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Brownian motion as a two-dimensional object

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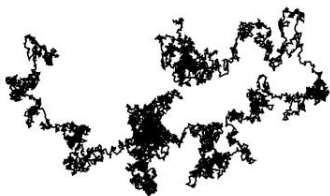
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Signature as a transform on rough paths:

$$\text{Sig}(X) = (1, \int_0^T dX_{t_1}, \int_0^T \int_0^{t_2} dX_{t_1} \otimes dX_{t_2}, \dots).$$

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Theorem: (Hambly, Lyons, Geng, Yang, B.) If

$$\text{Sig}(X|_{[0,T]}) = \text{Sig}(\tilde{X}|_{[0,T]}),$$

then for all smooth V ,

$$dY_t = V(Y_t)dX_t, \quad Y_0 = y$$

$$d\tilde{Y}_t = V(\tilde{Y}_t)d\tilde{X}_t, \quad \tilde{Y}_0 = y$$

we have $Y_T = \tilde{Y}_T$.

Applicaion: Chinese handwriting recognition.

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- **Hambly-Lyons Theorem :** $X \in C^1, X' \neq 0$,

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- Non-commutativity of \otimes important!

Lower bound for iterated integrals

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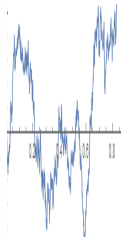
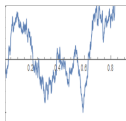
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- Let $(M_i)_{i=1}^d$ be constant matrices such that

$$\sup_{\|x\| \leq 1, \|y\| \leq 1} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^d M_i x^i y \right\| \leq 1, \quad \|Y_0\| \leq 1,$$

$$\text{and } dY_t^\lambda = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^d M_i Y_t^\lambda dX_t^i, \text{ then}$$

$$\limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \|Y_T^\lambda\|}{\lambda} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|n! \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_1} dX_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dX_{t_n}\|^{1/n}.$$



Hyperbolic development

- Hambly-Lyons considers “Hyperbolic development”:

$$dY_t^\lambda = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & dX_t^1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & dX_t^d \\ dX^1 & \dots & dX_t^d & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y_t^\lambda, \quad Y_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- Dynamical system argument \implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{length}(X|_{[0, T]}) \\ &= \limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \|Y_T^\lambda\|}{\lambda} \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|n! \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_1} dX_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dX_{t_n}\|^{1/n}. \end{aligned}$$

Large noise asymptotics

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- **Generally**, if X is a p -rough path, $(M_i)_{i=1}^d$ constant matrices,

$$dY_t^\lambda = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^d M_i Y_t^\lambda dX_t^i$$

$$\|Y_0\| \leq 1, \quad \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1, \|y\| \leq 1} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^d M_i x^i y \right\| \leq 1$$

$$\limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \|Y_T^\lambda\|}{\lambda^p} \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{n}{p}! \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_1} dX_{t_1} \dots dX_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{p}{n}}.$$

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- Question: What about Brownian motion?
- If

$$dY_t^\lambda = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \circ dB_t^1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \circ dB_t^d \\ \circ dB^1 & \dots & \circ dB_t^d & 0 \end{pmatrix} Y_t^\lambda, \quad Y_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(d-1)T}{2} &\leq \limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \|Y_T^\lambda\|}{\lambda^2} \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{n!}{2} \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_1} \circ dB_{t_1} \dots \circ dB_{t_n} \right\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

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- **Key step:** Use martingale method to find for $\mu < 0$

$$\mathbb{E}(\|Y_T^\lambda\|^\mu).$$

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- If \bullet is Itô, consider instead

$$dY_t^\lambda = -\lambda X_t^\lambda \sum_{i=1}^d \bullet dB_t^i, \quad Y_0^\lambda = 1$$

$$dX_t^\lambda = \lambda Y_t^\lambda \sum_{i=1}^d \bullet dB_t^i, \quad X_0^\lambda = 0.$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT}{2} &\leq \limsup_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \|(X_T^\lambda, Y_T^\lambda)\|}{\lambda^2} \\ &\leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{n!}{2} \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_1} \bullet dB_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \bullet dB_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{2}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem:

For Stratonovitch iterated integral, a.s.

$$\frac{d-1}{2} T \leq \limsup_n \left\| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_0^T \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \circ dB_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \circ dB_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

and for Itô,

$$\frac{d}{2} T \leq \limsup_n \left\| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_0^T \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \bullet dB_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \bullet dB_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{2}{n}}.$$

Question: What about upper bound?

Upper bound

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- G. Ben Arous's bounds:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \left(\int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_2} \bullet dB_{t_1}^{i_1} \dots \bullet dB_{t_n}^{i_n} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{d^n T^n}{n!}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} \left(\int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_2} \circ dB_{t_1}^{i_1} \dots \circ dB_{t_n}^{i_n} \right)^2 \right] \leq \frac{5^n d^n T^n}{2^n n!}$$

implies a.s.

$$\limsup_n \left\| \frac{n}{2}! \int_0^T \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \bullet dB_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \bullet dB_{t_n} \right\|_{\frac{2}{n}} \leq \frac{d^2}{2} T$$

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- Question: Is the limsup in fact *deterministic*?

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- One dimensional case: $\bullet = \text{Itô}$,

$$\limsup_n \left| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_0^t \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} dB_{t_1} \bullet \dots \bullet dB_{t_n} \right|^{\frac{2}{n}} = \frac{1}{2}t.$$

- = Stratonovitch,

$$\limsup_n \left| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_0^t \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} dB_{t_1} \circ \dots \circ dB_{t_n} \right|^{\frac{2}{n}} = 0.$$

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$\circ = \text{Stratonovitch}$,

$$\limsup_n \left| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_0^t \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} dB_{t_1} \circ \dots \circ dB_{t_n} \right|^{\frac{2}{n}} = 0.$$

- **Question:** limsup still deterministic for high dimensions?

Main result

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Theorem: (B. and X. Geng)

Let B_t be a d -dim Brownian motion Then there exists **deterministic** $C < \infty$, a.s. for all t

$$\limsup_n \left\| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_0^t \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \circ dB_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \circ dB_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{2}{n}} = Ct.$$

Also true for Itô integrals, and adding any bounded drift to B_t .

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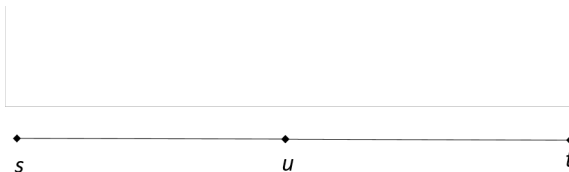
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■ Key Lemma: If

$$A(s, t) = \limsup_n \left\| \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \int_s^t \int_s^{t_1} \dots \int_s^{t_{n-1}} dB_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dB_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{2}{n}},$$

then

$$A(s, t) \leq A(s, u) + A(u, t).$$



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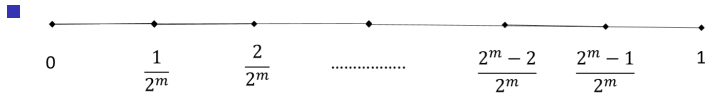
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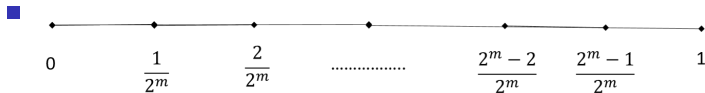
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■ As $A(s, t) \leq A(s, u) + A(u, t)$,

$$\implies A(0, 1) \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{i=0}^{2^m-1} 2^m A\left(\frac{i}{2^m}, \frac{i+1}{2^m}\right).$$

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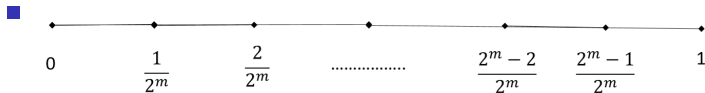
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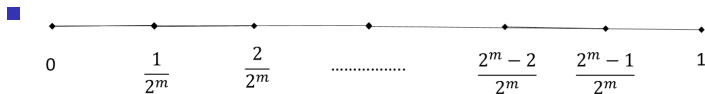
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■ $\{2^m A(\frac{i}{2^m}, \frac{i+1}{2^m})\}_{i=0}^{2^m}$ are i.i.d \implies R.H.S. is $\mathbb{E}[A(0, 1)]$.

$$A(0, 1) \leq \mathbb{E}(A(0, 1)) \implies A(0, 1) \text{ deterministic.}$$

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$$\limsup_n \left\| \left(\frac{n}{p}\right)! \int_0^T \int_0^{t_n} \dots \int_0^{t_1} dX_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dX_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{p}{n}}?$$

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- Is

$$\omega(s, t) = \limsup_n \left\| \left(\frac{n}{p}\right)! \int_s^t \int_s^{t_n} \dots \int_s^{t_1} dX_{t_1} \otimes \dots \otimes dX_{t_n} \right\|^{\frac{p}{n}}$$

a more natural notion of “length” for rough paths?

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a more natural notion of “length” for rough paths?

- Generalise length and quadratic variation;
- Advantages over p -variation:
 - Additive: $\omega(s, u) + \omega(u, t) = \omega(s, t)$;

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Open problem: Lower bound