

108. On the Hölder Continuity of Stationary Gaussian Processes

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Let $X = \{X(t); -\infty < t < \infty\}$ be a real, separable and stochastically continuous stationary Gaussian process with mean zero and with the covariance function $\rho(t) = E(X(t+s)X(s))$. Without loss of generality, we may assume $\rho(0) = 1$. The continuity of path functions of X has been studied by many authors and further, under the rather strong condition on $\sigma^2(t) = E((X(t+s) - X(s))^2) = 2(1 - \rho(t))$, the Hölder continuity of $X(t, \omega)$ ¹⁾ was discussed by Yu. K. Belayev in his [1], among others. Our purpose in this paper is to give the final result about the Hölder continuity of $X(t, \omega)$ under the similar conditions to Belayev's one. In the case of Brownian motion with d -dimensional parameter, the same problem was solved by T. Sirao [3]. We will state our result in the form corresponding to the Brownian case. After the Brownian case, we first introduce the notions of the upper class and lower class for $\{X(t); 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$. If there exists a positive number δ such that $|t-s| \leq \delta$ ($0 \leq t, s \leq 1$) implies

$$|f(t) - f(s)| \leq g(|t-s|),$$

then we say that $f(t)$ satisfies Lipschitz's condition relative to $g(t)$. Let $\varphi(t)$ be a positive, non-decreasing and continuous function defined for large t 's. If almost all sample functions $X(t, \omega)$ satisfy (do not satisfy) Lipschitz's condition relative to $g(t) = \sigma(t)\varphi(1/t)$, then we say that $\varphi(t)$ belongs to the upper (lower) class with respect to the uniform continuity of $\{X(t); 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ and denote it by $\varphi \in \mathcal{U}^u(\mathcal{L}^u)$.

Next, we consider following Condition (A) consisting in (A. 1) and (A. 2).

(A. 1) There exist constants $0 < \alpha < 2$, $-\infty < \beta < \infty$, and $\delta > 0$ such that for any h in $(0, \delta)$

$$C_1 \frac{h^\alpha}{|\log h|^\beta} \leq \sigma^2(h) \leq C_2 \frac{h^\alpha}{|\log h|^\beta}, \quad 0 < C_1 < C_2 < \infty.$$

(A. 2) $\sigma^2(h)$ is concave in $(0, \delta)$ if either one of $0 < \alpha < 1$, $-\infty < \beta < \infty$ or $\alpha = 1$, $\beta \leq 0$ holds and $\sigma^2(h)$ is convex in $(0, \delta)$ if either one of $\alpha > 1$, $-\infty < \beta < \infty$ or $\alpha = 1$, $\beta \geq 0$ holds, where α, β, γ are constants mentioned in (A. 1).

1) w denotes a probability parameter.