

List 9

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Definition 1 (Fractional Brownian motion, FBM). [Samorodnitsky, Taqqu 1994] Let $H \in (0, 1)$. Then standard fractional Brownian motion $\{B_H(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ has the integral representation

$$B_H(t) = \frac{1}{C_H} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left((t-x)_+^{H-1/2} - (-x)_+^{H-1/2} \right) Z_2(dx), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where

$$C_H = \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} \left((1+x)^{H-1/2} - x^{H-1/2} \right)^2 dx + \frac{1}{2H} \right\}^{1/2}.$$

When $H = 1/2$, $C_{1/2} = 1$ and such representation is to be interpreted $\int_0^t Z_2(dx)$ if $t \geq 0$ or $-\int_t^0 Z_2(dx)$ if $t < 0$, that is as a integral representation of Brownian motion.

Definition 2 (Fractional α -stable motion, FSM). Let $H \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha \in (0, 2]$. Then fractional α -stable motion $\{L_H(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ has the integral representation

$$L_H(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left((t-x)_+^{H-1/\alpha} - (-x)_+^{H-1/\alpha} \right) Z_{\alpha}(dx), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that for $\alpha = 2$ you obtain fractional Brownian motion (up to a constant).

Definition 3 (Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process). Process $\{X(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is called α -stable Ornstein-Uhlenbeck if it has the following representation

$$X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\lambda(t-x)} dZ_{\alpha}(x), \text{ or equivalently}$$
$$X(t) - X(s)e^{-\lambda(t-s)} = \int_s^t e^{-\lambda(t-x)} dZ_{\alpha}(x)$$

Your task is to simulate $\{X(t)\}$ for $t \geq 0$ assuming some $X(0) = X_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Problem 1 (Integral representation of stable process). Using integral representation simulate (approximate) the following processes:

- *fractional Brownian motion;*
- *fractional α -stable motion;*
- *Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process.*

Problem 2. *Apply previously considered estimators:*

- *quantile lines,*
- *characteristic function,*

and consider estimation of autocorrelation function (or autocodifference). Apply them to either process or its increments (whichever is more appropriate).