

# **A Fourier analysis based approach of integration**

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# Integration

**Background:** understand  $\int f dg$  for trajectories of stochastic processes; these are **rough**, e.g. only  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous as for **Brownian motion**:  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$ : **rough path analysis**

$f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; **Riemann-Stieltjes' theory**:  $g$  of bounded variation with (signed) interval measure  $m_g$  on the Borel sets of  $[0, 1]$ :

$$\int_0^t f(s) dg(s) = \int_0^t f(s) dm_g(s).$$

$f$  of bounded variation with interval measure  $m_f$ , integration by parts:

$$\int_0^t f(s) dg(s) = f(t)g(t) - f(0)g(0) - \int_0^t g(s) dm_f(s).$$

Remark: obvious **tradeoff between regularity of  $f$  and of  $g$** .

**Young's integral:**  $f$  is  $\alpha$ -,  $g$   $\beta$ -Hölder, and  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ ,  $\int f dg$  defined.

**Aim:** Present Fourier based approach to **Young's integral**, embedded in new approach of **rough paths**.

## Application: rough SPDE

**Application goal:** approach **SPDE** with rough path techniques in the spirit of Hairer's paper on **regularity structures**

E. g.: on torus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u(t, x) = -Au(t, x) + g(u(t, x))Du(t, x) + \xi(t, x),$$

with  $u : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $-A = -(-\Delta)^\sigma$  fractional Laplacian with  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $D$  spatial gradient,  $\xi$  space-time white noise

## Fourier decomposition and Young's integral

Fourier decomposition of Hölder continuous functions  $f$  studied by Ciesielski (1961):

$$f(t) = \sum_{p \geq 0, 1 \leq m \leq 2^p}^{\infty} \langle H_{pm}, df \rangle G_{pm}(t)$$

with piecewise linear  $G_{pm}$ ,  $p \geq 0, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p$  (Schauder functions).

Then define

$$\int_0^t f(s) dg(s) = \sum_{p,m, q,n}^{\infty} \langle H_{pm}, df \rangle \langle H_{qn}, dg \rangle \int_0^t G_{pm}(s) dG_{qn}(s).$$

Lit: Baldi, Roynette '92: LDP; Ciesielski, Kerkyacharian, Roynette '93: calculus on Besov spaces; Roynette '93: BM on Besov spaces

## Haar and Schauder functions

Define the **Haar functions** for  $p \geq 0, 1 \leq m \leq 2^p$

$$H_{pm}(t) = \sqrt{2^p} \mathbf{1}_{\left[\frac{m-1}{2^p}, \frac{2m-1}{2^{p+1}}\right)}(t) - \sqrt{2^p} \mathbf{1}_{\left[\frac{2m-1}{2^{p+1}}, \frac{m}{2^p}\right)}(t)$$

and  $H_{00} = 1, H_{p0} = 0, p \geq 0$ .

Haar functions form an orthonormal basis of  $L^2([0, 1])$ .

The primitives of the Haar functions

$$G_{pm}(t) = \int_0^t H_{pm}(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1], p \geq 0, 1 \leq m \leq 2^p,$$

are the **Schauder functions**.

$(H_{pm})_{p \geq 0, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p}$  is orthonormal basis. So if  $f = \int_0^1 \dot{f}(s) ds$  with  $\dot{f} \in L^2([0, 1])$  (write  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ )

$$f(t) = \int_0^t \sum_{p \geq 0, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p} \langle H_{pm}, \dot{f} \rangle H_{pm}(s) ds = \sum_{p \geq 0, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p} \langle H_{pm}, \dot{f} \rangle G_{pm}(t)$$

## Ciesielski's isomorphism

Two observations:  $t_{pm}^0 = \frac{m-1}{2^p}$ ,  $t_{pm}^1 = \frac{2m-1}{2^{p+1}}$ ,  $t_{pm}^2 = \frac{m}{2^p}$ ; then

$$\langle H_{pm}, \dot{f} \rangle = \int H_{pm} df = \sqrt{2^p} [2f(t_{pm}^1) - f(t_{pm}^0) - f(t_{pm}^2)].$$

Hence

$$\left| \int H_{pm} df \right| \leq c 2^{p(\frac{1}{2}-\alpha)} |f|_\alpha.$$

Since  $\|G_{pm}\|_\infty = 2^{-p/2-1}$ , Schauder functions of one family with disjoint support

$$\left\| \sum_{p \geq K} \sum_{m=0}^{2^p} \left( \int H_{pm} df \right) G_{pm} \right\|_\infty \leq C 2^{-\alpha K} |f|_\alpha.$$

Thus series representation extends to **closure of  $\mathcal{H}$  w.r.t.  $|\cdot|_\alpha$** .

This is  $C^\alpha$ , the space of  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous functions.

## Ciesielski's isomorphism

Define

$$\chi_{pm} = 2^{\frac{p}{2}} H_{pm}, \quad \varphi_{pm} = 2^{\frac{p}{2}} G_{pm}, \quad p \geq 0, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p.$$

Then for  $p \geq 0, 1 \leq m \leq 2^p$

$$f = \sum_{pm} \langle H_{pm}, df \rangle G_{pm} = \sum_{pm} \langle 2^{-p} \chi_{pm}, df \rangle \varphi_{pm} = \sum_{pm} f_{pm} \varphi_{pm}, \quad \|\varphi_{pm}\|_{\infty} = \frac{1}{2},$$

with  $f_{pm} = \langle 2^{-p} \chi_{pm}, df \rangle = 2f(t_{pm}^1) - f(t_{pm}^0) - f(t_{pm}^2)$ .

Since  $\varphi_{pm}$  vanishes at  $t_{pm}^j$  for  $j = 0, 2$ , this implies that

$$f_p = \sum_{q \leq p} \sum_{m=0}^{2^q} f_{qm} \varphi_{qm}$$

is the **linear interpolation of  $f$**  on the dyadic points  $t_{pm}^i, i = 0, 1, 2, m = 0, \dots, 2^m$ .

## Ciesielski's isomorphism

According to observation on previous slide

$$\|f\|_\alpha = \sup_{pm} 2^{p\alpha} |f_{pm}| = \sup_{pm} 2^{p(\alpha - \frac{1}{2})} |\langle H_{pm}, df \rangle| \sim |f|_\alpha.$$

Ciesielski: Map

$$T^\alpha : C^\alpha \rightarrow \ell^\infty, \quad f \mapsto (2^{p\alpha} f_{pm})_{p \geq 0, 1 \leq m \leq 2^p}$$

isomorphism between a

*function space* and a *sequence space*.

Can be extended to **Besov spaces**  $B_{p,q}^\alpha$  normed by  $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha,p,q}$ : for a function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\omega_p(t, f) = \sup_{|y| \leq t} \left[ \int_0^1 |f(x+y) - f(x)|^p dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad \|f\|_{\alpha,p,q} = \|f\|_p + \left[ \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\omega_p(t, f)}{t^\alpha} \right)^q \frac{1}{t} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

**Lit: Ciesielski, Kerkyacharian, Roynette '93: study of Brownian motion on Besov spaces, stochastic integral.**

## Back to integration

Let now  $f \in C^\alpha, g \in C^\beta$ .

Then we may write

$$f = \sum_{p,m} f_{pm} \varphi_{pm}, \quad g = \sum_{p,m} g_{pm} \varphi_{pm}.$$

The Schauder functions are piecewise linear, thus of bounded variation. Therefore it is possible to define

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t f(s) dg(s) &= \sum_{p,m, q,n} f_{pm} g_{qn} \int_0^t \varphi_{pm}(s) d\varphi_{qn}(s) \\ &= \sum_{p,m, q,n} f_{pm} g_{qn} \int_0^t \varphi_{pm}(s) \chi_{qn}(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

To study the behaviour of the integrals on the rhs as functions of  $t$  we have to control for  $i, j, p, m, q, n$

$$\langle 2^{-i} \chi_{ij}, \varphi_{pm} \chi_{qn} \rangle.$$

## Universal estimate, Paley-Littlewood packages

### Lemma 1

For  $i, p, q \geq 0, 0 \leq j \leq 2^i, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p, 0 \leq n \leq 2^q$

$$|\langle 2^{-i} \chi_{ij}, \varphi_{pm} \chi_{qn} \rangle| \leq 2^{-2(i \vee p \vee q) + p + q},$$

except in case  $p < q = i$ , in which we have

$$|\langle 2^{-i} \chi_{ij}, \varphi_{pm} \chi_{qn} \rangle| \leq 1.$$

For  $f = \sum_{pm} f_{pm} \varphi_{pm}$  as above let

$$\Delta_p f = \sum_{m=0}^{2^p} f_{pm} \varphi_{pm}, \quad S_p f = \sum_{q \leq p} \Delta_q f.$$

According to *Ciesielski's isomorphism*

$$f \in C^\alpha \text{ iff } \|f\|_\alpha = \sup_p \|(2^{p\alpha} \|\Delta_p f\|_\infty)\|_{l^\infty} < \infty.$$

## Key lemma in Paley-Littlewood language

### Corollary 1

$f, g$  continuous functions. For  $i, p, q \geq 0, 0 \leq j \leq 2^i, 0 \leq m \leq 2^p, 0 \leq n \leq 2^q$

$$\|\Delta_i(\Delta_p f \Delta_q g)\|_\infty \leq 2^{-(i \vee p \vee q) - i + p + q} \|\Delta_p f\|_\infty \|\Delta_q g\|_\infty,$$

except in case  $p < q = i$ , in which we have

$$\|\Delta_i(\Delta_p f \Delta_q g)\|_\infty \leq \|\Delta_p f\|_\infty \|\Delta_q g\|_\infty.$$

For  $p > i$  or  $q > i$  we have

$$\Delta_i(\Delta_p f \Delta_q g) = 0.$$

## Decomposition of the integral

The corollary indicates that different components of the integral have different smoothness properties. We may write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int f dg &= \sum_{p,q} \int \Delta_p f d\Delta_q g \\
 &= \sum_{p < q} \int \Delta_p f d\Delta_q g + \sum_{p \geq q} \int \Delta_p f d\Delta_q g \\
 &= \sum_q \int S_{q-1} f d\Delta_q g + \sum_p \int \Delta_p f d\Delta_p g + \sum_p \int \Delta_p f dS_{p-1} g.
 \end{aligned}$$

In view of the second part of Corollary 1, we expect the first part to be rougher. Integration by parts gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_q \int S_{q-1} f d\Delta_q g &= \sum_q S_{q-1} f \Delta_q g - \sum_q \int \Delta_q g dS_{q-1} f \\
 &= \pi_{<}(f, g) - \sum_q \int \Delta_q g dS_{q-1} f.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Decomposition of the integral

$\pi_{<}(f, g)$  : *Bony paraproduct*

Defining further

$$L(f, g) = \sum_p (\Delta_p f dS_{p-1}g - \Delta_p g dS_{p-1}f),$$

(*antisymmetric Lévy area*)

$$S(f, g) = \sum_p \Delta_p f d\Delta_p g = c + \frac{1}{2} \sum_p \Delta_p f \Delta_p g$$

(*symmetric part*)

we have

$$\int f dg = \pi_{<}(f, g) + S(f, g) + L(f, g).$$

## The Young integral

In case the Hölder regularity coefficients of  $f$  and  $g$  are large enough, the three components of the integral behave well.

According to the Corollary, we estimate for  $i \geq 0$

$$\|\Delta_i f \Delta_i g\|_\infty \leq \|\Delta_i f\|_\infty \|\Delta_i g\|_\infty \leq 2^{-(\alpha+\beta)i} \|f\|_\alpha \|g\|_\beta.$$

This implies for any  $\alpha, \beta \in ]0, 1[$

$$\|S(f, g)\|_{\alpha+\beta} \leq C \|f\|_\alpha \|g\|_\beta.$$

Similarly

$$\|\pi_{<}(f, g)\|_\beta \leq C \|f\|_\infty \|g\|_\beta.$$

and, **but only if**  $\alpha + \beta > 1$

$$\|L(f, g)\|_{\alpha+\beta} \leq C \|f\|_\alpha \|g\|_\beta.$$

## The Young integral

We can summarize the findings above.

### Thm (Young's integral)

Let  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$  be such that  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ , and let  $f \in C^\alpha$  and  $g \in C^\beta$ . Then

$$I(f, dg) := \sum_{p,q} \int_0^\cdot \Delta_p f d\Delta_q g \in C^\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \|I(f, dg)\|_\beta \lesssim \|f\|_\alpha \|g\|_\beta.$$

Furthermore

$$\|I(f, dg) - \pi_{<}(f, g)\|_{\alpha+\beta} \lesssim \|f\|_\alpha \|g\|_\beta.$$

It is important to note that we get a version of the Lévy area only in case  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ . If  $f$  and  $g$  arise in the context of Brownian motion, we usually have only  $\alpha, \beta < \frac{1}{2}$ , and Lévy area has to be given externally.

## Beyond Young's integral: an example

The following example illustrates for  $\alpha + \beta < 1$  the Lévy area may fail to exist, and **indicates what may be missing**. Let  $f, g: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by

$$f(t) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \sin(2^k \pi t) \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \cos(2^k \pi t),$$

where  $a_k := 2^{-\alpha k}$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $f^m, g^m: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the  $m$ th partial sum of the series.  $f^m, g^m$  are  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous uniformly in  $m$ . For  $s, t \in [-1, 1]$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $2^{-k-1} \leq |s - t| \leq 2^{-k}$  with  $C$  independent of  $m$  by simple calculation:

$$|f^m(t) - f^m(s)| \leq C|t - s|^\alpha, \quad |g^m(t) - g^m(s)| \leq C|t - s|^\alpha.$$

Hence also  $f, g$   $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous.

## Beyond Young's integral: an example

Lévy's area for  $(f^m, g^m)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-1}^1 g^m(s) df^m(s) - \int_{-1}^1 f^m(s) dg^m(s) \\
 &= \sum_{k,l=1}^m a_k a_l \int_{-1}^1 (\sin(2^k \pi s) \sin(2^l \pi s) 2^l \pi + \cos(2^l \pi s) \cos(2^k \pi s) 2^k \pi) ds \\
 &= \sum_{k,l=1}^m a_k a_l (2^l \pi \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} (\cos((2^k - 2^l) \pi s) - \cos((2^k + 2^l) \pi s)) ds \\
 &\quad + 2^k \pi \int_{-1}^1 (\cos((2^k - 2^l) \pi s) + \cos((2^k + 2^l) \pi s)) ds) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^m a_k^2 2^k \pi = 2 \sum_{k=1}^m 2^{(1-2\alpha)k} \pi.
 \end{aligned}$$

This diverges as  $m$  tends to infinity for  $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence  $(f, g)$  possesses no Lévy area.

## Beyond Young's integral: an example

Note that for  $-1 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$ , and  $0 \neq f^g(s) \in \mathbb{R}$  by trigonometry

$$|f(t) - f(s) - f^g(s)(g(t) - g(s))| \\ = \left| 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \sin(2^{k-1}\pi(s-t)) \sqrt{1 + f^g(s)^2} \sin[2^{k-1}\pi(s+t) + \arctan((f^g(s))^{-1})] \right|.$$

Hölder regularity for  $s = 0, t = 2^{-n}, f^g(0) > 0$  ( $f^g(0) < 0$  analogous): quantity  $\geq$

$$\left| 2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \sin(2^{k-1-n}\pi) \sqrt{1 + (f^g(0))^2} \sin[2^{k-1-n}\pi + \arctan((f^g(0))^{-1})] \right| \\ \geq 2^{-\alpha n} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \arctan((f^g(0))^{-1})\right) \\ \neq \mathcal{O}(|t - s|^{2\alpha}).$$

## Beyond Young's integral

Hölder regularity at 0 not better than  $\alpha$ ; hence  $f$  not controlled by  $g$  for  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$  in the sense of following notion.

**(para)controlled path** formalizes heuristics of *fractional Taylor expansion*.

For  $\alpha > 0$  let  $x \in C^\alpha$ . Then

$$\mathbf{D}_x^\alpha = \{f \in C^\alpha : \exists f^x \in C^\alpha \text{ s.t. } f^\# = f - \pi_{<}(f^x, x) \in C^{2\alpha}\}.$$

$f \in \mathbf{D}_x^\alpha$  is called *controlled by  $x$* ,  $f^x$  *derivative of  $f$  w.r.t.  $x$* . On  $\mathbf{D}_x^\alpha$  define norm

$$\|f\|_{x,\alpha} = \|f\|_\alpha + \|f^x\|_\alpha + \|f^\#\|_{2\alpha}.$$

If  $\alpha > 1/3$ , then since  $3\alpha > 1$  the term  $L(f - \pi_{<}(f^x, x), x)$  is well defined. It suffices to make sense of  $L(\pi_{<}(f^x, x), x)$ . This is done by *commutator estimate*:

$$\|L(\pi_{<}(f^x, x), x) - \int_0^\cdot f^x(s) dL(x, x)(s)\|_{3\alpha} \leq \|f^x\|_\alpha \|x\|_\alpha^2,$$

and the integral is well defined **provided  $L(x, x)$  exists.**

## Beyond Young's integral

### Thm (Rough path integral)

Let  $\alpha \in (1/3, 1)$ ,  $\alpha \neq 1/2$ ,  $\alpha \neq 2/3$ . Let  $x \in C^\alpha$ ,  $f, g \in \mathbf{D}_x^\alpha$ . Assume that the Lévy area

$$L(x, x) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (L(S_N x^k, S_N x^\ell))_{1 \leq k \leq d, 1 \leq \ell \leq d}$$

converges uniformly, such that  $\sup_N \|L(S_N x, S_N x)\|_{2\alpha} < \infty$ . Then

$$I(S_N f, dS_N g) = \sum_{p \leq N} \sum_{q \leq N} \int_0^\cdot \Delta_p f(s) d\Delta_q g(s)$$

converges in  $C^{\alpha-\varepsilon}$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Denote the limit by  $I(f, dg)$ . Then  $I(f, dg) \in \mathbf{D}_x^\alpha$  with derivative  $fg^x$ , and

$$\|I(f, dg)\|_{x, \alpha} \lesssim \|f\|_{x, \alpha} (1 + \|g\|_{x, \alpha}) (1 + \|x\|_\alpha + \|x\|_\alpha^2 + \|L(x, x)\|_{2\alpha}).$$

## An approximation of the Lévy area

Aim: approximate Lévy's area by dyadic martingales.

**Filtration:**

$$\mathcal{F}_q = \sigma(\chi_{2^k+l} : k \leq q, l \leq 2^k - 1), \quad q \geq 0.$$

**Martingales:**

$$M_q^f = \sum_{p \leq q} \sum_{m < 2^p} \langle \chi_{pm}, df \rangle \chi_{pm},$$

$$N_q^g = \sum_{p \leq q} \sum_{m < 2^p} \langle \chi_{pm}, dg \rangle \chi_{pm}.$$

**Rademacher functions:**  $r_q = 2^{-q/2} \sum_{n < 2^q} \chi_{qn}$  and the associated martingale  $R_q = \sum_{p \leq q} r_p$ .

## An approximation of the Lévy area

Discrete time stochastic integral of  $X, Y$ :

$$(X \cdot Y)_n = \sum_{k \leq n} X_{k-1} \Delta Y_k = \sum_{k \leq n} X_{k-1} (Y_k - Y_{k-1}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} I(S_k f, dS_k g) &= \sum_{0 < q < k} 2^{-q-2} \mathbf{E} \left[ \Delta R_q (N_{q-1}^g \Delta M_q^f - M_{q-1}^f \Delta N_q^g) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} f_{00} g_{00} + O(2^{-\alpha k}) \\ &= \sum_{0 < q < k} 2^{-q-2} \mathbf{E} \left[ \Delta [R, N^g \cdot M^f - M^f \cdot N^g]_q \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} f_{00} g_{00} + O(2^{-\alpha k}). \end{aligned}$$

Expectation is w.r.t. Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1]$ .

## An approximation of the Lévy area

A discrete analogue of **Lévy's area** appears naturally.

### Geometric interpretation:

**Proposition 1.**  *$M, N$  discrete time processes. Denote linear interpolation by  $X, Y$  respectively:*

$$X_s = M_{k-1} + (s - (k - 1))\Delta M_k, \quad s \in [k - 1, k],$$

*similarly for  $Y$ . Then discrete time Lévy area*

$$\frac{1}{2} \{((M - M_0) \cdot N)_n - ((N - N_0) \cdot M)_n\}$$

*equals the **area** between the **curve**  $\{(X_s, Y_s) : s \leq n\}$  and **line chord** from  $(M_0, N_0)$  to  $(M_n, N_n)$ .*

## Construction of the Lévy area

For a  $d$ -dimensional process  $X = (X^1, \dots, X^d)$  we construct the area  $L(X, X) = L(X^i, X^j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$ . Assume the components are independent. Let  $R(s, t) = (\mathbf{E}(X_s^i X_t^j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}$ . Increment of  $R$  over rectangle  $[s, t] \times [u, v]$

$$R_{[s,t] \times [u,v]} = R(t, v) + R(s, u) - R(s, v) - R(t, u) = (\mathbf{E}(X_{s,t}^i X_{u,v}^j))_{1 \leq i, j \leq d}.$$

Let us make the following assumptions.

( $\rho$ -var) There exist  $\rho \in [1, 2)$  and  $C > 0$  such that for all  $0 \leq s < t \leq 1$  and for every partition  $s = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t$  of  $[s, t]$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n |R_{[t_{i-1}, t_i] \times [t_{j-1}, t_j]}|^\rho \leq C|t - s|.$$

(HC) The process  $X$  is hypercontractive, i.e. for every  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$  and every  $p > 2$  there exists  $C_{p,m,n} > 0$  such that for every polynomial  $P : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of degree  $m$ , for all  $i_1, \dots, i_n$ , and for all  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in [0, 1]$

$$\mathbf{E}(|P(X_{t_1}^{i_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}^{i_n})|^{2p}) \leq C_{p,m,n} \mathbf{E}(|P(X_{t_1}^{i_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}^{i_n})|^2)^p.$$

## Construction of the Lévy area

### Lemma 3

Assume that the stochastic process  $Y : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies ( $\rho$ -var). Then for all  $p$  and for all  $0 \leq M \leq N \leq 2^p$

$$\sum_{m_1, m_2=M}^N |\mathbf{E}(X_{pm_1} X_{pm_2})|^\rho \lesssim (N - M + 1) 2^{-p}.$$

### Lemma 4

Let  $Y, Z : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be independent continuous processes, both satisfying ( $\rho$ -var) for some  $\rho \in [1, \infty]$ . Then for all  $i, p \geq 0$  and all  $q < p$ , and for all  $0 \leq j \leq 2^i$

$$\mathbf{E} \left[ \left| \sum_{m=0}^{2^p} \sum_{n=0}^{2^q} X_{pm} Y_{qn} \langle 2^{-i} \chi_{ij}, \varphi_{pm} \chi_{qn} \rangle \right|^2 \right] \lesssim 2^{(p \vee i)(1/\rho - 4)} 2^{(q \vee i)(1 - 1/\rho)} 2^{-i} 2^{p(4 - 3/\rho)} 2^{q/\rho}$$

## Construction of the Lévy area

### Thm 2

Let  $X : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  be a continuous stochastic process with independent components, and assume that  $X$  satisfies  $(\rho\text{-var})$  for some  $\rho \in [1, 2)$  and (HC). Then for every  $\alpha \in (0, 1/\rho)$  almost surely

$$\sum_{N \geq 0} \|L(S_N X, S_N X) - L(S_{N-1} X, S_{N-1} X)\|_\alpha < \infty,$$

and therefore the limit  $L(X, X) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L(S_N X, S_N X)$  is almost surely an  $\alpha$ -Hölder continuous process.

Condition (HC) is fulfilled by all Gaussian processes, also by all processes in fixed Gaussian chaos (Hermite processes),  $(\rho\text{-var})$  by fractional Brownian motion or bridge of Hurst index  $H > \frac{1}{4}$ .