

Study of the Convergence of the Increments of Gaussian Process

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Abstract

Let $\{X(t); t \geq 0\}$ be a Gaussian process with stationary increments $E\{X(t+s) - X(t)\}^2 = \sigma^2(s)$.

Let $a_t (t \geq 0)$ be a nondecreasing function of t with $0 \leq a_t \leq t$. This paper aims to study the almost

sure behaviour of $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_k}} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} |X(t_k + s) - X(t_k)|$ where

$$\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} = \left[2\sigma^2(a_{t_k}) \left(\log(t_k/a_{t_k}) + \alpha \log \log t_k + (1-\alpha) \log \log a_{t_k} \right) \right]^{-1/2}$$

with $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and $\{t_k\}$ is an increasing sequence diverging to ∞ .

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1. Introduction

Let $\{W(t); t \geq 0\}$ be a standard Wiener process. Suppose that $a_t (t \geq 0)$ is a nondecreasing function of t such that $0 < a_t \leq t$ with a_t/t is nonincreasing and $\{t_k\}$ is an increasing sequence diverging to ∞ . In [1] the following results are established.

i) If $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (t_{k+1} - t_k)/a_{t_k} < 1$, then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_k}} \lambda_{(t_k, \alpha)} |W(t_k + s) - W(t_k)| = 1 \quad a.s. \quad (1)$$

and

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{(t_k, \alpha)} |W(t_k + a_{t_k}) - W(t_k)| = 1 \quad a.s. \tag{2}$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and

$$\lambda_{(t_k, \alpha)} = \left[2a_{t_k} \left(\log(t_k/a_{t_k}) + \alpha \log \log t_k + (1-\alpha) \log \log a_{t_k} \right) \right]^{-1/2}.$$

ii) If $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (t_{k+1} - t_k)/a_{t_k} > 1$, then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_{(t_k, \alpha)} |W(t_k + a_{t_k}) - W(t_k)| = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_k}} \lambda_{(t_k, \alpha)} |W(t_k + s) - W(t_k)| = \varepsilon^* \quad a.s.,$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $\varepsilon^* = \inf \left\{ \gamma > 0 : \sum_k (g_\alpha(t_k))^{-\gamma^2} < \infty \right\}$ and $g_\alpha(t_k) = t_k (\log t_k)^\alpha (\log a_{t_k})^{1-\alpha} / a_{t_k}$.

In this paper the limit theorems on increments of a Wiener process due to [1] are developed to the case of a Gaussian process. This can be considered also as an extension of the results to Gaussian processes obtained in [2]. Throughout this paper, we shall always assume the following statements: Let $\{X(t); t \geq 0\}$ be an almost surely continuous Gaussian process with $X(0) = 0$, $E\{X(t)\} = 0$ and $E\{X(t+s) - X(t)\}^2 = \sigma^2(s)$, where $\sigma(s)$ is a function of $s \geq 0$. Further we assume that $\sigma(t)$, $t \geq 0$, is a nondecreasing continuous concave, regularly varying function at exponent $\tau (0 < \tau < 1)$ at ∞ (e.g., if $\{X(t); t \geq 0\}$ is a standard Wiener process, then $\sigma(t) = \sqrt{t}$).

Let $a_t (t > 0)$ be a nondecreasing function of t with $0 < a_t \leq t$. For large t , let us denote

$$\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} = \left[2\sigma^2(a_{t_k}) (\log h_\alpha(t)) \right]^{-1/2}$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and $h_\alpha(t) = t (\log t)^\alpha (\log a_t)^{1-\alpha} / a_t$ is an increasing function of t .

We define two continuous parameter processes $Y_1(t)$ and $Y_2(t)$ by

$$Y_1(t) = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_t} |X(t+s) - X(t)|$$

and

$$Y_2(t) = |X(t + a_t) - X(t)|.$$

2. Main Results

In this section we provide the following two theorems which are the main results. We concern here with the development of the limit theorems of a Wiener process to the case of a Gaussian process under consideration the above given assumptions.

Theorem 1. Let $a_t (t > 0)$ be a nondecreasing function of t where $0 < a_t \leq t$ with the nonincreasing function a_t/t and let $\{t_k\}$ be any increasing sequence diverging to ∞ such that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (t_{k+1} - t_k)/a_{t_k} < 1, \tag{3}$$

then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_1(t_k) = 1 \quad a.s. \tag{4}$$

and

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_2(t_k) = 1 \quad a.s., \tag{5}$$

where $\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} = \left[2\sigma^2(a_{t_k}) (\log h_\alpha(t)) \right]^{-1/2}$.

We note that $\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} \geq \lambda_{(t_k, \alpha)}$ for large k in case of the Wiener process. It is interesting to compare (1) and (2) with (4) and (5) respectively.

Theorem 2. Let $a_t (t > 0)$ be a nondecreasing function of t where $0 < a_t \leq t$ with the nonincreasing function a_t/t and let $\{t_k\}$ be an increasing sequence diverging to ∞ such that

$$\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (t_{k+1} - t_k)/a_{t_k} > 1, \tag{6}$$

then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_1(t_k) = \varepsilon^{**} \quad a.s. \tag{7}$$

and

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_2(t_k) = \varepsilon^{**} \quad a.s., \tag{8}$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and $\varepsilon^{**} = \inf \left\{ \gamma > 0 : \sum_k (h_\alpha(t_k))^{-\gamma^2} < \infty \right\}$.

3. Proofs

In order to prove Theorems 1 and 2, we need to give the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. (See [3]). For any small $\varepsilon' > 0$ there exists a positive $C_{\varepsilon'}$ depending on ε' such that for all $u > 0$

$$P \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq s \leq m} \left| \frac{X(t+s) - X(t)}{\sigma(m)} \right| > u \right\} \leq C_{\varepsilon'} u e^{-u^2/(2+\varepsilon')},$$

where m is any large number and $\{X(t); t \geq 0\}$ is defined above.

Lemma 2. (See [4]) Let $\{X(t); t \in T\}$ and $\{Y(t); t \in T\}$ be centered Gaussian processes such that $EX^2(t) = EY^2(t)$ for all $t \in T$ and $E\{X(t)X(s)\} \leq E\{Y(t)Y(s)\}$ for all $s, t \in T$. Then for any real number u

$$P \left\{ \sup_{t \in T} X(t) \leq u \right\} \leq P \left\{ \sup_{t \in T} Y(t) \leq u \right\}.$$

Proof of Theorem 1. Firstly, we prove that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} |Y_1(t_k)| \leq 1 \quad a.s. \tag{9}$$

For any $\{t_k\}$ with the condition (3), we define an increasing sequence $\{u_k\}$ by

$$0 < u_k < t_k \leq u_{k+1} \text{ and } a_{u_k} < t_{k+1} - t_k, k \geq 1.$$

For instance, let $t_k = k^\beta$ for some $\beta \geq 1$,

$$u_k = \left(\frac{k}{k+1} \right)^\beta t_k \text{ and } a_{u_k} = \left(\frac{k+1}{k+2} \right)^\beta t_k.$$

The condition (3) is satisfied, and for large k , $u_k < t_k \leq u_{k+1}$ and $a_{u_k} < a_{t_k} < t_k$. By Lemma 1, we have, for any small $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P \left\{ \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_1(u_k) \leq 1 + \varepsilon \right\} &= P \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{u_k}} \frac{X(u_k+s) - X(u_k)}{\sigma(a_{u_k})} \leq (1 + \varepsilon) (2 \log h_\alpha(t))^{1/2} \right\} \\ &\geq 1 - 2C_\varepsilon (h_\alpha(u_k))^{-2(1+\varepsilon)^2/(2+\varepsilon)} \geq \exp(-C'(h_\alpha(u_k))^{-1}) \\ &\geq \exp\left(-C' / \left((\log u_k)^\alpha (\log a_{u_k})^{1-\alpha} \right)\right) \\ &\geq \exp\left(-C' (\log u_k / \log a_{u_k})^{1-\alpha} (1/\log u_k)\right) \\ &\geq \exp\left(-C' (\log u_k / \log a_{u_k}) (1/\log u_k)\right) \\ &\geq \exp\left(-C' (\log a_{u_k})^{-1}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where k is large enough and C' is a constant. By the definition of a_{u_k} , $S = \sum_k \exp\left(-C'(\log a_{u_k})^{-1}\right) = \infty$.

We shall follow the similar proof process as in [5]. Set

$$S = \sum_k \exp\left(-C'(\log a_{u_{2k-1}})^{-1}\right) + \sum_k \exp\left(-C'(\log a_{u_{2k}})^{-1}\right) = S_1 + S_2.$$

Since $\{a_{u_k}\}$ is an increasing sequence, the fact that $S = \infty$ implies $S_1 = S_2 = \infty$. Consider the odd subsequence $\{t_{2k-1}\}$ of $\{t_k\}$ and define the sequence of events $\{A_k\}$ in the following form

$$A_k = \left\{ \beta_{(t_{2k-1}, \alpha)} Y_1(t_{2k-1}) \leq 1 + \varepsilon \right\}.$$

By (10), for large k we have

$$P(A_k) \geq \exp\left(-C''(\log a_{t_{2k-1}})^{-1}\right)$$

where C'' is a constant. From the fact $u_{2k-1} < t_{2k-1} \leq u_{2k}$, it is clear that

$$P(A_k) \geq \exp\left(-C''(\log a_{u_{2k-1}})^{-1}\right).$$

Since $S_1 = \infty$, we get $\sum_k P(A_k) = \infty$. Also,

$$t_{2k-1} + a_{t_{2k-1}} \leq u_{2k} + a_{u_{2k}} < t_{2k} + a_{u_{2k}} = t_{2k+1}. \tag{11}$$

Setting

$$A'_k = \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_{2k-1}}} \beta_{(t_{2k-1}, \alpha)} (X(t_{2k-1} + s) - X(t_{2k-1})) \leq 1 + \varepsilon \right\}$$

and

$$A''_k = \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_{2k-1}}} \beta_{(t_{2k-1}, \alpha)} (X(t_{2k-1} + s) - X(t_{2k-1})) \geq -1 - \varepsilon \right\},$$

we have

$$\sum_k P(A'_k) = \sum_k P(A''_k) = \infty.$$

Let

$$X_1 = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_{2k-1}}} (X(t_{2k-1} + s) - X(t_{2k-1})) = (X(t_{2k-1} + s_1) - X(t_{2k-1})),$$

and

$$X_2 = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{t_{2k+1}}} (X(t_{2k+1} + s) - X(t_{2k+1})) = (X(t_{2k+1} + s_2) - X(t_{2k+1})).$$

Then, by (11) and the concavity of $\sigma^2(t)$ we find that

$$\begin{aligned} Cov(X_1, X_2) &= E\{X(t_{2k+1} + s_2)X(t_{2k-1} + s_1)\} - E\{X(t_{2k+1} + s_2)X(t_{2k-1})\} \\ &\quad - E\{X(t_{2k+1})X(t_{2k-1} + s_1)\} + E\{X(t_{2k+1})X(t_{2k-1})\} \\ &= 1/2\{\sigma^2(t_{2k+1} - t_{2k-1} + s_2) - \sigma^2(t_{2k+1} - t_{2k-1} + s_2 - s_1)\} \\ &\quad - 1/2\{\sigma^2(t_{2k+1} - t_{2k-1}) - \sigma^2(t_{2k+1} - t_{2k-1} - s_1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies that $Cov(X_1, X_2) \leq 0$. Using Lemma 2, we obtain

$$P(A'_k \cap A'_l) \leq P(A'_k)P(A'_l) \text{ and } P(A''_k \cap A''_l) \leq P(A''_k)P(A''_l)$$

where $k \neq l$. It follows from the Borel-Cantelli lemma that

$$-1 - \varepsilon \leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_{2k-1}} \beta_{(t_{2k-1}, \alpha)} (X(t_{2k-1} + s) - X(t_{2k-1})) \leq 1 + \varepsilon, \quad a.s.$$

Also, the same result for the even subsequence $\{t_{2k}\}$ of $\{t_k\}$ is easily obtained. Therefore we have (9). To finish the proof of Theorem 1, we need to prove

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_2(t_k) \geq 1 \quad a.s. \tag{12}$$

The proof of (12) is similar to the provided proof in [1]. Thus the proof of Theorem 1 is complete.

Proof of Theorem 2. Firstly, we prove that

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_1(t_k) \leq \varepsilon^{**} \quad a.s. \tag{13}$$

According to Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P\{\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_1(t_k) \geq \varepsilon^{**} + \varepsilon\} &= P\left\{\sup_{0 \leq s \leq a_k} \frac{X(t_k + s) - X(t_k)}{\sigma(a_k)} \geq (\varepsilon^{**} + \varepsilon)(2 \log h_\alpha(t_k))^{1/2}\right\} \\ &\leq 2C_\varepsilon (h_\alpha(t_k))^{-2(\varepsilon^{**} + \varepsilon)^2 / (2 + \varepsilon)} \\ &\leq 2C_\varepsilon (h_\alpha(t_k))^{-2(\varepsilon^{**} + \varepsilon_1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

provided k is large enough, where $\varepsilon > 0$ and $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon^{3/2}$.

From the definition of ε^{**} , it follows that

$$\sum_k P\{\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} Y_1(t_k) \geq \varepsilon^{**} + \varepsilon\} < \infty.$$

Thus, (13) is immediate by using Borel Cantelli lemma.

To finish the proof of Theorem 2 we need to prove

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} (X(t_k + a_{t_k}) - X(a_{t_k})) \geq \varepsilon^{**}, \quad a.s. \tag{14}$$

Let

$$\Phi(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_u^{+\infty} e^{-x^2/2} dx, \quad u \geq 0.$$

Using the well known probability inequality

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(u+1)} e^{-u^2/2} \leq \Phi(u) \leq \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(u+1)} e^{-u^2/2}, \quad u \geq 0$$

(see [6]), one can find positive constants C and K such that, for all $k \geq K$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_k) &= P\left\{\frac{X(t_k + a_{t_k}) - X(a_{t_k})}{\sigma(a_k)} \geq (\varepsilon^{**} - \varepsilon)(2 \log h_\alpha(t_k))^{1/2}\right\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \{(\varepsilon^{**} - \varepsilon)(2 \log h_\alpha(t_k))^{1/2} + 1\}^{-1} (h_\alpha(t_k))^{-(\varepsilon^{**} - \varepsilon)^2} \\ &\geq C (h_\alpha(t_k))^{-(\varepsilon^{**} - \varepsilon')^2} \end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \varepsilon' < \varepsilon < \varepsilon^{**}$ and $B_k = \{\beta_{(t_k, \alpha)} (X(t_k + a_{t_k}) - X(a_{t_k})) \geq (\varepsilon^{**} - \varepsilon)\}$. By the definition of ε^{**} , we have $\sum_k P(B_k) = \infty$.

The condition (6) implies that there exists $K > 0$ such that $t_{k+1} \geq t_k + a_{t_k}$ for all $k \geq K$. So, using Lemma 2

and the concavity of $\sigma^2(t)$, we obtain

$$P(B_k \cap B_l) \leq P(B_k)P(B_l),$$

where $k \neq l$ and Borel-Cantelli lemma implies (14). If $\varepsilon^{**} = 0$, then Theorem 2 is immediate. Thus the proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

4. Some Results for Partial Sums of Stationary Gaussian Sequence

In this section we obtain similar results as Theorems 1 and 2 for the case of partial sums of a stationary Gaussian sequence. Let $\{X_n\}$ be a stationary Gaussian sequence with $X_0 = 0$, $E\{X_1\} = 0$, $E\{X_1^2\} = 1$ and $E\{X_1 X_{1+n}\} \leq 0$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. We define $S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ with $S(0) = 0$ and set $\sigma^2(n) = E\{S^2(n)\}$. Assume that $\sigma(n)$ can be extended to a continuous function $\sigma(t)$ with $t > 0$ which is nondecreasing and regularly varying with exponent τ ($0 < \tau < 1$) at ∞ . Suppose that $\{a_n\}$ is a nondecreasing sequence of positive integers such that $0 \leq a_n \leq n$. For large n , we define

$$\beta_{(n, \alpha)} = [2\sigma^2(a_n)(\log h_\alpha(n))]^{-1/2},$$

where $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and $h_\alpha(n) = n(\log n)^\alpha (\log a_n)^{1-\alpha} / a_n$ is an increasing function of n and also we define discrete time parameter processes by

$$Y_1(n_k) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq a_{n_k}} |S(n_k + j) - S(n_k)|$$

and

$$Y_1(n_k) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq a_{n_k}} |S(n_k + a_{n_k}) - S(n_k)|,$$

respectively, where $\{n_k\}$ is an increasing sequence of positive integers diverging to ∞ . By the same way as in the proofs of Theorems 1 and 2, we obtain the following results.

Theorem 3. Under the above statements of $\{X_n\}$, $\beta_{(n, \alpha)}$ and $Y_i(n_k)$, $i = 1, 2$, for $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ we have the following:

i) If $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} (n_{k+1} - n_k) / a_{n_k} < 1$, then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(n_k, \alpha)} Y_i(n_k) = 1 \quad a.s., \quad i = 1, 2.$$

ii) If $\liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} (n_{k+1} - n_k) / a_{n_k} > 1$, then

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta_{(n_k, \alpha)} Y_i(n_k) \leq \varepsilon^{**} \quad a.s., \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where

$$\varepsilon^{**} = \inf \left\{ \gamma > 0 : \sum_k (h_\alpha(n_k))^{-\gamma^2} < \infty \right\}.$$

Example. Let $\{X(t); 0 \leq t < \infty\}$ be a fractional Brownian motion with the covariance function $E\{X(t)X(s)\} = \left\{ |t|^\tau + |s|^\tau - |t-s|^\tau \right\} / 2$, $0 < \tau < 1$. Then

$$E\{X(t) - S(s)\}^2 = |t-s|^\tau.$$

Define random variables

$$X_0 = 0,$$

$$X_n = X_{(n)} - X_{(n-1)}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$S(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \text{and} \quad S(0) = 0.$$

Then

$$\sigma^2(n) = E\{S^2(n)\} = E\{X^2(n)\} = n^\tau$$

and $\{X_n; n=1,2,\dots\}$ is a stationary Gaussian sequence with $E\{X_1\} = 0$, $E\{X_1^2\} = 1$ and $E\{(X_1 X_{1+n})\} \leq 0$ for all $n=1,2,\dots$. So we have Theorem 3.

In particular if $\tau = 1/2$, then $\{X_n; n=1,2,\dots\}$ is an i.i.d. Gaussian sequence with $E\{X_1\} = 0$ and $E\{X_1^2\} = 1$.

5. Conclusion

In this paper, we developed some limit theorems on increments of a Wiener process to the case of a Gaussian process. Moreover, we obtained similar results of these limit theorems for the case of partial sums of a stationary Gaussian sequence. Some obtained results can be considered as extensions of some previous given results to Gaussian processes.

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