

On a global estimate for Fourier transforms of smooth rough paths

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What is Smooth Rough Path?

- ▶ A “smooth rough path” is actually **smooth**.
- ▶ But it is actually a **rough path** in the sense of Rough Path Theory.
- ▶ It means the smooth path that satisfies the **rough path estimates**.

The control function $\omega(s, t)$

You know our famous control function $\omega(s, t)$ of rough path theory.

So, we skip the definition!

(But, remember the important property:

$$\omega(s, u) + \omega(u, t) \leq \omega(s, t)$$

for $s \leq u \leq t$.)

Minimal definition of Smooth rough paths

Let $p \geq 1$ be a real number. Let $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ be an infinitely differentiable function and $F_{s,t}^i$ be the i th iterated integral:

$$F_{s,t}^i = \int \cdots \int_{s < u_1 < \cdots < u_i < t} dF_{u_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes dF_{u_i} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

and let $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_i$ be the norm in the i th tensor product space of \mathbb{R}^d .

If there exists a control function ω with a constant M such that

$$\|F_{s,t}^i\|^{p/i} \leq \omega(s, t) < M < \infty \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor p \rfloor)$$

for **any** $-\infty < s < t < \infty$, we call F a (p) -smooth rough path with a **global** control ω .

(That is all. We need not assume the Chen's identity because it always holds by Chen's theorem for smooth paths.)

What for?

- ▶ A toy model of the (serious) rough path theory.
 - ▶ Easy to define. (Need not functional analytic setting, etc.)
 - ▶ Easy to study. (You can freely use any analytic technique. After that, consider what the essential points are as rough paths.)
- ▶ Interesting as itself.
 - ▶ Study the global oscillation of a path.
 - ▶ Another possibility of the power of 'rough path theory'

A secret motivation (related to Nonlinear Fourier transform)

- ▶ It seems that we need **the deep estimate of Fourier transforms** to study the Nonlinear Fourier transform.
- ▶ Especially the estimate of **the global oscillation** seems important.
- ▶ We might be able to define and study the NLFT with rough path theory!
- ▶ (But, it must be very hard task to get the deeper estimate for the Fourier transform enough to study NLFT....)

What is Nonlinear Fourier transform?

A rough sketch of NLFT according to T. Tao and C. Thiele.

We like to define **the Nonlinear Fourier transform** of a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ under some reasonable conditions.

Let the matrix-valued Dirac operator $L = L(f)$ be

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} D & -f \\ f & -D \end{pmatrix},$$

where $D = d/dt$ is the differentiation operator. Consider the following eigenfunction problem.

$$L \begin{pmatrix} \phi(k; t) \\ \psi(k; t) \end{pmatrix} = ik \begin{pmatrix} \phi(k; t) \\ \psi(k; t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

(Note that k is a real number because the operator L is anti-selfadjoint.)

We suppose that the eigenfunctions have some regularity and the boundary conditions $\phi(k; t) \sim e^{ikt}$, $\psi(k; t) \sim 0$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

It is natural to set

$$\phi(k; t) = a(k; t)e^{ikt} \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(k; t) = b(k; t)e^{-ikt},$$

considering the free case $f \equiv 0$. Then the equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} a(k; t) &= b(k; t) \overline{f(t)} e^{-2ikt}, \\ \frac{d}{dt} b(k; t) &= a(k; t) f(t) e^{2ikt} \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions $a(k; +\infty) = 1$ and $b(k; +\infty) = 0$.

If the solutions exist, we define the nonlinear Fourier transform of f as

$$\widehat{f}[k] = \begin{pmatrix} a(k; -\infty) \\ b(k; -\infty) \end{pmatrix}.$$

A smooth rough path and NLFT?

Let us rewrite those equations as follows:

$$d \left(\overline{\frac{a(k; t)}{b(k; t)}} \right) = \overline{\left(\frac{b(k; t)}{a(k; t)} \right)} e^{ikt} dF(t), \quad (F'(t) = f(t)).$$

Or, the equivalent form in the real Euclidean space is

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ -a_2 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 \\ -b_2 & b_1 \\ a_1 & -a_2 \\ a_2 & a_1 \end{pmatrix} d \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{F}_1(t) \\ \widetilde{F}_2(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$d \begin{pmatrix} \widetilde{F}_1(t) \\ \widetilde{F}_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos kt & \sin kt \\ -\sin kt & \cos kt \end{pmatrix} d \begin{pmatrix} F_1(t) \\ F_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

and $F(t) = F_1(t) + iF_2(t)$ with real valued functions F_1 and F_2 .

A secret (ambitious) plan

- ▶ This form shows a possibility that we might be able to study the NLFT through the input “rough signal” $d\tilde{F} = e^{ikt}dF$ with the rough path theory.
- ▶ For example, use the fundamental theorem like “the solution is also a rough path if the input signal is so”?
- ▶ establish the theory of smooth rough paths (or global rough path on non-compact interval), and check the rough path estimate of the input signals?
- ▶ The first step is to study the rough path estimate of $d\tilde{F} = e^{ikt}dF$.
- ▶ It is already non-trivial...

Today's Problem (The first level estimate)

Let $1 < p < 2$ and $F : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a smooth p -rough path, i.e., it has globally finite p -variation controlled by a control function ω_F .

Let us define the Fourier type integral $G^\theta(t)$ by $dG^\theta = e^{i\theta t} dF_t$, i.e.,

$$G^\theta(t) - G^\theta(s) = \int_s^t e^{i\theta t} dF_t \quad \text{for } s < t.$$

Then, is it a smooth rough path? Or, does it has a globally finite p' -variation with a control $\omega_{G^\theta, (p', \theta)}$ for some p' ?

If we remember the point-wise convergence of Fourier transform, this problem is far from obvious. We will show the following answer as a partial result:

An answer

Suppose that $1 \leq p < 2$ and F is a smooth p -rough path, or that it has the (globally) finite p -variation controlled by ω_F . If $p < p' < 2$, then $\omega_{G^\theta, (p', \theta)}$ of G^θ is (globally finite) for almost every θ .

The rough sketch of the proof

Our proof has the three components.

- ▶ Estimate of the expectation of the integral with
 - ▶ **Lyons' basic lemma** (Part 1)
 - ▶ **Young's idea** in 2 dimension (Part 2)
- ▶ Apply **Hambly-Lyons' dyadic argument** to the estimate with a little trick (a time change according to a control $\omega(s, t)$). (Part 3).

Part 1 and 2

Get the following estimate of the second moment of the integral $\int_S^T e^{i\theta t} dF_t$ with Gaussian θ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E} \left[\left| \int_S^T e^{i\theta t} dF_t \right|^2 \right] &= \int_S^T \int_S^T e^{-(t-s)^2/2} dF_s dF_t \\ &\leq C\omega_F(S, T)^{2/p}.\end{aligned}$$

This is not innocent as it looks. Actually we will carefully use **Lyons' Lemma** (Research Letters Paper, 1981) and **Young's argument** in two dimension.

Part 3

We use the estimate above to apply **Hambly-Lyons' dyadic argument** (Hambly-Lyons, 1998).

Lemma (B.Hambly and T.J.Lyons (1998))

Suppose that $(X_{s,t}^k)$ is a continuous multiplicative functional on $\Delta(0, 1)$. Then there exists a constant $C(p)$ such that $(X_{s,t}^k)$ will have finite p -variation on $[0, 1]$ if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^{C(p)} \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \max_{m \leq p} \left| X^m \left(\frac{k}{2^n} \right) - X^m \left(\frac{k+1}{2^n} \right) \right|^{p/m} < \infty.$$

Roughly saying, this argument is to paste the estimates on dyadic intervals like $[k/2^n, (k+1)/2^n]$ ($k = 0, \dots, 2^n - 1$) in a clever way to get an estimate on $[0, 1]$.

We need to modify this argument a little because our integral is defined on the whole real line \mathbb{R} .

For this, we will take a time change $\rho : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ suitably (according to ω_F) and we already checked in Part 1 that our estimate for

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\left| \int_{\rho(\frac{k}{2^n})}^{\rho(\frac{k+1}{2^n})} e^{i\theta t} dF_t \right|^2 \right]$$

is sharp enough for the dyadic argument to work.

Putting them together

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E} \left[\left| \int_{\rho(k/2^n)}^{\rho((k+1)/2^n)} e^{i\theta t} dF_t \right|^{p'} \right] \\
 & \leq \mathbb{E} \left[\left| \int_{\rho(k/2^n)}^{\rho((k+1)/2^n)} e^{i\theta t} dF_t \right|^2 \right]^{p'/2} \\
 & \leq (\text{const}) \cdot \omega_F \left(\rho \left(\frac{k+1}{2^n} \right), \rho \left(\frac{k}{2^n} \right) \right)^{(2/p) \cdot (p'/2)} \\
 & \leq (\text{const}) \cdot \omega_F \left(\rho \left(\frac{k+1}{2^n} \right), \rho \left(\frac{k}{2^n} \right) \right)^{p'/p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now using the fact that we properly chose the time change ρ according to the control ω_F and that $p < p' < 2$, we will finally get the result thanks to Hambly-Lyons' dyadic argument. Actually,

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^\theta \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^{C(p')} \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \left| G^\theta \left(\rho \left(\frac{k}{2^n} \right) \right) - G^\theta \left(\rho \left(\frac{k+1}{2^n} \right) \right) \right|^{p'} \right] \\ \leq D(p) \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{p'/p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^{C(p')} 2^{n(1-(p'/p))} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

by Beppo-Levi.

We have checked the assumption of Hambly-Lyons' lemma for the almost surely paths. Therefore, the time-changed path $G^\theta(\rho(\cdot))$ has uniformly finite p' -variation by Hambly-Lyons' dyadic argument. Since **the variation does not depend on any time-change**, we reach the conclusion.

The detail of the proof: Part 1

Choose the Gaussian for θ (mean 0, variance σ^2).

By Fubini's theorem and simple computations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}^\theta \left[\left| \int_S^T e^{i\theta s} dF_s \right|^2 \right] &= \mathbb{E}^\theta \left[\int_S^T e^{i\theta s} dF_s \int_S^T e^{-i\theta t} dF_t \right] \\ &= \int_S^T \int_S^T \mathbb{E}^\theta \left[e^{i\theta(s-t)} \right] dF_s dF_t \\ &= \int_S^T \int_S^T e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dF_t.\end{aligned}$$

Now we want to estimate the Gauss type integral $\int_S^T \int_S^T e^{-(t-s)^2} dF_t dF_s$. Though it might seem innocent, this procedure is not easy. (The diagonal $\{(t, s) : t = s\}$ seems **dangerous!**)

Proposition

Suppose that F and G are p -rough paths controlled by ω_F and ω_G respectively, which are both globally finite, i.e., $\omega_F(-\infty, \infty), \omega_G(-\infty, \infty) < M < \infty$ for a constant M . Suppose further that $\omega_F(0, \infty) = \omega_G(-\infty, 0) = 0$ (, which means that F is constant on the right half line and G is constant on the left half line). Then, we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t \leq C \cdot \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p} \omega_G(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p}$$

for a constant $C > 0$.

Since the integral above **does not contain the diagonal** $\{s = t\}$, the result is a direct consequence of the following lemma by T.J.Lyons (Research Letters Paper, 1981).

Lemma (T.J.Lyons)

Let $1/p + 1/q > 1$. If f is of finite q -variation controlled by ω_f and g is of finite p -variation controlled by ω_g , then the integral $z_t = \int_0^t f(s)dg(s)$ has its p -variation controlled by

$$(\|f\|_\infty + C_{1/p+1/q} \omega_f(0, t)^{1/q})^p \omega_g(0, t).$$

Therefore, in particular if f has bounded 1-variation and we take $q = 1$, the variation is at most

$$(\|f\|_\infty + C_{1/p+1} \omega_f(0, t))^p \omega_g(0, t).$$

Since F_s has bounded variation, it has a limit as $s \rightarrow -\infty$. Therefore, we can apply a suitable time change $s \mapsto -s$ to make it run backwards. Let us denote the backward function by \tilde{F}_s . Note that this time change does not change the shape of the path, so it is a p -rough path again. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t \\ &= \int_{t>0} \int_{s<0} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t \\ &= \int_{t>0} \int_{s>0} e^{-(t+s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} d\tilde{F}_s dG_t \\ &\leq C \cdot \omega_{\tilde{F}}(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p} \omega_G(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p} \\ &= C \cdot \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p} \omega_G(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

if we can show the inequality above in the middle.

Therefore, our task is to estimate

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-(t+s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dX_s \right) dY_t$$

for a p -rough paths X, Y controlled by global bounded control functions ω_X, ω_Y respectively defined on $[0, \infty]$. According to Lyons' Lemma (1981), It is enough to control the uniform norm and 1-variation of

$$Z(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{-(t+s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dX_s.$$

First we check the uniform bound. Certainly the integral above makes sense since the integrand $s \mapsto \exp(-(t+s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2)$ is bounded and has globally bounded 1-variation thanks to Lemma above.

More precisely, we have the Young integral bound at $t > 0$ and taking the supremum over $t > 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |Z(t)| &= \left| \int_0^\infty e^{-(t+s)^2\sigma^2/2} dX_s \right| \\ &\leq \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (e^{-t^2\sigma^2/2} + C_{1/p+1} e^{-t^2\sigma^2/2}) \\ &\leq \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) e^{-t^2\sigma^2/2} \\ &\leq \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}), \end{aligned}$$

because the supremum norm and the 1-variational norm of $s \mapsto e^{-(s+t)^2\sigma^2/2}$ are less than or equal to $e^{-(t+0)^2\sigma^2/2}$. So we have got the uniform bound of $|Z(t)|$.

Next, to estimate the 1-variational norm for $Z(t)$, we study the derivative of $Z(t)$:

$$Z(t)' = \int_0^\infty -(t+s)\sigma^2 e^{-(t+s)^2\sigma^2/2} dX_s.$$

Let us denote the integrand by $-z(t)$, i.e.,

$$z(t) = (t+s)\sigma^2 e^{-(t+s)^2\sigma^2/2} \quad (t > 0),$$

to see the behaviour closely. Simple calculation shows

$$z'(t) = \sigma^2 e^{-(t+s)^2\sigma^2/2} (1 - \sigma^2(t+s)^2).$$

Therefore, we have two cases. If $0 \leq s \leq 1/\sigma$, the maximum of $z(t)$ occurs exactly once when $(t+s)^2\sigma^2 = 1$ and the maximal value is $z(1/\sigma - s) = 1/\sigma \cdot \sigma^2 e^{-1/2} = \sigma e^{-1/2}$. On the other hand, if $s > 1/\sigma$, the function $z(t)$ is monotone and the maximal value is $z(0) = s\sigma^2 e^{-s^2\sigma^2/2}$.

This observation with Lyons' Lemma allows us to estimate of the integral $Z'(t)$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} |Z'(t)| &= \left| \int_0^\infty -(t+s)\sigma^2 e^{-(t+s)^2\sigma^2/2} dX_s \right| \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) \sigma e^{-1/2}, & \text{if } t \leq 1/\sigma, \\ \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) t \sigma^2 e^{-t^2\sigma^2/2}, & \text{if } t > 1/\sigma. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since $|Z(v) - Z(u)| = \left| \int_u^v Z'(t) dt \right| \leq \int_u^v |Z'(t)| dt$, we can get the bound of the 1-variation of $Z(t)$ with the estimate above for $|Z'(t)|$ as follows.

For any sequence $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < \infty$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_j |Z(t_{j+1}) - Z(t_j)| \\ & \leq \sum_{j < k} |Z(t_{j+1}) - Z(t_j)| + |Z(1/\sigma) - Z(t_k)| \\ & \quad + |Z(t_{k+1}) - Z(1/\sigma)| + \sum_{j \geq k+1} |Z(t_{j+1}) - Z(t_j)| \\ & \leq \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) \sigma e^{-1/2} \frac{1}{\sigma} \\ & \quad + \omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) \sigma^2 \int_{1/\sigma}^{\infty} t e^{-t^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dt \\ & = 2\omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) e^{-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the 1-variation of $Z(t) = \int_0^\infty \exp(-(t+s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2) dX_s$ is at most

$$2\omega_X(0, \infty)^{1/p} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) e^{-1/2}.$$

Therefore, we have the estimates for the supremum norm and 1-variation norm of $Z(t)$.

Finally applying Lemma to $\int_0^\infty Z(t)dY_t$ again, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-(t+s)^2\sigma^2/2} dX_s dY_t \right| &= \left| \int_0^\infty Z(t) dY_t \right| \\ &\leq \omega_Y^{1/p}(0, \infty) \left((1 + C_{1/p+1}) \omega_X^{1/p}(0, \infty) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_{1/p+1} (1 + C_{1/p+1}) 2e^{-1/2} \omega_X^{1/p}(0, \infty) \right) \\ &\leq C \omega_X^{1/p}(0, \infty) \omega_Y^{1/p}(0, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

for some constant C .

Therefore, we have finished the 1st part.

The detail of the proof: Part 2

To show the following uniform bound

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t \right| \leq C \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p} \omega_G(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p},$$

we show the next lemma with Young's trick and the key estimate in Part 1.

Definition

Let $D = \{s_0 = -\infty < s_1 < s_2 < \cdots < s_r = +\infty\}$ be a finite partition of \mathbb{R} and consider the domain

$\Delta(S, T) = \{(s, t) : S \leq s < t \leq T\}$, and the domain

$\Delta^D = \Delta(-\infty, \infty) \setminus \cup_{i=1, \dots, r} \Delta(s_{i-1}, s_i)$. We define the D -approximate integral

$$I^D = \int \int_{\Delta^D} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t.$$

We have the following estimate for the approximate integral I^D with the partition D .

Lemma

Suppose that $1 \leq p < 2$. Then, the following estimate holds.

$$|I^D| \leq C\omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p}\omega_G(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p},$$

for some constant C .

Without loss of generality, we can rescale F and G such that $\omega_F(-\infty, \infty) = \omega_G(-\infty, \infty)$. Let $\omega = \omega_F + \omega_G$. (So ω controls the both of F and G .) If $r = 1$, i.e., D is $(-\infty, \infty)$, then Δ^D is empty, $|I^D| = 0$, and no problem. Otherwise, there is an i such that

$$\omega(s_{i-1}, s_{i+1}) \leq \begin{cases} 2 \frac{\omega(-\infty, \infty)}{r-2} & \text{if } r > 2, \\ \omega(-\infty, \infty) & \text{if } r = 2. \end{cases}$$

Let $D' = D \setminus \{s_i\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I^D - I^{D'} &= \int \int_{\Delta^D \setminus \Delta^{D'}} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t \\ &= 2 \int \int_{[s_{i-1}, s_i] \times [s_i, s_{i+1}]} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t. \end{aligned}$$

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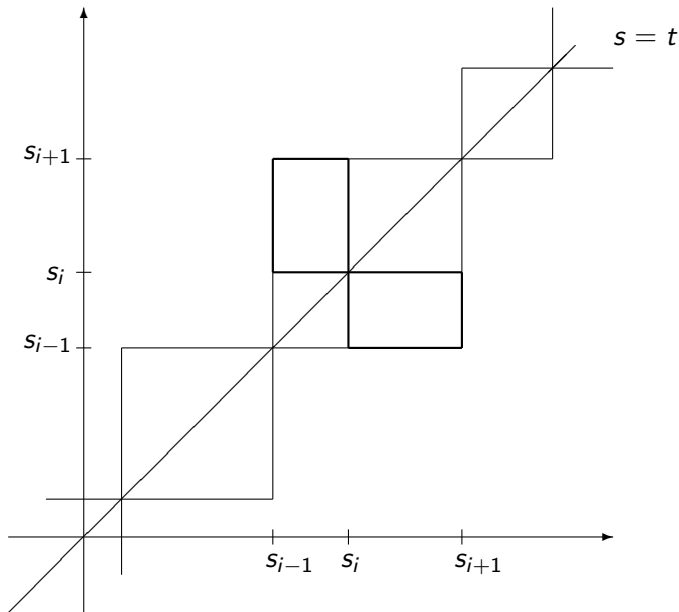


Figure: Young's trick in 2 dimension

Now we apply our key estimate to **this integral on the off-diagonal box** and deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} |I^D - I^{D'}| &\leq \left| \int 2 \int_{[s_{i-1}, s_i] \times [s_i, s_{i+1}]} e^{-(t-s)^2 \sigma^2 / 2} dF_s dG_t \right| \\ &\leq C \omega_F(s_{i-1}, s_i)^{1/p} \omega_G(s_i, s_{i+1})^{1/p} \\ &\leq C' \left(\frac{\omega(-\infty, \infty)}{r-2} \right)^{2/p}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $p < 2$, we can sum up these estimates to get

$$\begin{aligned} |I^D| &\leq C' 2^{2/p} \left(1 + \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{r} \right)^{2/p} \right) \\ &\quad \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p} \omega_G(-\infty, \infty)^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$

uniformly in D .

So, we have finished the second part.

The detail of the proof: Part 3

Let us recall the Hambly-Lyons' dyadic argument.

Lemma (B.Hambly and T.J.Lyons (1998))

Suppose that $(X_{s,t}^k)$ is a continuous multiplicative functional on $\Delta(0, 1)$. Then there exists a constant $C(p)$ such that $(X_{s,t}^k)$ will have finite p -variation on $[0, 1]$ if

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But our object G^θ is defined on \mathbb{R} instead of $[0, 1]$.
Therefore we need a little work to adjust the situation.

To adjust our functions to Hambly-Lyons' lemma, we prepare a suitable time change. Our time change should be not only a map from $[0, 1]$ to \mathbb{R} , but also **go well with the control function**.

Lemma

If ω is a control function where $\omega(-\infty, \infty) < M < \infty$ for a constant M , then there exists a continuous strictly increasing function $\rho : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ with the property that

$$\omega(\rho(u), \rho(v)) \leq M|u - v|.$$

Proof.

Consider $\tau(t) = \omega(-\infty, t)$. (Basically) the inverse of τ is $\rho : [0, 1] \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$. (You need to check it works well.) \square

The detail of the proof: Putting all together

Now we can put all together to get the result.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{E}^\theta \left(\left| \int_{\rho(k/2^n)}^{\rho((k+1)/2^n)} e^{i\theta t} dF_u \right|^2 \right)^{p'/2} \\
 &= \left| \int_{\rho(k/2^n)}^{\rho((k+1)/2^n)} \int_{\rho(k/2^n)}^{\rho((k+1)/2^n)} e^{-(t-s)^2\sigma^2/2} dF_s dF_t \right|^{p'/2} \\
 &\leq D(p) \left(\omega_F \left(\frac{k}{2^n}, \frac{k+1}{2^n} \right) \right)^{(2/p)(p'/2)} \\
 &\leq D(p) \left(\frac{\omega_F(-\infty, \infty)}{2^n} \right)^{(2/p)(p'/2)} \\
 &= D(p) \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{p'/p} \cdot 2^{-n(p'/p)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where we used the super-additivity of ω_F in the second inequality. Here it is very crucial to get the order $2^{-n(p'/p)}$ for $p' > p$.

This order assures us to satisfy the assumption of Hambly-Lyons' lemma in Section 3 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}^\theta \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^{C(p')} \sum_{k=1}^{2^n} \left| G^\theta \left(\rho \left(\frac{k}{2^n} \right) \right) - G^\theta \left(\rho \left(\frac{k+1}{2^n} \right) \right) \right|^{p'} \right] \\ \leq D(p) \omega_F(-\infty, \infty)^{p'/p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^{C(p')} 2^{n(1-(p'/p))} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

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We have checked the assumption of Hambly-Lyons' lemma for the almost surely paths. Therefore, the time-changed path $G^\theta(\rho(\cdot))$ has uniformly finite p' -variation by Hambly-Lyons' dyadic argument. Since the variation does not depend on any time-change, we reach the conclusion.