

24. Hölder Conditions for the Local Times of Certain Gaussian Processes with Stationary Increments

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1. Let $\{X(t, \omega); -\infty < t < \infty\}$ be a path continuous centered stationary Gaussian process with the spectral density function $f(\lambda)$ given by

$$f(\lambda) = a^{2\alpha} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1/2)}{\Gamma(1/2)\Gamma(\alpha)} (\lambda^2 + a^2)^{-(\alpha + 1/2)}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1/2.$$

Then owing to Berman's result [2], there exists the local time $\psi(x, t, \omega)$ of $X(t, \omega)$ which is jointly continuous in x and t almost surely. For the local Hölder conditions of this local time, Davies [3] has proved the following:

$$0 < c_1 \leq \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{|\psi(X(t), t+h, \omega) - \psi(X(t), t, \omega)|}{h^{1-\alpha} (\log \log 1/h)^\alpha} \leq c_2 < +\infty$$

for almost all ω .

We will extend his result to more wide class of Gaussian processes with stationary increments. We will give not only a local Hölder condition but also a uniform Hölder condition with respect to the upper bound. As for the lower bound, it is still open problem for our class.

2. Let $\{X(t, \omega); 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ be a path continuous centered Gaussian process with stationary increments: $E(X(t) - X(s))^2 = \sigma^2(|t - s|)$. We assume the following:

(1) $\sigma(x)$ is a non-decreasing continuous nearly regular varying function with index α , $0 < \alpha < 1$, i.e. there exist two positive constants c and c' , and also a slowly varying function $s(x)$ such that

$$cx^\alpha s(x) \leq \sigma(x) \leq c'x^\alpha s(x),$$

(2) $x/\sigma(x)$ is non-decreasing,

(3) $\sigma(x)$ is differentiable for $x > 0$ with the derivative $\sigma'(x)$ such that

$$\sigma'(x) \leq \beta \sigma(x)/x, \quad \beta < 1, \quad x > 0.$$

(4) Denote by A_{2n} the correlation matrix $(r_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^{2n}$:

$$r_{i,j} = E \left[\frac{(X(t_i) - X(t_{i-1}))(X(t_j) - X(t_{j-1}))}{\sigma(t_i - t_{i-1})\sigma(t_j - t_{j-1})} \right], \quad i, j = 1, \dots, 2n,$$

for a partition $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{2n} \leq 1$. Then there exist a positive constant c_3 and a positive integer n_0 such that

$$\det A_{2n} \geq c_3^{2n}$$

holds for any partition of $[0, 1]$ and any $n \geq n_0$.