

Notes on fractional Brownian motion and stochastic integration

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The simplest such process is a Gaussian process called fractional Brownian motion (fBm), $B_H(t)$, defined to have $\mathbb{E}[B_H(t)] = 0$. fBm is the unique Gaussian H -ss process with stationary increments

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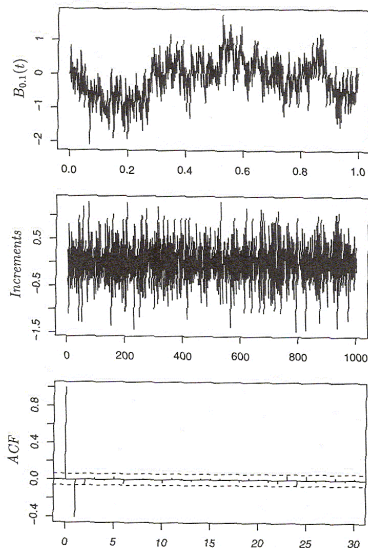
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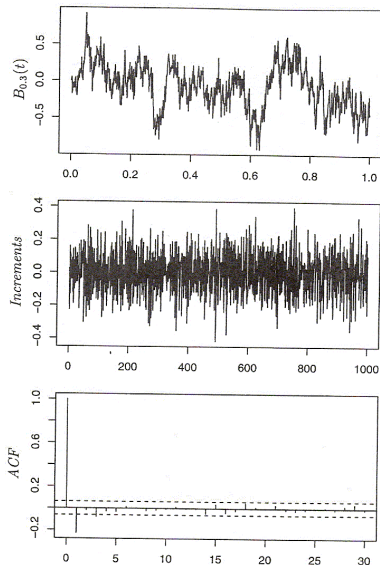
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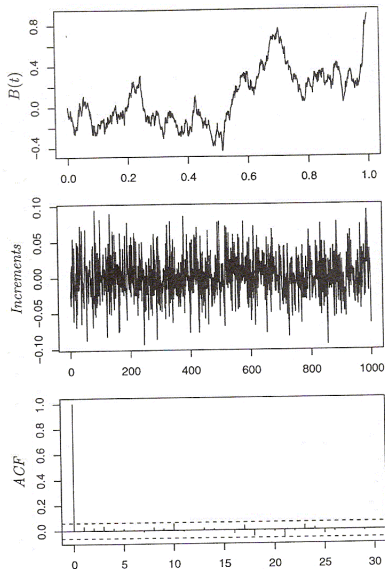
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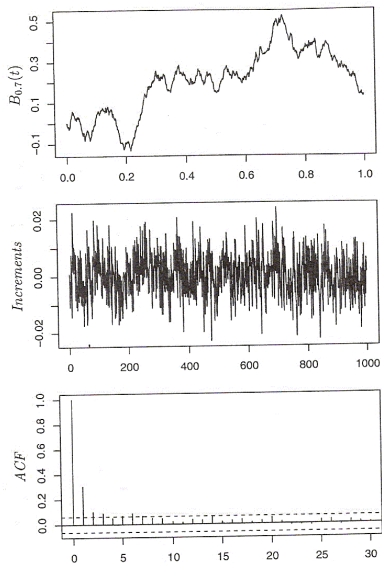
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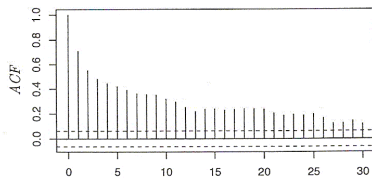
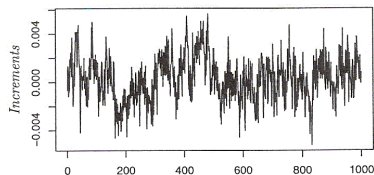
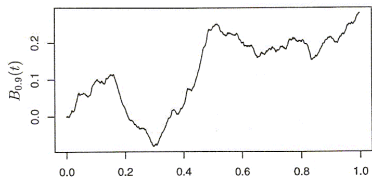
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- Sample paths of fBm have nowhere bounded variation and are not differentiable.

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$$I(B_H, [0, T]) = \frac{1}{H}$$

The index of a semimartingale must belong to $[0, 1] \cup \{2\}$. Therefore $B_H(t)$ cannot be a semimartingale unless $H = \frac{1}{2}$

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$$\tilde{B}(x) = B_1 + iB_2, B_1(x) = B_1(-x), B_2(x) = -B_2(-x)$$

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- (Paley-Wigner-type) series representation

$$B_H(t) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{2i\omega_n t/T} - 1}{2i\omega_n t/T} Z_n$$

convergent in $t \in [0, T]$.

The ω'_n s are the real zeros of the Bessel function J_{1-H} and the Z_n are independent complex-valued Gaussian random variables with mean zero and variance

$$\mathbb{E} |Z_n|^2 = \begin{cases} (2-2H)^{-1} \Gamma^{-2}(1-H) \left(\frac{\omega_n}{2}\right)^{-2H} J_{-H}^{-2}(\omega_n) V_T^{-1} & \omega_n \neq 0 \\ V_T^{-1} & \omega_n = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$V_T = \frac{\Gamma(3/2-H)}{2H\Gamma(H+1/2)\Gamma(3-2H)} T^{2-2H}$$

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\diamond is the Wick product. This integral reduces to Ito's for $H = \frac{1}{2}$.

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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t, \omega) dB(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t, \omega) \diamond W(t) d(t)$$

coincides with the classical Itô integral if $Y(t, \omega)$ is adapted to the filtration generated by $B(t)$, but is more general.

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- Now define a space $L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$ by

$$(f, g)_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} = (Mf, Mg)_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}$$

and a process $\tilde{B}_H(t) := \left\langle \omega, M_{[0,t]}(\cdot) \right\rangle$ with $M_{[0,t]}(x) = M\chi_{[0,t]}(x)$

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- Computing

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- *Integration of deterministic functions:* Let $f(x)$ be a step function

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \omega, Mf \rangle &= \sum_j a_j \left\langle \omega, M_{[t_j, t_{j+1}]} \right\rangle = \sum_j a_j (B_H(t_{j+1}) - B_H(t_j)) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) dB_H(t) \end{aligned}$$

Extended to $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ provides a notion of integration for deterministic functions, which coincides with the pathwise definition.

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- Chaos expansion of $B_H(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} B_H(t) &= \langle \omega, M\chi_{[0,t]} \rangle \\ &= \left\langle M\omega, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\chi_{[0,t]}, e_k \right)_{L^2_H(\mathbb{R})} e_k(\cdot) \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle M\omega, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(M\chi_{[0,t]}, Me_k \right)_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} e_k(\cdot) \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(M\chi_{[0,t]}, \tilde{\xi}_k \right)_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \langle \omega, Me_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\chi_{[0,t]}, M\tilde{\xi}_k \right)_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} \langle \omega, Me_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_0^t M\tilde{\xi}_k(s) ds \langle \omega, \tilde{\xi}_k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

M extended to $S'(\mathbb{R})$ by $\langle M\omega, f \rangle = \langle \omega, Mf \rangle$

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- Then the natural extension of Ito's integral to the fractional case is

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t, \omega) dB_H(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t, \omega) \diamond W_H(t) d(t)$$

Example:

$$\int_0^T B_H(t) dB_H(t) = \frac{1}{2} (B_H(T))^2 - \frac{1}{2} T^{2H}$$

$$\text{implying } \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^T B_H(t) dB_H(t) \right] = 0$$

- Directional derivative and (fractional) Malliavin derivative

$$D_{\gamma}^{(H)} F(\omega) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \{F(\omega + \varepsilon M\gamma) - F(\omega)\}$$

If there is a function $\Psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (S)^*$ such that

$$D_{\gamma}^{(H)} F(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} M\Psi(t) M\gamma(t) dt$$

then

$$D_t^{(H)} F := \frac{\partial^{(H)}}{\partial \omega} F(t, \omega) = \Psi(t)$$

is the (fractional) Malliavin derivative or *stochastic gradient* of F .

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- $H \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, B_H(t)) &= f(0, 0) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, B_H) ds + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(s, B_H) dB_H(s) \\ &\quad + H \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(s, B_H(s)) s^{2H-1} ds \end{aligned}$$

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- $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ $dX_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sigma_{ij}(t, \omega) dB_H^j(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, X(t)) &= f(0, X(0)) + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, X(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(s, X(s)) dX_i(s) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^m \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(s, X(s)) \sum_{k=1}^m \sigma_{ik}(s) D_{\phi,s}^k(X_j(s)) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$D_{\phi,t} F = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(s, t) D_s F ds \text{ and } \phi(s, t) = H(2H-1) |s-t|^{2H-2}$$

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