

# Density estimates for the exponential functionals of fractional Brownian motion

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Based on the techniques of Malliavin calculus, we estimated for the density function of  $F$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

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In the whole paper, we assume  $H > \frac{1}{2}$ . Under this assumption, fBm admits the Volterra representation

$$B_t^H = \int_0^t K(t, s) dB_s, \quad (2)$$

where  $(B_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a standard Brownian motion and for some normalizing constant  $c_H$ , the kernel  $K$  is given by

$$K(t, s) = c_H s^{1/2-H} \int_s^t (u-s)^{H-\frac{3}{2}} u^{H-\frac{1}{2}} du, \quad 0 < s \leq t \leq T. \quad (3)$$



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For any  $p, k \geq 1$ , we shall denote by  $\mathbb{D}^{k,p}$  the closure of  $\mathcal{S}$  with respect to the norm

$$\|F\|_{k,p}^p := E|F|^p + E\left[\int_0^T |D_{t_1} F|^p dt_1\right] + \dots + E\left[\int_0^T \dots \int_0^T |D_{t_1, \dots, t_k}^k F|^p dt_1 \dots dt_k\right]. \quad (7)$$

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Moreover, any  $F, G \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$ , we have the following covariance formula

$$\text{Cov}(F, G) = E \left[ \int_0^T D_s F E[D_s G | \mathcal{F}_s] ds \right]. \quad (9)$$

## 2.2. Some general results

In order to obtain the density estimates for exponential functionals we need the following general results.

### Proposition 2.1.

*Let  $q, \alpha, \beta$  be three positive real numbers such that  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$ . Let  $F$  be a random variable in the space  $\mathbb{D}^{2,\alpha}$ , such that  $E[\|DF\|_H^{-2\beta}] < \infty$ . Then the density  $\rho_F(x)$  of  $F$  can be estimated as follows*

$$\rho_F(x) \leq c_{q,\alpha,\beta} (P(F \leq x))^{1/q} \times \left( E[\|DF\|_H^{-1}] + \|D^2F\|_{L^\alpha(\Omega; H \otimes H)} \| \|DF\|_H^{-2} \|_\beta \right), x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (10)$$

*where  $c_{q,\alpha,\beta}$  is a positive constant and  $H = L^2[0, T]$ .*



## 2.2. Some general results

### Proposition 2.2.

Let  $F \in \mathbb{D}^{2,4}$  be such that  $E[F] = 0$ . Define the random variable

$$\Phi_F := \int_0^T D_s F E[D_s F | \mathcal{F}_s] ds. \quad (11)$$

Assume that  $\Phi_F \neq 0$  a.s. and the random variables  $\frac{F}{\Phi_F}$  and  $\frac{1}{\Phi_F^2} \int_0^T D_s \Phi_F E[D_s F | \mathcal{F}_s] ds$  belong to  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Then the law of  $F$  has a continuous density given by

$$\rho_F(x) = \rho_F(0) \exp\left(-\int_0^x h_F(z) dz\right) \exp\left(-\int_0^x w_F(z) dz\right), \quad x \in \text{supp } \rho_F, \quad (12)$$

where the functions  $w_F$  and  $h_F$  are defined by

$$w_F(z) := E\left[\frac{F}{\Phi_F} \mid F = z\right], \quad h_F(z) := E\left[\frac{1}{\Phi_F^2} \int_0^T D_s \Phi_F E[D_s F | \mathcal{F}_s] ds \mid F = z\right]. \quad (13)$$

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#### Proposition 3.1.

$$0 \leq D_\theta X \leq \sigma K(T, \theta) \text{ a.s.} \quad (15)$$

$$0 \leq D_r D_\theta X \leq 2\sigma^2 K(T, \theta) K(T, r) \text{ a.s.} \quad (16)$$

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#### Lemma 3.1.

*Define*

$$M_r := E[F|\mathcal{F}_r] = E\left[\int_0^T e^{as+\sigma B_s^H} ds \middle| \mathcal{F}_r\right], \quad 0 \leq r \leq T.$$

*Then, for every  $p \geq 2$ , we have*

$$E\left[\left(\max_{0 \leq r \leq T} M_r\right)^p\right] \leq C < \infty, \quad (17)$$

*where  $C$  is a positive constant depending on  $p, T, a, \sigma$  and  $H$ .*

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#### Proposition 3.2.

Let  $X$  be as in Proposition (3.1). We define  $\Phi_X := \int_0^T D_s X E[D_s X | \mathcal{F}_s] ds$ . Then,

$$|\Phi_X|^{-1} \in L^p(\Omega), \quad \forall p \geq 1.$$

We also have

$$\left( \int_0^T |D_\theta X|^2 d\theta \right)^{-1} \in L^p(\Omega), \quad \forall p \geq 1.$$

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