

Is the Driving Force of a Continuous Process a Brownian Motion or Fractional Brownian Motion?

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ABSTRACT

Itô's semimartingale driven by a Brownian motion is typically used in modeling the asset prices, interest rates and exchange rates, and so on. However, the assumption of Brownian motion as a driving force of the underlying asset price processes is rarely contested in practice. This naturally raises the question of whether this assumption is really appropriate. In the paper we propose a statistical test to answer the above question using high frequency data. The test can be used to validate the assumption of semimartingale framework and test for the existence of the long run dependence captured by the fractional Brownian motion in a parsimonious way. Asymptotic properties of the test statistics are investigated. Simulations justify the performance of the test. Real data sets are also analyzed.

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1. Introduction

There has been extensive literature in using Itô's semimartingale driven by a Brownian motion to model the asset prices, interest rates and exchange rates, since the seminal work by [1-3]. Statistical inference of Itô's semimartingales is also investigated by many authors, including [4-7] among others.

However, the assumption of Brownian motion as a driving force of the underlying asset price processes is rarely contested statistically. This naturally raises the question of whether this assumption is really appropriate. If not, what alternative can one use in place of Brownian motion? In this paper, we will focus on the use of more general fractional Brownian motion as a driving force if the usual Brownian motion is not appropriate.

The failure of models based on (conditional) uncorrelated increments to describe certain financial data sets has been observed since [8] and [9]. In their works, significant long run dependence was found. To take the long run dependence into account in modeling financial data, [10] proposed to replace Brownian motion with fractional Brownian motion. Using Wavelet method, [11] studied the fractal dimension of the S&P 500 data

sampled every minute. They found empirically that the Hurst parameter of the S&P 500 data was significantly above the efficient market value $H = 1/2$ and began to approach that level around 1997. They attributed the trend to the increase in internet trading. [12] investigated the theoretical variational properties of continuous-time processes driven by a fractional Brownian motion using high frequency data.

Before moving on, we define a fractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameter $H \in (0,1)$, which is given by

$$B_t^H = c \left[\int_{-\infty}^0 \left\{ (t-s)^{H-1/2} - (-s)^{H-1/2} \right\} dW_s + \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ (t-s)^+ \right\}^{H-1/2} dW_s \right], \quad (1)$$

for $t \geq 0$, where W is a standard Brownian motion with $W_0 = 0$, x^+ and x^- are the positive and negative parts of x , and

$$c^{-2} \equiv (2H)^{-1} + \int_0^{\infty} \left((1+v)^{H-1/2} - v^{H-1/2} \right)^2 dv.$$

Note that B^H reduces to a standard Brownian motion when $H = 1/2$, and otherwise B^H becomes a self-similar process with (long run) dependence when $H \neq 1/2$;

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the latter property is very attractive in financial models.

The purpose of this paper is to develop some tests to see whether the driving force is a Brownian motion or a true fractional Brownian motion. In terms of the Hurst parameter, this can be formulated as

$$H_0 : H = 1/2 \quad \text{v.s.} \quad H_1 : H \neq 1/2. \quad (2)$$

We introduce a method to test (2) based on the asymptotic normality of the ratio of two realized power variations with different sampling frequencies.

If a test rejects H_0 , then a fractional Brownian motion will be used in modeling. One problem of using the integral process driven by a fractional Brownian motion is the admission of arbitrage when the integral is defined in a pathwise Stieltjes way, in [13]. The theory of modeling using fractional Brownian motion was renewed after the work of [14] in which a new type of integration based on the Wick product was introduced. If the new Wick type integration is adopted, [15] proved that the fractional Black-Scholes market has no arbitrage opportunities. However, it is hard to give economic interpretations to trading strategies using the Wick type integration, in [11]. In [11,] the pathwise Stieltjes integration was suggested although arbitrage opportunities of [13]'s type exist. They argued that strategies to make gains with no risk involve exploiting the very fine-scale properties of the process' trajectories. The ability of a trader to implement this type of strategy is likely to be hindered by market frictions, such as transaction costs and minimum amount of time between two consecutive transactions. Indeed [16] showed that by introducing a minimal amount of time between two consecutive transactions, arbitrage opportunities are ruled out from a geometrical fractional Brownian motion.

In this paper, we will implement the pathwise Stieltjes integration that has good interpretations in defining a self-financing strategy. Using high frequency data, our test could give insight into 1) whether the underlying dynamic shows long run dependence; 2) whether the underlying dynamic is a semimartingale; and 3) how rough is the underlying dynamics in terms of its Hurst parameter, e.g., is it $> 1/2$?

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give some preliminaries and assumptions. Test statistic is given in Section 3. Main results are also presented in Section 3. Simulations are run in Section 4. Section 5 is devoted to real data analysis. Section 6 discusses some future problems. Technical proofs are postponed to the Appendices.

We assume that the observations are

$$\{X_{t_i}; 0 \leq i \leq n\}, \quad 0 = t_0 \leq \dots \leq t_i \leq \dots \leq t_n = T.$$

For simplicity, we further assume that

$$\{X_{t_i}, 0 \leq i \leq n\}$$

are equally spaced, that is,

$$\Delta_n := t_i - t_{i-1} = T/n.$$

We denote the i th one-step increment by

$$\Delta_i^n X = X_{t_i} - X_{t_{i-1}}.$$

Mathematically, high frequency data set means that $n \rightarrow \infty$ for fixed T . Although in theory we will consider the limiting case where $\Delta_n = 0$, in practice Δ_n is strictly positive but close to 0.

2. Preliminaries and Assumptions

2.1. Properties of Fractional Brownian Motion

Throughout this paper, we define \mathcal{F}_t as the natural filtration of W for $t \geq 0$, and $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_T$. The B^H given in (1) has the following useful properties:

- It is a semimartingale only if $H = 1/2$.
- It is a zero-mean Gaussian process with

$$E|B_t^H - B_s^H|^2 = |t - s|^{2H}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_H(j) &:= E\left[B_1^H \left(B_{j+1}^H - B_j^H\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left[(j+1)^{2H} + (j-1)^{2H} - 2j^{2H}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

- For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\{B_{n+1}^H - B_n^H\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a stationary series.
- B^H is $(H - \epsilon)$ -Hölder continuous for any $\epsilon > 0$. Hence B^H has finite $1/(H - \epsilon)$ -th-variation where the q -th-variation of a process Z is defined as

$$v_q(Z, [s, t]) = \sup_{\pi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |Z_{t_i} - Z_{t_{i-1}}|^q \right)^{1/q}$$

where the supremum is taken over all partition π of $[s, t]$.

Let σ be a positive process adapted to \mathcal{F}_t , the integral process, $\int_0^t \sigma_s dB_s^H$ be defined as the pathwise Riemann-Stieltjes integral. By Young's inequality, c.f. [12], the discretization error of the integral process could be controlled by

$$\left| \int_s^t (\sigma_u - \sigma_s) dB_u^H \right| \leq c_{a,b} v_a(\sigma, [s, t]) v_b(B^H, [s, t]), \quad a.s. \quad (3)$$

where

$$c_{a,b} = \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{-(1/a+1/b)}.$$

So to make the right side of (3) finite, $1/a + H > 1$, i.e., σ could at most have finite $1/(1-H)$ th power variation.

2.2. Model Assumptions

As studied in [12], [17] and the references therein, we

assume that the model is a simple continuous process of the following integral form

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma_s dB_s^H, \tag{4}$$

where X_0 is the initial value. We make the following assumptions on the diffusive coefficients.

Assumption 1: σ is a locally bounded càdlàg processes.

Assumption 2: σ is an α -Hölder continuous process with $\alpha > 1-H$.

3. Test Statistics

Our test is based on power variational property of X :

$$V(p, \Delta_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta_i^n X|^p.$$

Under Assumptions 1-2, it can be shown

$$\Delta_n^{1-pH} V(p, \Delta_n) \rightarrow^p m_p \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^p ds, \tag{5}$$

where m_p is some constant depending only on p . Since the right side of (5) is unknown, one could use the two-time scale technique as used in [18] to define the test statistic as follows,

$$U(p) := \frac{V(p, k\Delta_n)}{V(p, \Delta_n)}, \tag{6}$$

where

$$V(p, k\Delta_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} |\Delta_{ki-k+1}^n X + \dots + \Delta_{ki}^n X|^p := \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} |\Delta_{i,k}^n X|^p. \tag{7}$$

It is worthy of noticing that [4] proposed a test statistic of the same form as (6) in the context of testing for the presence of jumps within the semi-martingale framework.

Now we state our main results.

Theorem 1: Under Assumptions 1-2, we have

- 1) $U(p) \rightarrow^p k^{pH-1}$,
- 2) if $\alpha > 1/2$ and $H < 3/4$,

$$\Delta_n^{-1/2} (U(p) - k^{pH-1}) \rightarrow G, \quad \text{stably}$$

where G is a centered Gaussian random variable conditional on \mathcal{F} with the conditional variance

$$u_T^2 = M_p(k) \frac{A(2p)_T}{(A(p)_T)^2},$$

where

$$A(l)_T = \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^l ds$$

and

$$M_p(k) = \frac{(k^{2(pH-1)} + k^{2(pH-1/2)})v_1^2 - 2k^{2(pH-3/4)}(cor)^2}{m_p^2},$$

where

$$m_l = E|\mathcal{N}(0,1)|^l,$$

$$v_1^2 = m_{2p} - m_p^2 + 2 \sum_{j \geq 1} (\gamma_p(\rho_H(j)) - \gamma_p(0))$$

where

$$\gamma_p(x) = (1-x^2)^{p+1/2} 2^p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^{2k}}{\pi(2k)!} \Gamma\left(\frac{p+1}{2} + k\right)$$

with $\Gamma(x)$ be the Gamma function, and $(cor)^2$ is a constant dependent on H .

Remark 1

- Under H_0 , the condition $\alpha > 1/2$ could be weakened, actually, σ could be semimartingales driven by Brownian motion where paths of σ are

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon\right)\text{-Hölder}$$

continuous, c.f. [19].

- From Part 1 of Theorem 1, an estimator of H can be given by

$$\hat{H} = \left(1 + \frac{\log U(p)}{\log k}\right) / p.$$

The behavior of $U(p)$ depends on H , and so can be used as a test statistic. From the above theorem, $U(p)$ is asymptotically normal with unknown conditional variance u_T^2 under $H_0 : H = 1/2$. By (5), a consistent estimator of u_T^2 under H_0 is

$$\hat{u}_T^2 = M_p(k) \frac{\hat{A}(2p)_T}{(\hat{A}(p)_T)^2},$$

where

$$\hat{A}(l)_T = \Delta_n^{1-l/2} V(l, \Delta_n) / m_l.$$

From Theorem 1, we reject H_0 if

$$|U(p) - k^{p/2-1}| > \sqrt{\Delta_n} z_{\alpha/2} \hat{u}_T,$$

where $z_{\alpha/2}$ satisfies

$$P(\mathcal{N}(0,1) > z_{\alpha/2}) = \alpha/2.$$

By Theorem 1 and (5), we have

Theorem 2: Under the assumptions in Part 2 of Theorem 1, we have

$$P(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0) \rightarrow \alpha,$$

and

$$P(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_1) \rightarrow 1.$$

Therefore, our test is of asymptotic size α with asymptotic power one.

4. Simulation Studies

4.1. Assessment of the Size

In assessing the performance of the size of the test, we draw 5000 samples of size n from the following stochastic volatility process driven by a Brownian motion

$$dX_t = \sigma_t dW_t$$

with

$$\sigma_t = v_t^{1/2}, \quad dv_t = \kappa(\eta - v_t)dt + \gamma v_t^{1/2} dB_t,$$

and $E[dW_t dB_t] = \rho dt$. We take $\eta = 1/16$, $\gamma = 0.5$, $\kappa = 5$, $\rho = -0.5$. Set the time horizon to be $T = 1$ (day) consisting of 6.5 trading hours.

We use two different sample sizes, $n = 511, 1023$. **Figure 1** shows the histograms of the test statistics under $H_0 : H = 1/2$. The histograms imply that the normal approximation matches well the sampling distribution of the test statistics $U(2)$ under H_0 .

Take the nominal level $\alpha = 5\%$. The dot-dashed

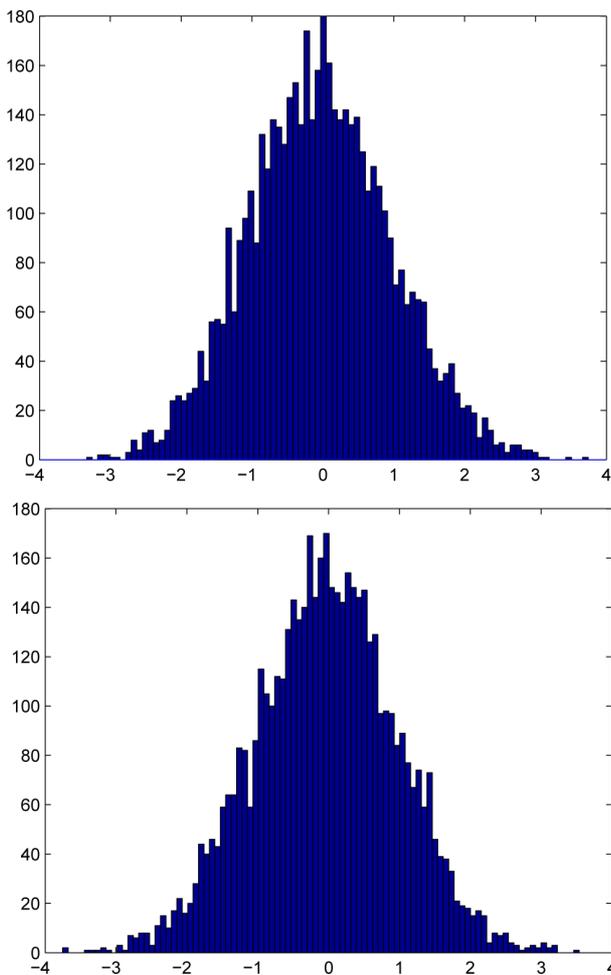


Figure 1. Histograms of the test statistics under $H_0 : n = 511$ in the left panels; $n = 1023$ in the right panels.

curve in **Figure 2** gives the empirical sizes of the test based on $U(2)$ against ρ when $n = 511$, from which we see that the type I error probabilities are well controlled.

4.2. Assessment of the Power

We simulate only the geometric fractional Brownian motion for 5000 times, c.f. [20], i.e.,

$$e^{X_t} = e^{\mu + \sigma B_t^H},$$

where μ and σ are two constants. We take $\mu = 0$ and σ around $\sqrt{\eta} = \sqrt{1/16}$, in order to be comparable to the data generating process used in the assessment of the size. We set $n = 511$. The simulations when $n = 1023$ was also done but will not be listed here to save space. The conclusions are the same as those given below.

Table 1 gives the averaged $U(2)$ over 5000 repetitions. From the table, whatever the values of H and σ , they are very close to k^{pH-1} and here $k = 2$, $p = 2$. **Table 2** reports the empirical power of the test based on $U(2)$. We make the following remarks.

- The powers are insensitive to different values of σ 's.
- The powers grow bigger as H moves away from $1/2$, and the test is very powerful especially when $|H - 1/2| \geq 0.1$.

5. Real Data Analysis

We now implement our test to some real data sets. The first three data sets are from the New York Stock Exchange. Another two data sets, SZ000002 and SH000001, are from the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and Shanghai Stock Exchange of China, respectively.

We use the stock price records of Microsoft (MSFT) in the trading days: Nov. 1, and Dec. 1, 2000, and that of Dell Company (DELL) in Dec. 1, 2011. All data sets are from the TAQ database. For prices recorded simultaneously, we use the average. To weaken the possible effect from microstructure noise, we sparsely sample observations and the sample sizes for the aforementioned three trading days are 448, 568 and 528, respectively. If i.i.d. microstructure noises are assumed, then the microstructure noise would drive $U(2)$ to $1/2$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

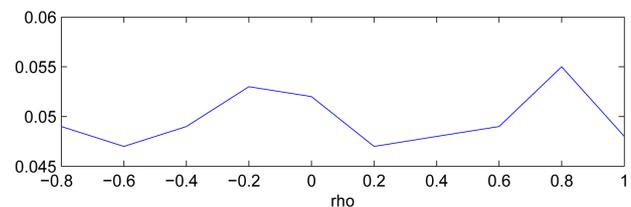


Figure 2. Empirical sizes of the test based on $U(2)$ against ρ .

Table 1. Averaged $U(2)$ over different H and σ .

H & σ	0.1	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.4	0.5	2^{2H-1}
0.1	0.576	0.575	0.574	0.575	0.574	0.574	0.574
0.2	0.660	0.660	0.660	0.659	0.659	0.659	0.660
0.3	0.758	0.759	0.756	0.757	0.758	0.758	0.758
0.4	0.869	0.869	0.870	0.869	0.870	0.868	0.871
0.6	1.146	1.145	1.146	1.146	1.147	1.147	1.149
0.7	1.314	1.315	1.314	1.315	1.315	1.313	1.320

Table 2. Empirical powers of the test based on $U(2)$ over different H and σ .

H & σ	0.1	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.4	0.5
0.1	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.2	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.3	0.976	0.973	0.977	0.974	0.971	0.974
0.4	0.558	0.562	0.554	0.555	0.552	0.572
0.425	0.367	0.366	0.372	0.353	0.366	0.367
0.45	0.208	0.203	0.197	0.199	0.191	0.195
0.55	0.202	0.199	0.199	0.199	0.204	0.208
0.575	0.406	0.408	0.400	0.409	0.414	0.400
0.6	0.655	0.640	0.645	0.653	0.660	0.663
0.7	0.997	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.999
0.8	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
0.9	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

if $k = 2$. The results shown later demonstrate that the sparse sampling is effective since all estimated $U(2)$ of all real data sets are away from $1/2$. Finally, we take logarithm of the sparsely sampled prices and use the log prices to calculate the test statistics. We set $T = 1$ (day) consisting of 6.5 hours of trading time.

The test statistics and an estimate of the Hurst parameter are provided in **Table 3**. $U(2)$ is given in (3.5) with $p = 2$, its studentized form is given by t . Seen from the table, our test do not reject the use of Brownian motion as the driving force for all three data sets at the significance level of 5%.

Next, we analyze the stock price records of SZ000002 and SH000001. Prices are recorded from 9:25 am - 15:00 pm in the trading day Jan. 1, 2004. **Figure 3** displays the log prices against the time. An obvious dependence structure among returns is observed in both plots which demonstrates strong dependence between (log) returns.

Test statistics and estimates of the Hurst parameters of the log price dynamics of these two stocks are given in **Table 4**. The sample sizes of SZ000002 and SH000001 are respectively 356 and 394. Seen from **Table 4**, we have the following observations:

- Although we do not reject H_0 for SZ000002, minor evidences of the departure of the driving force from the Brownian motion are seen.
- Strong evidence against the Brownian motion as the

driving force are shown for SH000001.

- In contrast to **Table 3**, it looks that the dynamics of the two Chinese stocks deviate from semimartingales driven by the Brownian motion much while semimartingales driven by the Brownian motion are still good approximation to the three U.S. stocks. This is in fact to be expected since the New York Stock Exchange is a far more efficient market than the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and Shanghai Stock Exchange.

6. Discussions

In this paper, we develop test to check whether the driving force of continuous integral processes with drift is a Brownian motion or a fractional Brownian motion. There is little literature in this direction, and there are some interesting future research directions. Here are a couple of examples.

1) It is commonly accepted that jumps exist in price processes, which has been well studied in the literature. So it is of interest to extend our results to process with jump components. Here, the truncated power variation as in [21], should prove useful, and the results in this paper may still hold true for appropriate choice of p .

2) The effect of the microstructure noise to the test statistics will also be investigated in the future work.

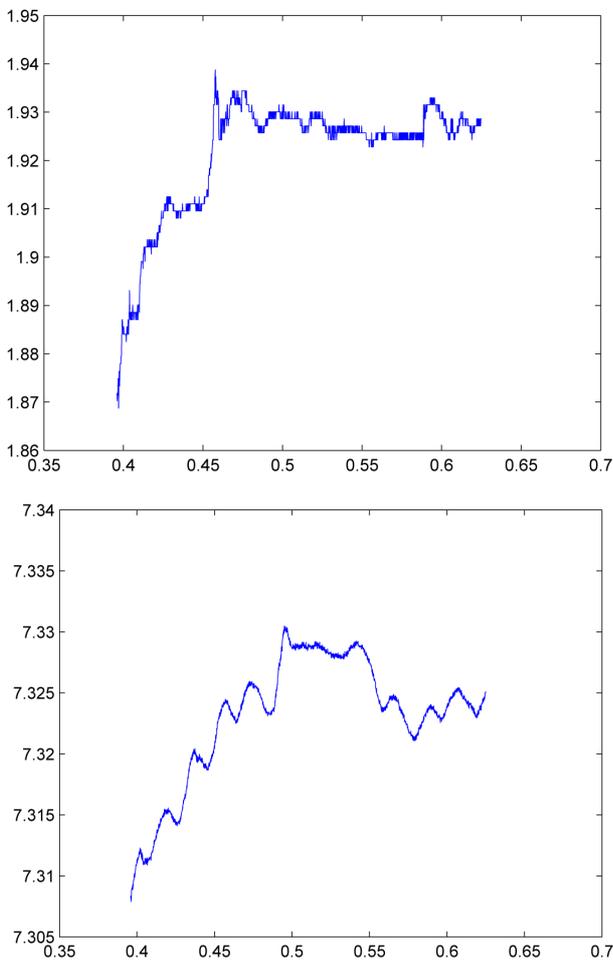


Figure 3. Plots of the Prices of SZ000002 (left panel) and SH000001 (right panel) against Time.

Table 3. Test Statistics and Estimate of the Hurst Parameter.

Date & Statistics	$U(2)$	t	\hat{H}
Nov. 1, 2000 (MSFT)	0.96	-0.35	0.4678
Dec. 1, 2000 (MSFT)	0.96	-0.36	0.4739
Dec. 1, 2011 (DELL)	0.95	-0.60	0.4594

Table 4. Test Statistics and Estimate of the Hurst Parameter, $n = 356$ (SZ000002) and $n = 394$ (SH000001).

Date & Statistics	$U(2)$	t	\hat{H}
Jan. 2, 2004 (SZ000002)	1.13	0.91	0.58
Jan. 2, 2004 (SH000001)	1.30	3.79	0.69

Asymptotically, the microstructure noise would drive $U(p)$ to $1/k$. Multi scale technique or pre-averaging method would serve as good ways to eliminate the effect of the microstructure noise first, c.f. [18] and [22]. Many theoretical works and practical analyses can be done along this line.

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Appendix A: Proofs of Main Theorems

By the standard localization method, it suffices to prove the main results under the following strengthened assumptions.

Assumption 3: σ is a bounded process.

In the sequel, C will stand for a constant that may take different values at different appearance.

$$\Delta_n^{-1/2} \left(\frac{V(p, k\Delta_n)}{V(p, \Delta_n)} - k^{pH-1} \right) = \Delta_n^{-1/2} k^{(pH-1)} (\zeta_n - \xi_n) / (\Delta_n^{1-pH} V(p, \Delta_n)).$$

Then Theorem 1 is a straightforward consequence of Proposition 1 of which the proof is given later in Appendix B.

Proposition 1: Under Assumptions 1-3, if $\gamma > 1/4$, $\alpha > 1/2$ and $H < 3/4$, then we have

$$\left[B_T^H, \Delta_n^{-1/2} (\xi_n, \zeta_n) \right] \rightarrow \left[B_T^H, (z_1, z_2) \right]$$

stably, where (z_1, z_2) is a centered bivariate Gaussian random vector conditional on \mathcal{F} with

$$E(z_1^2 | \mathcal{F}) = \nu_1^2 \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^{2p} ds,$$

$$E(z_2^2 | \mathcal{F}) = k\nu_1^2 \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^{2p} ds,$$

$$E(z_1 z_2 | \mathcal{F}) = k^{1/2} (cor)^2 \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^{2p} ds.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (cor)^2 &= \text{Cov} \left\{ \sqrt{n} \left(\Delta_n^{1-pH} \sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta_i^n|^p - m_p \right), \sqrt{n/k} \left((k\Delta_n)^{1-pH} \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} |\Delta_{i,k}^n|^p - m_p \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \left[\gamma_p \left(k^{-H} (\rho_H(k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(1-j)) \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \left[2\gamma_p \left(k^{-H} (\rho_H(kl+k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl+1-j)) \right) - \gamma_p(0) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For simple, denote

$$U = B_{k(i-1)+j}^H - B_{k(i-1)+j-1}^H$$

and

$$V = k^{-H} (B_{kl}^H - B_{kl-k}^H).$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[UV] &= E \left[\left(B_{k(i-1)+j}^H - B_{k(i-1)+j-1}^H \right) \left(k^{-H} (B_{kl}^H - B_{kl-k}^H) \right) \right] \\ &= k^{-H} E \left[\left(B_{k(i-1)+j}^H - B_{k(i-1)+j-1}^H \right) \left((B_{kl}^H - B_{kl-1}^H) + \dots + (B_{kl-k+1}^H - B_{kl-k}^H) \right) \right] \\ &= k^{-H} \left[\rho_H(kl - ki + k - j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl - ki + 1 - j) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, for $(cor)^2$, we have

Proof of Theorem 1 Let

$$\xi_n = \Delta_n^{1-pH} V(p, \Delta_n) - m_p \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^p ds$$

$$\zeta_n = (k\Delta_n)^{1-pH} V(p, k\Delta_n) - m_p \int_0^T |\sigma_s|^p ds.$$

Simple algebras yield

Proof of Theorem 2 The first convergence is a consequence of Theorem 1. Now we prove the second convergence. Under H_1 ,

$$\hat{A}(t)_T = O_p \left(\Delta_n^{l(H-1/2)} \right)$$

and $\hat{u}_T = O_p(1)$. Therefore we further have

$$U(p) - k^{p/2-1} \rightarrow^p k^{pH-1} - k^{p/2-1}$$

and $\sqrt{\Delta_n} z_{\alpha/2} \hat{u}_T = o_p(1)$. By the rejection rule, the second convergence is proved.

Appendix B: Proof of Proposition 1

To prove Proposition 1, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 1

$$EU = EV = 0, \quad EU^2 = EV^2 = 1,$$

and

$$\frac{\Delta_i^n B^H}{\Delta_n^H} = {}^d B_i^H - B_{i-1}^H, \quad \frac{\Delta_{i,k} B^H}{\Delta_n^H} = {}^d B_{ki}^H - B_{ki-k}^H.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (cor)^2 &= E \left[\frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} \left(\Delta_n \sum_{i=1}^n |V_i^H - B_{i-1}^H|^p - m_p \right) \left(k^{1-pH} \Delta_n \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} |B_{ki}^H - B_{ki-k}^H|^p - m_p \right) \right] \\
 &= k^{\frac{1}{2}-pH} \Delta_n E \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k |B_{k(i-1)+j}^H - B_{k(i-1)+j-1}^H|^p \right) \left(\sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} |B_{kl}^H - B_{kl-k}^H|^p \right) \right] - \frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} m_p^2 \\
 &= \sqrt{k} \Delta_n E \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k |U|^p \right) \left(\sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} |V|^p \right) \right] - \frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} m_p^2 \\
 &= \sqrt{k} \Delta_n \left[\sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k E \left(|U|^p |V|^p + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{l=i+1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k E |U|^p |V|^p \right) \right] - \frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} m_p^2 \\
 &= \sqrt{k} \Delta_n \left[\sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(1-j)) \right] \right] - \frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} m_p^2 \\
 &\quad + \sqrt{k} \Delta_n \left[2 \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{l=i+1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(kl-ki+k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl-ki+1-j)) \right] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(1-j)) \right] - \frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} m_p^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\sqrt{k} \Delta_n \left[\sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]-i} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(kl+k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl+1-j)) \right] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(1-j)) \right] - \frac{n}{\sqrt{k}} m_p^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\sqrt{k} \Delta_n \left[\sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]-1} \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]-l} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(kl+k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl+1-j)) \right] \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(1-j)) \right] - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]-1} \gamma_p(0) \\
 &\quad + \frac{2}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]-1} \left[(1-lk\Delta_n) \gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(kl+k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl+1-j)) \right] \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

when we fixed k , $k\Delta_n \rightarrow 0$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (cor)^2 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \sum_{j=1}^k \left[\gamma_p \left[k^{-H} (\rho_H(k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(1-j)) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} 2\gamma_p \left(k^{-H} (\rho_H(kl+k-j) + \dots + \rho_H(kl+1-j)) - \gamma_p(0) \right) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of Proposition 1: Recall that

$$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t \sigma_s dB_s^H.$$

$$\left(B_1^H, c_1 \sqrt{n} \xi_n + c_2 \sqrt{n/k} \zeta_n \right) \rightarrow^L \left(B_1^H, \tilde{\sigma} \int_0^1 |u_s|^p dW_s \right), \tag{8}$$

where,

$$\tilde{\sigma}^2 = c_1^2 v_1^2 + c_2^2 v_1^2 + 2c_1 c_2 (cor)^2.$$

For simplicity, we assume that $T=1$ which implies that $\Delta_n = 1/n$. Then by the extended Wold device, see e.g. Lemma 4.32 in [17], it suffices to show that for any $(c_1, c_2) \in R^2$,

Rewrite the left side of (8) as

$$\left(B_1^H, c_1 \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k |\Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^n X|^p - m_p \int_0^1 |\sigma_s|^p ds \right) + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{n}{k}} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{n}{k} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[n/k]} |\Delta_{i,k}^n X|^p - m_p \int_0^1 |\sigma_s|^p ds \right) \right).$$

For any $m \geq n$ we write

$$c_1 \sqrt{m} \left(\frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \left| \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m X \right|^p - m_p \int_0^1 |\sigma_s|^p ds \right) = c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \left(\frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \left| \Delta_{i,k}^m X \right|^p - m_p \int_0^1 |\sigma_s|^p ds \right)$$

$$= c_1 \sqrt{m} \left(A^{(m)} + B^{(n,m)} + C^{(n,m)} + D^{(m)} \right) = c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \left(\bar{A}^{(m)} + \bar{B}^{(n,m)} + \bar{C}^{(n,m)} + \bar{D}^{(m)} \right),$$

and

where

$$A^{(m)} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \left(\left| \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m X \right|^p - \left| \sigma_{\frac{k(i-1)+j-1}{m}} \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m B^H \right|^p \right),$$

$$B^{(n,m)} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \left| \sigma_{\frac{k(i-1)+j-1}{m}} \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m B^H \right|^p - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{k(i-1)+j-1}{m}} \right|^p$$

$$- \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \left(\left| \sigma_{\frac{k(i-1)+j-1}{n}} \right|^p - \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p \right) \sum_{i \in I_n(l)} \left| \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m B^H \right|^p + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k m_p \left(\left| \sigma_{\frac{k(i-1)+j-1}{n}} \right|^p - \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p \right) - C^{(n,m)},$$

$$C^{(n,m)} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p \sum_{i \in I_n(l)} \left| \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m B^H \right|^p - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p,$$

$$D^{(m)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \sum_{j=1}^k m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{k(i-1)+j-1}{m}} \right|^p - m_p \int_0^1 |\sigma_s|^p ds, \text{ and } \bar{A}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \left(\left| X_{\frac{ki}{m}} - X_{\frac{ki-k}{m}} \right|^p - \left| \sigma_{\frac{ki-k}{m}} \left(\frac{B_{ki}^H}{m} - \frac{B_{ki-k}^H}{m} \right) \right|^p \right),$$

$$\bar{B}^{(n,m)} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} \left| \sigma_{\frac{ki-k}{m}} \left(\frac{B_{ki}^H}{m} - \frac{B_{ki-k}^H}{m} \right) \right|^p - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{ki-k}{m}} \right|^p$$

$$- \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p \sum_{i \in I'_n(l)} \left| \frac{B_{ki}^H}{m} - \frac{B_{ki-k}^H}{m} \right|^p + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p,$$

$$\bar{C}^{(n,m)} = \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p \sum_{i \in I'_n(l)} \left| \frac{B_{ki}^H}{m} - \frac{B_{ki-k}^H}{m} \right|^p - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right|^p,$$

$$\bar{D}^{(m)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{[m/k]} m_p \left| \sigma_{\frac{ki-k}{m}} \right|^p - m_p \int_0^1 |\sigma_s|^p ds, \text{ with } I_n(l) = \left\{ i \mid \frac{k(i-1)+j}{m} \in \left(\frac{k(l-1)+j-1}{n}, \frac{k(i-1)+j}{n} \right] \right\}, \quad l > 1;$$

$$I'_n(l) = \left\{ i \mid \frac{ki}{m} \in \left(\frac{kl-k}{n}, \frac{kl}{n} \right] \right\}, \quad l > 1.$$

Then the left side of (8) is equal to

$$\left(c_1 \sqrt{m} A^{(m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{A}^{(m)} \right) + \left(c_1 \sqrt{m} B^{(n,m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{B}^{(n,m)} \right) + \left(c_1 \sqrt{m} C^{(n,m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{C}^{(n,m)} \right) + \left(c_1 \sqrt{m} D^{(m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{D}^{(m)} \right).$$

From the proof of Theorem 4 in [12], we know that all terms are negligible in probability except for

$$\left(c_1 \sqrt{m} C^{(n,m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{C}^{(n,m)} \right) = \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \left[c_1 Y_{n,m}^l + c_2 \bar{Y}_{n,m}^l \right] \left| \sigma_{kl-k} \right|_n^p,$$

where,

$$Y_{n,m}^l = \sum_{j=1}^k \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i \in I_n^l(i)} \left| \Delta_{k(i-1)+j}^m B^H \right|^p - \frac{\sqrt{mm} p}{n} \right],$$

$$\bar{Y}_{n,m}^l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{pH}} \sum_{i \in I_n^l(i)} \left| B_{\frac{ki}{m}}^H - B_{\frac{ki-k}{m}}^H \right|^p - \frac{\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} m p}{n}.$$

From Lemma 1, we have for fixed n , as a vector,

$$\left\{ c_1 Y_{n,m}^l + c_2 \bar{Y}_{n,m}^l \right\}_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \rightarrow \bar{\sigma} \left(W_{\frac{kl}{n}} - W_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right)_{l=1}^{[n/k]}$$

stably as $m \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$\bar{\sigma}^2 = c_1^2 v_1^2 + c_2^2 v_1^2 + 2c_1 c_2 (cor)^2.$$

So, we have that for any \mathcal{F}_1 -measurable random variables,

$$\left| \sigma_{kl-k} \right|_n^p, \quad l = 1, \dots, [n/k],$$

as $m \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\left| \sigma_{kl-k} \right|_n^p, c_1 Y_{n,m}^l + c_2 \bar{Y}_{n,m}^l \right)_{1 \leq l \leq [n/k]} \\ & \rightarrow^L \left(\left| \sigma_{kl-k} \right|_n^p, \bar{\sigma} \left(W_{\frac{kl}{n}} - W_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right) \right)_{1 \leq l \leq [n/k]}, \end{aligned}$$

where W is a Brownian motion independent of \mathcal{F}_1 .

Hence,

$$c_1 \sqrt{m} C^{(n,m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{C}^{(n,m)} \rightarrow \bar{\sigma} \sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \left| \sigma_{kl-k} \right|_n^p \left(W_{\frac{kl}{n}} - W_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right)$$

stably, as m tends to infinity. On the other hand,

$$\sum_{l=1}^{[n/k]} \left| \sigma_{kl-k} \right|_n^p \left(W_{\frac{kl}{n}} - W_{\frac{kl-k}{n}} \right)$$

converges uniformly in probability to $\int_0^1 \left| \sigma_s \right|^p dW_s$ as n tends to infinity. This implies, by letting first m and then n tend to infinity, that

$$c_1 \sqrt{m} C^{(n,m)} + c_2 \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \bar{C}^{(n,m)}$$

converges in distribution to

$$\bar{\sigma} \int_0^1 \left| \sigma_s \right|^p dW_s$$

stably.

Note that

$$\bar{\sigma}^2 = (c_1, c_2) \begin{pmatrix} v_1^2 & (cor)^2 \\ (cor)^2 & v_1^2 \end{pmatrix} (c_1, c_2)^T = \bar{\sigma}^2,$$

which completes the proof of (8).