

An Osgood criterion for stochastic differential equations with an additive noise

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Note that

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is finite if and only if $a > 0$.

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As an example, we see that g can represent the paths of some stochastic processes.

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Proof : Note that the facts that $a_1 > a_2$ and u is continuous yield

$$\{t \in [0, T] : v(s) \geq u(s), s \in [0, t]\} \neq \emptyset.$$

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Thus, we only need to show

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But, if it is not so, then Hypothesis (**H1**) and the continuity of the integral lead to write

$$\begin{aligned} v(\tilde{T} + t) - u(\tilde{T} + t) &\geq a_1 - a_2 + \int_0^{\tilde{T}+t} [b(v(s)) - b(u(s))] ds \\ &\geq a_1 - a_2 + \int_{\tilde{T}}^{\tilde{T}+t} [b(v(s)) - b(u(s))] ds \\ &\geq \frac{a_1 - a_2}{2} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for t small enough. Therefore \tilde{T} cannot be the supremum. \square

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(H2) $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function with left and right-limits such that

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Proof : *Necessity* : Suppose that X exploits at the time $T_e < \infty$. Set $M := \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T_e} |g(t)|$. Then,

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Then, the solution of the equation

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Finally, (1) gives $\int_{\cdot}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{b(s)} = \infty$.



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Main result

Here we show two classes of processes Z , whose paths satisfy Hypothesis (**H2**), with probability 1. Consequently, we can analyze the explosion in finite time of the solution to

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where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Bifractional Brownian motion

The bifractional Brownian motion (bBm) with parameters $H \in (0, 1)$ and $K \in (0, 1]$ was introduced by Houdré and Villa (2003). It is a centered Gaussian process $B_{H,K} = \{B_{H,K}(t) : t \geq 0\}$ with covariance function

$$R_{H,K}(t, s) = \frac{1}{2^K} \left\{ (t^{2H} + s^{2H})^K - |t - s|^{2HK} \right\}$$

such that, for $s, t \geq 0$, the inequalities

$$2^{-K}|t - s|^{2HK} \leq E \left[(B_{H,K}(t) - B_{H,K}(s))^2 \right] \leq 2^{1-K}|t - s|^{2HK} \quad (2)$$

hold.

$B_H := B_{H,1}$ is the fractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameter H and $W := B_{\frac{1}{2},1}$ is the Brownian motion.

Bifractional Brownian motion : The law of the iterated logarithm

Lemma

With probability 1,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_{H,K}(t)}{\psi_{H,K}(t)} = 1,$$

with

$$\psi_{H,K}(t) := \sqrt{2t^{2HK} \log \log t}, \quad t > e.$$

The law of the iterated logarithm

Proof : In order to see that the result is true, we proceed as in the Brownian case. That is, we only need to observe that the definition of $B_{H,K}$ yields that the process

$$\tilde{B}_{H,K}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t = 0, \\ t^{2HK} B_{H,K}(\frac{1}{t}), & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

is also a bBm with parameters H and K , and that

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B_{H,K}(t)}{\psi_{H,K}(t)} = \limsup_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{\tilde{B}_{H,K}(h)}{\sqrt{2h^{2HK} \log \log h^{-1}}} = 1.$$

The last equality is an immediate consequence of Arcones (1995) (Corollary 3.1). □

Bifractional Brownian motion

Lemma

With probability 1,

$$\sup_{s,t \in [n, n+2]} \frac{|B_{H,\kappa}(t) - B_{H,\kappa}(s)|}{\psi_{H,\kappa}(n)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where

$$\psi_{H,\kappa}(t) := \sqrt{2t^{2HK} \log \log t}, \quad t > e.$$

Proof

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ consider the centered Gaussian process $\{B_{H,K}(t+n) - B_{H,K}(n) : t \in [0, 2]\}$. Then, from inequality (2) and Carmona et al. (2003) (Lemma 5.2), we have that for $p \geq 1/HK$, there exists a constant $C > 0$, that only depends on H, K and p , such that

$$E \left[\left(\sup_{s,t \in [n, n+2]} |B_{H,K}(t) - B_{H,K}(s)| \right)^p \right] \leq C 2^{pHK}.$$

Hence,

$$E \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sup_{s,t \in [n, n+2]} \frac{|B_{H,K}(t) - B_{H,K}(s)|}{\psi_{H,K}(n)} \right)^p \right] \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{C 2^{pHK}}{\psi_{H,K}(n)^p} < \infty.$$



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Proof : we only need to see that the paths of $B_{H,K}$ are as in Hypothesis **(H2)** with probability 1.

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Toward this end, let $\omega_0 \in \Omega$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \inf_{0 \leq h \leq 1} B_{H,K}(\omega_0, t + h) \\ &= B_{H,K}(\omega_0, t) + \inf_{0 \leq h \leq 1} (B_{H,K}(\omega_0, t + h) - B_{H,K}(\omega_0, t)) \end{aligned}$$

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where $[t]$ is the integer part of t .

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Hence, there exists a sequence $0 < t_n \uparrow \infty$ such that

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Thus,

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Self-similar processes

Let $\beta \in (0, 1)$. Now we consider an increasing $1/\beta$ -self similar process Z , whose trajectories satisfies Hypothesis (**H2**). The reader can consult Rivero (2003) (and references therein) for details.

Self-similar processes

Let $\xi = \{\xi_t : t \geq 0\}$ be a Lévy process. Set

$$A_t = \int_0^t \exp\left(\frac{\xi_s}{\alpha}\right) ds, \quad t \geq 0,$$

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$$Z_t = x \exp\left(\xi_{\tau(tx^{-1/\alpha})}\right), \quad t \geq 0,$$

with $x > 0$, is an α -self similar Markov process.

Self-similar processes

It is well-known that the law of ξ is characterized by its Laplace transform

$$E(\exp(-\lambda\xi_t)) = \exp(-t\phi(\lambda)), \quad t \geq 0 \text{ and } \lambda \geq 0.$$

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Now consider $\beta \in (0, 1)$ and the measure

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Theorem

Let Z be the $1/\beta$ -self similar Markov process related to a subordinator with zero drift and Lévy measure (3). Then, under Hypothesis **(H1)**, the solution of equation

$$X_t = a + \int_0^t b(X_s) ds + Z_t, \quad t \geq 0,$$

explodes in finite time with probability 1 if and only if

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{b(s)} < \infty.$$

Proof

The result follows from Theorem M and from the fact that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Z_t}{t^{1/\beta} (\log \log t)^{(\beta-1)/\beta}} = \beta(1 - \beta)^{(1-\beta)/\beta},$$

which is proven in Rivero (2003) (see p. 469). □

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Proposition (Feller test)

The explosion time T_e of the solution X of the equation

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is finite with probability 1 if and only if, one of the following conditions holds :

- (i) $v(\infty) < \infty$ and $v(-\infty) < \infty$,*
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On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \int_z^{\infty} e^{-\frac{2}{3}y^3} dy &\leq \int_z^{\infty} \frac{y^2}{z^2} e^{-\frac{2}{3}y^3} dy = \frac{1}{z^2} \int_z^{\infty} y^2 e^{-\frac{2}{3}y^3} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{z^2} \left(-\frac{e^{-\frac{2}{3}y^3}}{2} \right) \Big|_z^{\infty} = \frac{e^{-\frac{2}{3}z^3}}{2z^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this,

$$\int_1^{\infty} e^{\frac{2}{3}z^3} \left(\int_z^{\infty} e^{-\frac{2}{3}y^3} dy \right) dz \leq \int_1^{\infty} e^{\frac{2}{3}z^3} \left(\frac{e^{-\frac{2}{3}z^3}}{2z^2} \right) dz = \frac{1}{2} < \infty.$$

Example

This implies $v(\infty) < \infty$. Moreover

$$\rho(-\infty) = \int_0^{-\infty} e^{-\frac{2}{3}s^3} ds = -\infty.$$

By Feller test, $P(T_e < \infty) = 1$.

Feller test

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Remark : The Feller test is proven using the Itô's calculus. However, when $Z \in B_{H,K}$, we cannot use this important tool because, in general, $B_{H,K}$ is not a semimartingale.

Proof

(i) Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(-\infty) &= - \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp \left(2 \int_s^0 b(r) dr \right) ds \\ &\leq - \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp (2b(s)(-s)) ds \\ &\leq - \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp (0) ds = -\infty.\end{aligned}$$

Proof

(ii) Suppose $\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{b(s)} < \infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} v(\infty) &\leq 2 \int_0^\infty \int_y^\infty \frac{b(s)}{b(y)} \exp\left(-2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right) \exp\left(2 \int_0^y b(t) dt\right) ds dy \\ &= 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b(y)} \exp\left(2 \int_0^y b(t) dt\right) \left(\int_y^\infty b(s) \exp\left(-2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right) ds\right) dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{b(s)}, \end{aligned}$$

where, in order to evaluate the integral, we used that

$$\int_0^\infty b(r) dr \geq b(0) \int_0^\infty dr = \infty.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b(s)} \exp\left(-2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right) ds \\ & \leq \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b(s)} \exp(-2b(0)s) ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{b(0)} \int_0^\infty \exp(-2b(0)s) ds < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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On the other hand, Fubini theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} v(\infty) &= 2 \int_0^\infty \int_0^s \exp\left(-2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right) \exp\left(2 \int_0^y b(t) dt\right) dy ds \\ &\geq \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b(s)} \exp\left(-2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right) \left[\exp\left(2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right) - 1\right] ds \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{b(s)} \left[1 - \exp\left(-2 \int_0^s b(r) dr\right)\right] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (4) implies that $\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{b(s)} < \infty$. Thus the proof is complete. \square

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