

# Multi-scale Jump and Volatility Analysis for High-Frequency Financial Data\*

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## Abstract

The wide availability of high-frequency data for many financial instruments stimulates a upsurge interest in statistical research on the estimation of volatility. Jump-diffusion processes observed with market microstructure noise are frequently used to model high-frequency financial data. Yet, existing methods are developed for either noisy data from a continuous diffusion price model or data from a jump-diffusion price model without noise. We propose methods to cope with both jumps in the price and market microstructure noise in the observed data. They allow us to estimate both integrated volatility and jump variation from the data sampled from jump-diffusion price processes, contaminated with the market microstructure noise. Our approach is to first remove jumps from the data and then apply a noise-resistant method to estimated the integrated volatility. The asymptotic analysis and the simulation study reveal that the proposed wavelet methods can successfully remove the jumps in the price processes and the integrated volatility can be estimated as well as the case with no presence of jumps in the price processes. In addition, they have outstanding statistical efficiency. The methods are illustrated by applications to two high-frequency exchange rate data sets.

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# 1 Introduction

Diffusion based stochastic models are often employed to describe complex dynamic systems where it is essential to incorporate internally or externally originating random fluctuations in the system. They have been widely applied to problems in fields such as biology, engineering, finance, physics, and psychology. As a result, there has been a great demand in developing statistical inferences for diffusion models (Prakasa Rao, 1999). This paper investigates nonparametric estimation for noisy data from a jump-diffusion model. The problem is motivated from modeling and analysis of high-frequency financial data.

In financial time series there are extensive and vibrant research on modeling and forecasting volatility of returns such as parametric models like GARCH and stochastic volatility models (Bollerslev, Chou and Kroner, 1992; Gouriéroux, 1997; Shephard, 1996; Wang, 2002), or implied volatilities from option prices in conjunction with specific option pricing models such as the Black-Scholes model (Fouque, Papanicolaou, and Sircar, 2000). These studies are for low-frequency financial data, at daily or longer time horizons. Over past decade there has been a radical improvement in the availability of intraday financial data, which are referred to as high-frequency financial data (Dacorogna, Geçay, Müller, Pictet and Olsen, 2001). Nowadays, thanks to technological innovations, high-frequency financial data are available for a host of different financial instruments on markets of all locations and at scales like individual bids to buy and sell, and the full distribution of such bids.

Historically the availability of financial data at increasingly high frequency allow us to incorporate more data in volatility modeling and to improve forecasting perfor-

mance. However, because of their complex structures, it is very hard to find appropriate parametric models for high-frequency data. Volatility models at the daily level cannot readily accommodate high-frequency data, and parametric models specified directly for intradaily data generally fail to capture interdaily volatility movements.

It is natural to use flexible nonparametric approach for high-frequency volatility analysis. One popular nonparametric method is the so-called realized volatility (RV) constructed from the summation of high-frequency intradaily squared returns (Andersen, Bollerslev, Diebold and Labys, 2003), and another one is the realized bi-power variation (RBPV) constructed from the summation of appropriately scaled cross-products of adjacent high-frequency absolute returns (Barndorff-Nielsen and Shephard, 2005). Theoretical justifications of these nonparametric methods are based on the idealized assumption that observed high-frequency data are true underlying asset returns. Under this assumption, asymptotic theory for RV and RBPV is established by connecting them to quadratic variation and bi-power variation. RV and RBPV are combined together to test for jumps in prices and to estimate integrated volatility and jump variation. See Andersen, Bollerslev and Diebold (2003) and Barndorff-Nielsen and Shephard (2002, 2005).

The idealized assumption is, however, severely challenged by high-frequency data. In reality, high-frequency returns are very noisy and hence do not allow for reliable inferences of RV and RBPV regarding the true underlying latent volatility. The noise is due to the imperfections of trading processes — vast array of issues collectively known as market microstructure including price discreteness, infrequent trading, and bid-ask bounce effects. The higher the frequency that prices are sampled at, the more pronounced the microstructure noises. This is evidenced and analyzed by, for exam-

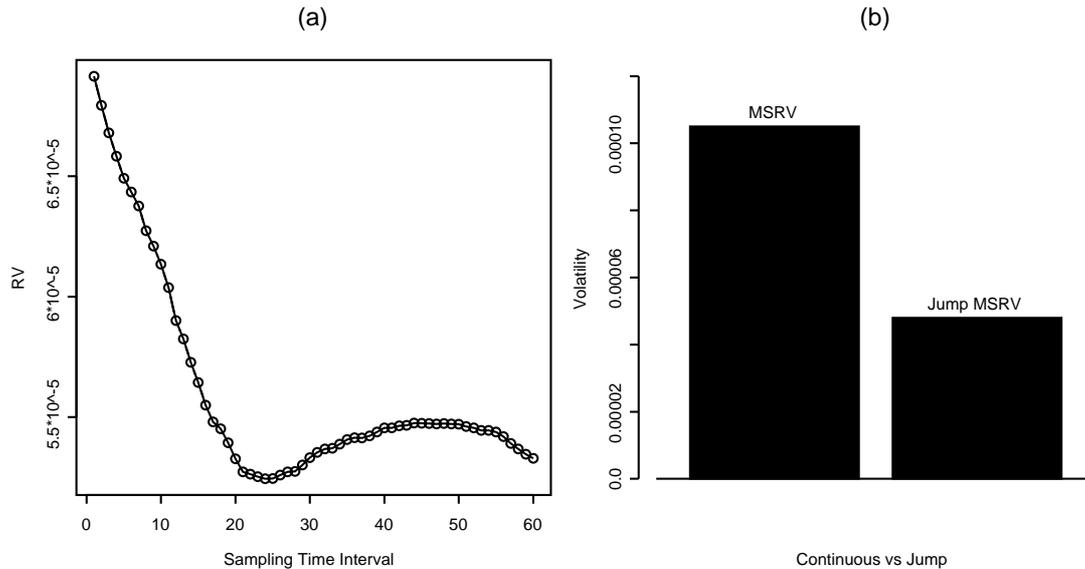


Figure 1: (a). Plot of the RV as a function of sampling time interval in minute. The horizon axis is the time interval in minute that the data are sampled from Euro-dollar exchange rates on January 7, 2004, for computing the RV. The shorter the sampling time interval is, the higher the sampling frequency. The RV shoots up as the sampling time interval gets shorter, which suggests the presence of the microstructure noise. (b). Plot of estimated integrated volatility using MSRV for Euro-dollar exchange rates on January 9, 2004. The bar on the left panel shows the estimate of integrated volatility obtained by applying MSRV to the whole data, and the right panel indicates the sum of the four estimated values obtained by applying the same MSRV procedure to each of the four pieces of the data. The left panel estimate is two times larger than the right panel estimate, which indicates the existence of jumps.

ple, Aït-Sahalia *et al.*(2005), Zhang *et al.*(2005), Zhang (2004), Bandi and Russell (2005). To provide some evidence for currency markets, Figure 1(a) plots the RV as a function of sampling time in minute for the returns of Euro-dollar exchange rates on January 7, 2004. Clearly, as the sampling interval gets smaller (or equivalently sampling frequency gets higher), the RV shoots up. For log price data following a diffusion process without noise, the RV will approach to its quadratic variation, as sampling time goes to zero. If there is no noise in the data, we would expect the RV to be stabilized, as sampling frequency increases. The “exposition” of the RV near the origin in Figure 1(a) along with market microstructure provide some evidence that

the observed exchange rates contain noise. To mitigate the effects of microstructure noise, common practice is to sample available high-frequency data over longer time horizons and use the subsample, a small fraction of the available data, to compute RV and RBPV. The length of subsampling interval is *ad hoc*, ranging from 5 to 30 minutes for exchange rate data, for instance. This corresponds to take a stable estimate from Figure 1(a). For the continuous price model, to better handle microstructure noise, researchers investigated the “optimal” frequency for subsampling, and prefiltering and debiasing. See, for example, Aït-Sahalia *et al.*(2005) and Bandi and Russell (2005).

Subsampling throws away most of available data. For example, at the sampling frequency of 30 minutes per data point for stock price, there are only about 16 data points per day, while sampling at frequency of 1 minute per data, there are about 480 data points. The former results in very inefficient statistical estimates. Under the continuous diffusion price model, to improve the efficiency, Zhang *et al.*(2005) and Zhang (2004) invented two-time scale RV (TSRV) and multiple-time scale RV (MSRV) to reduce microstructure noise by averaging over RVs at various subsampling frequencies. See also Zhou (1996) and Hansen and Lunde (2005). Despite their successes, the procedures have not taken into account of the possible jumps due to the inflow of market news during the trading session. To illustrate the point, we take the Euro-dollar exchange rate data on January 9, 2004. We directly apply to the whole data set MSRV with 11 scales of returns sampled from every 5 to 15 minutes and estimate integrated volatility on that day. The estimated value is  $10.5 \times 10^{-5}$  labeled as ‘MSRV’ bar in Figure 1(b). On the other hand, the whole data are divided into 4 pieces, at three locations where the exchange rates might contain jumps. We

apply the same MSRV procedure to each piece of the data to estimate integrated volatility over each subinterval, and then add up these four estimates of integrated volatilities to obtain the integrated volatility on January 9, 2004. This gives an estimated value  $4.8 \times 10^{-5}$ , which is labeled as ‘Jump MSRV’ bar in Figure 1(b). The estimated integrated volatility based on the whole data set is twice as large as the sum of the estimated integrated volatilities based on four subintervals. This gives an indication of jumps in data, since the MSRV estimate of integrated volatility based on the whole data should be close to the sum of the separate estimates for high frequency data from a continuous diffusion process. It also shows that the methods based on the continuous diffusion are not adequate for estimating integrated volatilities.

As market returns frequently contain jumps (Andersen, Bollerslev and Diebold, 2003; Barndorff-Nielsen and Shephard, 2005; Eraker, Johannes and Polson, 2003; Huang and Tauchen, 2005), it is important to have methods that handle automatically the possible jumps in the financial market. Separating variations due to jump and continuous parts are very important for asset pricing, portfolio allocation and risk management, as the former is usually less predictable than the latter due to the inflow of market news. To detect jump locations efficiently, wavelets methods are employed which are powerful for detecting jumps as demonstrated in Wang (1995).

In this paper, we propose a wavelet based multi-scale approach to perform efficient jump and volatility analysis for high-frequency data. The proposed methods handle data with both microstructure noise and jumps in prices, providing comprehensive noise resistant estimators of integrated volatility and jump variation. The challenge of our problem is to first detect the jumps from the sample paths of diffusion processes, which are usually much rougher than those in nonparametric change point problems.

Thanks to the availability of high-frequency data, jump locations and sizes can be accurately estimated. With the wavelet transformation, the information about jump locations and jump sizes is stored at high-resolution wavelet coefficients, while the low-resolution ones contain useful information for integrated volatility. With jump locations and sizes being estimated, they are removed from the observed data, resulting in jump adjusted data which are almost from a continuous process masked with microstructure noise. We demonstrate that the jump effect on the average RV for the jump adjusted data is  $O_P(n^{-1/4})$ , the best rate that the integrated volatility can be estimated (Gloter and Jacod 2001 and Zhang 2004). We can then apply TSRV of Zhang *et al.*(2005) and MSRV of Zhang (2004) to the jump adjusted data and obtain estimators of integrated volatility. A wavelet based estimator of integrated volatility is also proposed and studied.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 specifies stochastic model for high-frequency data and statistical problems. We study the estimation of jump variation in Section 3 and the volatility estimation in Section 4 and establish convergence rates for the proposed estimators. Section 5 presents simulation results to evaluate the finite sample performance of the proposed methods and applies the methods to high-frequency exchange rate data. Section 6 features the conclusions. All technical proofs are relegated to Section 7.

## 2 Nonparametric volatility model

Due to market microstructure, high-frequency data are very noisy. This is convincingly demonstrated in Zhang *et al.*(2005). See also Figure 1(a). A common modeling

approach is to treat microstructure noise as usual “observation error” and to then assume that the observed high-frequency data  $Y_t$  are equal to the latent, true log-price process  $X_t$  of a security plus market micro-structure noise  $\varepsilon_t$ , that is,

$$Y_t = X_t + \varepsilon_t, \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad (1)$$

where  $Y_t$  is the logarithm of the observable transaction price of the security, and is observed at times  $t_i = i/n$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n$ , and  $\varepsilon_t$  is zero mean i.i.d. noise with variance  $\eta^2$  and finite fourth moment, independent of  $X_t$ .

The true log-price process  $X_t$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , is generally assumed to be a semi-martingale of the form

$$X_t = \int_0^t \mu_s ds + \int_0^t \sigma_s dW_s + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_t} L_\ell, \quad (2)$$

where the three terms on the right hand side of (2) correspond to the drift, diffusion and jump parts of  $X$ , respectively. In the diffusion term,  $W_t$  is a standard Brownian motion, and the diffusion variance  $\sigma_t^2$  is called spot volatility. For the jump part,  $N_t$  represents the number of jumps in  $X$  up to time  $t$ , and  $L_\ell$  denotes the jump size.

The log-price process  $X$  given in (2) has quadratic variation

$$[X, X]_t = \int_0^t \sigma_s^2 ds + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_t} L_\ell^2. \quad (3)$$

The total quadratic variation of  $X_t$  has two parts: integrated volatility and jump variation. Denote them by

$$\Theta = \int_0^1 \sigma_s^2 ds, \quad \Psi = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_1} L_\ell^2.$$

The goal is to estimate  $\Theta$  and  $\Psi$ , which will be considered in next two sections.

### 3 Jump analysis

To estimate jump variation  $\Psi$ , we first apply the wavelet method to the observed data and locate all jumps in the sample path of  $X_t$  and then use the estimated jump locations to estimate jump size for each estimated jump. The jump variation is estimated by the sum of squares of all estimated jump sizes.

#### 3.1 Wavelets

Wavelets are orthonormal bases obtained by dyadically dilating and translating a pair of specially constructed functions which are called father wavelet and mother wavelet. Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be father and mother wavelets, respectively. Dyadically dilate and translate them to obtain wavelet basis  $\varphi(t)$ ,  $\psi_{j,k}(t) = 2^{j/2} \psi(2^j t - k)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 2^j$ . We can expand a function over the wavelet basis. One special property of the wavelet expansion is the localization property that the coefficient of  $\psi_{j,k}(t)$  reveals information content of the function at location  $k 2^{-j}$  and frequency  $2^j$ . For example, if a function is Hölder continuous with exponent  $\alpha$  at a point, then the wavelet coefficients of  $\psi_{j,k}(t)$  with  $k 2^{-j}$  near the point decay at order  $2^{-j(\alpha+1/2)}$ ; if the function has a jump at that point, then the wavelet coefficients of  $\psi_{j,k}(t)$  with  $k 2^{-j}$  near the given point is bounded below by  $2^{-j/2}$  multiplying by a positive constant. See Vidakovic (1999) and Wang (1995, 2006). This special feature enables us to separate jumps from continuous part.

### 3.2 Jump estimation

Before introducing our estimation method, some heuristic discussions are helpful. Let  $X_{j,k}$ ,  $Y_{j,k}$ , and  $\varepsilon_{j,k}$  be the wavelet coefficients of  $X_t$ ,  $Y_t$ , and  $\varepsilon_t$ , respectively. Then from model (1) we obtain that  $Y_{j,k} = X_{j,k} + \varepsilon_{j,k}$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 2^j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, \log_2(n)$ . The sample path corresponding to the first two terms of  $X_t$  in (2) is Hölder continuous with exponent  $\alpha$  arbitrarily close to  $1/2$ , and the third term has a stepwise sample path. Thus, at the time point  $t = k 2^{-j}$  where the log-price process  $X_t$  is continuous,  $X_{j,k}$  is of order  $2^{-j(\alpha+1/2)}$ ; whereas nearby a jump point of  $X$ ,  $X_{j,k}$  converges to zero at a speed no faster than  $2^{-j/2}$ , an order of magnitude larger than those at continuous points. As  $\varepsilon_t$  are i.i.d. noise,  $\varepsilon_{j,k}$  is white noise with mean zero and variance  $\eta^2/n$ . Thus, at high resolution levels,  $X_{j,k}$  dominates  $\varepsilon_{j,k}$  nearby jump locations and is negligible otherwise. From the comparison of decay order of wavelet coefficients, we easily show that, at high resolution levels  $j_n$  with  $2^{j_n} \sim n/\log^2 n$ , nearby jump points of the log-price process  $X_t$ ,  $Y_{j_n,k}$  are significantly larger than the others.

We use a threshold  $D_n$  to calibrate  $|Y_{j_n,k}|$ , and to estimate the jump locations of the sample path of  $X_t$ . The locations are estimated by the large absolute wavelet coefficients  $|Y_{j_n,k}|$  that exceed threshold  $D_n$ . That is, if  $|Y_{j_n,k}| > D_n$  for some  $k$ , the corresponding jump location is estimated by  $\hat{\tau} = k 2^{-j_n}$ . One choice of threshold is the universal threshold  $D_n = d\sqrt{2 \log n}$ , where  $d$  is median of  $\{|Y_{j_n,k}|, k = 1, \dots, 2^{j_n}\}$  divided by 0.6745, a robust estimate of standard deviation.

Under Conditions (A1)-(A4) stated in section 6, almost surely all sample paths of  $X_t$  have finite number of jumps and otherwise is Hölder continuous with exponent arbitrarily close to  $1/2$ , and  $X_t$  and  $\varepsilon_t$  are independent. Because of the independence, by conditioning on  $X$ , the wavelet jump detection for deterministic functions (Wang,

1995; Raimondo, 1998) can be applied to all sample paths of  $X$  with i.i.d. additive noise  $\varepsilon_t$ . Suppose that  $X_t$  has  $q$  jumps at  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_q$ . Denote the estimated  $\hat{q}$  jump locations by  $\hat{\tau}_1, \dots, \hat{\tau}_{\hat{q}}$ . Then from Wang (1995) and Raimondo (1998) we have under Conditions (A1)-(A4),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \hat{q} = q, \sum_{\ell=1}^q |\hat{\tau}_\ell - \tau_\ell| > n^{-1} \log^2 n \middle| X \right) = 0. \quad (4)$$

### 3.3 Estimation of jump variation

To estimate jump variation of  $X_t$ , we need to estimate jump size along with each estimated jump location. For each estimated jump location  $\hat{\tau}_\ell$  of  $X_t$ , we choose a small neighborhood  $\hat{\tau}_\ell \pm \delta_n$  for some  $\delta_n > 0$ . Denote by  $\bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_\ell+}$  and  $\bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_\ell-}$  the averages of  $Y_{t_i}$  over  $[\hat{\tau}_\ell, \hat{\tau}_\ell + \delta_n]$  and  $[\hat{\tau}_\ell - \delta_n, \hat{\tau}_\ell)$ , respectively. We use  $\hat{L}_\ell = \bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_\ell+} - \bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_\ell-}$  to estimate the true jump size  $L_\ell = X_{\tau_\ell} - X_{\tau_\ell-}$ . Jump variation  $\Psi$ , defined as  $\sum_{\ell=1}^{N_1} L_\ell^2$ , is then estimated by the sum of squares of all the estimated jump sizes

$$\hat{\Psi} = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\hat{q}} (\bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_\ell+} - \bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_\ell-})^2. \quad (5)$$

The following theorem gives its rate of convergence.

**Theorem 1** *Choose  $\delta_n \sim n^{-1/2}$ . Then under Conditions (A1)-(A4) in Section 6, we have as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,*

$$\hat{\Psi} - \Psi = O_P(n^{-1/4}).$$

Theorem 1 shows that the proposed jump variation estimator has convergence rate  $n^{-1/4}$ . Thanks to large  $n$  for high-frequency data, the error is usually small. In nonparametric regression jump size can usually be estimated with much higher convergence rates. The slower rate here is due to the fact that the low degree of

smoothness of the sample paths of the price process and our task of separating jumps from less-smooth sample paths is much more challenging. In contrast, the task of separating jumps from smooth curves is much easier.

The  $n^{-1/4}$  convergence rate matches with the optimal convergence rate for estimating integrated volatility in the continuous diffusion price model (Zhang, 2004). It is a key to show later that the integrated volatility can be estimated for the jump-diffusion price model asymptotically as well as for the continuous diffusion price model.

## 4 Volatility Analysis

Volatility measures the variability of the continuous part of the log-price process  $X_t$ . After removing the jump part of  $X_t$  from the noisy observation  $Y_t$ , existing methods can be used to estimate the integrated volatility  $\Theta = \int_0^1 \sigma_s^2 ds$ . In this section, we first show that the estimation errors on the jump sizes and locations have negligible effects on the estimation of integrated volatility and then apply the TSRV (Zhang, Mykland and Aït-Sahalia, 2005) and MSRV (Zhang, 2004) to estimate the integrated volatility. Finally, we also introduce the wavelet realized volatility estimator to the jump-adjusted data.

### 4.1 Data adjustment

Suppose our jump estimation shows that  $X_t$  has jumps at  $\hat{\tau}_\ell$ , with jump size  $\hat{L}_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, \hat{q}$ . Then the counting process  $N_t$  and the jump part of  $X_t$  are estimated by, respectively,

$$\hat{N}_t = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\hat{q}} 1(\hat{\tau}_\ell \leq t), \quad \hat{X}_t^d = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\hat{N}_t} \hat{L}_\ell = \sum_{\hat{\tau}_\ell \leq t} \hat{L}_\ell. \quad (6)$$

To remove the jump effect from the data, we adjust data  $Y_{t_i}$  by subtracting it from the estimated jump part  $\hat{X}_t^d$ , resulting in

$$Y_{t_i}^* = Y_{t_i} - \hat{X}_{t_i}^d = Y_{t_i} - \sum_{\hat{\tau}_\ell \leq t_i} \hat{L}_\ell, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (7)$$

For noisy high-frequency data under the continuous diffusion price model, good estimators of  $\Theta$  are based on the average of RVs for various subsampled data. As the true jump locations and jump sizes are estimated accurately, jump effect can be largely removed. Below we will show that their impact on the average realized volatility is asymptotically negligible. To demonstrate this, let us introduce some notations. For integer  $K$ , partition the whole sample into  $K$  subsamples and define

$$[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{n/K} (Y_{t_{k+jK}}^* - Y_{t_{k+(j-1)K}}^*)^2 = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{n-K} (Y_{t_i+K}^* - Y_{t_i}^*)^2$$

be the average of  $K$  subsampled realized volatilities (ASRV) for adjusted data. For comparison, denote by  $X^c$  and  $Y^c$  the continuous parts of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, namely,

$$X_t^c = \int_0^t \mu_s ds + \int_0^t \sigma_s dW_s, \quad Y_t^c = X_t^c + \varepsilon_t. \quad (8)$$

Define ASRV for  $Y_{t_i}^c$ ,

$$[Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{n/K} (Y_{t_{k+jK}}^c - Y_{t_{k+(j-1)K}}^c)^2 = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{n-K} (Y_{t_i+K}^c - Y_{t_i}^c)^2.$$

Note that  $Y_t^c$  are not observable and are treated as ideal data for the purpose of theoretical comparison.

**Theorem 2** *If  $K/n + \log^2 n/K \rightarrow 0$ , under Conditions (A1)-(A4) in Section 6, we have*

$$[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} = [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)} + O_P(n^{-1/4} + K^{-1} \log^2 n).$$

Theorem 2 shows that the effect of jumps in ASRV is of order  $n^{-1/4}$ , if  $K$  is chosen be of order lower than  $n^{1/4}$ .

## 4.2 TSRV for jump adjusted data

TSRV of Zhang *et al.*(2005) is used for volatility estimation under a continuous price model. Direct application of TSRV to the noisy data  $Y$  from the jump-diffusion price model yields an inconsistent estimator of integrated volatility, as it converges in probability to the quadratic variation process given by (3). Direct application of TSRV to the jump adjusted data  $Y^*$  and denote by JTSRV the obtained estimator of  $\Theta$ , which is given as follows:

$$\widehat{\Theta}_K = [Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} - \frac{1}{K} [Y^*, Y^*]^{(1)}.$$

An immediate consequence of Theorem 2 is that the same asymptotic distribution result of the TSRV estimator under the continuous price model in Zhang *et al.*(2005, Theorem 4) also holds for JTSRV  $\widehat{\Theta}_K$  under the jump-diffusion price model.

**Theorem 3** *Under Conditions (A1)-(A5) in Section 6, and  $K = cn^{2/3}$  for some  $c > 0$ , we have  $n^{1/6} (\widehat{\Theta}_K - \Theta)$  converges in law to a standard normal random variable multiplying by the square root of  $8c^{-2}\eta^2 + 8c \int_0^1 \sigma_t^4 dt/3$ , where  $\eta^2 = \text{Var}(\varepsilon_t)$ .*

Thus, for estimating integrated volatility, JTSRV under the jump-diffusion price model has the same performance asymptotically as TSRV under the continuous diffusion price model.

## 4.3 MSRV for jump adjusted data

For the continuous diffusion price model, Zhang (2004) used ASRV over many subsampling frequencies to construct MSRV and achieve the optimal convergence rate  $n^{-1/4}$  for estimating  $\Theta$  (Gloter and Jacod, 2001). Like TSRV, MSRV applied to observations with jumps yields an inconsistent estimator of integrated volatility. Instead,

we apply MSRV to the jump adjusted data  $Y_{t_i}^*$  and denote by JMSRV the resulting estimator of  $\Theta$ . The resulting JMSRV is as follows,

$$\widehat{\Theta} = \sum_{m=1}^M a_m [Y^*, Y^*]^{(K_m)} + \zeta ([Y^*, Y^*]^{(K_1)} - [Y^*, Y^*]^{(K_M)}),$$

where  $M$  is an integer,  $K_m = m + C$ , with  $C$  the integer part of  $n^{1/2}$ , and

$$a_m = \frac{12(m+C)(m-M/2-1/2)}{M(M^2-1)}, \quad \zeta = \frac{(M+C)(C+1)}{(n+1)(M-1)}.$$

We derive the convergence rate of such a procedure by using Theorems 1 and 2 and Zhang (2004). Note that, unlike Zhang (2004), we need to take the partition numbers  $K_m$  at least as big as  $n^{1/2}$  in order to apply Theorem 2 and obtain  $n^{-1/4}$  convergence rate. Constant  $C$  is introduced in above procedure to achieve that goal.

**Theorem 4** *Under Conditions (A1)-(A5) in Section 6, and  $M \sim n^{1/2}$ , we have*

$$\widehat{\Theta} - \Theta = O_P(n^{-1/4}).$$

Theorem 4 shows that like the continuous diffusion price model, we can estimate the integrated volatility at the optimal convergence rate  $n^{-1/4}$  for the jump-diffusion price model. Thus, jumps have no asymptotic impact on the volatility estimation.

#### 4.4 Wavelet volatility for jump adjusted data

Let

$$y_i^* = Y_{t_i}^* - Y_{t_{i-1}}^*, \quad x_i^c = X_{t_i}^c - X_{t_{i-1}}^c = \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \mu_s ds + \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \sigma_u dW_u.$$

Then, the realized volatility for the ideal data  $\{X_{t_i}^c\}$  defined by (8) is

$$[X^c, X^c]^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^c)^2.$$

As  $\{x_i^c\}$  are not observable, it is naturally replaced by  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^*)^2$ . Each  $y_i^*$  is contaminated with noise of level  $\eta$ , the summation cumulates the noise of order  $n$ , which dominates  $\Theta$ . This is shown in Zhang et al. (2005) and also evidenced in Figure 1(a). Thus, we need to remove noise  $\varepsilon_t$  from  $y_i^*$  first before computing the realized volatility. Since  $X_t^c$  and  $\varepsilon_t$  are independent, conditioning on  $X_t^c$ , the problem is the same as that for nonparametric regression (Vidakovic, 1999, chapter 6). Hence, the technique can be used to denoise the data.

Consider the wavelet coefficients of  $x_i^c$ . Due to the sparse wavelet representation, most volatility information  $x_i^c$  is stored in relatively a small number of large wavelet coefficients at low and middle levels, whereas the information about noise is contained in wavelet coefficients at very high levels. The sum of squares contributed by the relatively small number of large wavelet coefficients at low and middle levels almost accounts for  $[X^c, X^c]^{(1)}$ . Similar to stationary wavelet transformation, to better suppress noise we consider data shifts and use wavelet transformation of each shifted data set to form the sum of the squared wavelet coefficients. We then take the average of all the sums as an estimator of integrated volatility.

To define the estimator specifically, we introduce some notations. Given a sequence of  $z_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , define the shift operator

$$(\mathcal{S}z)_i = z_{i+1}, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n-1, \text{ and } (\mathcal{S}z)_i = 0, \text{ for } i \geq n.$$

Denote by  $y_{j,k}^\ell$  the wavelet transformations of  $(\mathcal{S}^{\ell-1}y^*)_i, \ell = 1, \dots, K = 2^{J_n}$  for some integer  $J_n < \log_2 n$ . To estimate integrated volatility, we form the sum of squares of the wavelet coefficients  $y_{j,k}^\ell$  up to the level  $\log_2 n - J_n$ .

Define wavelet RV (WRV)

$$\text{WRV} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^{J_n}} \sum_{j=1}^{\log_2 n - J_n} \sum_{k=1}^{2^j} (y_{j,k}^\ell)^2,$$

and WRV estimator of integrated volatility  $\Theta$

$$\widehat{\Theta}_W = \text{WRV} - 2^{-J_n} [Y^*, Y^*]^{(1)}.$$

The following theorem relates  $\widehat{\Theta}_W$  under Haar wavelet to JTTSRV estimator  $\widehat{\Theta}_K$ .

**Theorem 5** *When Haar wavelet is used, the WRV estimator  $\widehat{\Theta}_W$  is equal to the JTTSRV estimator  $\widehat{\Theta}_K$  with partition number  $K = 2^{J_n}$ .*

Theorem 5 shows that JTTSRV corresponds to the WRV estimator with Haar wavelet. Thus, they will share the same asymptotic distribution. When smooth wavelets are used, the WRV estimators are different from the JTTSRV estimator. It is an interesting problem to study the asymptotic behavior of the WRV estimators under smooth wavelets.

## 5 Numerical studies

### 5.1 Simulations

Simulated high frequency data are minute by minute observations for 24 hours from model (1) and (2) with drift in log price being equal to zero, that is, 1440 equally spaced observations are simulated from the model. To obtain the 1440 observations, we first use the Euler scheme to simulate a sample path of  $\sigma_t^2$  from the following Geometric Ornstein-Uhlenbeck volatility model,

$$d \log \sigma_t^2 = -(0.6802 + 0.10 \log \sigma_t^2) dt + 0.25 dW_{1,t}, \quad \text{Corr}(W_t, W_{1,t}) = -0.62.$$

Better simulation schemes (Fan 2005) can also be used, but the difference is expected to be small. The 1440 values of  $\int_0^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 1440$ , are then approximated by the discrete summations. These 1440 values form a simulated sample path of the continuous part of  $X_t$  and are denoted by  $X_{t_i}^c$ . For the jump-diffusion model, two jump cases are considered:  $X_t$  has one jump or three jumps over  $[0, 1]$ . The simulated 1440 values of the sample path of  $X_t$  with one or three jumps are obtained by adding one or three jumps to  $X_{t_i}^c$ , respectively, with jump locations equally likely placed in  $[0, 1]$  and jump size following i.i.d. normal distribution with mean zero and standard deviation  $1/30$ . Denote by the simulated values by  $X_{t_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 1440$ . The observed data  $\{Y_{t_i}\}$  are obtained by adding i.i.d. noise  $\varepsilon_{t_i} \sim N(0, \eta^2)$  to  $X_{t_i}$ . The value of  $\eta$  ranges from 0 to 0.001. We repeat the whole simulation process 5000 times and evaluate MSEs of the estimators based on the 5000 repetitions.

In the simulation study, Daubechies s8 wavelet was used in the calculation of wavelet coefficients for jump estimation and WRV. JTSRV was evaluated with  $K$  being 5 and 15, which corresponds to 5- and 15-minute returns, respectively. We computed WRV using wavelet coefficients at the first 8 levels. JMSRV was computed with  $M = 11$  and  $K_m = 5, \dots, 15$ . To demonstrate the performances of the proposed estimators we compared them with RBPV, RV and TSRV estimators directly applied to the same data without jump adjustments. RBPV was evaluated for all data and subsampled data corresponding to 5- and 15-minute returns, RV was computed based on all data, and TSRV was applied with  $K = 5$  and 15 partition groups corresponding to 5- and 15-minute returns, respectively.

We plotted the MSEs of the estimators against noise level for continuous price process (no jumps) in Figure 2, and for the price process with one and three jumps,

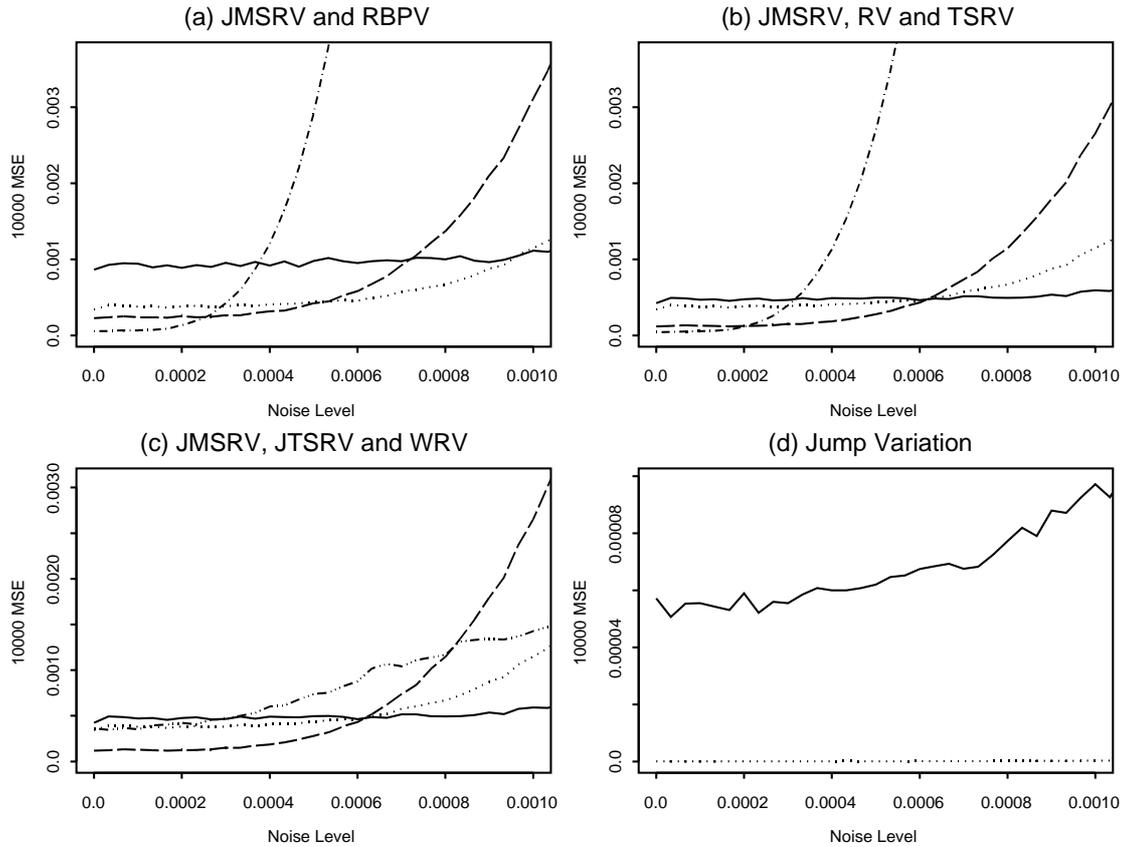


Figure 2: Plots of MSE (multiplied by  $10^4$ ) under a continuous price process (no jumps). (a) MSE using JMSRV (dotted curve) and RBPV (all data — dot-dash; 5-minute subsampled data — dash; 15-minute subsampled data — solid). (b) MSE using JMSRV (dotted curve), RV(dot-dashed curve) and TSRV ( $K = 5$  — dashed;  $K = 15$  — solid). (c) MSE using JMSRV (dotted curve), JTSRV ( $K = 5$  — dashed;  $K = 15$  — solid) and WRV (dot-dashed curve). (d) MSEs of Jump variation estimation using RBPV (solid curve) and wavelets (dotted curve).

respectively in Figures 3 and 4. In each of Figures 2-4, (a), (b) and (c) plot the MSEs of RBPV, RV and TSRV, and JTSRV and WRV, respectively, along with the MSE of JMSRV for the purpose of comparison. All MSEs are multiplied by  $10^4$  to facilitate the presentation.

For the case of continuous price process, Figure 2 shows that, when there is no microstructure noise or noise level is very low, RV and RBPV based on all data are

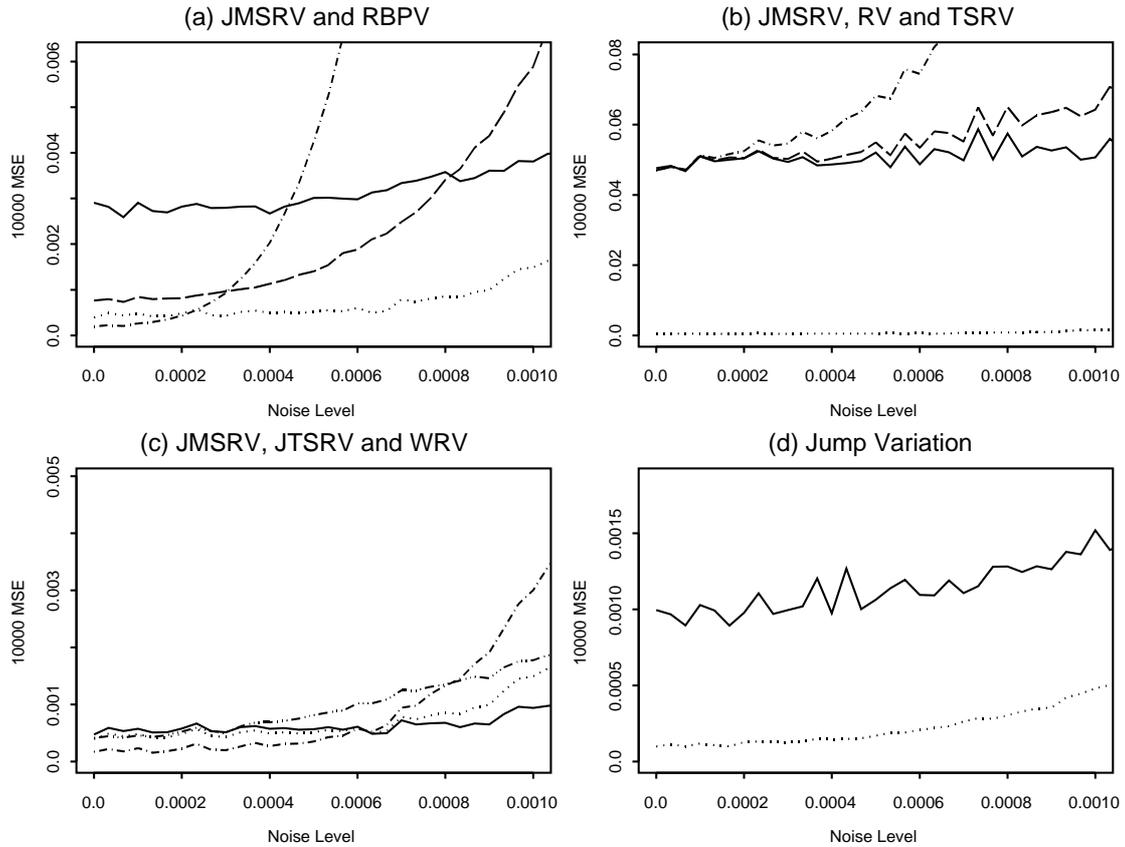


Figure 3: MSE (multiplied by  $10^4$ ) and jump variation plots under a continuous price process with one jump. The same captions as those in Figure 2 are used.

the best. However, they are very sensitive to noise. As the noise level increases, their performances quickly deteriorate, and they are overwhelmingly dominated by TSRV, JMSRV, JTTSRV and WRV estimators. For the subsampling based estimators, the higher noise level is, the lower frequency subsample should be used to make their MSEs smaller. The MSEs of MSR<sub>V</sub> and JMSRV are between those of TSRV and JTTSRV for 5- and 15-minute returns, respectively, as they essentially correspond to average of TSRV estimators for returns from 5 and 15 minutes. TSRV, JMSRV, JTTSRV and WRV are noise resistant and have comparable performance, and none

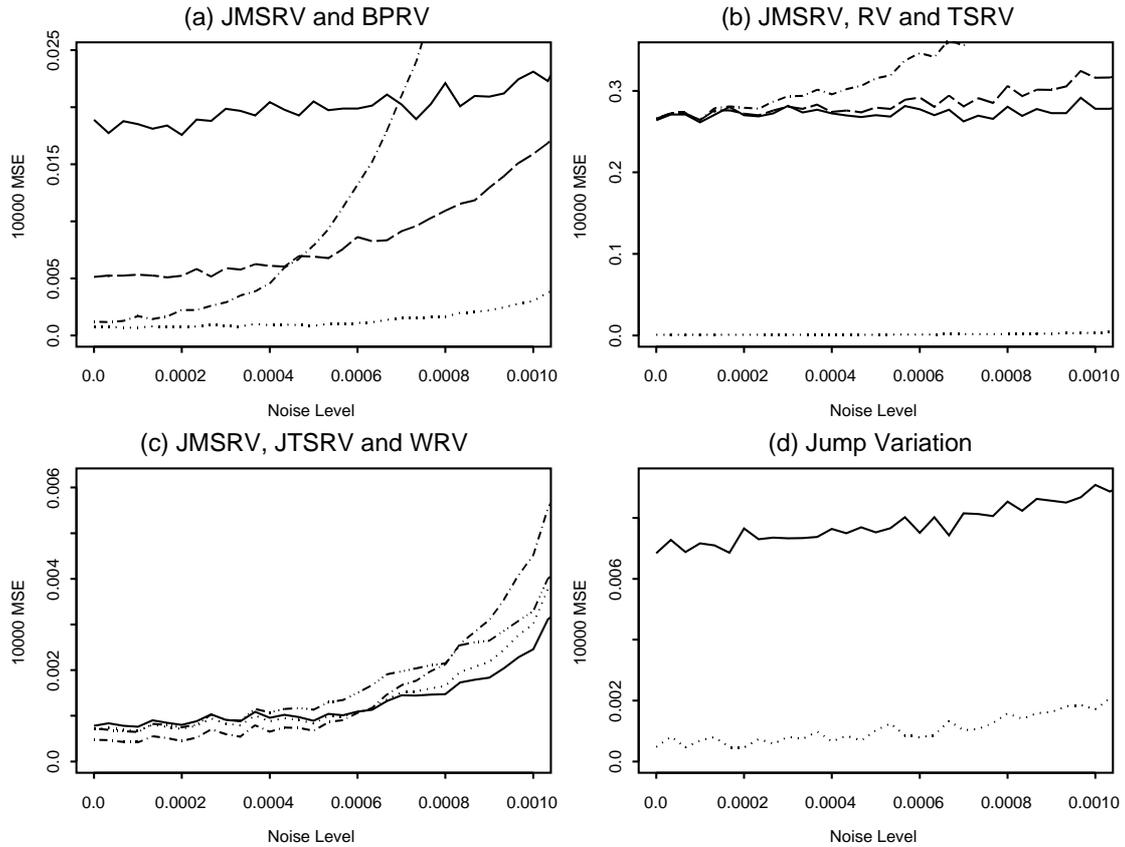


Figure 4: MSE (multiplied by  $10^4$ ) and jump variation plots under a continuous price process with three jumps. The same captions as those in Figure 2 are used.

achieve the smallest MSE uniformly over the entire range of the noise level.

For the case of price process with jumps, Figures 3 and 4 demonstrate that the proposed estimators outperforms all existing estimators. RV and TSRV are very sensitive to jumps. In this case, it is necessary to remove the jumps first before calculating the estimated integrated volatility. Regardless of noise level, one jump in the price process is enough to destroy RV and TSRV estimators with MSEs far larger than those of JMSRV, JTSRV and WRV. This is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the rescaled MSEs of RV and TSRV in Figure 3(b) have values far above

0.04, while the rescaled MSEs of the proposed JMSRV, JTSRV and WRV in Figure 3(c) are close to 0.001. In the case of one jump, Figures 3(a) and 3(c) imply that RBPV based estimators have larger MSEs than the proposed JMSRV, JTSRV and WRV. RBPV is proposed to handle jumps for data without noise. For very low noise levels, RBPV for all data has slightly less MSE than the JMSRV. But as noise level increases, its MSE increases dramatically, with MSE values many times larger than that of the JMSRV. When the price process has three jumps, Figures 4(a) and (c) indicate that the proposed estimators obviously outperforms RBPV based estimators at all noise levels, and again Figure 4(b) suggests that the behaviors of RV and TSRV estimators are completely ruined by the jumps.

For the estimation of jump variation  $\Psi$  in the jump-diffusion price model, we have checked the performance of the proposed estimator  $\hat{\Psi}$  in (5) and compared it with the existing estimator in Barndorff-Nielsen and Shephard (2005), which is the difference of RV and  $\pi/2$  of RBPV of order (1, 1). We evaluated the existing estimator based on all and subsampled data and found that the MSEs are very close. Figures 3(d) and 4(d) plot, against noise level, the MSEs of the proposed estimator and the existing estimator based on 5-minute returns for one and three jumps, respectively. When jumps are present in the log price process, we have also checked the number of estimated jumps. The percentage of finding correct number of jumps ranges from 90% to 99% over the noise level. For the continuous price case, there is no jump and the jump variation is zero. To check the performances of the proposed estimator and the existing estimator in this case, we have plotted their MSEs in Figure 2(d). The simulation shows that the proposed estimators have excellent performance and are overwhelmingly better than the existing estimator.

## 5.2 Applications

We have applied the proposed methods to two exchange rate data sets: one minute Euro-dollar and Yen-dollar exchange rates for the first seven months in 2004. The data sets were obtained from Quickstars, L. L. C., Connecticut, U.S.A. Figures 5(a) and 6(a) show the plots of the two exchange rate data. We applied our jump estimation to the exchange rate data for each day and plotted the estimated number of daily jumps in Figures 5(b) and 6(b). The plots show that jumps occur very often in the exchange rates. We computed WRV and the proposed estimator of jump variation for each day and plotted the estimated daily integrated volatility and jump variation in Figures 5(c-d) and 6(c-d). For these two data sets, jump variations often make significant contribution to total variations. To quantify the contribution, we calculated the ratios of the daily estimated jump variations and the daily integrated volatilities and plotted them in Figure 7. The percentages of days with jump variation exceeding 10% and 20% of integrated volatility are, respectively, 41% and 24% for Euro-dollar exchange rates and 30% and 19% for Yen-dollar exchange rates. For several days, the estimated jump variations even surpass the estimated integrated volatilities. This shows that ignoring jump effect in volatility estimation can inflate the volatility substantially.

## 6 Conclusions

We develop nonparametric methods to estimate jumps and jump variations for noisy data from a jump-diffusion model. With the estimated jumps we adjust data for jumps and then propose to apply TSRV and MSRV to the jump adjusted data for the estimation of integrated volatility. We also construct WRV from the jump ad-

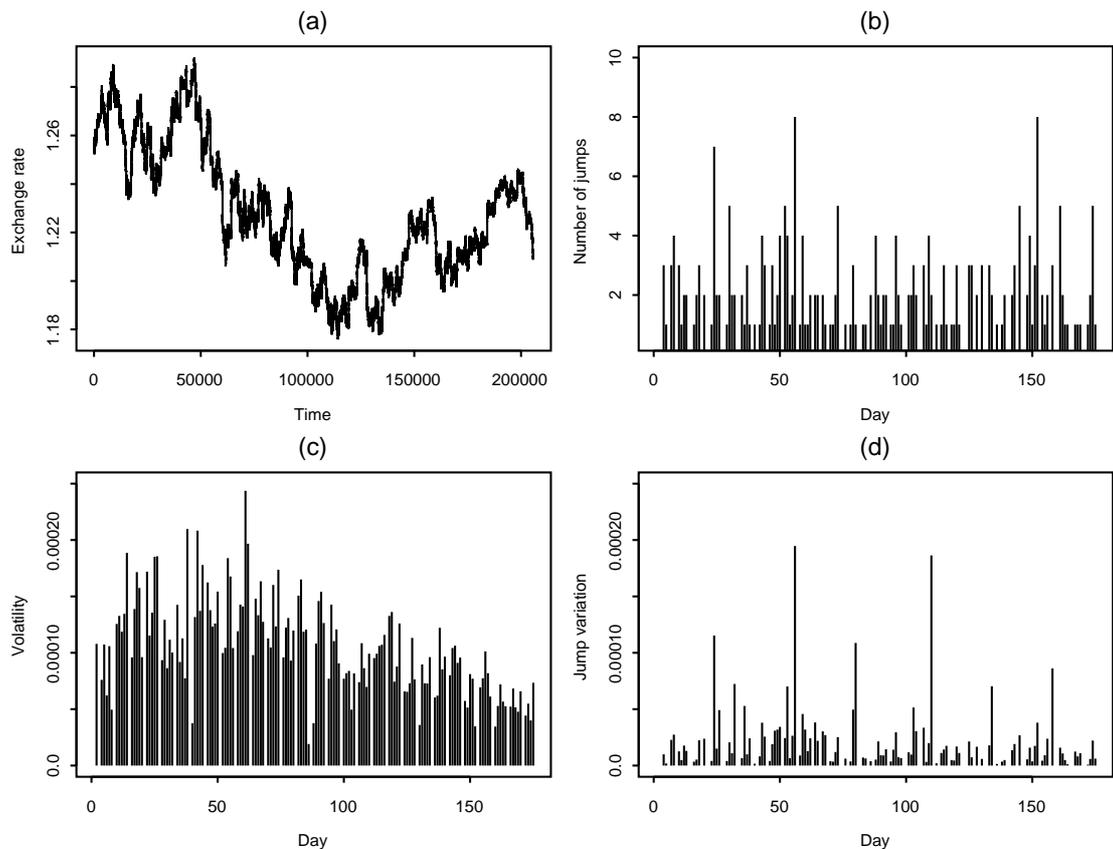


Figure 5: (a) Euro-dollar exchange rates from January to July, 2004. (b) The number of estimated jumps in each day. (c) Estimated daily integrated volatility. (d) Estimated daily jump variation.

justed data to estimate integrated volatility. Asymptotic theory established for the proposed estimators shows that the integrated volatility can be estimated under the jump-diffusion price model asymptotically as well as under the continuous diffusion price model. Simulations demonstrate that the proposed estimators have comparable performance with existing methods for either noisy data from the continuous diffusion model or noiseless data from the jump-diffusion model, but they outperform existing methods when data contains jumps. An application of the jump and volatility estimation methods to two high-frequency Euro-dollar and Yen-dollar exchange rate

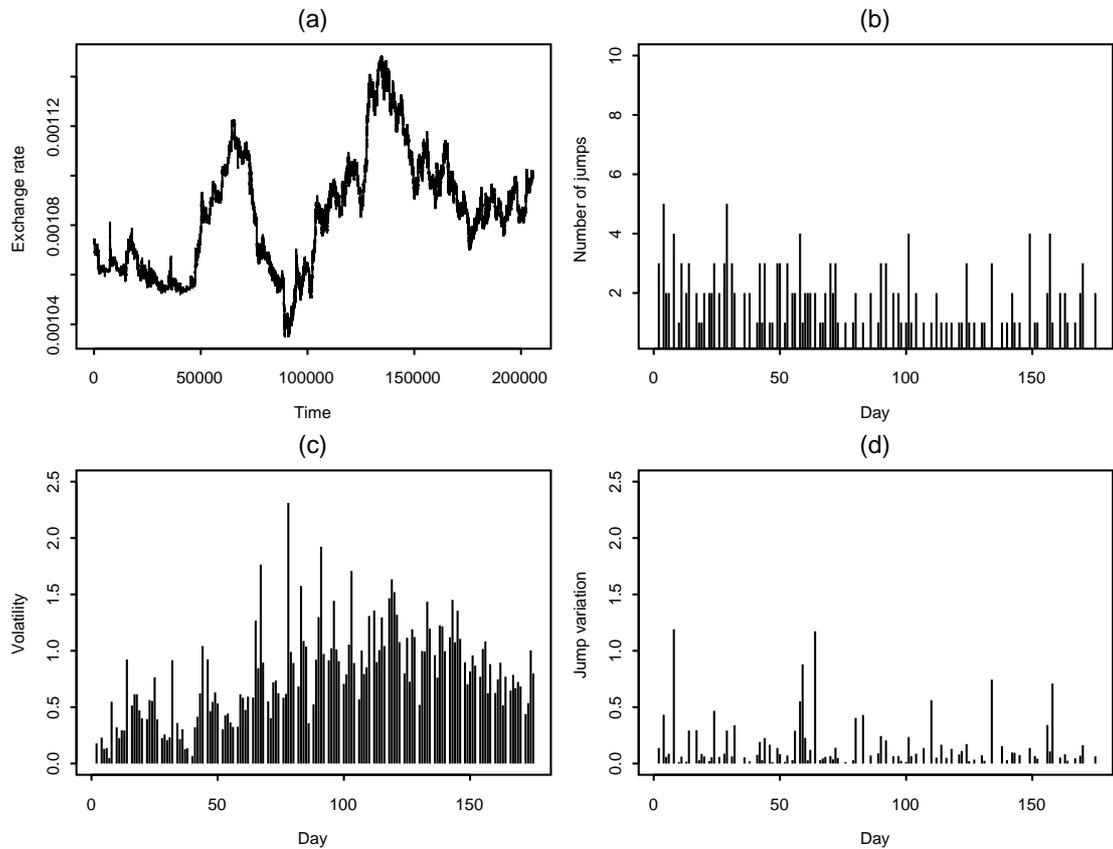


Figure 6: (a) Japanese Yen-dollar exchange rates from January to July, 2004. (b) The number of estimated jumps in each day. (c) Estimated daily integrated volatility. (d) Estimated daily jump variation.

data reveals important information in the exchange rates.

The paper initiates a new research direction on jump and volatility estimation in the field of high-frequency financial data. The proposed methods will stimulate more research on multiscale methods. The paper also leaves some issues and open problems for future investigation. They include asymptotic theory of WRV under smooth wavelets, the performance of the proposed methods for data with infinitely many jumps modeled by Lévy processes, characterization of log price process whose sample path has sparse representations under wavelets and other bases, and refinement of

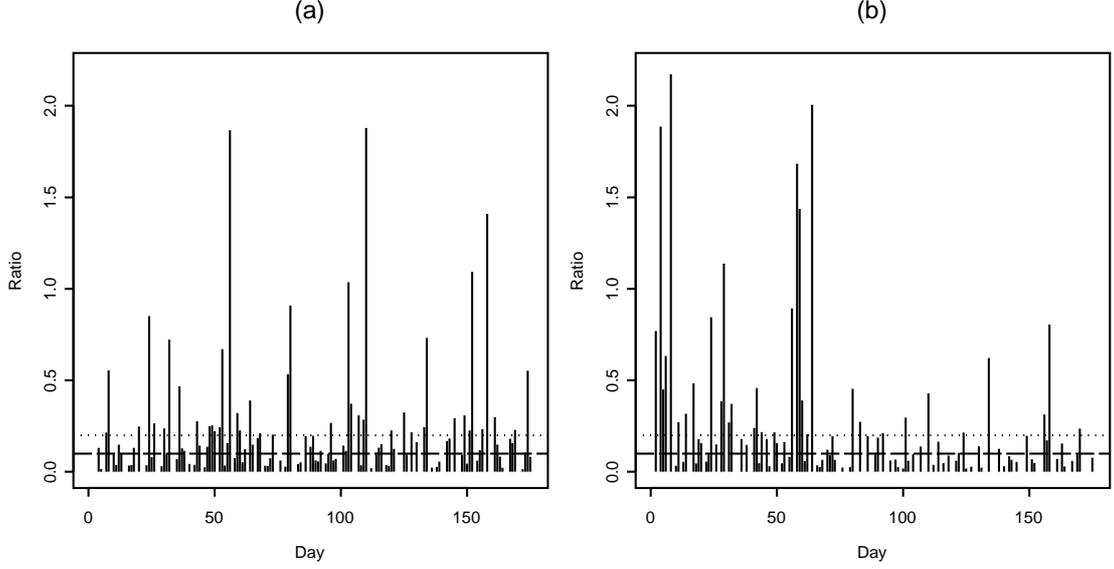


Figure 7: The ratios of estimated daily jump variations and integrated volatilities for (a) Euro-dollar and (b) Japanese Yen-dollar exchange rates. Two horizontal lines are at 10% and 20% levels.

WRV with thresholding techniques to take full advantage of bases used.

## 7 Technical conditions and Proofs

We first state the technical conditions on model (1) and (2) that are needed for the technical proof and then outline the proofs of the results.

(A1). Wavelets  $(\psi, \phi)$  used in jump estimation are differentiable.

(A2).  $\mu_t$  and  $\sigma_t^2$  are continuous in  $t$  almost surely and satisfy

$$E \left( \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \mu_t^2 \right) < \infty, \quad E \left( \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \sigma_t^2 \right) < \infty.$$

(A3). Counting process  $N_t$  has jump locations in  $[0, 1]$  at  $\tau_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, N_1 < \infty$ .

(A4).  $(\mu_t, \sigma_t^2, W_t)$ ,  $(N_t, L_\ell)$  and  $\varepsilon_t$  are independent.  $\varepsilon_t$  are i.i.d. with a finite 4th moment.

(A5). The continuous part of  $X_t$  is an Itô process, with  $(\mu_t, \sigma_t)$  adapted to the complete filtration generated by Brownian motion  $W_t$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.** As  $q = N_1$  is finite, from (4), with probability tending to one  $\hat{q} = q$ , it is enough to show

$$(\bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_{\ell+}} - \bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_{\ell-}}) - (X_{\tau_{\ell}} - X_{\tau_{\ell-}}) = O_P(n^{-1/4}), \quad \ell = 1, \dots, \hat{q} = q. \quad (9)$$

We now prove for the case with  $\ell = 1$ . Denote by  $m_{\pm}$  the number of  $t_i$  in  $[\hat{\tau}_1, \hat{\tau}_1 + \delta_n]$  and  $[\hat{\tau}_1 - \delta_n, \hat{\tau}_1)$ , respectively. Then  $|m_+ - m_-| \leq 2$ ,  $m_+ \sim m_- \sim n^{1/2}$ , and

$$\bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_1+} = \frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{0 \leq t_i - \hat{\tau}_1 \leq \delta_n} Y_{t_i}, \quad \bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_1-} = \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{0 < \hat{\tau}_1 - t_i \leq \delta_n} Y_{t_i}.$$

As  $Y_t$  contains four terms: noise, drift, diffusion and jump, denote by  $U_i$  the differences between the two averages over  $[\hat{\tau}_1, \hat{\tau}_1 + \delta_n]$  and  $[\hat{\tau}_1 - \delta_n, \hat{\tau}_1)$ , for the four terms, respectively. Then,

$$(\bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_1+} - \bar{Y}_{\hat{\tau}_1-}) - (X_{\tau_1} - X_{\tau_1-}) = \sum_{i=1}^4 U_i - L_{N_{\tau_1}}, \quad (10)$$

and it is enough to show that  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , and  $U_4 - L_{N_{\tau_1}}$  are  $O_P(n^{-1/4})$ .

First of all, let us consider the noise term.  $U_1$  is the difference of two averages of  $m_+$  and  $m_-$  i.i.d. random variables  $\varepsilon_t$ , respectively, so  $U_1$  has mean zero and variance  $\eta^2(m_+^{-1} + m_-^{-1}) = O(n^{-1/2})$ . Hence,  $U_1 = O_P(n^{-1/4})$ .

Next, consider drift term. Use Condition (A2), it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} U_2 &= \frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{0 \leq t_i - \hat{\tau}_1 \leq \delta_n} \int_{\hat{\tau}_1}^{t_i} \mu_s ds - \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{0 < \hat{\tau}_1 - t_i \leq \delta_n} \int_{t_i}^{\hat{\tau}_1} \mu_s ds \\ &= \frac{1}{m_+} O_P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m_+} i/n\right) + \frac{1}{m_-} O_P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m_-} i/n\right) = O_P(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Third, consider the continuous diffusion term. Note that

$$U_3 = \frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{\hat{\tau}_1 \leq t_i \leq \hat{\tau}_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s - \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{\hat{\tau}_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i < \hat{\tau}_1} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s. \quad (11)$$

We will replace  $\hat{\tau}_1$  in above summations by  $\tau_1$  and derive the order in probability for the resulting difference. The difference between  $\sum_{\hat{\tau}_1 \leq t_i \leq \hat{\tau}_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s$  and  $\sum_{\tau_1 \leq t_i \leq \tau_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s$  involves integral terms  $\int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s$  with  $t_i$  falling to exact one of the two intervals  $[\hat{\tau}_1, \hat{\tau}_1 + \delta_n]$  and  $[\tau_1, \tau_1 + \delta_n]$ . Since  $\hat{\tau}_1 - \tau_1$  is  $O_P(n^{-1} \log^2 n)$ , the total number of such terms is  $O_P(\log^2 n)$ . Because of Condition (A4),  $(\sigma, W)$  and  $\tau_1$  are independent. The integrals  $\int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s$  are  $O_P(n^{-1/4} \log^{1/2} n)$ , which is shown by applying Kolmogorov inequality for martingale, Condition (A2) and (4) as follow,

$$\begin{aligned}
& P \left( \max \left\{ \left| \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s \right|, \min(\tau_1, \hat{\tau}_1) \leq t_i \leq \max(\tau_1, \hat{\tau}_1) + \delta_n \right\} > n^{-1/4} \log^{1/2} n \right) \\
& \leq P \left( \max_{\tau_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i \leq \tau_1 + 2\delta_n} \left| \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s \right| > n^{-1/4} \log^{1/2} n \right) + P(|\hat{\tau}_1 - \tau_1| > \delta_n) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n^{-1/2} \log n} \int_{-2\delta_n}^{2\delta_n} E(\sigma_{\tau_1+s}^2) ds + o(1) \\
& \leq \frac{4\delta_n}{n^{-1/2} \log^{1/2} n} E \left( \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} \sigma_t^2 \right) + o(1) \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{\hat{\tau}_1 \leq t_i \leq \hat{\tau}_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s - \sum_{\tau_1 \leq t_i \leq \tau_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s = O_P(n^{-1/4} \log^{5/2} n).$$

Similarly, we can show

$$\sum_{\hat{\tau}_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i < \hat{\tau}_1} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s - \sum_{\tau_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i < \tau_1} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s = O_P(n^{-1/4} \log^{5/2} n).$$

Substituting above two equations into (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
U_3 &= \frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{\tau_1 \leq t_i \leq \tau_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s - \\
& \quad \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{\tau_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i < \tau_1} \int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s + O_P(n^{-3/4} \log^{5/2} n). \quad (12)
\end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $E_\tau$ ,  $Var_\tau$  and  $Cov_\tau$  conditional mean, variance and covariance given  $\tau_1$ .

Note that  $\tau_1$  is independent of  $(\sigma, W)$ . Given  $\tau_1$ , for  $|t_i - \tau_1| \leq \delta_n$ ,  $\int_{\tau_1 - 2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s$  has

conditional mean zero and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}_\tau \left( \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s, \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_\ell} \sigma_s dW_s \right) &= \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i \wedge t_\ell} E(\sigma_s^2) ds \\ &\leq (t_i \wedge t_\ell - \tau_1 + 2\delta_n) \max_{0 \leq s \leq 1} E(\sigma_s^2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it is easy to compute the following conditional mean and variance

$$\frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{0 \leq t_i - \tau_1 \leq \delta_n} E_\tau \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s = \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{0 < \tau_1 - t_i \leq \delta_n} E_\tau \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s = 0, \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Var}_\tau \left( \frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{0 \leq t_i - \tau_1 \leq \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s - \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{0 < \tau_1 - t_i \leq \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} \sigma_s dW_s \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_+^2} \sum_{\tau_1 \leq t_i \leq \tau_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} E(\sigma_s^2) ds + \frac{2}{m_+^2} \sum_{\tau_1 \leq t_i < t_\ell \leq \tau_1 + \delta_n} \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} E(\sigma_s^2) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{m_-^2} \sum_{\tau_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i < \tau_1} \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} E(\sigma_s^2) ds + \frac{2}{m_-^2} \sum_{\tau_1 - \delta_n \leq t_i < t_\ell < \tau_1} \int_{\tau_1-2\delta_n}^{t_i} E(\sigma_s^2) ds \\ &\leq \max_{0 \leq s \leq 1} E(\sigma_s^2) \left( 4\delta_n + \frac{1}{m_+^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_+} i/n + \frac{1}{m_-^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_-} i/n + \frac{2}{m_+^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_+} (m_+ - i) i/n \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{m_-^2} \sum_{i=1}^{m_-} (m_- - i) i/n \right) = O(n^{-1/2}). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Equations (13) and (14) together with Tchebysheff's inequality imply that the difference of the first two terms on the right hand side of (12) is  $O_P(n^{-1/4})$  under  $P_\tau$ , and hence it is  $O_P(n^{-1/4})$ . This result together with (12) shows that  $U_3 = O_P(n^{-1/4})$ .

Finally, we consider the jump term. From Condition (A3), we have that the minimum distance,  $\min\{\tau_\ell - \tau_{\ell-1}, \ell = 1, \dots, N_1\}$  ( $\tau_0 = 0$ ), between consecutive jumps of  $X_t$  over  $[0, 1]$  is positive almost surely.

Denote by  $\Omega_{1,n}$  the event  $\min\{|\tau_\ell - \tau_{\ell-1}|, \ell = 1, \dots, q\} > 2\delta_n$  and  $\Omega_{2,n}$  the event  $|\hat{\tau}_\ell - \tau_\ell| \leq n^{-1} \log^2 n$  for  $\ell = 1, \dots, q = \hat{q}$ , and let  $\Omega_n = \Omega_{1,n} \cap \Omega_{2,n}$ . Condition (A3) implies that  $\min\{\tau_\ell - \tau_{\ell-1}, \ell = 1, \dots, q\}$  is positive almost surely. Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega_{1,n}) = P(\min\{\tau_\ell - \tau_{\ell-1}, \ell = 1, \dots, q\} > 0) = 1$ . Also (4) implies

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega_{2,n}) = 1$ . Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega_n) = 1$ . On  $\Omega_n$ ,  $|\hat{\tau}_1 - \tau_1| \leq n^{-1} \log^2 n$  and the distances between any two jumps of  $X_t$  are great than  $2\delta_n$ , so if  $X_t$  jumps on the interval  $[\hat{\tau}_1 \pm \delta_n]$ , it can jump only once and at  $\tau_1 \in [\hat{\tau}_1 \pm \delta_n]$ . Thus, we have

$$U_4 = \frac{1}{m_+} \sum_{0 \leq t_i - \hat{\tau}_1 \leq \delta_n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_{t_i}} L_\ell - \frac{1}{m_-} \sum_{0 < \hat{\tau}_1 - t_i \leq \delta_n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_{t_i}} L_\ell$$

is equal to  $L_{N_{\tau_1}} [1 - n(\tau_1 - \hat{\tau}_1)/m_+]$  if  $\hat{\tau}_1 \leq \tau_1$  and  $L_{N_{\tau_1}} [1 - n(\hat{\tau}_1 - \tau_1)/m_-]$  if  $\hat{\tau}_1 > \tau_1$ .

We conclude that on  $\Omega_n$

$$|U_4 - L_{N_{\tau_1}}| \leq |L_{N_{\tau_1}}| (m_+^{-1} + m_-^{-1}) n |\hat{\tau}_1 - \tau_1| \leq |L_{N_{\tau_1}}| (m_+^{-1} + m_-^{-1}) \log^2 n.$$

By considering it on  $\Omega_n$  and  $\Omega_n^c$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P(|U_4 - L_{N_{\tau_1}}| > n^{-1/2} \log^3 n) &\leq P(\Omega_n^c) + P(\Omega_n \cap \{|U_4 - L_{N_{\tau_1}}| > n^{-1/2} \log^3 n\}) \\ &\leq P(\Omega_n^c) + P((m_+^{-1} + m_-^{-1}) |L_{N_{\tau_1}}| > n^{-1/2} \log n) \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $U_4 - L_{N_{\tau_1}} = O_P(n^{-1/2} \log^3 n) = o_P(n^{-1/4})$ .

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Suppose that  $X$  has  $q = N_1$  jumps at  $\tau_\ell$ ,  $\ell = 1, \dots, q$ .

Let

$$X_t^d = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_t} L_\ell = \sum_{\tau_\ell \leq t} L_\ell$$

be the jump part of  $X$ . With the continuous parts of  $X_t$  and  $Y_t$  defined in (8), we yield  $X_t = X_t^c + X_t^d$  and  $Y_t = Y_t^c + X_t^d$ . From the definition of the data adjustment in (6) and (7), we conclude

$$Y_{t_{i+K}}^* - Y_{t_i}^* = Y_{t_{i+K}}^c - Y_{t_i}^c + \sum_{t_i < \tau_\ell \leq t_{i+K}} L_\ell - \sum_{t_i < \hat{\tau}_\ell \leq t_{i+K}} \hat{L}_\ell \equiv Y_{t_{i+K}}^c - Y_{t_i}^c + \xi_i. \quad (15)$$

Similar to the jump part proof of Theorem 1, denote by  $\Omega_n$  the event  $\min\{|\tau_\ell - \tau_{\ell-1}|, \ell = 1, \dots, q\} > K/n$  and  $|\hat{\tau}_\ell - \tau_\ell| \leq n^{-1} \log^2 n$  for  $\ell = 1, \dots, q = \hat{q}$ . Then Condition (A3) and (4) imply  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega_n) = 1$ . Note the facts that on  $\Omega_n$ , first

$X_t$  has at most one jump in each of intervals  $[t_i, t_{i+K}]$  of length  $K/n$ ; second, since  $(K/n)/(n^{-1} \log^2 n) = K/\log^2 n \rightarrow \infty$ , in comparison with intervals  $[t_i, t_{i+K}]$ , the interval formed by each pair  $\tau_\ell$  and  $\hat{\tau}_\ell$  is tiny. Thus, on  $\Omega_n$ , there are only three cases for the relationship between the two types of intervals:

- (i)  $t_i, t_{i+K} < \tau_\ell, \hat{\tau}_\ell$  or  $t_i, t_{i+K} > \tau_\ell, \hat{\tau}_\ell$ ,
- (ii)  $t_i < \tau_\ell, \hat{\tau}_\ell < t_{i+K}$ , and for each  $(\tau_\ell, \hat{\tau}_\ell)$  there is at most  $n(K/n - |\tau_\ell - \hat{\tau}_\ell|) \leq K$  such intervals  $[t_i, t_{i+K}]$ ;
- (iii) either  $t_i$  or  $t_{i+K}$  (but not both) is between  $\tau_\ell$  and  $\hat{\tau}_\ell$ , and for each  $(\tau_\ell, \hat{\tau}_\ell)$  there is at most  $2n|\tau_\ell - \hat{\tau}_\ell| \leq 2\log^2 n$  such intervals  $[t_i, t_{i+K}]$ .

Under the aforementioned three cases,  $\xi_i$  on  $\Omega_n$  is equal to 0,  $L_\ell - \hat{L}_\ell$ , and  $L_\ell$  or  $-\hat{L}_\ell$ , respectively. Hence from (15) we have that for Cases (i), (ii) and (iii),  $(Y_{t_{i+K}}^* - Y_{t_i}^*)^2 - (Y_{t_{i+K}}^c - Y_{t_i}^c)^2$  is, respectively, equal to zero, and bounded by  $|L_\ell - \hat{L}_\ell|$  and  $|L_\ell| + |\hat{L}_\ell|$  multiplying by positive constants. From the expression of ASRV in Section 4.1 we have

$$[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} - [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^{n-K} \left[ (Y_{t_{i+K}}^* - Y_{t_i}^*)^2 - (Y_{t_{i+K}}^c - Y_{t_i}^c)^2 \right].$$

Classifying above  $n - K$  summation terms according to Cases (i), (ii) and (iii), we can bound  $[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} - [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)}$  on  $\Omega_n$  by multiplying the bounds with the corresponding total numbers of intervals  $[t_i, t_{i+K}]$  under the three cases and then dividing by  $K$ . Since the difference is zero for Case (i), we need to do multiplications only for Cases (ii) and (iii). The resulting bound for  $[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} - [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)}$  on  $\Omega_n$  is  $cH_{n,K}$ , where  $c$  is a positive constant and

$$H_{n,K} = \sum_{\ell=1}^q |L_\ell - \hat{L}_\ell| + 2K^{-1} \log^2 n \sum_{\ell=1}^q (|L_\ell| + |\hat{L}_\ell|).$$

Again similar to the jump part proof of Theorem 1, we consider  $[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} - [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)}$  on  $\Omega_n$  and  $\Omega_n^c$  and obtain its order  $O_P(n^{-1/4} + K^{-1} \log^2 n)$  as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
& P\left(\left|[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K)} - [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K)}\right| > dn^{-1/4} + dK^{-1} \log^2 n\right) \\
& \leq P(\Omega_n^c) + P\left(\Omega_n \cap \{c|H_{n,K}| > dn^{-1/4} + dK^{-1} \log^2 n\}\right) \\
& \leq P(\Omega_n^c) + P\left(|H_{n,K}| > dn^{-1/4}/c + d \log^2 n/c\right) \\
& \leq P(\Omega_n^c) + P\left(\sum_{\ell=1}^q |L_\ell - \hat{L}_\ell| > dn^{-1/4}/(2c)\right) + P\left(\sum_{\ell=1}^q (|L_\ell| + |\hat{L}_\ell|) > d/(4c)\right),
\end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and then  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , where the limit is due to the facts that  $\sum_{\ell=1}^q |L_\ell - \hat{L}_\ell| = O_P(n^{-1/4})$  and  $\sum_{\ell=1}^q (|L_\ell| + |\hat{L}_\ell|) = O_P(1)$ , implied by Conditions (A3) and Theorem 1.

**Proof of Theorem 3.** With  $K = cn^{2/3}$ , we see that the rate  $n^{-1/4} + K^{-1} \log^2 n$  is negligible in comparison with  $n^{-1/6}$ . The theorem is a consequence of Theorem 2 and Zhang *et al.*(2005, theorem 4).

**Proof of Theorem 4.** The partition numbers  $K_m = m + C \geq C \sim n^{1/2}$ . Applying Theorem 2 to  $[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K_m)}$  we obtain that uniformly for all  $m = 1, \dots, M$ ,

$$[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K_m)} - [Y^c, Y^c]^{(K_m)} = O_P\left(n^{-1/4} + K_m^{-1} \log^2 n\right) = O_P\left(n^{-1/4}\right).$$

So we can replace  $[Y^*, Y^*]^{(K_m)}$  by  $[Y^c, Y^c]^{(K_m)}$ . As  $Y^c$  is from the continuous price model, the rest proof is similar to Zhang (2004) but can be much shorter and elementary, as we need to derive only convergence rate.

**Proof of Theorem 5.** Let  $J = \log_2 n$ . When processing orthogonal wavelet transformation of shifted data  $(\mathcal{S}^{\ell-1}y^*)_i$ , we stop the process at level  $J - J_n$  and approximate  $(\mathcal{S}^{\ell-1}y^*)_i$  in the Haar subspace at scale  $J - J_n$ . The sum of squares

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J-J_n} \sum_{k=1}^{2^{j-1}} (y_{j,k}^\ell)^2$$

is equal to the sum of squares of smooth wavelet coefficients corresponding to the Haar space at scale  $J - J_n$ . For Haar wavelet transformation of  $(\mathcal{S}^{\ell-1}y^*)_i = Y_{t_{\ell+i}}^*$ , the smooth wavelet coefficients at level  $J - J_n$  are  $2^{(J-J_n)/2} (Y_{t_{\ell+k} 2^{J_n}}^* - Y_{t_{\ell+(k-1) 2^{J_n}}})$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 2^{J-J_n}$ . Thus we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{J-J_n} \sum_{k=1}^{2^{j-1}} (y_{j,k}^\ell)^2 = 2^{J-J_n} \sum_{k=1}^{2^{J-J_n}} (Y_{t_{\ell+k} 2^{J_n}}^* - Y_{t_{\ell+(k-1) 2^{J_n}}})^2.$$

Summation over  $\ell$  leads to

$$WRV = n^{-1} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^{J_n}} \sum_{j=1}^{J-J_n} \sum_{k=1}^{2^{j-1}} (y_{j,k}^\ell)^2 = 2^{-J_n} \sum_{\ell=1}^{2^{J_n}} \sum_{k=1}^{2^{J-J_n}} (Y_{t_{\ell+k} 2^{J_n}}^* - Y_{t_{\ell+(k-1) 2^{J_n}}})^2 = [Y^*, Y^*]^{(2^{J_n})}.$$

Thus, the WRV estimator  $\widehat{\Theta}_W$  agrees with JTSRV estimator  $\widehat{\Theta}_K$  with  $K = 2^{J_n}$ .

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