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`kramersmoyal` is a python package designed to obtain the Kramers—Moyal coefficients, or conditional moments, from stochastic data of any dimension. It employs kernel density estimations, instead of a histogram approach, to ensure better results for low number of points as well as allowing better fitting of the results.

CHAPTER 1

Installation

To install `kramersmoyal`, just use *pip*

```
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```

Then on your favourite editor just use

```
from kramersmoyal import km
```

From here you can simply call

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import numpy as np

# Number of bins
bins = np.array([6000])

# Choose powers to calculate
powers = np.array([[1], [2]])

# And here x is your (1D, 2D, 3D) data
kmc, edge = km(x, bins = bins, powers = powers)
```

The library depends on `numpy` and `scipy`.

A one-dimensional stochastic process

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Take, for example, the well-documented one-dimension [Ornstein—Uhlenbeck](#) process, also known as [Vašíček](#) process. This process is governed by two main parameters: the mean-reverting parameter θ and the diffusion or volatility coefficient σ

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For this example let's take $\theta = 0.3$ and $\sigma = 0.1$, over a total time of 500 units, with a sampling of 1000 Hertz, and from the generated data series retrieve the two parameters, the drift $-\theta y(t)$ and diffusion σ .

2.2 Integrating an Ornstein—Uhlenbeck process

Here is a short code on generating a Ornstein—Uhlenbeck stochastic trajectory with a simple Euler—Maruyama integration method

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# integration time and time sampling
t_final = 500
delta_t = 0.001

# The parameters theta and sigma
theta = 0.3
sigma = 0.1

# The time array of the trajectory
time = np.arange(0, t_final, delta_t)
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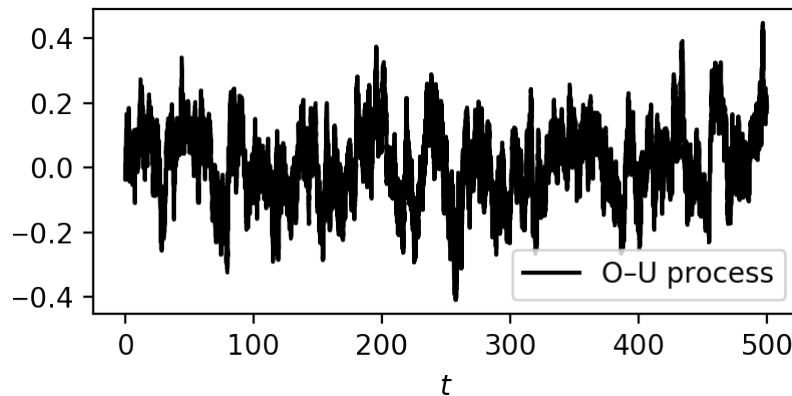
# Initialise the array y
y = np.zeros(time.size)

# Generate a Wiener process
dw = np.random.normal(loc = 0, scale = np.sqrt(delta_t), size = time.size)

# Integrate the process
for i in range(1,time.size):
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From here we have a plain example of an Ornstein—Uhlenbeck process, always drifting back to zero, due to the mean-reverting drift $-\theta y(t)$. The effect of the noise can be seen across the whole trajectory.



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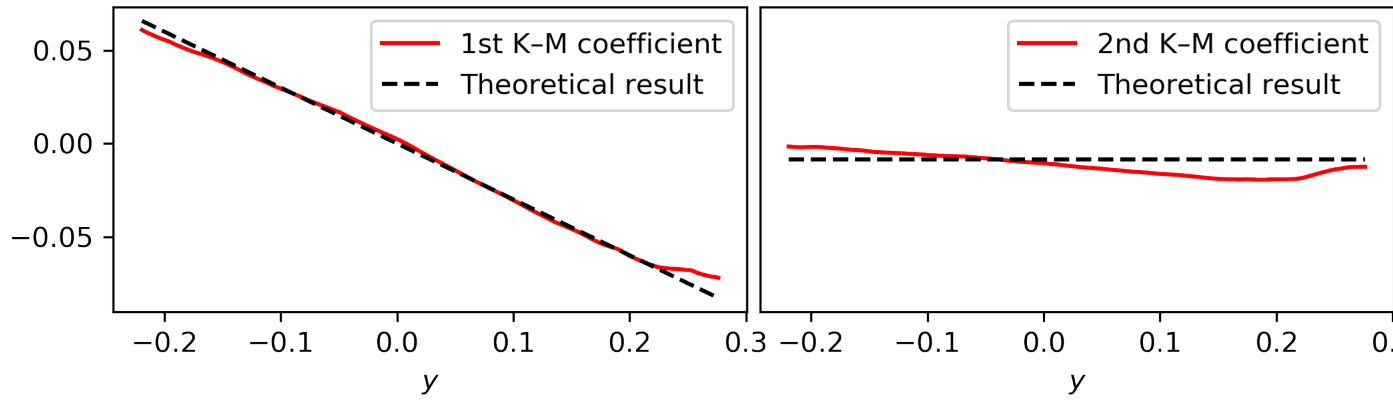
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powers = np.array([[1], [2]])

# Choose your desired bandwidth
bw = 0.15

# The kmc holds the results, where edges holds the binning space
kmc, edges = km(y, kernel = kernels.epanechnikov, bw = bw, bins = bins, powers =
↳ powers)

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This results in



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A two-dimensional diffusion process

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with N the drift vector and g the diffusion matrix, which can be state dependent. We define, as the previous example, a process identical to the Ornstein—Uhlenbeck process, with

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} -N_1 y_1 \\ -N_2 y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

and we take $N_1 = 2.0$ and $N_2 = 1.0$. For this particular case a more involved diffusion matrix g will be used. Let the matrix g be state-dependent, i.e., dependent of the actual values of y_1 and y_2 via

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_{1,1}}{1+e^{y_1^2}} & g_{1,2} \\ g_{2,1} & \frac{g_{2,2}}{1+e^{y_2^2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

and we will take $g_{1,1} = g_{2,2} = 0.5$ and $g_{1,2} = g_{2,1} = 0$.

3.2 Integrating a 2-dimensional process

Taking the above parameters and writing again an Euler—Maruyama integration method

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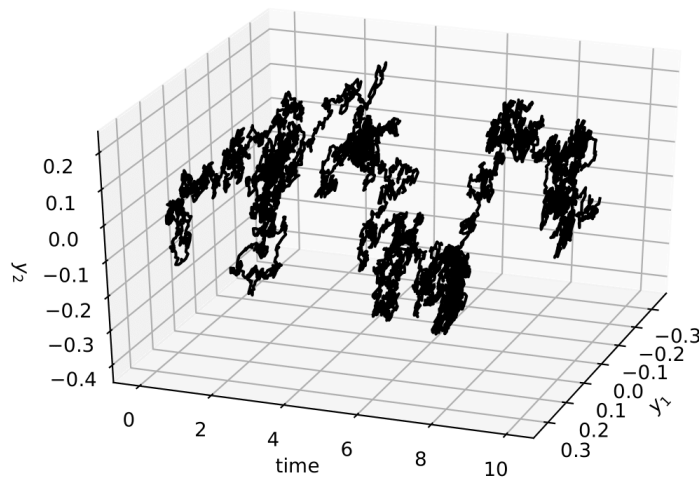
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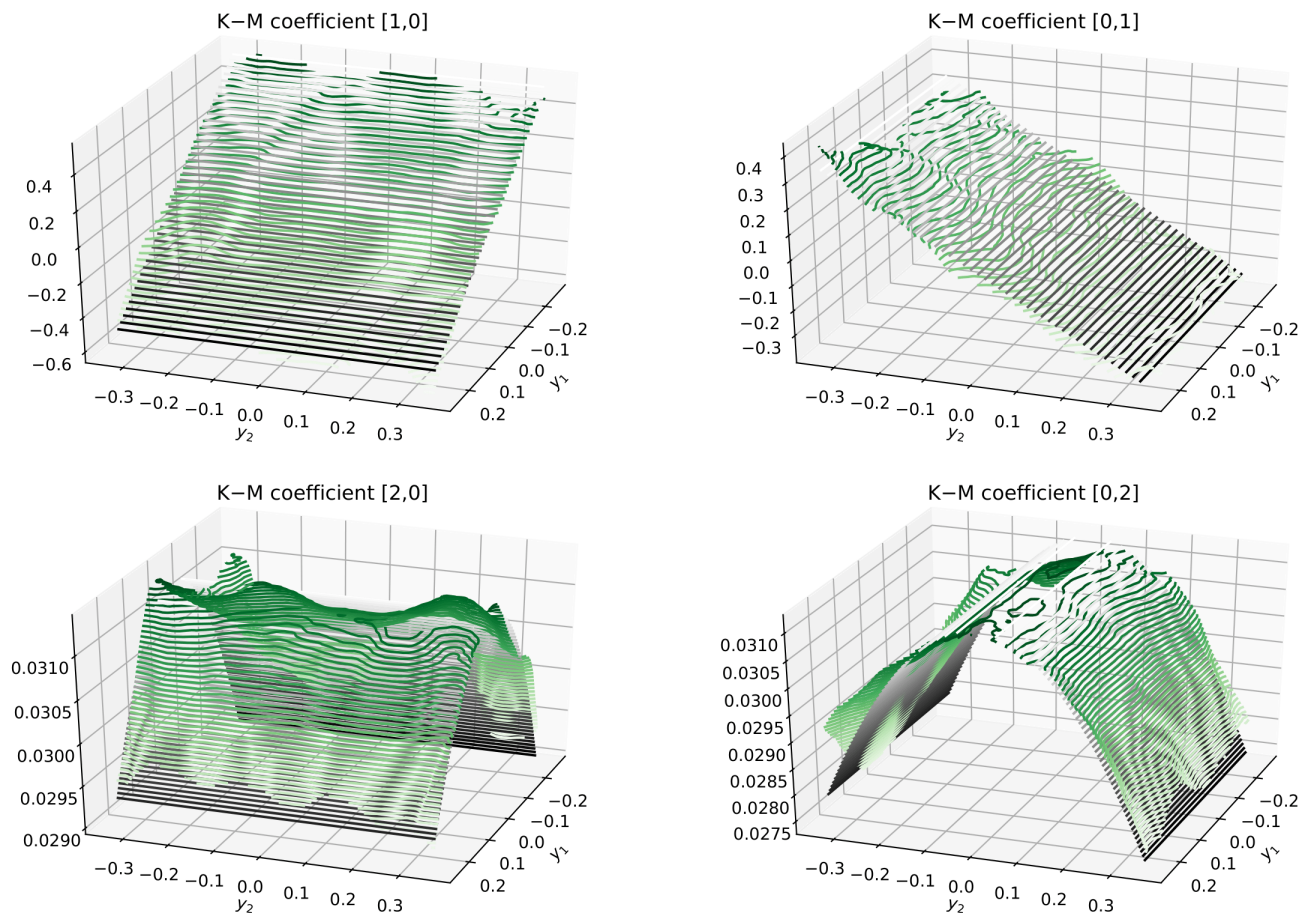
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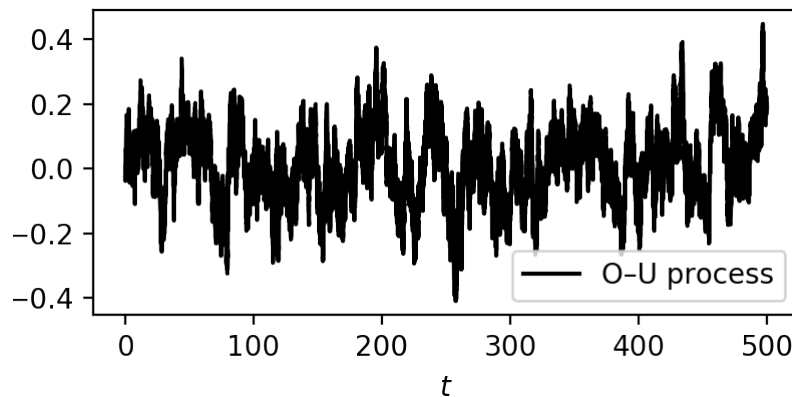
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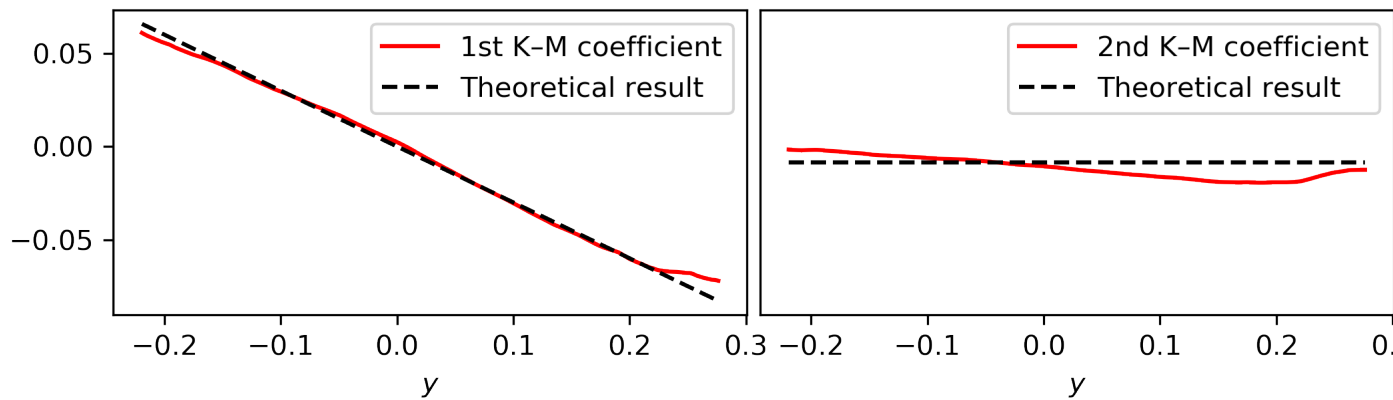
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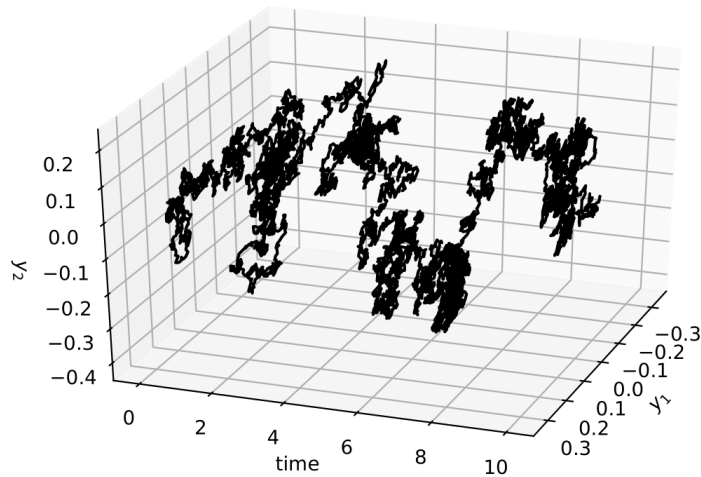
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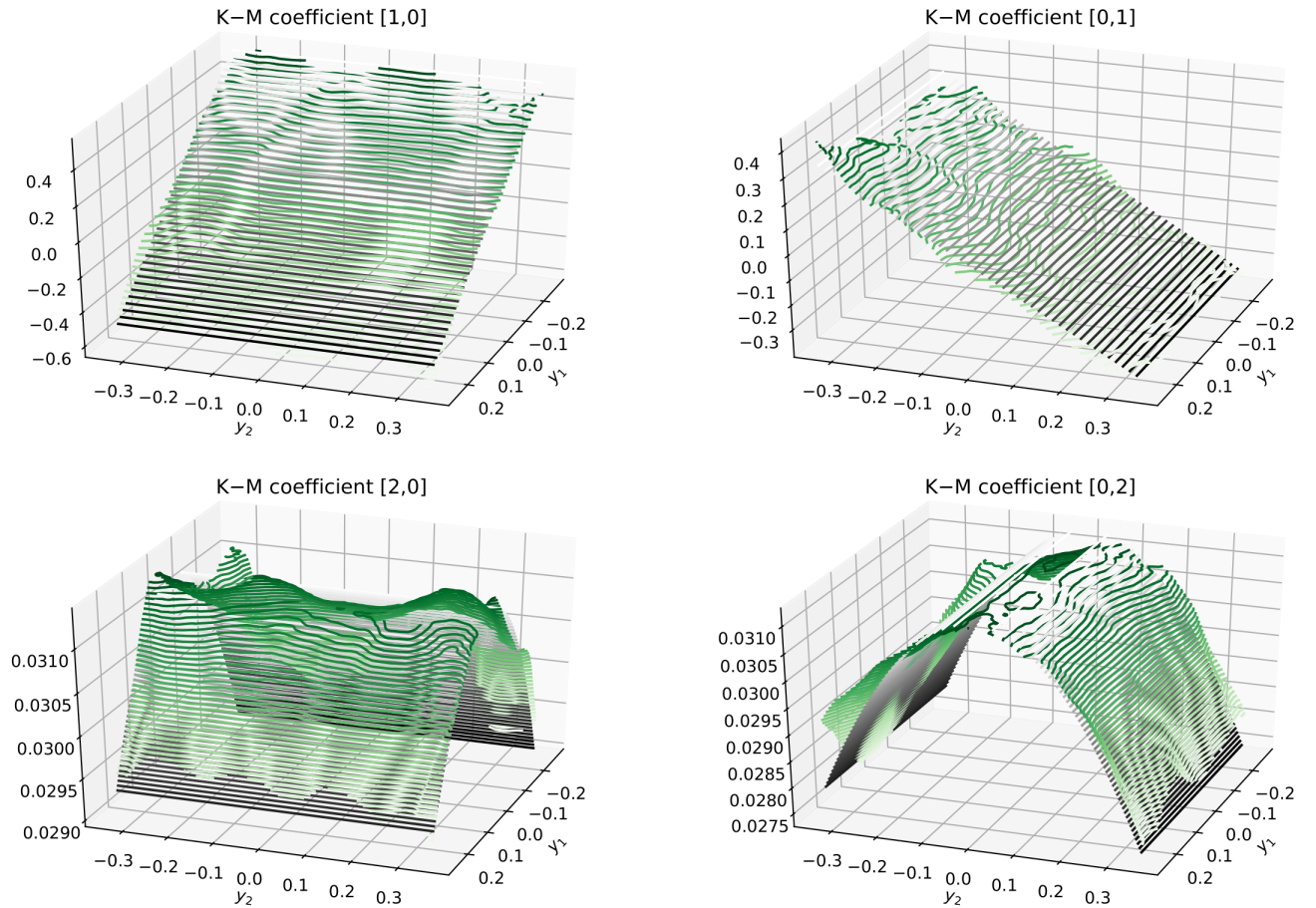
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4.4 Functions

Documentation for all the functions in `kramersmoyal`.

4.4.1 Kramers—Moyal coefficients

`kramersmoyal.kmc.km`(*timeseries*: `numpy.ndarray`, *bins*: `str` = 'default', *powers*: `int` = 4, *kernel*: `callable` = <function `epanechnikov`>, *bw*: `float` = None, *tol*: `float` = `1e-10`, *conv_method*: `str` = 'auto', *center_edges*: `bool` = True, *full*: `bool` = False) -> (`<class 'numpy.ndarray'>`, `<class 'numpy.ndarray'>`)

Estimates the Kramers–Moyal coefficients from a timeseries using a kernel estimator method. *km* can calculate the Kramers–Moyal coefficients for a timeseries of any dimension, up to any desired power.

Parameters

- **timeseries** (`np.ndarray`) – The D -dimensional timeseries (N, D). The timeseries of length N and dimensions D .
- **bins** (`int` or `list` or `np.ndarray` or `string` (default `default`)) – The number of bins. This is the underlying space for the Kramers–Moyal coefficients to be estimated. If desired, bins along each dimension can be given as monotonically increasing bin edges (tuple or list), e.g.,

- in 1-D, (`np.linspace(lower, upper, length),`);
- in 2-D, (`np.linspace(lower_x, upper_x, length_x), np.linspace(lower_y, upper_y, length_y)`),

with desired *lower* and *upper* ranges (in each dimension). If default, the bin numbers for different dimensions are:

- 1-D, 5000;
- 2-D, 100×100;
- 3-D, 25×25×25.

The number of bins along each dimension can be specified, e.g.,

- 2-D, `[125, 75]`,
- 3-D, `[100, 80, 120]`.

If *bins* is int, or a list or `np.array` of dimension 1, and the *timeseries* dimension is *D*, then `int(bins**(1/D))`.

- **powers** (int or list or tuple or `np.ndarray` (default 4)) – Powers for the operation of calculating the Kramers–Moyal coefficients. Default is the largest power used, e.g., if 4, then (0, 1, 2, 3, 4). They can be specified, matching the dimensions of the timeseries. E.g., in 1-dimension the first four Kramers–Moyal coefficients can be given as *powers*=(0, 1, 2, 3, 4), which is the same as *powers*=4. Setting *powers*=*p* for higher dimensions will results in all possible combinations up to the desired power ‘p’, e.g.

- 2-D, *powers*=2 results in

`powers = np.array([[0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 2, 2, 2], [0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 1, 2]]).T`

Set *full*=*True* to output *powers*. The order that they appear dictactes the order in the output *kmc*.

- **kernel** (callable (default *epanechnikov*)) – Kernel used to convolute with the Kramers–Moyal coefficients. To select for example a Gaussian kernel use

`kernel = kernels.gaussian`

- **bw** (float (default *None*)) – Desired bandwidth of the kernel. A value of 1 occupies the full space of the bin space. Recommended are values $0.005 < bw < 0.5$. Set *full*=*True* to output *bw*.
- **tol** (float (default *1e-10*)) – Round to zero absolute values smaller than *tol*, after the convolutions.
- **conv_method** (str (default *auto*)) – A string indicating which method to use to calculate the convolution. <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.signal.convolve.html>
- **center_edges** (bool (default *True*)) – Whether to return the bin centers or the bin edges (since for *n* bins there are *n* + 1 edges).
- **full** (bool (default *False*)) – Outputs bandwidth *bw* and powers *powers*.

Returns

- **kmc** (`np.ndarray`) – The calculated Kramers–Moyal coefficients in accordance to the time-series dimensions in (*D*, *bins.shape*) shape. To extract the selected orders of the *kmc*, use `kmc[i,...]`, with *i* the order according to powers.

- **edges** (*np.ndarray*) – The bin edges with shape $(D, \text{bins.shape})$ of the estimated Kramers–Moyal coefficients.
- **(..., bw, powers)** (*tuple*) – This is only returned if *full=True*:
 - The bandwidth *bw*,
 - An array of the *powers*.

References

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4.4.2 Kernels

`kramersmoyal.kernels.kernel` (*kernel_func*)

Transforms a kernel function into a scaled kernel function (for a certain bandwidth *bw*)

Currently implemented kernels are: Epanechnikov, Gaussian, Uniform, Triangular, Quartic

For a good overview of various kernels see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel_\(statistics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kernel_(statistics))

`kramersmoyal.kernels.epanechnikov` (*x: numpy.ndarray, dims: int*) → *numpy.ndarray*

The Epanechnikov kernel in dimensions *dims*.

`kramersmoyal.kernels.gaussian` (*x: numpy.ndarray, dims: int*) → *numpy.ndarray*

Gaussian kernel in dimensions *dims*.

`kramersmoyal.kernels.uniform` (*x: numpy.ndarray, dims: int*) → *numpy.ndarray*

Uniform, or rectangular kernel in dimensions *dims*.

`kramersmoyal.kernels.triangular` (*x: numpy.ndarray, dims: int*) → *numpy.ndarray*

Triangular kernel in dimensions *dims*.

`kramersmoyal.kernels.quartic` (*x: numpy.ndarray, dims: int*) → *numpy.ndarray*

Quartic, or biweight kernel in dimensions *dims*.

4.4.3 Helping functions

Binning function

The `binning` function has no documentation

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4.6 Contact

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¹ Friedrich, R., Peinke, J., Sahimi, M., Tabar, M. R. R. *Approaching complexity by stochastic methods: From biological systems to turbulence*, [Phys. Rep. 506, 87–162 (2011)](<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physrep.2011.05.003>).

The study of stochastic processes from a data-driven approach is grounded in extensive mathematical work. From the applied perspective there are several references to understand stochastic processes, the Fokker—Planck equations, and the Kramers—Moyal expansion

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An extensive review on the subject can be found [here](#).

CHAPTER 6

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