

Multi-operator scaling random fields

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Definition 1 A random field $X = (X(x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ is **self-similar** of order H if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, (X(\varepsilon x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \stackrel{(d)}{=} \varepsilon^H (X(x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}.$$

☞ Global Property.

☞ Let X be a non degenerate continuous Gaussian random field self-similar of order H with stationary increments.

$$\mathbb{E}((X(x+y) - X(x))^2) = \|y\|^{2H} \mathbb{E}(X(y/\|y\|)^2), \quad y \neq 0.$$

- **Directional pointwise Hölder exponent**

Let $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ s.t. $X(\theta) \neq 0$. Then,

$$H_X(x, \theta) = \sup \left\{ \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{X(x + t\theta) - X(x)}{|t|^\gamma} = 0 \right\} = H \quad \text{a.s.}$$

- **Pointwise Hölder exponent**

$$H_X(x) = \sup \left\{ \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{X(x+y) - X(x)}{\|y\|^\gamma} = 0 \right\} = H \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Definition 2 (Kolmogorov 1940 / Mandelbrot, Van Ness 1968) The FBM B_H of exponent $H \in (0, 1)$ is the real centered Gaussian random field such that for every $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

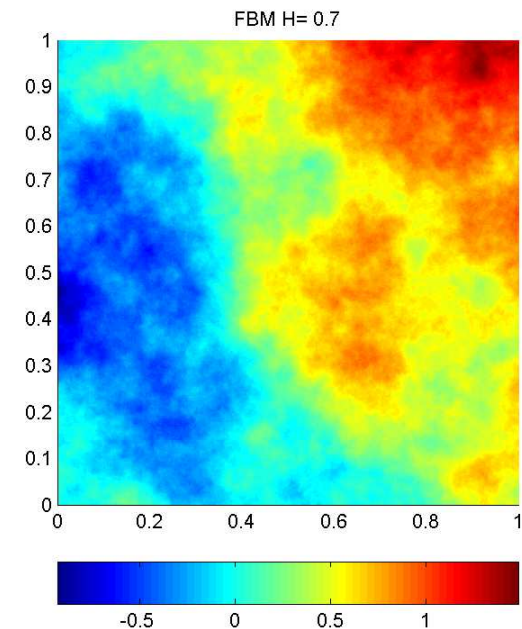
$$\mathbb{E} (B_H (x) B_H (y)) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\|x\|^{2H} + \|y\|^{2H} - \|x - y\|^{2H} \right].$$

☞ only isotropic H -self-similar Gaussian field with stationary increments, up to a deterministic multiplicative constant.

☞ **Harmonizable Representation**

$$B_H(x) = \frac{1}{C_H} \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{e^{ix \cdot \xi} - 1}{\|\xi\|^{H+d/2}} W_2(d\xi),$$

with $W_2(d\xi)$ an isotropic complex Gaussian random measure.



FBM with $d = 2, H = 0.7$
(Stein Method)

Definition 3 (Benassi, Jaffard, Roux/ Peltier, Lévy Véhel) A random field $X = (X(x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ is **locally asymptotically self-similar** (lass) of order $h(x)$ at point x if

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+} \left(\frac{X(x + \varepsilon u) - X(x)}{\varepsilon^{h(x)}} \right)_{u \in \mathbb{R}^d} \stackrel{(d)}{=} (Z_x(u))_{u \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

with Z_x a non degenerate random field.

☞ H -self-similar \implies Lass at 0 of order H with $Z_0 = X$.

☞ Z_x is self-similar of order $h(x)$.

☞ X continuous lass at any $x \implies$ for almost x , Z_x has stationary increments (FALCONER).

Multifractional Brownian Motion

$$B_h(x) = \frac{1}{C_{h(x)}} \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{e^{ix \cdot \xi} - 1}{\|\xi\|^{h(x)+d/2}} W_2(d\xi),$$

with $h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow (0, 1)$ a Lipschitz function.

✎ Lass at point x of order $h(x)$ with tangent field $Z_x = B_{h(x)}$ a FBM of order $h(x)$.

✎ **Pointwise Hölder exponent:**

$$H_{B_h}(x) = h(x) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

✎ **Directional pointwise Hölder exponent:** for any $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$,

$$H_{B_h}(x, \theta) = h(x) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Definition 4 (Biermé, Meerschaert, Scheffler 2007) A random field $(X(x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ is **operator scaling** for a matrix $E \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$ if

$$\forall c > 0, \left(X(c^E x) \right)_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \stackrel{(d)}{=} c(X(x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

with $c^E = \exp(E \ln(c))$.

Remark If $E = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d)$, then, $X(c^E x) = X(c^{\lambda_1} x_1, \dots, c^{\lambda_d} x_d)$.

✚ H -self-similar \iff Operator scaling for $E = Id/H$.

✚ **Example 1:** The fractional Brownian sheet

$$\tilde{B}(x) = \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \prod_{j=1}^d \frac{e^{ix_j \xi_j} - 1}{|\xi_j|^{H_j + 1/2}} W_2(d\xi), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

is operator scaling for $E = \text{diag}(1/H_1, \dots, 1/H_d)$.

✚ Consider X a continuous operator scaling field for E . Let $u \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ s.t.
 $Eu = \lambda u$.

- $(X(tu))_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ is self-similar with index $1/\lambda$, i.e.

$$\forall c > 0, (X(ctu))_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \stackrel{(d)}{=} c^{1/\lambda} (X(tu))_{t \in \mathbb{R}},$$

The scaling property may depend on the direction u .

- X Gaussian with stationary increments s.t. $X(u) \neq 0 \implies H_X(x, u) = 1/\lambda$ a.s.

The directional Hölder regularity may depend on the direction u .

☞ **Example 2:** BIERMÉ, MEERSCHAERT, SCHEFFLER 2007

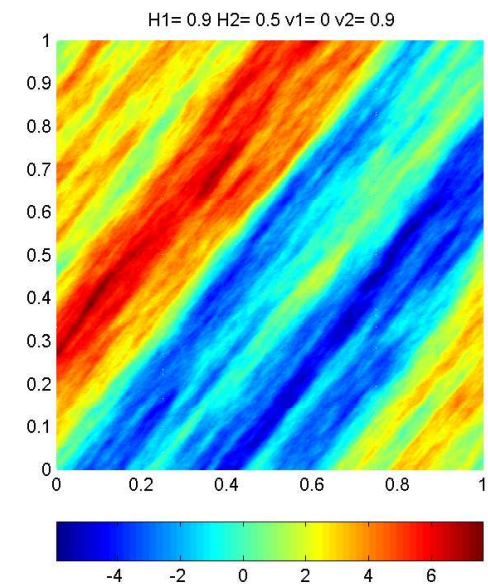
$$X_{\alpha, \psi}(x) = \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(e^{ix \cdot \xi} - 1 \right) \psi(\xi)^{-1 - \text{tr}(E)/\alpha} W_{\alpha}(d\xi)$$

with W_{α} an α -stable isotropic complex random measure and ψ E^t -homogeneous, i.e. s.t.

$$\forall c > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \psi(cE^t x) = c\psi(x).$$

- $E = Id/H$ and $\psi = \|\cdot\|^H \implies X_{2, \psi} = \text{FBM of exponent } H$.
- X well-defined and stoch. cont. $\iff \min_{\lambda \in \text{Sp} E} \Re(\lambda) > 1$.
- Stationary increments.
- $H_X(x, u)$ may depend on the direction u but not on x .

↪ Sample paths regularity: BIERMÉ, MEERSCHAERT, SCHEFFLER /
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Definition 5 (Biermé, L., Scheffler, 2011) A random field $X = (X(x))_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$ is **locally asymptotically operator scaling** (laos) at point x for the matrix $E(x)$ if

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0_+} \left(\frac{X(x + \varepsilon^{E(x)} u) - X(x)}{\varepsilon} \right)_{u \in \mathbb{R}^d} \stackrel{(d)}{=} (Z_x(u))_{u \in \mathbb{R}^d}$$

with Z_x a non degenerate random field.

✚ Lass of order $h(x)$ at point $x \iff$ Laos at x for $E(x) = Id/h(x)$.

✚ Operator scaling for $E \implies$ Laos at 0 for E .

✚ Z_x operator scaling of order $E(x)$.

For any x , consider a matrix $E(x) \in \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbb{R})$. Assume that

- $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \min_{\lambda \in \text{Sp}E(x)} \Re(\lambda) > 1,$
- $\psi_x : \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$ continuous $E(x_0)^t$ -homogeneous.

Then,

$$X_\alpha(x) = \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(e^{ix \cdot \xi} - 1 \right) \psi_x(\xi)^{-1 - \text{tr}(E(x))/\alpha} W_\alpha(d\xi)$$

is well-defined. We also assume some locally Lipschitz conditions on E and ψ and

- $E(y)E(w) = E(w)E(y)$ for y, w in a neighborhood of x .

Theorem 6 (Biermé, L., Scheffler, 2011)

X_α is laos for $E(x)$ at point x with $Z_x = X_{\alpha, \psi_x}$ a harmonizable operator scaling random field for $E(x)$ (defined with ψ_x).

✚ **Example** $E(x) = E_0/h(x)$ and $\psi_x = \psi^{h(x)}$ (this includes multifractional Brownian motions)

Jordan decomposition of $E(x)$

$$E(x) = P(x)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} J_1(x) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & J_2(x) & 0 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & J_{p_x}(x) \end{pmatrix} P(x).$$

- $J_k(x)$ associated with $a_k(x)$ the real part of the eigenvalue $\lambda_k(x)$.
- Let (e_1, \dots, e_d) be the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}^d . For all $j = 1, \dots, p_x$, let

$$W_j(x) = \text{span} \left(P(x)^{-1} e_k ; \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} d_i + 1 \leq k \leq \sum_{i=1}^j d_i \right).$$

where $d_k = \text{size}(J_k(x))$.

Theorem 7 (Biermé, L., Scheffler, 2011)

- If $\theta \in W_j(x) \cap \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$, a.s.

$$H_{X_\alpha}(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{a_j(x)}$$

- Moreover, a.s.

$$H_{X_\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{\max_{1 \leq j \leq d} a_j(x)}$$

✚ **Example 1** Let $E = E_0/h(x)$. Let W_1, \dots, W_p be the subspaces associated to the Jordan's decomposition of E_0 (resp. associated with $a_j^0 = \Re(\lambda_j^0)$).

If $u \in W_j \cap S^{d-1}$, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, a.s.

$$H_{X_\alpha}(x, u) = \frac{h(x)}{a_j^0}.$$

Moreover, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, a.s.

$$H_{X_\alpha}(x) = \frac{h(x)}{\max_{1 \leq j \leq d} a_j^{(0)}}.$$

✚ **Example 2** Consider H_1, \dots, H_d some locally Lipschitz functions and

$$E = P^{-1} \text{diag} (1/H_1, \dots, 1/H_d) P.$$

Let $1 \leq j \leq d$ and set $f_j = P^{-1} e_j$. Then, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$H_{X_\alpha} \left(x, \frac{f_j}{\|f_j\|} \right) = H_j(x) \quad \text{almost surely.}$$

✚ **Example 3** Let

$$E(x) = a(x) \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta(x)) & \sin(\theta(x)) \\ -\sin(\theta(x)) & \cos(\theta(x)) \end{pmatrix}$$

where a and θ are locally Lipschitz functions. Then, for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $u \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$,

$$H_{X_\alpha}(x, u) = \frac{1}{a(x) \cos(\theta(x))}.$$