

Renewal reward processes with heavy-tailed inter-renewal times and heavy-tailed rewards

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It is well known that fractional Brownian motion can be obtained as the limit of a superposition of renewal reward processes with inter-renewal times that have infinite variance (heavy tails with exponent α) and with rewards that have finite variance. We show here that if the rewards also have infinite variance (heavy tails with exponent β) then the limit Z_β is a β -stable self-similar process. If $\beta \leq \alpha$, then Z_β is the Lévy stable motion with independent increments; but if $\beta > \alpha$, then Z_β is a stable process with dependent increments and self-similarity parameter $H = (\beta - \alpha + 1)/\beta$.

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1. Introduction

There has recently been a lot of interest in understanding why time series in computer Ethernet networks appear asymptotically self-similar (Leland *et al.* 1994). These time series measure *deviations* from the mean of the number of packets or bytes that are circulating through the network. A model based on on–off renewal processes was proposed in Willinger *et al.* (1997) and Taqqu *et al.* (1997) as a possible explanation. This model is a modification of a renewal reward model investigated by Mandelbrot (1969) and Taqqu and Levy (1986). In these papers it is fractional Brownian motion that appears in the limit. Fractional Brownian motion is a self-similar Gaussian process with stationary increments (a process $X(t)$ is said to be self-similar with index H if, for all $a > 0$, $a^{-H}X(at)$ and $X(t)$ have identical finite-dimensional distributions). The increments of fractional Brownian motion display ‘long-range dependence’ or ‘long memory’ because their correlations decrease like a power function and their spectral density explodes at the origin. Fractional Brownian motion is the best-known and most widely modelled self-similar process. But because it is Gaussian, its values do not differ greatly from the mean.

In this paper we will show that it is possible to obtain limits that are self-similar, with increments that are stationary, dependent and *non-Gaussian*. They will have a stable distribution with infinite variance. This means that the marginal distribution has a tail that

decreases slowly, like a power function, and hence, that there is a much higher probability than in the Gaussian case that the increments differ greatly from their median value.

Our set-up is similar to that of Taquu and Levy (1986). The renewal reward processes in that paper had infinite-variance inter-renewal times but finite-variance rewards. In this paper, both the inter-renewal times and the rewards are allowed to have infinite variance. More precisely, we suppose that the inter-renewal times are in the domain of attraction of a stable distribution with index $1 < \alpha < 2$ and the rewards are in the domain of attraction of a stable distribution with index $0 < \beta < 2$. The case $\beta < \alpha$ was considered in Levy and Taquu (1987). The limit, in this case, was found to be the Lévy stable motion with index β (we recover this result here). While this process is self-similar (with $H = 1/\beta$), has stationary increments and also infinite variances, its increments are *independent*. It is merely the infinite-variance counterpart of the Gaussian Brownian motion.

We consider here the more delicate case $\beta > \alpha$ and show that the limit is a symmetric stable process of index β , possesses stationary increments and is self-similar with index

$$H = \frac{\beta - \alpha + 1}{\beta}. \quad (1.1)$$

Since $1 < \alpha < \beta < 2$, relation (1.1) implies

$$H \in (1/\beta, 1), \quad (1.2)$$

β being the index of stability of the limiting process. Observe that in the finite-variance case ($\beta = 2$), relation (1.1) reduces to the familiar $H = (3 - \alpha)/2 \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ which appears in connection with fractional Brownian motion.

Let us be more specific. The inter-renewal times are modelled by a sequence U_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots$, of positive integer-valued independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables attracted to the stable domain with index $1 < \alpha \leq 2$ ($\alpha > 1$ ensures that U_k has a finite mean). The rewards are given by another i.i.d. sequence W_k , $k = 0, 1, \dots$ of real-valued random variables belonging to the stable domain of index $0 < \beta \leq 2$. $\{U_k\}$ and $\{W_k\}$ are assumed to be independent. A renewal–reward process $W = \{W(t), t = 0, 1, \dots\}$ is constructed by assigning to each inter-renewal interval a corresponding reward that is constant throughout the interval (see Section 2 for a precise definition). We want to describe the asymptotic behaviour exhibited by large accumulations of these processes over long periods of time. Specifically, if $W_m(t)$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$, are i.i.d. copies of $W(t)$, then we consider the total reward process defined by

$$W^*(Ty, M) = \sum_{t=1}^{[Ty]} \sum_{m=1}^M W_m(t), \quad (1.3)$$

where $0 \leq y \leq 1$, $T = 0, 1, \dots$, $M = 1, 2, \dots$, and $[Ty]$ stands for the greatest integer less than or equal to Ty . W^* can be viewed, for example, as the cumulative workload of M workstations up to time $[Ty]$. Our goal is to find the limiting behaviour of $W^*(Ty, M)$, appropriately normalized as $M \rightarrow \infty$ followed by $T \rightarrow \infty$.

Two remarks are now in order. One concerns the order of the limits, the second the role of y . In Levy and Taquu (1987), we investigated what happens when the limit is taken in

the reverse order – first $T \rightarrow \infty$, then $M \rightarrow \infty$. We found that $W^*(Ty, M)$, appropriately normalized, converges to Lévy stable motion with index β if $\beta < \alpha$, and with index α if $\beta > \alpha$. We show in the present paper that, when $\beta > \alpha$, the order of the limits matters, because if we let $M \rightarrow \infty$ first, then $T \rightarrow \infty$, the limit process is not Lévy stable motion (which has independent increments) but is instead a stable self-similar process with dependent increments. The case where T and M tend jointly to infinity will be investigated in a separate paper.

Secondly, let us explain the role of y in (1.3), which we take for convenience to be in the interval $[0, 1]$, although in fact our results hold for any $y \geq 0$. The index y corresponds to *time* and is introduced in order to characterize the behaviour of the stochastic process W^* at large times. Consider, for example, two distinct values of y , say y_1 and y_2 , and suppose that T is large, so that $[Ty_1]$ and $[Ty_2]$ are large. The limit process we obtain characterizes, in particular, the behaviour of the random vector $(W^*(Ty_1, M), W^*(Ty_2, M))$ for large M and at large times $[Ty_1]$ and $[Ty_2]$, yielding information about the dependence structure of the cumulative workload at time $[Ty_1]$ and the cumulative workload at time $[Ty_2]$.

We now describe the limit process Z_β . We show, in Theorem 2.1 below, that when $M \rightarrow \infty$ followed by $T \rightarrow \infty$, $W^*(Ty, M)$, renormalized, converges in the sense of finite-dimensional distributions to a limiting process $\{Z_\beta(y), 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$. The process Z_β is best described through its (finite-dimensional) characteristic functions as follows. Let $0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq \dots \leq y_d \leq 1$ be d time points and let $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d$ be arbitrary real numbers. For convenience set $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d)$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$. Recall that $Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})$ is called a symmetric stable process of index β if its finite-dimensional characteristic functions can be expressed as

$$\mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ i \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j Z_\beta(y_j) \right\} = \exp \{ -\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \}, \quad (1.4)$$

where

$$\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \int_E \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j f_j(\xi, \mathbf{y}) \right|^\beta m(d\xi). \quad (1.5)$$

Here f_1, \dots, f_d are functions defined on a measure space (E, \mathcal{E}, m) satisfying $\int_E |f_j(\xi, \mathbf{y})|^\beta m(d\xi) < \infty$, $j = 1, \dots, d$ (see Samorodnitsky and Taqqu 1994, p. 114). The functions f_1, \dots, f_d may depend on \mathbf{y} .

When $d = 1$, for example (1.4) reduces to

$$\mathbb{E} e^{i\theta Z_\beta(y_1)} = e^{-|\theta|^\beta \sigma_0^\beta(y_1)},$$

where $\sigma_0(y_1) = (\int_E |f(\xi, y_1)|^\beta m(d\xi))^{1/\beta}$ is the scale parameter of the symmetric stable random variable $Z_\beta(y_1)$.

When $d > 1$, the function $\sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ not only characterizes the scale parameters of the marginal distributions of $Z_\beta(y_1), \dots, Z_\beta(y_d)$, but also determines their dependence structure.

We show in Theorem 2.1 that when $0 < \beta \leq \alpha < 2$ ($1 < \alpha < 2$), the limit process $Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})$ satisfies (1.4) with

$$\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = C \sum_{j=1}^d |\phi_j|^\beta (y_j - y_{j-1}),$$

where $C > 0$ is a constant specified in the theorem and where

$$\phi_j = \theta_j + \theta_{j+1} + \cdots + \theta_d.$$

The process $Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})$ then has independent increments because its finite-dimensional characteristic functions factor:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp i \sum_{j=1}^d \phi_j (Z_\beta(y_j) - Z_\beta(y_{j-1})) \right\} &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \exp i \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j Z_\beta(y_j) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -C \sum_{j=1}^d |\phi_j|^\beta (y_j - y_{j-1}) \right\} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^d \exp \{ -C |\phi_j|^\beta (y_j - y_{j-1}) \} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^d \mathbb{E} \exp \{ i \phi_j (Z_\beta(y_j) - Z_\beta(y_{j-1})) \}. \end{aligned}$$

$Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})$ has also stationary increments since adding a constant h to each y_j does not change the finite-dimensional characteristic functions of the increments. Therefore the process $\{Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})\}$ is (symmetric) Lévy stable motion with index β when $\beta \leq \alpha$.

When $2 > \beta > \alpha > 1$, however, the limit $Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})$ is a different process. We show in Theorem 2.1 that, in this case, the limit process $Z_\beta(\mathbf{y})$ satisfies (1.4) with

$$\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = C_\beta^{-1} (I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})),$$

where

$$C_\beta = \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x^\beta} dx \right)^{-1} = \frac{1 - \beta}{\Gamma(2 - \beta) \cos(\pi\beta/2)},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) &= \int_0^\infty \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta x^{-\alpha} dx, \\ J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ \right|^\beta \alpha (u - x)_+^{-\alpha-1} du dx. \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

(As usual, $(\cdot)_+ = \max(\cdot, 0)$).

The process $Z_\beta(y)$ is then stable with index β . It is clearly self-similar with index $H = (\beta - \alpha + 1)/\beta$ since $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, ay) = a^{\beta-\alpha+1}I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, y)$ and $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, ay) = a^{\beta-\alpha+1}J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, y)$. The stationarity of the increments, which is established in Section 6, is not as obvious.

The paper is structured as follows. In Section 2, we present the basic assumptions and state the main result, Theorem 2.1, which includes the cases $0 < \beta < \alpha$ and $\beta = \alpha$ as well as the case $\beta > \alpha$ described above. This theorem is a consequence of two others that are proved in Sections 3 and 4, respectively. Their proofs make use of a number of key propositions which are discussed in Section 5. The stationarity of the increments is established in Section 6.

2. Assumptions and main results

We start with the basic assumptions:

Assumption 1. *The reward sequence $\{W_k\}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$, is i.i.d., symmetric and has heavy tails, that is, there exist an index $0 < \beta < 2$ and a slowly varying function $g(x)$ at infinity, such that*

$$P(|W_0| > x) \sim x^{-\beta} g(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.1)$$

Assumption 2. *The inter-renewal times $\{U_k\}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, are i.i.d. with range the positive integers and $P(U_1 = x) \sim ax^{-\alpha-1}h(x)$, where $1 < \alpha < 2$ and h is slowly varying at infinity. Let $\mu = EU_1$, which is finite, and let U have the distribution of U_k .*

Assumption 3. *$\{W_k, k \geq 0\}$ and $\{U_k, k \geq 1\}$ are independent.*

Assumption 1 implies that W_0 is in the domain of attraction of a symmetric stable random variable of index $0 < \beta < 2$, that is, there exists a sequence of constants $A_n(\beta)$ such that

$$\mathcal{L} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n(\beta)^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n W_k \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \Lambda_\beta,$$

where \mathcal{L} and $\stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=}$ refer, respectively, to convergence and equality in distribution. The normalization constants are $A_n(\beta) = n^{1/\beta} L_g(n)$, where L_g is a slowly varying function satisfying, for $x \neq 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} L_g(n)^{-\beta} g(n^{1/\beta} L_g(n)|x|) = 1. \quad (2.2)$$

The stable random variable Λ_β satisfies $P(|\Lambda_\beta| > x) \sim x^{-\beta}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, and its distribution is totally characterized by the index β .

We could have assumed W_0 to be non-symmetric for $\beta \neq 1$, that is, $P(W_0 \leq -x) \sim c^- x^{-\beta} g(x)$ and $P(W_0 \geq x) \sim c^+ x^{-\beta} g(x)$, and to satisfy, for centring purposes, $EW_0 = 0$ for $1 < \beta < 2$. This situation is more realistic in the setting of telecommunications. In this case

Λ_β is skewed as well and satisfies $P(\Lambda_\beta \leq -x) \sim c^- x^{-\beta}$ and $P(\Lambda_\beta > x) \sim c^+ x^{-\beta}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. It is for convenience' sake that we assume W_0 symmetric here. Results for W_0 skewed will be presented in a subsequent paper.

Similarly, Assumption 2 implies $P(U > x) \sim x^{-\alpha} h(x)$, and hence there exists a sequence of constants $B_n(\alpha) = n^{1/\alpha} L_h(n)$ such that

$$\mathcal{L} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n^{-1}(\alpha) \sum_{k=1}^n (U_k - \mu) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \Lambda_\alpha^+,$$

where L_h and h are related as in (2.2), with g replaced by h . Since U_1 is positive, the stable random variable Λ_α^+ is totally skewed to the right and satisfies $P(\Lambda_\alpha^+ > x) \sim x^{-\alpha}$ and $P(\Lambda_\alpha^+ \leq -x) = o(x^{-\alpha})$, as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

We now turn to the construction of the total reward process. The sequence of inter-renewal times defines a renewal process $\{S_k\}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots$, by

$$S_k = S_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k U_j, \quad k \geq 1. \quad (2.3)$$

To make it stationary, we let

$$P(S_0 = x) = \mu^{-1} P(U > x), \quad x = 0, 1, \dots \quad (2.4)$$

Relations (2.4) and (2.3) imply that $\{S_k, k \geq 0\}$ is a *stationary* renewal process.

The associated renewal–reward process $\{W(t), t = 0, 1, \dots\}$ equals W_k when t is in the k th inter-renewal interval. More precisely,

$$W(t) = \sum_{k=0}^t W_k I(S_{k-1} < t \leq S_k), \text{ which equals } W_k \text{ if } S_{k-1} < t \leq S_k, \quad (2.5)$$

with $S_{-1} \equiv 0$. In particular, $W(0) = 0$. The cumulative reward process up through time T is given by $W^*(0) = 0$ and

$$W^*(T) = \sum_{t=1}^T W(t), \quad T = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.6)$$

Now let $\{W_m(t), t \geq 0\}$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$, be i.i.d. copies of the process $W(t)$ and, similarly, $\{W_m^*(T), T \geq 0\}$ be i.i.d. copies of the process $W^*(T)$. Define the total reward process $W^*(Ty, M)$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, $T = 0, 1, \dots$ and $M = 1, 2, \dots$, by

$$W^*(Ty, M) = \sum_{m=1}^M W_m^*(Ty) = \sum_{t=1}^{[Ty]} \sum_{m=1}^M W_m(t). \quad (2.7)$$

We wish to find out how $W^*(Ty, M)$, appropriately normalized, behaves as $M \rightarrow \infty$ and then $T \rightarrow \infty$. To express the normalization factors, introduce

$$a_T \equiv a_T(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} T, & \beta < \alpha \text{ or } \beta = \alpha \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty, \\ T \int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx, & \beta = \alpha \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty, \\ T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T), & \beta > \alpha, \end{cases} \quad (2.8)$$

where h is the slowly varying function in Assumption 2. Also let L_g be the slowly varying function in (2.2). A stochastic process is H -sssi if it is self-similar with index H and has stationary increments (see Samorodnitsky and Taqqu (1994)). The following theorem provides the results for the cases $\beta < \alpha$, $\beta = \alpha$ and $\beta > \alpha$.

Theorem 2.1. *Let Assumptions 1–3 hold and $W^*(Ty, M)$ be defined by (2.7) and a_T by (2.8). Then*

$$\mathcal{L} - \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} [a_T^{1/\beta} M^{1/\beta} L_g(M)]^{-1} W^*(Ty, M) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} Z_\beta(y), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1, \quad (2.9)$$

where $Z_\beta \equiv Z_\beta(y)$ is a symmetric β -stable H -self-similar process with stationary increments (H -sssi process) with

$$H = \frac{(\beta - \alpha)_+ + 1}{\beta} = \begin{cases} 1/\beta, & \beta \leq \alpha \\ (\beta - \alpha + 1)/\beta, & \beta > \alpha. \end{cases} \quad (2.10)$$

$Z_\beta(0) = 0$ and Z_β is β -stable Lévy motion if and only if $\beta \leq \alpha$. Here \mathcal{L} and $\stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=}$ refer, respectively, to convergence and equality of the finite-dimensional distributions.

To characterize the finite-dimensional distributions of Z_β , consider any $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d) \in [0, 1]^d$, $0 = y_0 \leq y_1 \leq \dots \leq y_d \leq 1$. Then

$$\mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ i \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j Z_\beta(y_j) \right\} = \exp \{ -\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \}, \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \begin{cases} C_\beta^{-1} \{ \mu^{-1} E U^\beta \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1}) \}, & \beta < \alpha \text{ or } \beta = \alpha \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty \\ C_\beta^{-1} \{ \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1}) \}, & \beta = \alpha \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty, \\ C_\beta^{-1} \{ I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \}, & \beta > \alpha. \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

Here

$$\phi_i = \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j, \quad (2.13)$$

$$C_\beta = \left(\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x^\beta} dx \right)^{-1} = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \beta}{\Gamma(2 - \beta) \cos(\pi\beta/2)} & \text{if } \beta \neq 1 \\ 2/\pi & \text{if } \beta = 1, \end{cases} \quad (2.14)$$

and $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ and $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ are given by (1.6).

When $\beta \leq \alpha$, the form of the characteristic function of Z_β clearly identifies Z_β with the symmetric Lévy stable motion with index β , which has independent increments. When $\beta > \alpha$, the increments are dependent and Z_β is then no longer Lévy stable motion.

Observe that the expression for $\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ in (2.12) contains the term EU^β when $\beta < \alpha$ and does not contain it if $\beta = \alpha$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty$. In the latter case $EU^\beta = EU^\alpha = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^\beta P[U = x] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty$. The potential contribution of this term is compensated by the presence of the integral $\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx$ in the normalization factor a_T in (2.8).

The proof of Theorem 2.1 is in two parts. The theorem follows from Theorems 2.2 ($M \rightarrow \infty$) and 2.3 ($T \rightarrow \infty$) stated below.

Theorem 2.2. *Suppose Assumptions 1–3 hold. Then for each fixed $T = 0, 1, \dots$,*

$$\mathcal{L} - \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} [M^{1/\beta} L_g(M)]^{-1} W^*(Ty, M) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} Z_{\beta, T}(y), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1. \quad (2.15)$$

$Z_{\beta, T} \equiv Z_{\beta, T}(y)$ is a symmetric β -stable process with $Z_{\beta, T}(0) = 0$. For any $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d) \in [0, 1]^d$, $0 = y_0 \leq y_1 \leq \dots \leq y_d \leq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i Z_{\beta, T}(y_i)$ is symmetric stable with index β and scale parameter $\sigma_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ satisfying

$$\sigma_T^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = C_\beta^{-1} \mathbb{E} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j ([Ty_j] \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta. \quad (2.16)$$

The conclusion of Theorem 2.2 holds, in fact, for any non-decreasing sequence of random variables S_k , $k \geq -1$, with $S_{-1} = 0$.

Observe that the process $Z_{\beta, T}(y)$ has neither stationary nor independent increments and is not self-similar.

Assumption 2 is used in the next theorem.

Theorem 2.3. *If a_T is given by (2.8) and $Z_{\beta, T}(y)$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, is as in Theorem 2.2, then*

$$\mathcal{L} - \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} a_T^{-1/\beta} Z_{\beta, T}(y) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} Z_\beta(y), \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1, \quad (2.17)$$

where Z_β is the limit process of Theorem 2.1.

We prove Theorem 2.2 in Section 3 and Theorem 2.3 in Section 4.

3. Proof of Theorem 2.2

We shall use the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *Suppose $\{W_k\}$ and $\{Y_k\}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, are independent of each other; $\{W_k\}$ is i.i.d. and satisfies $P(|W_1| > x) \sim x^{-\beta} g(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ with g slowly varying at infinity; and $\{Y_k\}$ is bounded a.s. and K is an almost surely bounded positive integer-valued random*

variable. Then $\sum_{k=1}^K Y_k W_k \in \mathcal{D}(\beta)$, in particular, as $x \rightarrow \infty$,

$$P\left(\left|\sum_{k=1}^K Y_k W_k\right| > x\right) \sim E\left[\sum_{k=1}^K |Y_k|^\beta\right] x^{-\beta} g(x). \quad (3.1)$$

To verify this lemma, condition on $\{K, Y_k, k = 1, \dots, K\}$ and use the fact that $P(|\sum_{k=1}^{K_0} y_k W_k| > x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{K_0} |y_k|^\beta x^{-\beta} g(x)$ for fixed constants K_0 and y_1, \dots, y_{K_0} .

In order to prove Theorem 2.2, observe that the reward accumulated in the interval $S_{k-1} < t \leq S_k$ is $(S_k - S_{k-1})W_k$, by (2.5). Now introduce the renewal function $K(T)$, namely, the total number of renewals up through time T . Rewriting the cumulative reward $W^*(T)$ in (2.6), using (2.3) and $K(T)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} W^*(T) &= \left[S_0 W_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{K(T)-1} U_k W_k + (T - S_{K(T)-1}) W_{K(T)} \right] I(S_0 \leq T) + T W_0 I(S_0 > T) \\ &= (T \wedge S_0) W_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{K(T)} (T \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ W_k I(S_0 \leq T) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{K(T)} (T \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ W_k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (T \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ W_k, \end{aligned}$$

since $S_{-1} \equiv 0$, $S_0 > T \Leftrightarrow K(T) = 0 \Rightarrow (T \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ = (T - S_{k-1})_+ = 0$ for $k \geq 1$, and $k \geq K(T) + 1 \Leftrightarrow S_{k-1} > T \Rightarrow (T \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ = 0$.

Since $([T y_j] \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+$ is bounded by T , Lemma 3.1 applies. Theorem 2.2 follows because the $W_m^*(T)$ are i.i.d. copies of $W^*(T)$.

4. Proof of Theorem 2.3

To prove (2.17), it is sufficient to verify $\sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i Z_{\beta, T}(y_i) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i Z_\beta(y_i)$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$ for any $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d) \in [0, 1]^d$ with $\theta_j \neq 0$, $j = 1, \dots, d$ and $0 < y_1 < \dots < y_d \leq 1$. Set

$$y_0 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad y_{d+1} = \infty.$$

It suffices, therefore, to prove

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} a_T^{-1} \sigma_T^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \quad (4.1)$$

where a_T is given by (2.8), $\sigma_T^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ is given by (2.16), and $\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ is given by (2.12) and (1.6). Set

$$T_j = [T y_j] \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, d, \quad \text{and} \quad T_{d+1} = \infty,$$

and write in (2.16),

$$\mathbb{E} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta = I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}), \quad (4.2)$$

where

$$I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) := \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge S_0) \right|^\beta \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta. \quad (4.4)$$

The estimation of $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ is done in Proposition 5.1 below.

Regarding $J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, write

$$J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, k), \quad (4.5)$$

where

$$J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, k) = \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta.$$

Setting $N_d := \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$, $d \geq 1$, and $\mathcal{A} = \{(i_1, i_2) \in N_{d+1} \times N_{d+1} : i_1 \leq i_2\}$, we can rewrite $J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, k)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, k) &= \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ I(T_{i_1-1} < S_{k-1} \leq T_{i_1}, T_{i_2-1} < S_k \leq T_{i_2}) \right|^\beta \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{A}} B_T(k, i_1, i_2), \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

where $i_1 \leq i_2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} B_T(k, i_1, i_2) &:= \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ I(T_{i_1-1} < S_{k-1} \leq T_{i_1}, T_{i_2-1} < S_k \leq T_{i_2}) \right|^\beta \\ &= \sum_{x=T_{i_1-1}+1}^{T_{i_1}} \sum_{u=T_{i_2-1}+1-x}^{T_{i_2}-x} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j(T_j \wedge (x+u) - x)_+ \right|^\beta P(S_{k-1} = x) P(U = u), \end{aligned}$$

since S_{k-1} is independent of U_k and $U_k \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} U$. Substituting back into (4.6) and then (4.6) back into (4.5), factoring out $P(S_{k-1} = x)$ and summing over k to obtain $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(S_{k-1} = x) = \mu^{-1}$, and then making the variable change $u \mapsto u + x$, gives

$$J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{x=T_{i_1-1}+1}^{T_{i_1}} \sum_{u=T_{i_2-1}+1}^{T_{i_2}} \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge u - x)_+ \right|^\beta P(U = u - x). \quad (4.7)$$

Dividing \mathcal{A} into the subsets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_1 &= \{(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A} : i_1 = i_2\} = \{(i_1, i_2) : i_1 = i_2 = i, 1 \leq i \leq d+1\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_2 &= \{(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A} : i_1 < i_2 - 1\} = \{(i_1, i_2) : i_1 < i_2 - 1 = i, 1 \leq i \leq d\}, \\ \mathcal{A}_3 &= \{(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A} : i_1 = i_2 - 1\} = \{(i_1, i_2) : i_1 = i_2 - 1 = i, 1 \leq i \leq d\}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

we have

$$J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}), \quad (4.9)$$

where J_l is J with \mathcal{A} replaced by \mathcal{A}_l , $l = 1, 2, 3$.

The estimation of $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} J_l(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, $l = 1, 2, 3$, is carried out in Propositions 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 respectively (see Section 5 below). By substituting the results into (4.9), we obtain $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$. Combining this with $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ in (4.2), we obtain $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta$. In the case $\beta \leq \alpha$, $J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ dominates $J_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, $J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ and $I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, so J_1 alone provides the rate of growth $\mathbb{E} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta$. In fact, if $\beta < \alpha$ or if $\beta = \alpha$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta &\sim J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &\sim \mu^{-1} (\mathbb{E} U^\beta) \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1}) T, \end{aligned}$$

and, if $\beta = \alpha$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta &\sim J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &\sim \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1}) T \int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where $\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx$ tends to infinity, like a slowly varying function, but faster than $h(T)$.

In the case $\beta > \alpha$, each term $I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, $J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, $J_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ and $J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ contributes the growth rate of $T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T)$. Since $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ and $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ are given by (1.6), and (4.4), (4.8) and (4.9) imply

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J_3(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}),$$

we obtain

$$\mathbb{E} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge S_k - S_{k-1})_+ \right|^\beta \sim [I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})] T^{\beta-\alpha-1} h(T).$$

It follows, now, that (4.1) holds with $\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ given by (2.12).

A particular consequence of (2.12) is the ‘scaling’ relation

$$\sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, a\mathbf{y}) = a^{\beta H} \sigma^\beta(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}), \quad a > 0, \quad (4.10)$$

with H defined in (2.10). This proves that Z_β is self-similar with parameter H since, for any $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a > 0$,

$$\mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ i\gamma \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j Z_\beta(a y_j) \right\} = \mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ i\gamma a^H \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j Z_\beta(y_j) \right\}.$$

Moreover, by Proposition 6.1 below, the process Z_β has stationary increments. Relation (2.12) implies that when $\beta \leq \alpha$, it has independent increments, and therefore it is Lévy stable motion in this case.

5. Propositions

Let $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d)$ and $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_d)$ be arbitrary. We assume without loss of generality that $\theta_j \neq 0$, $j = 1, \dots, d$ and $0 < y_1 < \dots < y_d \leq 1$, and set $y_0 = 0$. The following propositions are used in the proof of Theorem 2.3.

Proposition 5.1. *As $T \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim \begin{cases} O(1), & \text{if } \beta < \alpha - 1 \text{ or if } \beta = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty, \\ O(\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx), & \text{if } \beta = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty, \\ I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T), & \text{if } \beta > \alpha - 1, \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

where

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) := \int_0^\infty \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta x^{-\alpha} dx. \quad (5.2)$$

Remark. The term $I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ provides a non-negligible contribution to the limit in (2.9) only when $\beta > \alpha$.

Proof. From (4.3) and (2.4),

$$I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbb{E} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge S_0) \right|^\beta = \mu^{-1} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta P(U > x). \quad (5.3)$$

Suppose first that $\beta \leq \alpha - 1$. Subdivide $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty}$ into $\sum_{x=1}^{T_1}$ and $\sum_{x=T_1+1}^{\infty}$ and call I_1 and I_2 the respective sums. Since $0 \leq x \leq T_1$ implies $T_j \wedge x = x$ for $j = 1, \dots, d$, we have

$$I_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j \right|^\beta \sum_{x=1}^{T_1} x^\beta P(U > x).$$

I_1 is 0 if $\sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j = 0$. If $\sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j \neq 0$, then I_1 is $O(1)$ if $\beta < \alpha - 1$ or if $\beta = \alpha - 1$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty$; $I_1 = O(\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx)$ if $\beta = \alpha - 1$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty$. On the other hand,

$$I_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \begin{cases} o(1), & \text{if } \beta < \alpha - 1 \text{ or } \beta = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty, \\ O(h(T)), & \text{if } \beta = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty, \end{cases}$$

using in the first case $T_j \wedge x \leq x$ and $\sum_{x=T_1+1}^{\infty} x^\beta P(U > x) = o(1)$, and using in the second case $T_j \wedge x \leq T_j \leq T$ and $\sum_{x=T_1+1}^{\infty} P(U > x) = O(T^{1-\alpha} h(T))$. Since $h(T) = o(\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx)$, the term I_2 is negligible with respect to I_1 unless $\sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i = 0$. This completes the proof in the case $\beta \leq \alpha - 1$.

We now turn to the case $\beta > \alpha - 1$. We first show that as $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\tilde{I}(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) := \mu^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta P(U > x) dx \sim I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T),$$

by writing $\int_0^{\infty} = \int_0^{x_0} + \int_{x_0}^{\infty}$ and noting that the first integral is $O(1)$ while the second is asymptotic to $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T)$.

Next, we show that

$$I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) - \tilde{I}(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = o(T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T)). \quad (5.4)$$

By (5.3),

$$\begin{aligned} I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) - \tilde{I}(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mu^{-1} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \int_{x-1}^x \left[\left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta P(U > x) - \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge t) \right|^\beta P(U > t) \right] dt \\ &= N_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) + N_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}), \end{aligned}$$

with

$$N_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} \sum_{x=T_{i-1}+1}^{T_i} \int_{x-1}^x \left[\left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta - \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge t) \right|^\beta \right] P(U > t) dt$$

and

$$N_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} \sum_{x=T_{i-1}+1}^{T_i} \int_{x-1}^x \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta [P(U > x) - P(U > t)] dt.$$

Using the inequality

$$||a|^\beta - |b|^\beta| \leq \begin{cases} |a - b| & \text{if } 0 < \beta \leq 1 \\ \beta|a - b|(|a|^{\beta-1} + |b|^{\beta-1}) & \text{if } 1 < \beta, \end{cases}$$

for real numbers a, b , one can show $N_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = O(T^{(\beta-1)_+})$. Moreover, one can also show that $N_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = O([\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx] \vee T^{\beta-\alpha} h(T))$. Combining these estimates for N_1 and N_2 , one establishes (5.4). Consequently,

$$I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim \tilde{I}(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T). \quad \square$$

We now state the propositions for J_1, J_2 and J_3 and then outline their proofs. Recall that $J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}), J_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$, and $J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ are defined as J in (4.7) with \mathcal{A} replaced by $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \mathcal{A}_3$, respectively (see (4.8)).

Proposition 5.2. *As $T \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim$$

$$\begin{cases} \mu^{-1}(\mathbb{E}U^\beta) \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1}) T, & \text{if } \beta < \alpha \text{ or } \beta = \alpha \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^\infty x^{-1} h(x) < \infty, \\ \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1}) T \int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx, & \text{if } \beta = \alpha \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^\infty x^{-1} h(x) = \infty, \\ J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T), & \text{if } \beta > \alpha, \end{cases} \quad (5.5)$$

where

$$J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) := \sum_{i=1}^d \int_{y_{i-1}}^{y_i} \int_{y_{i-1}}^{y_i} H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) du dx \quad (5.6)$$

and

$$H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) := \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ \right|^\beta \alpha (u - x)_+^{-\alpha-1}. \quad (5.7)$$

Remark. Note that for $i_1 \leq i_2, y_{i_1-1} \leq x \leq y_{i_1}, y_{i_2-1} \leq u \leq y_{i_2}$, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ = \sum_{j=1}^{i_1-1} \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ + \sum_{j=i_1}^{i_2-1} \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ + \sum_{j=i_2}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ = 0 + \sum_{j=i_1}^{i_2-1} \theta_j (y_j - x) + \phi_{i_2} (u - x)_+.$$

Since, when $i_1 = i_2 = i$, this reduces to $\phi_i (u - x)_+$, $J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ defined in (5.6), can also be expressed as

$$J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mu^{-1} \alpha (\beta - \alpha)^{-1} (\beta - \alpha + 1)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta (y_i - y_{i-1})^{\beta-\alpha+1}. \quad (5.8)$$

Proposition 5.3. As $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$J_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim J_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T), \quad (5.9)$$

where

$$J_2(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 - 1 \leq d} \int_{y_{i_1-1}}^{y_{i_1}} \int_{y_{i_2-1}}^{y_{i_2}} H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) du dx \quad (5.10)$$

and $H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u)$ is given by (5.7).

Proposition 5.4. As $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim \begin{cases} O(1), & \text{if } \beta < \alpha - 1 \text{ or if } \beta = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty, \\ O(\int_1^T x^{-1} h(x) dx), & \text{if } \beta = \alpha - 1 \text{ and } \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty, \\ J_3(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T), & \text{if } \beta > \alpha - 1, \end{cases} \quad (5.11)$$

where

$$J_3(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) := \sum_{i=1}^d \int_{y_{i-1}}^{y_i} \int_{y_i}^{y_{i+1}} H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) du dx \quad (5.12)$$

and $H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u)$ is defined by (5.7).

Remark. $J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ and $I(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ are asymptotically proportional in the case $\beta > \alpha - 1$.

In order to prove the propositions involving J_1 , J_2 and J_3 , we express $J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ in (4.7) in a more convenient manner. Suppose throughout that $i_1 \leq i_2$, $T_{i-1} + 1 \leq x \leq T_{i_1}$ and $T_{i_2-1} + 1 \leq u \leq T_{i_2}$, as these constraints obtain in (4.7). Observe, now, that:

- (i) for $j = 1, \dots, i_1 - 1$, we have $(T_j \wedge u - x)_+ = (T_j - x)_+ = 0$;
- (ii) for $j = i_1, \dots, i_2 - 1$, we have $(T_j \wedge u - x)_+ = T_j - x$;
- (iii) for $j = i_2, \dots, d$, we have $(T_j \wedge u - x)_+ = (u - x)_+$.

Using the notation $\phi_i = \sum_{j=i}^d \theta_j$ and $\phi_{d+1} = 0$, we obtain

$$J(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}} \sum_{x=T_{i_1-1}+1}^{T_{i_1}} \sum_{u=T_{i_2-1}+1}^{T_{i_2}} \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=i_1}^{i_2-1} \theta_j (T_j - x) + \phi_{i_2} (u - x)_+ \right|^\beta P(U = u - x). \quad (5.13)$$

To get J_1 , J_2 and J_3 , we replace \mathcal{A} by \mathcal{A}_1 , \mathcal{A}_2 and \mathcal{A}_3 , respectively (see (4.8)).

Proof of Proposition 5.2. Since J_1 is J with \mathcal{A} replaced by $\mathcal{A}_1 = \{(i_1, i_2): i_1 = i_2 = i, 1 \leq i \leq d+1\}$, we obtain, after the change of variables $u \rightarrow u - x$,

$$J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{d+1} \sum_{x=T_{i-1}+1}^{T_i} |\phi_i|^\beta \sum_{u=1}^{T_i-x} u^\beta P(U = u).$$

The inner sum starts at $u = 1$ because $T_{i-1} + 1 - x \leq 0$ and U takes only positive values.

Using $\phi_{d+1} = 0$ and making the further change of variables $x \rightarrow T_i - x$ gives

$$J_1(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \mu^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^d |\phi_i|^\beta \sum_{x=0}^{T_i - T_{i-1} - 1} \sum_{u=1}^x u^\beta P(U = u).$$

We clearly obtain (5.5) when $\beta \leq \alpha$. Now assume $\beta > \alpha$. Since $\sum_{u=1}^x u^\beta P(U = u) \sim \alpha(\beta - \alpha)^{-1} x^{\beta - \alpha} h(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ and $T_i = [Ty_i]$, we obtain (5.5) as $T \rightarrow \infty$, with $J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ given in the form (5.8). It follows, from the remark after Proposition 5.2, that $J_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y})$ can also be expressed as (5.6). This concludes the proof of Proposition 5.2. \square

The proofs of Propositions 5.3 and 5.4 are much more delicate. The basic idea is as follows. If

$$H_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) = \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=i_1}^{i_2-1} \theta_j (T_j - x) + \phi_{i_2}(u - x)_+ \right|^\beta P(U = u - x),$$

then

$$J_\ell(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}_\ell} \sum_{x=T_{i_1-1}+1}^{T_{i_2}} \sum_{u=T_{i_2-1}+1}^{T_{i_2}} H_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, x, u) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}_\ell} \sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} H_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, x, u), \quad (5.14)$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2) = \{(x, u) \in \mathbb{Z}^2: T_{i_1-1} + 1 \leq x \leq T_{i_1}, T_{i_2-1} + 1 \leq u \leq T_{i_2}\}. \quad (5.15)$$

Proceeding as for the term I (see Proposition 5.1), we define ‘continuous’ versions \tilde{H}_T and \tilde{J}_ℓ of H_T and J_ℓ , namely,

$$\tilde{H}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; t, s) = \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=i_1}^{i_2-1} \theta_j (T_j - t) + \phi_{i_2}(s - t) \right|^\beta j(s - t), \quad s, t \geq 0,$$

where

$$j(u) = P(U > u - 1) - P(U > u) = P(U = [u])$$

and

$$\tilde{J}_\ell(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}_\ell} \int_{T_{i_1-1}}^{T_{i_2}} \int_{T_{i_2-1}}^{T_{i_2}} \tilde{H}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) du dx = \sum_{\mathcal{A}_\ell} \sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u \tilde{H}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; t, s) ds dt, \quad (5.16)$$

and show that, for $\ell = 2$ and $\ell = 3$, as $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\tilde{J}_\ell(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \sim J_\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) T^{\beta - \alpha + 1} h(T) \quad (5.17)$$

and

$$J_\ell(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) - \tilde{J}_\ell(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = o(T^{\beta - \alpha + 1} h(T)). \quad (5.18)$$

These last two relations are technically involved. We now present some of the details.

Proof of Proposition 5.3. We must establish (5.17) and (5.18) for $\ell = 2$. (We may assume that T is so large that $T > (y_i - y_{i-1})^{-1}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, d$.) We start with (5.17). Fix $(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A}_2$. Since $u - x$ is bounded away from 0 when

$$T_{i_1-1}/T \leq x \leq T_{i_1}/T < T_{i_2-1}/T \leq u \leq T_{i_2}/T,$$

and since $j(T) \sim \alpha T^{-\alpha-1} h(T)$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$, there is a constant $d_1 > 0$ such that $j(T(u-x))/j(T) \leq d_1(u-x)^{-\alpha-1}$. After the rescaling $x \rightarrow x/T$, $u \rightarrow u/T$, we obtain

$$\int_{T_{i_1-1}}^{T_{i_1}} \int_{T_{i_2-1}}^{T_{i_2}} \tilde{H}_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) du dx = T^{2+\beta} j(T) \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) du dx,$$

where

$$f_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u)$$

$$= \mu^{-1} \left| \sum_{j=i_1}^{i_2-1} \theta_j \left(\frac{T_j}{T} - x \right) + \phi_{i_2}(u-x) \right|^\beta \frac{j(T(u-x))}{j(T)} 1_{[T_{i_1-1}/T, T_{i_1}/T]}(x) 1_{[T_{i_2-1}/T, T_{i_2}/T]}(u)$$

converges, as $T \rightarrow \infty$, to $\alpha^{-1} H(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u) 1_{[y_{i_1-1}, y_{i_1}]}(x) 1_{[y_{i_2-1}, y_{i_2}]}(u)$, with H defined in (5.7). The dominated convergence theorem applies because $u - x$ is bounded away from zero and, hence, for T large enough, $f_T(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}; x, u)$ is uniformly bounded in T . This proves (5.17) for $\ell = 2$.

We now turn to the proof of (5.18) for $\ell = 2$. Set

$$J_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) - \tilde{J}_2(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{\mathcal{A}_2} (D_1(T, i_1, i_2) + D_2(T, i_1, i_2)) \quad (5.19)$$

(we suppress the arguments $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and \mathbf{y}), where

$$D_1(T, i_1, i_2) = \mu^{-1} \sum_{\mathcal{I}_T(i_1, i_2)} \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u (|A_T(x, u)|^\beta - |A_T(t, s)|^\beta) j(s-t) ds dt, \quad (5.20)$$

$$D_2(T, i_1, i_2) = \mu^{-1} \sum_{\mathcal{I}_T(i_1, i_2)} |A_T(x, u)|^\beta \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u [j(u-x) - j(s-t)] ds dt \quad (5.21)$$

and

$$A_T(x, u) = \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (T_j \wedge u - x)_+.$$

One can show that there is a constant $d_2 = d_2(i_1, i_2)$, $(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A}_2$, such that

$$\max_{\mathcal{I}_T(i_1, i_2)} \sup_{\substack{x-1 \leq t \leq x \\ u-1 \leq s \leq u}} ||A_T(x, u)|^\beta - |A_T(t, s)|^\beta| \leq d_2 T^{(\beta-1)_+} \quad (5.22)$$

and

$$\sum_{\mathcal{F}(i_1, i_2)} \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u j(s-t) ds dt \leq \sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} (P(U = u-x-1) + P(U = u-x) + P(U = u-x+1)).$$

Using (5.15), we obtain, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} P(U = u-x) &= \sum_{x=T_{i_1-1}+1}^{T_{i_1}} [P(U > T_{i_2-1} - x) - P(U > T_{i_2} - x)] \\ &= \sum_{x=T_{i_2-1}-T_{i_1}}^{T_{i_2-1}-T_{i_1-1}-1} P(U > x) - \sum_{x=T_{i_2}-T_{i_1}}^{T_{i_2}-T_{i_1-1}-1} P(U > x) \end{aligned} \quad (5.23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\sim (\alpha-1)^{-1} \{(y_{i_2-1} - y_{i_1})^{1-\alpha} - (y_{i_2-1} - y_{i_1-1})^{1-\alpha} - (y_{i_2} - y_{i_1})^{1-\alpha} \\ &\quad + (y_{i_2} - y_{i_1-1})^{1-\alpha}\} T^{1-\alpha} h(T) \end{aligned} \quad (5.24)$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$ (with the usual interpretation $(y_{i_2} - y_{i_1})^{1-\alpha} \equiv 0$ and $(y_{i_2} - y_{i_1-1})^{1-\alpha} \equiv 0$ when $i_2 = d+1$). Observe that the factor in braces in (5.24) is non-zero because $(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A}_2$ (see (4.8)). Hence there is a constant $d'_2 = d'_2(i_1, i_2)$ such that

$$\sum_{\mathcal{F}(i_1, i_2)} \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u j(s-t) ds dt \leq d'_2 T^{1-\alpha} h(T) \quad (5.25)$$

and therefore

$$D_1(T, i_1, i_2) = O(T^{(\beta \vee 1) - \alpha} h(T)). \quad (5.26)$$

One also shows that there are constants $d_3 = d_3(i_1, i_2)$ such that

$$\max_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} |A_T(x, u)|^\beta \leq d_3 T^\beta$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} \left| \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u [j(u-x) - j(s-t)] ds dt \right| &\leq \sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} j(u-x) \int_{x-1}^x \int_{u-1}^u \sup_{\substack{x-1 \leq t \leq x \\ u-1 \leq s \leq u}} \left| 1 - \frac{j(s-t)}{j(u-x)} \right| ds dt \\ &= o\left(\sum_{\mathcal{F}_T(i_1, i_2)} j(u-x) \right) = o(T^{1-\alpha} h(T)) \end{aligned}$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$, since $(s-t)/(u-x)$ is bounded away from 0 in the relevant intervals. Thus,

$$D_2(T, i_1, i_2) = o(T^{\beta-\alpha+1} h(T)). \quad (5.27)$$

as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Relations (5.19), (5.26) and (5.27) imply (5.18) for $\ell = 2$, which concludes the proof of Proposition 5.3. \square

Proof of Proposition 5.4. One must distinguish between the cases $\beta \leq \alpha - 1$ and $\beta > \alpha - 1$. Suppose first $\beta \leq \alpha - 1$. Then J_3 (see (5.14)) can be written

$$J_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) \leq c \sum_{i=1}^d (C_1(T, i, i+1) + C_2(T, i, i+1))$$

where c is a constant,

$$C_1(T, i, i+1) = |\theta_i|^\beta \sum_{\mathcal{T}_T(i, i+1)} (T_i - x)^\beta P(U = u - x)$$

and

$$C_2(T, i, i+1) = |\phi_{i+1}|^\beta \sum_{\mathcal{T}_T(i, i+1)} (u - x)^\beta P(U = u - x).$$

But

$$C_1(T, i, i+1) = |\theta_i|^\beta \left[\sum_{x=T_{i-1}+1}^{T_i} (T_i - x)^\beta P(U > T_i - x) - \sum_{x=T_{i-1}+1}^{T_i} (T_i - x)^\beta P(U > T_{i+1} - x) \right]. \quad (5.28)$$

The first sum in (5.28) is asymptotic to $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^\beta P(U > x) = O(1)$ either if $\beta < \alpha - 1$ or if $\beta = \alpha - 1$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) < \infty$, and to $\int_1^x x^{-1} h(x) dx$ if $\beta = \alpha - 1$ and $\sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x^{-1} h(x) = \infty$. The second sum in (5.28) is bounded by

$$\sum_{x=0}^{T_i - T_{i-1} - 1} x^\beta P(U > T_{i+1} - T_i) = O(T^{\beta - \alpha + 1} h(T)),$$

and has the same upper bounds as the first sum. Estimates of the same type hold for C_2 when $i \leq d - 1$. This concludes the proof for $\beta \leq \alpha - 1$.

Consider now the case $\beta > \alpha - 1$. We must prove (5.17) and (5.18) for $\ell = 3$. Relation (5.17) holds with $\ell = 3$, because writing

$$\tilde{J}_3(T, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \tilde{C}(T, i, i+1),$$

one can show that as $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}(T, i, i+1) &:= \mu^{-1} \int_{T_{i-1}}^{T_i} \int_{T_i}^{T_{i+1}} |\theta_i(T_i - x) + \phi_{i+1}(u - x)|^\beta j(u - x) du dx \\ &\sim \left[\mu^{-1} \int_{y_{i-1}}^{y_i} \int_{y_i}^{y_{i+1}} |\theta_i(y_i - x) + \phi_{i+1}(u - x)|^\beta \alpha(u - x)^{-\alpha-1} du dx \right] T^{\beta - \alpha + 1} h(T). \end{aligned}$$

Let us turn to (5.18) for $\ell = 3$ and $\beta > \alpha - 1$. We are in the case $(i_1, i_2) \in \mathcal{A}_3$ (see (4.8)), that is $i_1 \equiv i$, $i_2 = i + 1$, $1 \leq i \leq d$, which is particularly delicate because it implies $T_{i_2-1} = T_{i_1}$, in the definition (5.15) of $\mathcal{T}_T(i_1, i_2)$. The estimation (5.23) is still valid but (5.24) fails, because now (5.23) converges to the constant μ , and hence one obtains, as $T \rightarrow \infty$,

$$D_1(T, i, i + 1) = O(T^{(\beta-1)_+}).$$

One also shows that

$$D_2(T, i, i + 1) = o(T^{\beta-\alpha+1}h(T)),$$

which concludes the proof of Proposition 5.4. \square

6. Stationarity of the increments

In this section, we use the structure of the (finite-dimensional) characteristic function (2.11) of Z_β to show that this process has stationary increments. Observe that (2.11) defines the finite-dimensional distributions of the process $Z_\beta(y)$ for all $y \geq 0$.

Proposition 6.1. *The processes $\{Z_\beta(y), y \geq 0\}$ have stationary increments.*

Proof. We have to show that

$$\{Z_\beta(y+h) - Z_\beta(h), y \geq 0\} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \{Z_\beta(y) - Z_\beta(0), y \geq 0\}$$

for all $h > 0$. Since $Z_\beta(0) = 0$, it is sufficient to show that for any real $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_d$,

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j [Z_\beta(y_j + h) - Z_\beta(h)] \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j Z_\beta(y_j). \quad (6.1)$$

We will prove equality of the scale parameters. Since this is clearly the case when $\beta \leq \alpha$ (see (2.12)), we can suppose $\beta > \alpha$.

The β th power of the scale parameter of the left-hand side of (6.1) can be written $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) + J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h)$, where

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) = \int_0^\infty \left| -\phi_1(h \wedge x) + \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j [(y_j + h) \wedge x] \right|^\beta x^{-\alpha} dx,$$

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left| -\phi_1(h \wedge u - x)_+ + \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j ((y_j + h) \wedge u - x)_+ \right|^\beta \alpha (u - x)_+^{-\alpha-1} du dx$$

and $\phi_1 = \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j$. We thus have to show that

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) + J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) = I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, 0) + J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, 0). \quad (6.2)$$

Starting with the I -term, make the change of variables $x \rightarrow x - h$ to obtain

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) = \int_{-h}^\infty \left| -\phi_1(h \wedge (x + h)) + \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge x) + \phi_1 h \right|^\beta (x + h)^{-\alpha} dx.$$

Write $\int_{-h}^\infty = \int_{-h}^0 + \int_0^\infty$ and note that $\int_{-h}^0 = 0$, while the integral \int_0^∞ yields

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) = \int_0^\infty \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge x) \right|^\beta (x+h)^{-\alpha} dx.$$

Let us now turn to the J -term and make the change of variables $u \rightarrow u - h$, $x \rightarrow x - h$. We obtain

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h) = \int_{-h}^\infty \int_{-h}^\infty \left| -\phi_1(0 \wedge u - x)_+ + \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x)_+ \right|^\beta \alpha (u - x)^{-\alpha-1} du dx$$

since, for example, $(y_j + h) \wedge (u + h) - (x + h) = y_j \wedge u - x$. Now write

$$\int_{-h}^\infty \int_{-h}^\infty = \int_{-h}^0 \int_{-h}^0 + \int_0^\infty \int_{-h}^0 + \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty + \int_{-h}^0 \int_0^\infty$$

and note that the first two integrals are identically zero. The third integral equals $J(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, 0)$, while the fourth is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-h}^0 \int_0^\infty \left| \phi_1 x + \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u - x) \right|^\beta \alpha (u - x)^{-\alpha-1} du dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u) \right|^\beta du \int_{-h}^0 \alpha (u - x)^{-\alpha-1} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left| \sum_{j=1}^d \theta_j (y_j \wedge u) \right|^\beta [u^{-\alpha} - (u + h)^{-\alpha}] du \\ &= I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, 0) - I(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{y}, h). \end{aligned}$$

This establishes (6.2) and proves that Z_β has stationary increments. \square

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