpha \\ & \leq |\theta|^\alpha \mathbb{E} \left( \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{N}(ds) \right)^2 \\ & + (2\gamma)^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} \left( \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^{\alpha/2} |G(s)|^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{N}(ds) \right)^2 \\ & = |\theta|^\alpha \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^\alpha ds \\ & + (2\gamma)^{\alpha/2} \left[ \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^\alpha ds + \left( \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^{\alpha/2} ds \right)^2 \right] \mathbb{E} |G|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

we easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \mathbb{E} |H_{x-k} - \tilde{H}_{x-k}|^\alpha \\ & \leq 2^\alpha \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^\alpha ds dx \left( |\theta|^\alpha + (2\gamma)^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} |G|^\alpha \right) \\ & + 2^\alpha \frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \left( \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^{\alpha/2} ds \right)^2 dx \left( (2\gamma)^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} |G|^\alpha \right) \end{aligned}$$

So in order to show that (19) tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , it is enough to demonstrate that

$$\frac{1}{n^d} \sum_{k \in K_n} \int_B \left( \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(x-k+s)|^\delta ds \right)^\phi dx$$

tends to zero, for  $\delta$  equal to either  $\alpha$  or  $\alpha/2$ , and  $\phi$  equal to one or two. Note that, through a simple change of variable, this becomes

$$\frac{1}{n^d} \int_{K_n} \left( \int_{K_n^c} |\psi(s-x)|^\delta ds \right)^\phi dx.$$

It is a simple but tedious analysis exercise to show that this tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for  $\delta = \alpha$  or  $\alpha/2$  and  $\phi$  equal to one or two. The end result of this analysis is that

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha \xrightarrow{P} \lambda(K) \mathbb{E} \left| \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(y) \mathbb{N}(dy) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(y) \mathbb{N}(dy)} Z \right|^\alpha = \lambda(K) \tilde{\sigma}_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma)$$

where  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable. Note that this limiting scale parameter is not random. Using similar techniques, one can show that  $\beta_{\mathbb{N}}$  converges in probability to

$$\lambda(K) \mathbb{E} \left( \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(y) \mathbb{N}(dy) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(y) \mathbb{N}(dy)} Z \right)^{<\alpha>} = \lambda(K) \tilde{\beta}_\infty(\theta, \gamma)$$

and  $\mu_{\mathbb{N}}$  tends to

$$\lambda(K) \frac{-2\beta}{\pi} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(y) \mathbb{N}(dy) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(y) \mathbb{N}(dy)} Z \right) \log \left( \theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(y) \mathbb{N}(dy) + \sqrt{2\gamma} \sqrt{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi^2(y) \mathbb{N}(dy)} Z \right) \right]$$

which is  $\lambda(K) \tilde{\mu}_\infty(\theta, \gamma)$ . Now multiplying our results by  $r^{-1/\alpha} \lambda(K)^{-1/\alpha}$ , our joint Fourier/Laplace Transform is

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ -r^{-1} \lambda(K)^{-1} \sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha \left( 1 - i\beta \frac{\beta_{\mathbb{N}}}{\sigma_{\mathbb{N}}^\alpha} \right) + ir^{-1} \lambda(K)^{-1} \mu_{\mathbb{N}} 1_{\{\alpha=1\}} \right\} \\ & \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ -r^{-1} \tilde{\sigma}_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma) \left( 1 - i \frac{\tilde{\beta}_\infty(\theta, \gamma)}{\tilde{\sigma}_\infty^\alpha(\theta, \gamma)} \right) + ir^{-1} \tilde{\mu}_\infty(\theta, \gamma) 1_{\{\alpha=1\}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

by the dominated convergence theorem. The existence of  $\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)$  and  $\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)$  now follows from the continuity of the limiting Fourier/Laplace Transform at  $(0, 0)$ . Letting  $\gamma = 0$ , one recognizes the Fourier Transform of an  $\alpha$ -stable random variable with parameters as described in Theorem 2, which is  $\tilde{S}_\infty(\alpha)$ ; if  $\theta = 0$ , one obtains the Laplace Transform of a positive  $\alpha/2$  stable random variable  $\tilde{U}_\infty(\alpha)$ , whose scale parameter is calculated in the Theorem's statement.

Finally, we must remove the truncation of the model. Define

$$X_l(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi_l(x+t) \mathbb{M}(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x+t) 1_{lD}(x+t) \mathbb{M}(dx)$$

where  $D = (-1, 1]^d$  so that  $lD$  is a  $d$ -dimensional cube centered at the origin with width  $2l$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X(t) \mathbb{N}(dt) - n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{K_n} X_m(t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \\ &= n^{-d/\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \mathbb{M}(dx) \end{aligned}$$

must tend to zero in probability as  $l \rightarrow \infty$  for any fixed  $n$ . Taking the  $\alpha$  power of the scale of the above random variable, conditional on  $\mathbb{N}$ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right|^\alpha \lambda(dx).$$

If  $\alpha < 1$ , this is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{K_n} |\psi(x+t)|^\alpha 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \lambda(dx) &= \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{K_n} \int_{\{lD\}^c-t} |\psi(x+t)|^\alpha \lambda(dx) \mathbb{N}(dt) \\ &= \int_{\{lD\}^c} |\psi(y)|^\alpha \lambda(dy) \frac{\mathbb{N}(K_n)}{n^d}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the limit superior as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  of  $\frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right|^\alpha \lambda(dx)$  tends to zero as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . When  $\alpha > 1$ , we use the bound of

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_x \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right| \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_{K_n} \psi(x+t) 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \right|^{\alpha-1} \lambda(dx) \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(t)| \mathbb{N}(dt) \cdot \frac{1}{n^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{K_n} |\psi(x+t)|^{\alpha-1} 1_{\{lD\}^c}(x+t) \mathbb{N}(dt) \lambda(dx) \\ & = Q \cdot \int_{\{lD\}^c} |\psi(y)|^{\alpha-1} dy \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\psi(t)| \mathbb{N}(dt)$  is a positive random variable that is bounded in  $n$ . So the limit superior in this case also tends to zero as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . Similar arguments can be applied to the sum of squares, and since the limiting joint Fourier/Laplace Transform is continuous in  $l$ , we can take the limit as  $l \rightarrow \infty$  on both sides of our joint weak convergence (20). This completes the proof.  $\square$



**Proof of Theorem 3** This proof follows the same structure as Theorem 6.3.1 of PRW (1999). First we show that  $\tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}$  is almost surely asymptotic to  $\tau_{\Lambda(B+y)} = \tau_{\Lambda(B)}$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2,  $\frac{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}{\Lambda(B+y)} \xrightarrow{a.s.} 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; this uses the condition that  $c_n \delta(K_n) \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows from the form of  $\tau(u)$  that  $\frac{\tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}}{\tau_{\Lambda(B+y)}} \xrightarrow{a.s.} 1$ . Let  $x$  be a continuity point of  $J(x)$ , the cdf of the limit random variable  $J$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \hat{\mu}_{K_n}}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq x \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq x + \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

For any  $t > 0$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} R_{K_n, B}(t) &= \lambda(K_n(1-c))^{-1} \int_{K_n(1-c)}^1 \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq t \right\}} dy \\ &= \lambda(K_n(1-c))^{-1} \int_{K_n(1-c)}^1 \mathbf{1}_{\{d_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y} \geq a_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}(\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu)/t\}} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Now for all  $\delta > 0$ ,  $a_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}(\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu) \leq \delta$  with probability tending to one, since  $a_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)}/a_{\mathbb{N}(K_n)} \xrightarrow{P} 0$  follows from  $c_n \delta(K_n) \rightarrow \infty$ . So with probability tending to one,

$$R_{K_n, B}(t) \geq \lambda(K_n(1-c))^{-1} \int_{K_n(1-c)}^1 \mathbf{1}_{\{d_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y} \geq \delta/t\}} dy.$$

If  $\delta/t$  is a continuity point of  $W$ , then the above expression tends to  $\mathbb{P}[W \geq \delta/t]$  by Theorem 6.3.1 of PRW(1999). Since  $W$  has no point mass at zero, we can make  $R_{K_n, B}(t)$  arbitrarily close to 1 by choosing  $\delta$  small enough. So for all  $t$ ,  $R_{K_n, B}(t) \xrightarrow{P} 1$ .

Next, using the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq x + \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \right\}} \\ & \leq \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq x+t \right\}} + \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) > t \right\}} \end{aligned}$$

we can establish

$$L_{K_n, B}(x) \leq \lambda(K_n(1-c))^{-1} \int_{K_n(1-c)}^1 \mathbf{1}_{\left\{ \tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right) \leq x+t \right\}} dy + (1 - R_{K_n, B}(t)).$$

Now by the first convergence in (16), we may apply Theorem 6.3.1 of PRW(1999) to

$$\tau_{\mathbb{N}(B+y)} \left( \frac{\hat{\mu}_{K_n, B, y} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}_{K_n, B, y}} \right)$$

and obtain, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $L_{K_n, B}(x) \leq J(x+t) + \epsilon$  with probability tending to one.

At this point let  $t$  tend to zero. Similar arguments produce the opposite inequality

$L_{K_n, B}(x) \geq J(x+t) - \epsilon$ . Now letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain  $L_{K_n, B}(x) \xrightarrow{P} J(x)$  as desired.

The proofs of (ii) and (iii) are similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.1 in PRW(1999).

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