Random wavelet series - Part I

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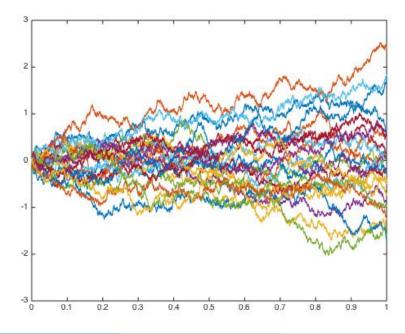
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They are characterized by the family of **cumulative distribution functions** $\{F_{t_1,..,t_n}^X : n \in \mathbb{N}, t_1, ..., t_n \in I\}$ given by

$$F_{t_1,...,t_n}^X(x_1,...,x_n) = \mathbb{P}(X_{t_1} \le x_1, X_{t_2} \le x_2,..., X_{t_n} \le x_n)$$

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③ We say that X and Y are **indistinguishable** if they are defined on the same probability space Ω and if there exists $N \subset \Omega$ neglectable such that

$$X(t,\omega) = Y(t,\omega), \quad \forall t \in I \text{ and } \omega \in \Omega \setminus N.$$

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Proposition

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for all $A_1,\dots,A_n \in \mathcal{A}$,
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Theorem (Kolmogorov consistency theorem)

Let us consider for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $t_1, ..., t_n \in I$ a probability measure $\mathbb{P}_{t_1,...,t_n}$. Suppose that the collection $\mathcal{Q} = \{\mathbb{P}_{t_1,...,t_n}, n \in \mathbb{N}, t_1, ..., t_n \in I\}$ is consistent. Then, there exists a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ and a stochastic process X on $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ such that X admits Q as its finite dimensional distributions.

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A major result is given by the following theorem

Theorem (Kolmogorov-Chenstov theorem)

Let *X* a stochastic process indexed by $t \in I$, with *I* an interval. If there exists $\alpha, \beta > 0$ and a constant C > 0 such that

$$\mathbb{E}[|X_t - X_s|^{\alpha}] \le C|t - s|^{1+\beta}$$

for all $s, t \in I$, then there exists a version \tilde{X} of X whose sample paths are locally γ -hölderian for all $\gamma \in]O, \beta/\alpha[$ that is :

For all $\omega \in \Omega$, for all compact $K \subset I$, there exists a constant $C_{\omega}(K)$ such that

$$|\widetilde{X}(t) - \widetilde{X}(s)| \le C_{\omega}(K)|t - s|^{\gamma}, \quad \forall t, s \in K.$$

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ a probability space.

Lemma (Borel-Cantelli lemma)

If the sequence of events $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfies

$$\sum \mathbb{P}(A_n) < +\infty$$

then

$$\mathbb{P}(\limsup A_n) = \mathbb{P}(\bigcap_n \bigcup_{k \ge n} A_k) = 0,$$

which means that the probability that infinitely many of the events A_n occur is null.

Definition

A stochastic process $\{X(t), t \in I\}$ is **gaussian** if all its finite dimensional laws are gaussian, or equivalently, iff for all $p \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_1, ..., a_p \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t_1, ..., t_p \in I$

$$a_1X(t_1) + \dots + a_pX(t_p)$$

▶ They are characterized by $m(t) = \mathbb{E} X(t)$ and the covariance operator K(t,s) = Cov(X(t),X(s))

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- ► K is symmetric and $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}, (t_1, ..., t_p) \in I^p$, the matrix $(K(t_i, t_j))_{1 \le i,j \le p}$ is positive semi-definite.
- For any m and for such K, there exists a gaussian process of mean m and of covariance operator K

Proposition (Gaussian Kolmogorov-Centsov)

Let X a centered gaussian process with covariance operator K. If there exists $\epsilon>0$ and C>0 such that

$$K(t,t) + K(s,s) - 2K(t,s) \le C|t-s|^{\epsilon}$$

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- ▶ 1965 Kahane and Katznelson : for every null set N, there exists a continuous function such that its wavelet series diverges on every $x \in N$.

Une fonction continue et 2π -périodique dont la série de Fourier diverge en 0

Gourdon, Analyse, page 262

Exercice :

1. Soit $f:\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$ la fonction paire, $2\pi\text{-périodique},$ telle que

$$\forall x \in [0, \pi], \ f(x) = \sum_{p=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{p^2} \sin\left[\left(2^{p^3} + 1\right)\frac{x}{2}\right]$$

Vérifier l'existence et la continuité de f sur \mathbb{R} .

2. Pour tout $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$, on pose

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad a_{n,\nu} = \int_0^\pi \cos nt \sin \frac{(2\nu+1)t}{2} dt, \qquad \forall q \in \mathbb{N}, \ s_{q,\nu} = \sum_{i=0}^q a_{i,\nu}$$

Calculer explicitement les $a_{n,\nu}$, montrer que $s_{q,\nu} \ge 0$ pour tout (q,ν) , et montrer l'existence d'une constante B > 0 telle que $s_{\nu,\nu} > B \ln \nu$ pour tout $\nu \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

3. Montrer que la série de Fourier de f diverge en 0.

Une série de Fourier-Lebesgue divergente presque partout.

Par

A. Kolmogoroff (Moscou).

Le but de cette Note est de donner un exemple d'une fonction sommable¹) dont la série de Fourier diverge presque partout (c'est-àdire: partout sauf aux points d'un ensemble de mesure nulle).

La fonction construite dans cette note est à carré non sommable et je ne sais rien sur l'ordre de grandeur des coefficients de sa série de Fourier. Les méthodes employées ici ne permettent pas de construire une série de Fourier divergente partout.

I. Je vais démontrer plus loin l'existence d'une suite de fonctions: $\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x) \dots \varphi_n(x) \dots$ définies pour $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ et jouissant de propiétés suivantes:

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1873 - Du Bois-Reymond : The Fourier series of a continuous funciton may diverge at some points.

Theorem

1909 - Haar : This property is not inherent to any decomposition in an orthogonal basis.

Haar basis :

$$\begin{cases} \varphi \\ 2^{j/2}\psi(2^j \cdot -k), \ j \ge 0, k = 0...2^j - 1 \end{cases}$$

where $\varphi = \mathbf{1}_{[0,1]}$ and $\psi = \mathbf{1}_{[0,1/2]} - \mathbf{1}_{[1/2,1]}$

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(d) In particular, the Haar series of a continuous function f converges uniformly to f.

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1980's : Wavelet Analysis, Morlet, Meyer, Daubechies, Mallat

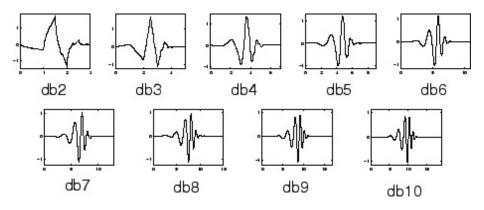
We can construct **multiresolution analysis** (sets V_j and W_j) generated by functions φ and ψ such that

1 The system

$$\{\varphi(\cdot - k), \, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{2^{j/2}\psi(2^j \cdot - k), \, j \in \mathbb{N}, \, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

is an orthonormal basis of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

- **2** The functions φ and ψ can be as regular as we want, with compact support and ψ has with null moments ($\int x^m \psi(x) dx = 0, \ 0 \le m \le M$)
- (3) The functions φ and ψ can be C^{∞} with fast decay and ψ has all its moments null.



Definition

A sequence (e_n) of a separable Banach space X is a **Schauder basis** if for any $f \in X$ there exists a unique sequence (a_n) such that

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The sequence (e_n) is an **unconditional basis** of X if convergence also takes place after permutation of the elements of the series, or equivalently

- ▶ the series $\sum_{n} \epsilon_n a_n e_n$ converges in X for any choice of signs $\epsilon_n = \pm 1$.
- ▶ there exists C > 0 such that for any finite subset $N \subset \mathbb{N}$, any real numbers (a_n) and for any choice of signs (ϵ_n)

$$|\sum_{n\in N} \epsilon_n a_n e_n \|_X \le C \|\sum_{n\in N} a_n e_n \|_X$$

▶ The series $\sum \lambda_n a_n e_n$ converges for any $(\lambda_n) \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$

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The result was extended by Nazarov to any orthonormal basis (e_n) such that $||e_n||_1 \ge C$.

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Theorem (Paley and Zygmund - 1932) For all $1 \le p < +\infty$, the Rademacher Fourier series

$$\sum_{n} \epsilon_n \, a_n \cos(2\pi n t)$$

belongs almost surely to $L^p(\mathbb{T})$ iff $(a_n) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$

 \rightarrow The randomization of a Fourier series has a regularization effect.

Wavelet bases (if regular enough) are unconditional bases of numerous spaces such as

1 Lebesgue spaces
$$L^p(\mathbb{R})$$
, for 1

- 2 Sobolev spaces $H_p^s(\mathbb{R})$ for $s \in \mathbb{R}, 1$
- $\textbf{3} \text{ Besov spaces } B^s_{p,q}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ for } s \in \mathbb{R}, p,q \in \mathbb{R}$

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Note that

- ▶ $L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ is not separable
- $\blacktriangleright\ C(\mathbb{T})$ has a Schauder basis but does not have unconditional bases
- ▶ $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ has no unconditional basis

- What results if we replace Rademacher sequences with gaussian variables?
- **2** What results for L^{∞} and or C^0 ?
- 3 What results on pointwise regularity?

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Theorem (Maurey, Pisier - 1973)

Let *X* a Banach space that does not contain ℓ_n^{∞} uniformly and $(\chi_n)_n$ be a sequence of random variables such that $\sup_n \mathbb{E} |\chi_n|^p < +\infty$ for all 0 . Then

 $\sum x_n$ converges unconditionaly in $X \Rightarrow \sum \chi_n x_n$ converges a.s. unconditionaly in X.

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Theorem (Pisier and Marcus - 1981)

Consider the two random Fourier series

$$\sum_{n} \epsilon_n a_n e_n$$
 et $\sum_{n} X_n a_n e_n$

where

- (ϵ_n) is a sequence of I.I.D. Rademacher random variables
- (X_n) is a sequence of I.I.D. gaussian random variables

Then, almost surely, both of them are continuous or both of them are unbounded.

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Proposition (C. Esser, S. Jaffard and B.V.)

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$$f = \sum_{j,k} c_{j,k}(f) \psi_{j,k}$$

the series

$$\sum_{j,k} \chi_{j,k} c_{j,k}(f) \psi_{j,k}$$

is a.s. nowhere locally bounded, where $\chi_{j,k}$ are I.I.D. unbounded random variables

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Proof. Immediate if we only require $j_{n+1} - j_n = N$, for a integer N. One builds the sequence in the following way : we start with (j_n) obtained for N = 2until the sum is greater than 1, then with elements for N = 3 such that the corresponding sum is greater than 1 and so on...

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We take for Y the Rademacher randomization of the function which had unbounded gaussianization.

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and its gaussian randomization is a.s. nowhere locally bounded.

An example between the difference of gaussian randomization of a Fourier series and of a wavelet series.

Let $\{x\}$ be the "sawtooth function"

$$\{x\} = \begin{cases} x - \lfloor x \rfloor - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Its Fourier series is

$$\{x\} = -\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{\sin(2\pi m x)}{\pi m}.$$

Wiener expansion of the Brownian motion on $\ensuremath{\mathbb{T}}$:

$$B(x) = \sqrt{2\chi_0 x} + \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \chi_m \frac{\sin(2\pi m x)}{\pi m},$$

where (χ_m) is a sequence of I.I.D. standard gaussian random variables.

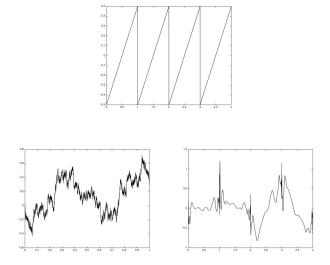


Figure - Effect of the randomization of the Sawtooth function

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1 Generalities on stochastic processes

Definition and existence Regularity of the sample paths

2 Synthesis of Random wavelet series

Introduction : comparison with trigonometric system Continuity and boundeness

Pointwise regularity

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Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and h > 0. A locally bounded function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}^h(x_0)$ if there exists C > 0 and a polynomial P_{x_0} with $\deg P_{x_0} < \lfloor h \rfloor$ such that

$$|f(x) - P_{x_0}(x)| \le C|x - x_0|^h$$

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The **multifractal spectrum** D_f of a locally bounded function f is the function

$$\mathcal{D}_f: h \in [0, +\infty] \mapsto \dim_{\mathcal{H}} I_f(h)$$

where $\dim_{\mathcal{H}}$ denotes the Hausdorff dimension.

Let λ be a dyadic interval and 3λ the interval of same center as λ and 3 times wider. If f is a bounded function, the wavelet leader d_{λ} of f is defined by

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Theorem (2004 - Jaffard)

Let h > 0 and $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume that f is a bounded function and that the wavelet has r vanishing moments with $r > \lfloor h \rfloor + 1$.

▶ If *f* belongs to $C^h(x_0)$, then there exists C > 0 such that

$$\forall j \ge 0, \quad d_{\lambda_j(x_0)} \le C 2^{-hj}. \tag{1}$$

• Conversely, if (1) holds and if f is uniformly Hölder (i.e. f belongs to $C^{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$), then f belongs to $C^{h'}(x_0)$ for all h' < h.

In particular, if $f \in C^{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R})$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$, then

$$h_f(x_0) = \liminf_{j \to +\infty} \frac{\log d_{\lambda_j(x_0)}}{\log 2^{-j}}.$$

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$$F_{\alpha,\eta} = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{2^{j}-1} c_{j,k} \psi_{j,k} \quad \text{with} \quad c_{j,k} = 2^{-\alpha j} \xi_{j,k}$$

where $(\xi_{j,k})_{j,k}$ denotes a sequence of independent random Bernoulli variables of parameter $2^{(\eta-1)j}$.

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$$E_{\delta} = \limsup_{j \to +\infty} \bigcup_{k : c_{j,k} \neq 0} B\left(k2^{-j}, 2^{-\delta j}\right),$$

▶ If $x \in E_{\delta}$, then $h_{F^{d}_{\alpha,\eta}}(x) \leq \frac{\alpha}{\delta}$. ▶ If $h_{F^{d}_{\alpha,\eta}}(x) < \frac{\alpha}{\delta}$, then $x \in E_{\delta}$. We need to compute the Hausdorff dimension of \limsup of union of balls.

Theorem (General mass transference principle, Beresnevich, Velani)

Let X be a compact set in \mathbb{R}^n and assume that there exist $s \leq n$ and $a, b, r_0 > 0$ such that

$$ar^s \le \mathcal{H}^s(B \cap X) \le br^s$$
 (2)

for any ball B of center $x \in X$ and of radius $r \le r_0$. Let s' > 0. Given a ball B = B(x, r) with center in X, we set

$$B^{s'} = B\left(x, r^{\frac{s'}{s}}\right).$$

Assume that $(B_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of balls with center in X and radius r_n such that the sequence $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0. If

$$\mathcal{H}^{s}\left(X \cap \limsup_{n \to +\infty} B_{n}^{s'}\right) = \mathcal{H}^{s}(X),$$

then

$$\mathcal{H}^{s'}\left(X \cap \limsup_{n \to +\infty} B_n\right) = \mathcal{H}^{s'}(X).$$

Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ and $\delta > 0$. For $s \in [0, 1]$, set

$$\mathcal{H}^{s}_{\delta}(E) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \operatorname{diam}(A_{i})^{s} : E \subset \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} A_{i} \text{ and } \operatorname{diam}(A_{i}) < \delta \,\,\forall i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

The δ -dimensional Hausdorff measure of E is $\mathcal{H}^s(E) = \lim_{\delta \to 0} \mathcal{H}^s_{\delta}(E)$ and the Hausdorff dimension of E is given by

 $\dim_{\mathcal{H}}(E) = \inf\{s \ge 0 : \mathcal{H}^s(E) = 0\} = \sup\{s \ge 0 : \mathcal{H}^s(E) = +\infty\}.$

We use the usual convention that $\dim_{\mathcal{H}}(\emptyset) = -\infty$.

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Proposition

Let $f = \sum C_{j,k} \psi_{j,k}$ be a uniform Hölder wavelet series, and let

$$X_f = \sum C_{j,k} \chi_{j,k} \psi_{j,k}$$

bet its Gaussian randomization. Then

a. s.
$$\forall t \qquad h_f(t) \leq h_{X_f}(t).$$

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Consider X_1 a Lacunary wavelet series and X_2 the gaussianization of a sample path $X_1(\omega)$:

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for (j,k) such that $c_{j,k}(X_1(\omega)) \neq 0$.

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Theorem (C. Esser, S. Jaffard, B.V)
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$$\mathcal{D}_{X_1} = \mathcal{D}_{X_2}$$

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