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Temporal variation for fractional heat equations with additive white noise

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Abstract

Let u(t, x) be the solution to a stochastic heat equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u = \Delta_{\alpha}u + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial x}B(t,x), \quad t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R},$$

with initial condition $u(0,x) \equiv 0$, where *B* is a time-space white noise, $\Delta_{\alpha} = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$ is the fractional Laplacian with $\alpha \in (1,2]$. In this paper we study the quadratic variation of the process $W^{\alpha} = \{W_t^{\alpha} = u(t,\cdot), t \geq 0\}$. We construct a Banach space \mathscr{H} of measurable functions such that the generalized quadratic covariation $\langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle^{(\alpha)}$ of $f(W^{\alpha})$ and W^{α} defined by

$$\left\langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}} \int_{0}^{t} \left\{ f(W^{\alpha}_{s+\varepsilon,x}) - f(W^{\alpha}_{s}) \right\} (W^{\alpha}_{s+\varepsilon,x} - W^{\alpha}_{s}) \, ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}$$

exists in $L^2(\Omega)$, provided $f \in \mathcal{H}$. Moreover, we consider some related questions.

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1 Introduction and main results

Recently, Swanson [1] (see also Pospisil and Tribe [2]) studied the exact variations of the solution to the following one-dimensional stochastic heat equation:

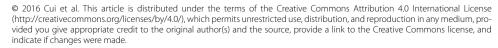
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u = \frac{1}{2}\Delta u + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \,\partial x}B(t,x), \quad t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R},$$
(1.1)

with initial condition u(0, x) = 0, where *B* is a time-space white noise on $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$. It is clear that the solution can be characterized as

$$u(t,x) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(t-s, x-y) B(ds, dy),$$
 (1.2)

here $p(t, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi t}}e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}}$ is the heat kernel of Lapalacian. Under the circumstance, we know (see Swanson [1]) that

$$E[u(t,x)u(s,x)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left((t+s)^{1/2} - |t-s|^{1/2} \right), \quad t,s \ge 0,$$
(1.3)





moreover, the process $t \mapsto u(t, x)$ has a nontrivial quartic variation. As a general conclusion from these results, in Sun *et al.* [3] we considered the quadratic covariations and Itô's formula for the solution. The above results show that the process $u = \{u(t, x)\}$ as a noise admits the next special structures. For more results for an Itô analysis of stochastic heat equations one refers to Da Prato *et al.* [4], Deya and Tindel [5], Denis [6], Gradinaru *et al.* [7], Ouahhabi and Tudor [8], León and Tindel [9], Torres *et al.* [10], Tudor and Xiao [11], Ciprian and Tudor [12], Wu [13], Zambotti [14], and the references therein.

In the present paper, we study the temporal variation of the solution $\{u(t,x), t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ to the following fractional stochastic heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}u = \Delta_{\alpha}u + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \,\partial x}B(t,x), \quad t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$$
(1.4)

with initial condition u(0, x) = 0, where *X* is a time-space white noise on $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$, $\Delta_{\alpha} = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$ is the fractional Lapalacian with $\alpha \in (1, 2]$. Let $p_{\alpha}(t, x, y)$ be the heat kernel of operator Δ_{α} , *i.e.* the transition density function of one-dimensional symmetry α -stable Lévy process. Then the solution $u = \{u(t, x), t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a two parameters Gaussian process and

$$u(t,x) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_\alpha(t-s,x-y) B(ds,dy).$$
(1.5)

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we establish some technical estimates associated with the solution based on the heat kernel estimates of the operator $\Delta_{\alpha} = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$. In Section 3, as some applications of Section 2 we introduce Wiener integrals with respect to the process $W^{\alpha} = \{W_t^{\alpha} = u(t, \cdot), t \ge 0\}$. In Section 4 we show that the process W^{α} admits a nontrivial strong $p = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}$ -variation, *i.e.*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \left| W_{\varepsilon+s}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}} ds = C_{\alpha} t$$

in probability for every t > 0. As a related question, we introduce a so-called the *generalized quadratic covariation* of $f(W^{\alpha})$ and W^{α} defined by

$$\left\langle f\left(W^{\alpha}\right), W^{\alpha}\right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} := \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}} \int_{0}^{t} \left\{ f\left(W^{\alpha}_{s+\varepsilon}\right) - f\left(W^{\alpha}_{s}\right) \right\} \left(W^{\alpha}_{s+\varepsilon} - W^{\alpha}_{s}\right) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}$$

in probability. We construct a Banach space \mathscr{H} of measurable functions such that the generalized quadratic covariation $\langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle^{(\alpha)}$ exists in $L^2(\Omega)$, provided $f \in \mathscr{H}$. In Section 5, we introduce that the Itô's formula and Bouleau-Yor type identity for the temporal process W^{α} .

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we present some technical estimates associated with the solution

$$u(t,x)=\int_0^t\int_{\mathbb{R}}p_{\alpha}(t-r,x-y)B(dr,dy),\quad t\geq 0,x\in\mathbb{R},$$

with $1 < \alpha \le 2$, where $p_{\alpha}(t, x)$ is the heat kernel of the operator $\Delta_{\alpha} = -(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}$. For simplicity, throughout this paper we denote by *C* a positive constant depending only on the

subscripts and its value may be different in different places, and this assumption is also suitable for c. If there exist positive constants b_1 and b_2 such that

$$b_1 G(x) \le F(x) \le b_2 G(x)$$

in the common domain of definition for *F* and *G*, then we employ the notation $F \simeq G$.

It is clear that the heat kernel $p_{\alpha}(t, x)$ is the fundamental solution of the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta_{\alpha} u.$$

 $p_{\alpha}(t,x)$ is also the transition density function of one-dimensional symmetry α -stable Lévy process *X*. Moreover, $p_{\alpha}(t,x)$ satisfies (see, for example, Blumenthal and Getoor [15])

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{\alpha}(t,x) e^{ix\xi} \, dx = e^{-t|\xi|^{\alpha}}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0.$$

When $\alpha = 1$, we get

$$p_1(t,x) = \frac{t}{\pi (x^2 + t^2)}.$$

For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and t > 0, we have

$$p_{\alpha}(t,x)=t^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}p_{\alpha}(1,xt^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}).$$

Moreover, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and t > 0, we obtain

$$c^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{|x|^{1+\alpha}} \wedge t^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right) \le p_{\alpha}(t,x) \le c\left(\frac{t}{|x|^{1+\alpha}} \wedge t^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right),\tag{2.1}$$

where c > 1 is a constant.

Now, we present some estimates. Denote by $W^{\alpha} = \{W_t^{\alpha} = u(t, \cdot), t \ge 0\}$ the temporal process. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and all t, s > 0, we have

$$\begin{split} E\left(W_t^{\alpha} W_s^{\alpha}\right) &= \int_0^{s \wedge t} \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{\alpha}(t-r,x-z) p_{\alpha}(s-r,x-z) \, dz \, dr \\ &= \int_0^{s \wedge t} p_{\alpha}(t+s-2r,0) \, dr \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\alpha \pi} \int_0^{s \wedge t} (t+s-2r)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \, dr \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2\pi (\alpha -1)} \left((t+s)^{\frac{\alpha -1}{\alpha}} - |t-s|^{\frac{\alpha -1}{\alpha}} \right). \end{split}$$

Lemma 2.1 For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and all t, s > 0, we have

$$E\left[\left(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)^2\right] \asymp (t-s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$
(2.2)

Proof For $x \in [0, 1]$, let

$$f(x) = 1 - 2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left((1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right) + x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$

Then, for $x \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$f(x) \asymp (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$

It follows that

$$E\left[\left(W_{t}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)^{2}\right] = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\pi(\alpha-1)} \left(t^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}-2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\left((t+s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}-(t-s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right)+s^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\pi(\alpha-1)} t^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}f(s/t) \asymp (t-s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$
(2.3)

for all t > s > 0.

Lemma 2.2 For $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and all t, s > 0, we have

$$\left| E \Big[W_r^{\alpha} \Big(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] \right| \leq \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha - 1)} |t - s|^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}}.$$

Proof By an elementary calculation, we have

$$\begin{split} \left| E \left[W_r^{\alpha} \left(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right) \right] \right| &= \left| E \left(W_r^{\alpha} W_t^{\alpha} \right) - E \left(W_r^{\alpha} W_s^{\alpha} \right) \right| \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2\pi(\alpha - 1)} \left| (t + r)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - |t - r|^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - (s + r)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} + |s - r|^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2\pi(\alpha - 1)} \left| (t + r)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - (s + r)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} \right| + \left| |t - r|^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - |s - r|^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha - 1)} |t - s|^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} \end{split}$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and all t, s, r > 0.

Lemma 2.3 For all t > s > t' > s' > 0 and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\left| E\left[\left(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{t'}^{\alpha} - W_{s'}^{\alpha} \right) \right] \right| \le C \frac{\left[(t-s)(t'-s') \right]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}}{(s-t')^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}}.$$
(2.4)

Proof By applying the mean value theorem, there exist some $\xi \in (s, t)$ and $\eta \in (s', t')$ such that

$$g_{1} := \left(\left(t + t'\right)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - \left(t + s'\right)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} \right) - \left(\left(s + t'\right)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} - \left(s + s'\right)^{\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} (t - s) \left(\left(\xi + t'\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \left(\xi + s'\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)$$
$$= -\frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha^{2}} (t - s) \left(t' - s'\right) (\xi + \eta)^{-1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}},$$

which gives

$$|g_1| \le \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha^2} (t - s) (t' - s') (s + s')^{-1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}}.$$
(2.5)

By a similar argument, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |g_{2}| &:= \left| \left(\left(t-s'\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - \left(t-t'\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right) - \left(\left(s-s'\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - \left(s-t'\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right) \right| \\ &= \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} (t-s) \left| \left(\xi-s'\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} - \left(\xi-t'\right)^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right| \\ &= \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha^{2}} (t-s) \left(t'-s'\right) (\xi-\eta)^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \le \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha^{2}} (t-s) \left(t'-s'\right) \left(s-t'\right)^{-1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

for some $\eta \in (s', t')$ and $\xi \in (s, t)$. It follows that

$$|E[(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha})(W_{t'}^{\alpha} - W_{s'}^{\alpha})]| = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2\pi(\alpha - 1)}|g_1 + g_2|$$

$$\leq \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi\alpha^2}(t - s)(t' - s')(s - t')^{-1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}}$$
(2.6)

for all t > s > t' > s' > 0. On the other hand, noting that

$$\left|E\left[\left(W_t^{\alpha}-W_s^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{t'}^{\alpha}-W_{s'}^{\alpha}\right)\right]\right| \leq \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)}}\left[(t-s)\left(t'-s'\right)\right]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}},$$

it follows that

$$\frac{|E[(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha})(W_{t'}^{\alpha} - W_{s'}^{\alpha})]|}{\sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)}}[(t-s)(t'-s')]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}} \le \left(\frac{|E[(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha})(W_{t'}^{\alpha} - W_{s'}^{\alpha})]|}{\sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)}}[(t-s)(t'-s')]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}}\right)^{\gamma}$$

for all $\beta \in [0, 1]$. By this, together with (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| E \left[\left(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{t'}^{\alpha} - W_{s'}^{\alpha} \right) \right] \right| \\ &\leq C \left[(t-s) \left(t'-s' \right) \right]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha} (1-\gamma)} \left| E \left[\left(W_t^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{t'}^{\alpha} - W_{s'}^{\alpha} \right) \right] \right|^{\gamma} \\ &\leq C \left[(t-s) \left(t'-s' \right) \right]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha} (1-\gamma)+\gamma} \frac{1}{(s-t')^{\frac{1+\alpha}{\alpha}\gamma}} \\ &= C \frac{\left[(t-s) (t'-s') \right]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}}{(s-t')^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.7)$$

and by taking $\gamma = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha + 1}$, the lemma follows.

Lemma 2.4 For all t > s > 0, let $\sigma_t^2 = E[(W_t^{\alpha})^2]$, $\sigma_s^2 = E[(W_s^{\alpha})^2]$, $\mu_{t,s} = E[W_t^{\alpha}W_s^{\alpha}]$. Then we have

$$\sigma_t^2 \sigma_s^2 - \mu_{t,s}^2 \asymp \left[s(t-s) \right]^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$
(2.8)

Proof Let
$$\kappa_{\alpha} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\pi(\alpha-1)}$$
 and

$$G(x) = 2^{\frac{2(\alpha-1)}{\alpha}} x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - \left((1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right)^2$$

with $x \in [0, 1]$. Then

$$\begin{split} \sigma_t^2 \sigma_s^2 - \mu_{t,s}^2 &= \kappa_\alpha^2 \left\{ (st)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - 2^{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{\alpha}} \left((t+s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - (t-s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right)^2 \right\} \\ &= \kappa_\alpha^2 2^{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{\alpha}} t^{\frac{2(\alpha-1)}{\alpha}} G(x) \end{split}$$

for all t > s > 0 and $x = \frac{s}{t}$. We get

$$\begin{split} G(x) &= 2^{\frac{2(\alpha-1)}{\alpha}} x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - \left((1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right)^2 \\ &= \left\{ 2^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}} - (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right\} \left\{ 2^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}} + (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right\} \\ &\equiv G_1(x) G_2(x). \end{split}$$

It is obvious that

$$2^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}} \le G_2(x) \le 2^{1+\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}.$$

We first estimate $G_1(x)$. By an elementary calculation we can show that

$$(u+v-1)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \le u^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + v^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - 1 \le (u+v-1)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + (uv)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$
(2.9)

holds for $u + v \ge 1$, $0 \le u, v \le 1$, $0 \le K \le 1$. By taking

$$u = \frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x}, \qquad v = \frac{1-x}{1+x}$$

in (2.9), we have

$$0 \le u, v \le 1$$
, $u + v - 1 = \frac{2\sqrt{x} + (1 - x) - (1 + x)}{1 + x} \ge 0$,

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_{1}(x) &= (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x} + \frac{1-x}{1+x} - 1 \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x} \cdot \frac{1-x}{1+x} \right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &\leq (2\sqrt{x} - 2x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + (2\sqrt{x} \cdot (1-x))^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &\leq (2\sqrt{x} - 2x^{3/2})^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + (2\sqrt{x} \cdot (1-x))^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &\leq Cx^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}} (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in [0, 1]$. On the other hand, for all $x \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{1}(x) &= (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x}\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - 1 \right) \\ &\geq (1+x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{1+x} + \frac{1-x}{1+x} - 1\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &= \left(2\sqrt{x} + (1-x) - (1+x)\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &= \left((1-x) - (1-2\sqrt{x}+x)\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &= \left(\sqrt{1-x} - (1-\sqrt{x})\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \left(\sqrt{1-x} + (1-\sqrt{x})\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ &\geq \left(\sqrt{1-x} - (1-\sqrt{x})\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that

$$1 = \sqrt{1-x+x} \le \sqrt{1-x} \lor \sqrt{x} + (\sqrt{2}-1)(\sqrt{1-x} \land \sqrt{x})$$

by using the Bernoulli inequality

$$(1+x)^{\beta} \leq 1+\beta x^{\beta} \quad (0 \leq x, \beta \leq 1).$$

We further get

$$egin{aligned} \sqrt{1-x} + \sqrt{x} - 1 &\geq rac{1}{2}\sqrt{1-x} \wedge \sqrt{x} \ &\geq rac{1}{2}\sqrt{(1-x)x} \end{aligned}$$

for $0 \le x \le 1$. It follows that

$$G_1(x) \ge \left(\sqrt{1-x} - (1-\sqrt{x})\right)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}} \ge \frac{1}{2^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2\alpha}} (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Therefore, the desired estimates

$$G(x) \simeq x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

hold and the lemma follows.

At the end of this section, we investigate Skorohod integrals associated with the temporal process $W^{\alpha} = \{W_t^{\alpha} = u(t, \cdot), 0 \le t \le T\}$. From the previous discussion, we have shown that the process W^{α} is neither a Markov process nor a semimartingale, thus many powerful techniques of stochastic analysis are not available. Noting they are Gaussian processes, so we can develop the stochastic calculus of variations with respect to them. One refers to Alós *et al.* [16] and Nualart [17] for more details of stochastic calculus for Gaussian processes.

Denote by \mathcal{E} the set of linear combinations of elementary functions $\{1_{[0,t]}, 0 \le t \le T\}$. Let the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} be the closure of \mathcal{E} with respect to the inner product

$$\langle 1_{[0,t]}, 1_{[0,s]} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_*} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2\pi(\alpha-1)} \Big((t+s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - |t-s|^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \Big).$$

The map $1_{[0,t]} \mapsto W_t^{\alpha}$ is an isometry between \mathcal{E} and the Gaussian space $W^{\alpha}(\varphi)$ of $\{W_t^{\alpha}, t \ge 0\}$, which can be extended to \mathcal{H} . We denote the extension by

$$\varphi \mapsto W^{\alpha}(\varphi) = \int_0^t \varphi(s) \, dW_s^{\alpha}.$$

Let $f \in C_b^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $\varphi_i \in \mathcal{H}$, and let S denote the space of all smooth functionals of the following form:

$$F = f(W^{\alpha}(\varphi_1), W^{\alpha}(\varphi_2), \dots, W^{\alpha}(\varphi_n)),$$

where $f \in C_b^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ means f and all their derivatives are bounded. The *derivative operator* D^{α} (the Malliavin derivative) of functionals F of the above form is defined as

$$D^{\alpha}F = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{j}} (W^{\alpha}(\varphi_{1}), W^{\alpha}(\varphi_{2}), \dots, W^{\alpha}(\varphi_{n}))\varphi_{j}.$$

Then D^{α} is closable from $L^{2}(\Omega)$ into $L^{2}(\Omega; \mathcal{H})$. Denote by $\mathbb{D}^{1,2}$ the closure of S endowed with the norm

$$\|F_t\|_{1,2} := \sqrt{E|F|^2 + E} \|D^{\alpha}F\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2.$$

The *divergence integral* δ^{α} is the adjoint of D^{α} . Its domain is denoted by $\text{Dom}(\delta^{\alpha})$. We say that a random variable $u \in L^2(\Omega; \mathcal{H})$ belongs to $\text{Dom}(\delta^{\alpha})$ if, for all $F \in S$,

$$E|\langle D^{\alpha}F,u\rangle_{\mathcal{H}}|\leq c\|F\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}.$$

In these cases, for any $u \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}$, $\delta^{\alpha}(u)$ is defined by

$$E[F\delta^{\alpha}(u)] = E\langle D^{\alpha}F, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}.$$
(2.10)

We have $\mathbb{D}^{1,2} \subset \text{Dom}(\delta^{\alpha})$. We will use the notations

$$\delta^{\alpha}(u) = \int_0^T u_s \, dW_s^{\alpha}$$

to express the Skorohod integral, and the indefinite Skorohod integral is defined as

$$\int_0^t u_s \, dW_s^\alpha = \delta^\alpha(u \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]}).$$

3 The variation of temporal process

Let $\{u(t,x), t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ be the solution to the Cauchy problem (1.4). Then we have

$$u(t,x) = \int_{0}^{t} \int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{\alpha}(t-s,x-y) B(ds,dy),$$
(3.1)

where $p_{\alpha}(t, x)$ is the transition density function of a one-dimensional symmetry α -stable Lévy process *X* satisfying

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} p_{\alpha}(t,x) e^{ix\xi} dx = e^{-t|\xi|^{\alpha}}$$

for $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ and $t \ge 0$. In this section, we investigate the strong *p*-variation of the temporal process $W^{\alpha} = \{W_t^{\alpha} = u(t, \cdot), t \ge 0\}$.

Recall that a continuous process *X* has a strong *p*-variation (p > 0) if

$$ucp-\lim_{\varepsilon\downarrow 0}\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\int_0^t |X_{s+\varepsilon}-X_s|^p ds$$

exists, where the notation ucp means the uniform convergence in probability on each compact interval. The limit is denoted by $[X, X]_t^{(p)}$ and is called the *p*-strong variation. If the *p*-strong variation exists, then for every q > p > 0, $[X, X]_t^{(q)} = 0$. When p = 2 we call $[X, X]_t^{(p)}$ the *quadratic covariation* of *X* and is denoted by [X, X], *i.e.*

$$[X,X] := ucp - \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t (X_{s+\varepsilon} - X_s)^2 \, ds.$$
(3.2)

For ucp-convergence we have the next perfect result due to Russo and Vallois [18].

Lemma 3.1 (Russo and Vallois [18]) Let $\{X^{\varepsilon}, \varepsilon > 0\}$ be a set of continuous processes. We assume

- For any $\varepsilon > 0$, the process $t \mapsto X_t^{\varepsilon}$ is increasing.
- There is a continuous process $X = (X_t, t \ge 0)$ such that $X_t^{\varepsilon} \to X_t$ in probability as ε goes to zero.

Then Z^{ε} converges to X ucp.

Theorem 3.1 Let $1 < \alpha < 2$. Then, for every t > 0, we have

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \left| W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}} ds = \kappa_{\alpha} t$$

in probability, i.e.

$$\left[W^{\alpha}, W^{\alpha}\right]_{t}^{(p)} = \kappa_{\alpha} t$$

with $p = \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}$, where $\lambda_{\alpha} = \left(\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)}\right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} E|\xi|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}$ with ξ being a standard normal random variable.

Proof Let ε , t > 0 be given. Set

$$\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}(t,\varepsilon):=\frac{1}{\varepsilon}\int_{0}^{t}\left|W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}ds.$$

By Lemma 3.1 one only needs to show that $C^{\alpha}(t,\varepsilon)$ converges to $\lambda_{\alpha}t$ in $L^{2}(\Omega)$, as $\varepsilon \to 0$. Note that

$$E\Big[\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha}\Big)^{2}\Big] = \kappa_{\alpha}\Big((s+\varepsilon)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - 2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\Big((s+\varepsilon+s)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\Big) + s^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\Big)$$
$$= \kappa_{\alpha}(s+\varepsilon)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}f(x)$$

for $x = \frac{\varepsilon}{s+\varepsilon}$ and s > 0, by (2.3). It is clear that

$$f(x) = 1 - 2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left((2-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \right) + (1-x)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} = 2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} + o\left(x^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right)$$

as $x \to 0$, and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} E\left[\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right)^{2} \right] = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha - 1)}$$
(3.3)

for $s \ge \delta$. We have

$$\begin{split} \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} E\Big[\left| W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \Big] &= \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} E|\xi|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \left(E\Big[\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right)^{2} \Big] \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \\ &= E|\xi|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}} \left(\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \right)^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}} = \lambda_{\alpha} \end{split}$$

for s > 0 and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon\downarrow 0} E(\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}(t,\varepsilon)) = \lambda_{\alpha}t.$$

Thus, to obtain the result it suffices to establish that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} E \big(\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}(t,\varepsilon) \big)^2 = (\lambda_{\alpha})^2 t^2$$

for all t > 0. We get

$$E(\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}(t,\varepsilon))^{2} = \frac{2}{\varepsilon^{2}} \int_{0}^{t} ds \int_{0}^{s} f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) dr,$$

where

$$f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) = E \left| \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}.$$

Recall that if (B_1, B_2) is a Gaussian couple, then we can write

$$B_{2} = \frac{\text{Cov}(B_{1}, B_{2})}{\text{Var}(B_{1})}G_{1} + \sqrt{\text{Var}(B_{2}) - \frac{\text{Cov}^{2}(B_{1}, B_{2})}{\text{Var}(B_{1})}}\eta,$$
(3.4)

where η is a standard normal random variable independent of B_1 and Var(·) denotes the variance. Let $B_1 = W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}$, $B_2 = W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}$, $\mu_{\varepsilon}(s, r) = EB_1B_2$, and

$$\Upsilon_{\varepsilon}(s,r) = \operatorname{Var}(B_1)\operatorname{Var}(B_2) - \mu_{\varepsilon}(s,r)^2.$$

We get

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}E|B_{1}B_{2}|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}$$

$$= E\left(\left|\frac{B_{1}}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(B_{1})}}\right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}\left|\frac{\mu_{\varepsilon}(s,r)}{\varepsilon^{1+b}}\frac{B_{1}}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}(B_{1})}} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}\sqrt{\Upsilon_{\varepsilon}(s,r)}\eta\right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}\right)$$

$$= E\left(\left|\zeta\right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}\left|\frac{\mu_{\varepsilon}(s,r)}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}\zeta + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}\sqrt{\Upsilon_{\varepsilon}(s,r)}\eta\right|^{\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha-1}}\right)$$
(3.5)

with a standard normal random variable ζ independent of η .

By Lemma 2.1, it is obvious that

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}\sqrt{\Upsilon_{\varepsilon}(s,r)} \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1}}}\sqrt{E(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha})^{2}E(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha})^{2}} \asymp C.$$

Combining this with (3.5) and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\int_0^\varepsilon ds \int_0^s \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f_\varepsilon(s,r) \, dr, \int_\varepsilon^t ds \int_{s-\varepsilon}^s \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} f_\varepsilon(s,r) \, dr \longrightarrow 0$$

as $\varepsilon \to 0$. By (3.3) and (3.5) it follows that

$$E(\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}(t,\varepsilon))^{2} = \frac{2}{\varepsilon^{2}} \int_{0}^{t} ds \int_{0}^{s} f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) dr$$

$$= \frac{2}{\varepsilon^{2}} \int_{\varepsilon}^{t} ds \int_{0}^{s-\varepsilon} f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) dr + \frac{2}{\varepsilon^{2}} \int_{\varepsilon}^{t} ds \int_{s-\varepsilon}^{s} f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) dr$$

$$+ \frac{2}{\varepsilon^{2}} \int_{0}^{\varepsilon} ds \int_{0}^{s} f_{\varepsilon}(s,r) dr$$

$$\longrightarrow 2 \int_{0}^{t} ds \int_{0}^{s} (\lambda_{\alpha})^{2} dr = (\lambda_{\alpha})^{2} t^{2}$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, the theorem follows.

From Yan *et al.* [19] and the above theorem, we can naturally introduce the next definition.

Definition 3.1 For all $t \ge 0$, define the integral

$$I_{\varepsilon}(f,t) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} \int_0^t \left\{ f\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}\right) - f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right) \right\} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}},$$

where f is a measurable function on \mathbb{R} . We call the limit $\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} I_{\epsilon}(f, t)$ the generalized quadratic covariation of $f(W^{\alpha})$ and W^{α} , denoted by $\langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle^{(\alpha)}$, provided this limit exists in probability.

Proposition 3.1 *For all* $1 < \alpha < 2$ *and* $t \ge 0$ *, we have*

$$\langle B^H, B^H \rangle_t^{(H)} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} t^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$

Moreover, for every $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ *, we have*

$$\left\langle f\left(W^{\alpha}\right), W^{\alpha}\right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \int_{0}^{t} f'\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$
(3.6)

Proof It is suffices to estimate

$$E\left|\int_{0}^{t} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)^{2} ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} - \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} (t\varepsilon)^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right|^{2}$$
$$= E\left|\int_{0}^{t} \left(\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)^{2} - \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right|^{2}$$
$$\equiv \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{t} X_{\varepsilon}(s,r) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} dr^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$, where

$$\begin{split} X_{\varepsilon}(y,z) &= E\bigg(\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right)^{2} - \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \bigg) \bigg(\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right)^{2} - \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \bigg) \\ &= E\big(\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right)^{2} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right)^{2} \big) \\ &- \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \big(E\big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \big)^{2} + E\big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \big)^{2} \big) + \bigg(\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \bigg)^{2} \\ &= E\big(\big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \big)^{2} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \big)^{2} \big) - \bigg(\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \bigg)^{2} \end{split}$$

for every t > 0 and $y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. By an elementary calculation we can show that

$$\begin{split} & E\Big(\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\Big)^{2}\Big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\Big)^{2}\Big)\\ &= E\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\Big)^{2}E\Big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\Big)^{2}\\ &+ 2\Big[E\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\Big)\Big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\Big)\Big]^{2}\\ &= \left(\frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)}\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}\right)^{2} + 2\Big[E\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\Big)\Big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\Big)\Big]^{2} \end{split}$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$ and $y, z \in I_x$, which implies

$$X_{\varepsilon}(y,z) = 2 \Big[E \Big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \Big) \Big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \Big) \Big]^{2}.$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.3, and the fact

$$\left| E \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \big) \right| \leq C \varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

for $|s - r| < \varepsilon$ that

$$\int_0^t \int_0^t X_{\varepsilon}(s,r) \, ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \, dr^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} = O\left(\varepsilon^{\beta + \frac{2(\alpha-1)}{\alpha}}\right) \quad (\varepsilon \downarrow 0)$$

for some $\beta > 0$, which gives

$$\left\langle W^{\alpha}, W^{\alpha} \right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} t^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

for all $t \ge 0$.

On the other hand, by Hölder continuity of W^{α} we get

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} \int_0^t o \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \right)^2 ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} = 0$$

almost surely. It follows that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} \int_0^t \left\{ f\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}\right) - f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right) \right\} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} \\ = \lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}} \int_0^t f'\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right) \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)^2 ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \int_0^t f'\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

almost surely. By the next lemma and the proposition the result follows.

Recall that the local Hölder index γ_0 of a continuous paths process $\{X_t : t \ge 0\}$ is the supremum of the exponents γ verifying, for any T > 0,

$$P(\left\{\omega: \exists L(\omega) > 0, \forall s, t \in [0, T], \left|X_t(\omega) - X_s(\omega)\right| \le L(\omega)|t - s|^{\gamma}\right\}) = 1.$$

Recently, Gradinaru-Nourdin [20] introduced the following very useful result.

Lemma 3.2 Assume that $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is a function such that for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\left|f(x) - f(y)\right| \le C|x - y|^{a} \left(1 + x^{2} + y^{2}\right)^{b} \quad (C > 0, 0 < a \le 1, b > 0).$$
(3.7)

Let X be a locally Hölder continuous paths process with index $\gamma \in (0,1)$. Assume that V is a bounded variation continuous paths process. For $t \ge 0$, $\varepsilon > 0$, set

$$X^f_{\varepsilon}(t) = \int_0^t f\left(\frac{X_{s+\varepsilon} - X_s}{\varepsilon^{\gamma}}\right) ds.$$

If for each $t \ge 0$,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} = \left\| X_{\varepsilon}^{f}(t) - V_{t} \right\|_{L^{2}}^{2} = O(\varepsilon^{\alpha})$$
(3.8)

with $\alpha > 0$, then for any $t \ge 0$, $\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} X_{\varepsilon}^{f}(t) = V_{t}$ almost surely, and if f is non-negative, for any continuous stochastic process $\{Y_{t} : t \ge 0\}$,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \int_0^t Y_s f\left(\frac{X_{s+\varepsilon} - X_s}{\varepsilon^{\gamma}}\right) ds \longrightarrow \int_0^t Y_s \, dV_s,\tag{3.9}$$

almost surely, uniformly in t on each compact interval.

4 The existence of the generalized quadratic covariation

In this section, we consider the existence of the generalized quadratic covariation of $f(W^{\alpha})$ and W^{α} , we do not need that f is a C^1 -function. The main idea is from Yan *et al.* [19]. Let $\nu_{\alpha} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)}$ and $\beta = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$. For $\varepsilon > 0$, we consider the following decomposition:

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{t} \left\{ f\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}\right) - f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) \right\} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\beta} \\
= \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{t} f\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}\right) \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\beta} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{t} f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) ds^{\beta} \\
\equiv I_{\varepsilon}^{+}(f, t) - I_{\varepsilon}^{-}(f, t), \tag{4.1}$$

and define a set

 $\mathcal{H} = \{g : g \text{ is a Borel function on } \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \|g\|_{\mathcal{H}} < \infty \},\$

where

$$\|g\|_{\mathscr{H}}^{2} := \int_{0}^{T} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |g(x)|^{2} e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2\nu_{\alpha}s^{\beta}}} \frac{dx \, ds}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu_{\alpha}}s^{1-\frac{\beta}{2}}} = E\left(\int_{0}^{T} |g(W_{s}^{\alpha})|^{2} \, ds^{\beta}\right).$$

Then $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}, \mu(dx))$, where

$$\mu(dx) = \left(\int_0^T e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\nu_\alpha s^\beta}} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu_\alpha} s^{1-\frac{\beta}{2}}}\right) dx$$

and $\mu(\mathbb{R}) = T^{2H} < \infty$, which indicates that the set

$$\mathscr{E} := \left\{ \text{all the elementary functions of the form } g_{\triangle}(x) = \sum_{i} g_{i} \mathbb{1}_{(x_{i-1}, x_{i}]}(x) \right\}$$

is dense in \mathcal{H} , where $\{x_i, 0 \le i \le l\}$ is an finite sequence of real numbers satisfying $x_i < x_{i+1}$.

In order to get the existence of the generalized quadratic covariation, we need first to present the following two statements:

(i) For $t \in [0,1]$ and any $\varepsilon > 0, f \in C_0^{\infty} \cap \mathcal{H}, I_{\varepsilon}^{\pm}(f,t) \in L^2(\Omega)$. That is,

$$E\left|I_{\varepsilon}^{-}(f,t)\right|^{2} \le C\|f\|_{\mathscr{H}}^{2},\tag{4.2}$$

$$E\left|I_{\varepsilon}^{+}(f,t)\right|^{2} \le C\|f\|_{\mathscr{H}}^{2}.$$
(4.3)

(ii) For every $f \in C_0^{\infty} \cap \mathscr{H}$ and $t \in [0,1]$, $I_{\varepsilon}^+(f,t)$ and $I_{\varepsilon}^-(f,t)$ are Cauchy sequences in $L^2(\Omega)$. That is, for all $t \in [0,1]$,

$$E\left|I_{\varepsilon_1}^-(f,t) - I_{\varepsilon_2}^-(f,t)\right|^2 \longrightarrow 0, \tag{4.4}$$

$$E\left|I_{\varepsilon_1}^+(f,t) - I_{\varepsilon_2}^+(f,t)\right|^2 \longrightarrow 0$$
(4.5)

as $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \downarrow 0$.

We divide the proof of the two statements into several parts which is similar to Yan *et al.* [19]. For simplicity, let T = 1. We need the next elementary lemmas. Let $\varphi(x, y)$ denote the density function of $(W_s^{\alpha}, W_r^{\alpha})$ (s > r > 0). That is

$$\varphi(x,y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\rho} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\rho^2} \left(r^\beta x^2 - 2\mu xy + s^\beta y^2\right)\right\},\label{eq:phi}$$

where $\mu = E(W_s^{\alpha} W_r^{\alpha})$ and $\rho^2 = (\kappa_{\alpha})^2 r^{\beta} s^{\beta} - \mu^2$.

Lemma 4.1 Let $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ admit a compact support. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| E\left[f'\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f'\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right] \right| &\leq \frac{Cs^{\beta/2}}{r^{\beta/2}(s-r)^{\beta}} \left(E\left[\left|f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\right|^{2}\right]E\left[\left|f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right|^{2}\right]\right)^{1/2},\\ \left|E\left[f''\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right] \right| &\leq \frac{C}{(s-r)^{\beta}} \left(E\left[\left|f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\right|^{2}\right]E\left[\left|f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right|^{2}\right]\right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

for all s > r > 0.

Proof By using an elementary calculation it follows that

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f^2(y) \left(x - \frac{\mu}{\kappa_{\alpha} r^{\beta}} y \right)^2 \varphi(x, y) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \frac{\rho^2}{\kappa_{\alpha} r^{\beta}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^2(y) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \kappa_{\alpha}} r^{\beta/2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\kappa_{\alpha} r^{\beta}}} \, dy = \frac{\rho^2}{\kappa_{\alpha} r^{\beta}} E[\left| f\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right) \right|^2], \end{split}$$

which implies that

$$\frac{1}{\rho^4} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |f(x)f(y)(\kappa_\alpha s^\beta y - \mu x)(\kappa_\alpha r^\beta x - \mu y)|\varphi(x,y) \, dx \, dy$$

$$\leq \frac{\kappa_\alpha (rs)^{\beta/2}}{\rho^2} \left(E[|f(W_s^\alpha)|^2] E[|f(W_r^\alpha)|^2] \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\leq \frac{Cs^{\beta/2}}{r^{\beta/2}(s-r)^\beta} \left(E[|f(W_s^\alpha)|^2] E[|f(W_r^\alpha)|^2] \right)^{1/2}$$

by Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{split} E[f'(W_s^{\alpha})f'(W_r^{\alpha})] &|= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x)f(y) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} \varphi(x,y) \, dx \, dy \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x)f(y) \left\{ \frac{1}{\rho^4} (\kappa_\alpha s^\beta y - \mu x) (\kappa_\alpha r^\beta x - \mu y) + \frac{\mu}{\rho^2} \right\} \varphi(x,y) \, dx \, dy \right| \\ &\leq \frac{C s^{\beta/2}}{r^{\beta/2} (s-r)^\beta} (E[|f(W_s^{\alpha})|^2] E[|f(W_r^{\alpha})|^2])^{1/2}. \end{split}$$

This gives the first estimate, by a similarly argument, one can obtain the second estimate. $\hfill \Box$

Proof of the statement (i) Let $f \in C_0^\infty$. Noting that for all $\varepsilon > 0$ and $t \ge 0$, we have

$$E\left|I_{\varepsilon}^{-}(f,t)\right|^{2} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2\beta}}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{t}E\left[f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right]ds^{\beta}\,dr^{\beta}.$$

For all *s*, *r* > 0 and ε > 0, let us estimate the expression

$$\Lambda_{\varepsilon}(s,r) := E \Big[f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \Big].$$

Note that

$$\begin{split} \Lambda \varepsilon(s,r) &= E \bigg[f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \int_r^{r+\varepsilon} dW_l^{\alpha} \bigg] \\ &= E \big[D^{\alpha} f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big), \mathbf{1}_{[r,r+\varepsilon]} \big|_{\mathcal{H}} \\ &= E \big[W_s^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f' \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[\big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[\big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_s^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f'' \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_s^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f' \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_s^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f' \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_s^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f' \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f' \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f \big(W_s^{\alpha} \big) f' \big(W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] \\ &+ E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[W_r^{\alpha} \big(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \big) \big] E \big[f \big(B_s^{H} \big) f \big(B_r^{H} \big) \big] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{5} \Psi_{\varepsilon} (s, r, j). \end{split}$$

By Cauchy's inequality, it is easy to see that, for $|s - r| < \varepsilon \le 1$,

$$\left|E\left[\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\right]\right|\leq C\varepsilon^{\beta}\leq C\frac{\varepsilon^{2\beta}}{|s-r|^{\beta}}.$$

It follows from Cauchy's inequality, Lemma 2.3, and the fact

$$E[f^{2}(W_{r}^{\alpha})] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{2}(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu_{\alpha}}r^{\beta/2}} e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2\nu_{\alpha}r^{\beta}}} dx$$
$$\leq \frac{s^{\beta/2}}{r^{\beta/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f^{2}(x) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu_{\alpha}}s^{\beta/2}} e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2\nu_{\alpha}s^{\beta}}} dx = \frac{s^{\beta/2}}{r^{\beta/2}} E[f^{2}(W_{s}^{\alpha})], \qquad (4.6)$$

we have

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2\beta}} \left| \int_0^t \int_0^t \Psi_{\varepsilon}(s,r,5) \, ds^{\beta} \, dr^{\beta} \right| \le C \|f\|_{\mathscr{H}}^2$$

for all $0 < \varepsilon \le 1$.

Combing Lemma 4.1, Lemma 2.2, Lemma 2.3, and (4.6) we get

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2\beta}} \left| \int_0^t \int_0^t \Psi_{\varepsilon}(s,r,1) \, ds^{\beta} \, dr^{\beta} \right| \\ \leq \int_0^t \int_0^t \left| E \left[f''(W_s^{\alpha}) f(W_r^{\alpha}) \right] \right| \, dr^{\beta} \, ds^{\beta}$$

$$\leq C \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{s} \frac{1}{(s-r)^{\beta}} E |f(W_{s}^{\alpha})f(W_{r}^{\alpha})| dr^{\beta} ds^{\beta}$$

$$\leq C \int_{0}^{t} E [f^{2}(W_{s}^{\alpha})] s^{\frac{5}{4}\beta-1} ds \int_{0}^{s} \frac{s^{\beta/4}}{(s-r)^{\beta} r^{1-\frac{3}{4}\beta}} dr \leq C ||f||_{\mathscr{H}}^{2}$$

for all $\varepsilon > 0$ and $t \ge 0$. In a similar way, we can estimate

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2\beta}}\left|\int_0^t\int_0^t\Psi_{\varepsilon}(s,r,j)\,ds^{\beta}\,dr^{\beta}\right|$$

for $j \in \{2, 3, 4\}$. Thus, we have given the estimate (4.2). In the same way, one finds (4.3).

Proof of the statement (ii) By the first statement we can give the second statement with $f \in C_0^{\infty}$. In fact, for all $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$ and $t \ge 0$, we have

$$\begin{split} E\left|I_{\varepsilon_{1}}^{-}(f,t)-I_{\varepsilon_{2}}^{-}(f,t)\right|^{2} &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}^{2\beta}}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{t}Ef\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\\ &\quad \cdot\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)dr^{\beta}\,ds^{\beta}\\ &\quad -\frac{2}{\varepsilon_{1}^{\beta}\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{t}Ef\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\\ &\quad \cdot\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\,dr^{\beta}\,ds^{\beta}\\ &\quad +\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{2}^{2\beta}}\int_{0}^{t}\int_{0}^{t}Ef\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\\ &\quad \cdot\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\,dr^{\beta}\,ds^{\beta}. \end{split}$$

Set

$$\Phi_{s,r}(1,\varepsilon) = E\left[f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}\right)\right]$$

and

$$\Phi_{s,r}(2,\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2) = E\left[f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha}-W_s^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_2}^{\alpha}-W_r^{\alpha}\right)\right]$$

for all *s*, $r \ge 0$ and ε_1 , ε_2 , $\varepsilon > 0$. Then we have

$$E \left| I_{\varepsilon_1}^{-}(f,t) - I_{\varepsilon_2}^{-}(f,t) \right|^2$$

= $\frac{\beta^2}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta} \varepsilon_2^{\beta}} \int_0^t \int_0^t \left\{ \varepsilon_2^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(1,\varepsilon_1) - \varepsilon_1^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(2,\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2) \right\} (sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds$
+ $\frac{\beta^2}{\varepsilon_1^{\beta} \varepsilon_2^{2\beta}} \int_0^t \int_0^t \left\{ \varepsilon_1^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(1,\varepsilon_2) - \varepsilon_2^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(2,\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2) \right\} (sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds$

for all $t \ge 0$ and $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$. Thus, in order to see that $\{I_{\varepsilon}^{-}(f, t), \varepsilon > 0\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $L^2(\Omega)$, we show that

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_i^{2\beta}\varepsilon_j^{\beta}} \int_0^t \int_0^t \left\{ \varepsilon_j^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(1,\varepsilon_i) - \varepsilon_i^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(2,\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2) \right\} (sr)^{\beta-1} dr \, ds \longrightarrow 0$$
(4.7)

for all $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$, $i \neq j$, as $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$. Without loss of generality, we assume that $\varepsilon_1 > \varepsilon_2$. By the proof of (i), it follows that

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{s,r}(1,\varepsilon) &= E\Big[W_s^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_s^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f''\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[W_s^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_r^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f'\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f'\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[W_r^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_s^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f'\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f'\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[W_r^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_r^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f''\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f''\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{s,r}(2,\varepsilon_{1},\varepsilon_{2}) &= E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f''\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f'\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f'\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[B_{r}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-B_{r}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-B_{s}\right)\Big]E\Big[f'\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f'\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f''\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big] \\ &+ E\Big[\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]E\Big[f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\Big]. \end{split}$$

For $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon, s, r > 0$ and $j \in \{1, 2\}$. Denote

$$\begin{split} A_{1}(s,r,\varepsilon,j) &\coloneqq \varepsilon_{j}^{\beta} E\Big[\left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^{\beta} E\Big[\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big], \\ A_{2}(s,r,\varepsilon,j) &\coloneqq \varepsilon_{j}^{\beta} E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^{\beta} E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big], \\ A_{3}(s,r,\varepsilon,j) &\coloneqq \varepsilon_{j}^{\beta} E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^{\beta} E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big], \\ A_{41}(s,r,\varepsilon,j) &\coloneqq \varepsilon_{j}^{\beta} E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^{\beta} E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big], \\ A_{42}(s,r,\varepsilon,j) &\coloneqq \varepsilon_{j}^{\beta} E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^{\beta} E\Big[W_{s}^{\alpha} \left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha} - W_{r}^{\alpha} \right) \Big] E\Big[W_{r}^{\alpha} \left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha} - W_{s}^{\alpha} \right) \Big]. \end{split}$$

One obtains

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{j}^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(1,\varepsilon_{i}) &- \varepsilon_{i}^{\beta} \Phi_{s,r}(2,\varepsilon_{1},\varepsilon_{2}) \\ &= E \Big[f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right) \Big] A_{1}(s,r,\varepsilon_{i},j) \\ &+ E \Big[f\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}\right) f''(W_{r}^{\alpha}) \Big] A_{2}(s,r,\varepsilon_{i},j) + E \Big[f''(W_{s}^{\alpha}) f\left(W_{r}^{\alpha}\right) \Big] A_{3}(s,r,\varepsilon_{i},j) \\ &+ E \Big[f'(W_{s}^{\alpha}) f'(W_{r}^{\alpha}) \Big] \Big(A_{41}(s,r,\varepsilon_{i},j) + A_{42}(s,r,\varepsilon_{i},j) \Big) \end{split}$$

with $i \neq j$ and $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$. In the sequel, we prove the convergence of (4.7). By symmetry, one only needs to show that, for i = 1, j = 2, the convergence holds. We divide the proof into four steps.

Step I. The following convergence holds:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon_{1},\varepsilon_{2}\to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}^{2\beta}\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{t} A_{1}(s,r,\varepsilon_{1},2) E[f(W_{s}^{\alpha})f(W_{r}^{\alpha})](sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds = 0.$$
(4.8)

It is clear that, for $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$, $0 < |s - r| < \varepsilon_i \land \varepsilon_j \le 1$, $0 < \lambda < 1 - \beta$, we have

$$\begin{split} &|E\Big[\big(W_{s+\varepsilon_{i}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\big)\big(W_{r+\varepsilon_{j}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\big)\Big]|\\ &\leq \sqrt{E\Big[\big(W_{s+\varepsilon_{i}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\big)^{2}E\big(W_{r+\varepsilon_{j}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\big)^{2}\Big]}\\ &\leq C\varepsilon_{i}^{\beta/2}\varepsilon_{j}^{\beta/2}\leq C\frac{\varepsilon_{i}^{\beta+\lambda}\varepsilon_{j}^{\beta}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}}. \end{split}$$

Combining this inequality with (2.7) (by taking $\gamma = \frac{\beta + \lambda}{2 - \beta}$), we have

$$\begin{split} & \left| E \Big[\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \Big) \Big(W_{r+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] \right| \\ & \leq C \bigg(\frac{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta+\lambda}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \mathbf{1}_{\{|s-r|>\varepsilon_1\}} + \frac{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta+\lambda}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \mathbf{1}_{\{0<|s-r|\le\varepsilon_1\}} \bigg) \leq C \frac{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta+\lambda}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} & \left| E \Big[\Big(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \Big) \Big(W_{r+\varepsilon_2}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] \right| \\ & \leq C \bigg(\frac{\varepsilon_1^{\beta+\frac{\gamma}{2}} \varepsilon_2^{\beta+\frac{\lambda}{2}}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \mathbf{1}_{\{|s-r|>\varepsilon_2\}} + \frac{\varepsilon_1^{\beta+\lambda} \varepsilon_2^{\beta}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \mathbf{1}_{\{0<|s-r|\le\varepsilon_2\}} \bigg) \leq C \frac{\varepsilon_1^{\beta+\lambda} \varepsilon_2^{\beta}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \end{split}$$

for $0 < \lambda < 1 - \beta$ and |s - r| > 0. We deduce that

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |A_1(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)| \le C_H \frac{\varepsilon_1^{\lambda}}{|s-r|^{\beta+\lambda}} \longrightarrow 0 \quad (\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2 \to 0)$$

for $0 < \lambda < 1 - \beta$ and s, r > 0.

Besides, from the above proof, we also have

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |A_1(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)| &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}} |E[(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha})(W_{r+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha})]| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |E[(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha})(W_{r+\varepsilon_2}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha})]| \\ &\leq C \frac{1}{|s-r|^{\beta}} \end{split}$$

for all $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$, |s - r| > 0, and

$$\int_0^t \int_0^t \frac{1}{|s-r|^{\beta}} \left| E\left[f\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right)f\left(W_r^{\alpha}\right)\right] \right| (sr)^{\beta_2 - 1} \, dr \, ds \le C \|f\|_{\mathscr{H}}^2$$

for every $0 < \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 < 1$. By Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem it follows that (4.8) is convergent.

Step II. We show that the following convergence holds:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon_{1},\varepsilon_{2}\to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}^{2\beta}\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{t} A_{2}(s,r,\varepsilon_{1},2) E[f(W_{s}^{\alpha})f''(W_{r}^{\alpha})](sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds = 0.$$
(4.9)

From Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 2.2, we obtain, for ε_1 , $\varepsilon_2 > 0$,

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |A_2(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)| \le C$$

and

$$\int_0^t \int_0^t \left| E[f(W_s^{\alpha})f''(W_r^{\alpha})] \right| (sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds \leq C \|f\|_{\mathscr{H}}^2.$$

On the other hand, by the fact that

$$b^{\alpha} - a^{\alpha} \le b^{\alpha - \gamma} (b - a)^{\gamma} \tag{4.10}$$

with $0 < \alpha \le \gamma \le 1$, b > a > 0, and Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}^{2\beta}\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}}\left|A_{2}(s,r,\varepsilon_{1},2)\right| = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}^{2\beta}\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}}\left|E\left[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\right]\right| \\
\cdot \left|\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}E\left[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right]-\varepsilon_{1}^{\beta}E\left[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{r+\varepsilon_{2}}^{\alpha}-W_{r}^{\alpha}\right)\right]\right| \\
= \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{1}^{2\beta}\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}}\left|E\left[W_{r}^{\alpha}\left(W_{s+\varepsilon_{1}}^{\alpha}-W_{s}^{\alpha}\right)\right]\right| \\
\cdot \frac{1}{2}\left|\varepsilon_{2}^{\beta}\left((r+\varepsilon_{1})^{\beta}-r^{\beta}\right)-\varepsilon_{1}^{\beta}\left((r+\varepsilon_{2})^{\beta}-r^{\beta}\right)\right| \\
\leq r^{\beta-\gamma}\varepsilon_{1}^{\gamma-\beta}\longrightarrow 0 \quad (\varepsilon_{1},\varepsilon_{2}\rightarrow 0) \qquad (4.11)$$

for all r > 0 and $\beta < \gamma \le 1$, by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem it follows that the convergence of (4.9) hold.

Step III. We show that the following convergence holds:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2\to 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} \int_0^t \int_0^t A_3(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2) E[f''(W_s^{\alpha})f(W_r^{\alpha})](sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds = 0.$$
(4.12)

By (4.10) we get

$$\begin{split} \left| E \Big[W_s^{\alpha} \Big(W_{r+\varepsilon}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] \right| &= \frac{1}{2} \Big| (r+\varepsilon)^{\beta} - |s-r-\varepsilon|^{\beta} - r^{\beta} + |s-r|^{\beta} \Big| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \Big| (r+\varepsilon)^{\beta} - r^{\beta} \Big| + \frac{1}{2} \Big| |s-r|^{\beta} + |s-r-\varepsilon|^{\beta} \Big| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \Big(r^{\beta-\gamma} + |s-r|^{\beta-\gamma} \Big) \varepsilon^{\beta} \end{split}$$

for $\beta \le \gamma \le 1$, $\varepsilon > 0$, and |s - r| > 0. By Lemma 2.2 and (4.11) it follows that, for all s, r > 0, $\beta < \gamma \le 1$,

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} \Big| A_3(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2) \Big| &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} \Big| E \Big[W_s^{\alpha} \Big(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_s^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] \Big| \\ &\quad \cdot \Big| \varepsilon_2^{\beta} E \Big[W_s^{\alpha} \Big(W_{r+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] - \varepsilon_1^{\beta} E \Big[W_s^{\alpha} \Big(W_{r+\varepsilon_2}^{\alpha} - W_r^{\alpha} \Big) \Big] \Big| \\ &\leq r^{\beta-\gamma} \varepsilon^{\gamma-\beta} \mathbf{1}_{\{s=r\}} + \Big(r^{\beta-\gamma} + |s-r|^{\beta-\gamma} \Big) \varepsilon^{\gamma-\beta} \mathbf{1}_{\{|s-r|>0\}} \longrightarrow 0 \end{split}$$

as $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \to 0$. Noting that for all $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$,

$$\int_0^t \int_0^t |A_3(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)E[f''(W_s^{\alpha})f(W_r^{\alpha})]|(sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds \leq C_H ||f||_{\mathscr{H}}^2,$$

we obtain the convergence (4.12) by using Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem.

Step IV. We show that the following convergence holds:

$$\lim_{\epsilon_{1},\epsilon_{2}\to 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon_{1}^{2\beta}\epsilon_{2}^{\beta}} \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{t} \left(A_{41}(s,r,\epsilon_{1},2) + A_{42}(s,r,\epsilon_{1},2) \right) \\ \cdot E[f'(W_{s}^{\alpha})f'(W_{r}^{\alpha})](sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds = 0.$$
(4.13)

For *r* > 0 and $\beta < \gamma \leq 1$, from Step II it follows that

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |A_{41}(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)| &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |E[W_s^{\alpha}(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha}-W_s^{\alpha})]| \\ &\cdot |\varepsilon_2^{\beta}E[W_r^{\alpha}(W_{r+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha}-W_r^{\alpha})] - \varepsilon_1^{\beta}E[W_r^{\alpha}(W_{r+\varepsilon_2}^{\alpha}-W_r^{\alpha})]| \\ &\leq r^{\beta-\gamma}\varepsilon_1^{\gamma-\beta} \longrightarrow 0 \end{split}$$

as $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$. for *s*, *r* > 0 and $\beta < \gamma \leq 1$, from Step III we get

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |A_{42}(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)| &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} |E[W_r^{\alpha}(W_{s+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha}-W_s^{\alpha})]| \\ &\cdot |\varepsilon_2^{\beta}E[W_s^{\alpha}(W_{r+\varepsilon_1}^{\alpha}-W_r^{\alpha})] - \varepsilon_1^{\beta}E[W_s^{\alpha}(W_{r+\varepsilon_2}^{\alpha}-W_r^{\alpha})]| \\ &\leq r^{\beta-\gamma}\varepsilon^{\gamma-\beta}\mathbf{1}_{\{s=r\}} + (r^{\beta-\gamma}+|s-r|^{\beta-\gamma})\varepsilon^{\gamma-\beta}\mathbf{1}_{\{|s-r|>0\}} \longrightarrow 0 \end{split}$$

as $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \to 0$. On the other hand, for all $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$, we have

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon_1^{2\beta}\varepsilon_2^{\beta}} \int_0^t \int_0^t |A_{41}(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2) + A_{42}(s,r,\varepsilon_1,2)| |E[f'(W_s^{\alpha})f'(W_r^{\alpha})]|(sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds$$
$$\leq C \int_0^t \int_0^t |E[f'(W_s^{\alpha})f'(W_r^{\alpha})]|(sr)^{\beta-1} dr ds \leq C ||f||_{\mathscr{H}}^2$$

by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, the convergence of (4.13) follows.

Therefore, $\{I_{\varepsilon}^{-}(f,t), \varepsilon > 0\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $L^{2}(\Omega)$. Similarly, we can also show that $\{I_{\varepsilon}^{+}(f,t), \varepsilon > 0\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in $L^{2}(\Omega)$, and the lemma follows.

Theorem 4.1 Let $g \in \mathcal{H}$. Then the generalized quadratic covariation of W^{α} and $g(W^{\alpha})$ exists in $L^{2}(\Omega)$ and for all $t \in [0,1]$,

$$E\left|\left\langle g\left(W^{\alpha}\right),W^{\alpha}\right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)}\right|^{2} \leq C\|g\|_{\mathscr{H}}^{2}.$$

$$(4.14)$$

Proof Let $g \in \mathcal{H}$ be given. Since \mathscr{E} is dense in \mathcal{H} , we can take the sequence $\{g_{\triangle,n}\} \subset \mathscr{E}$ such that $g_{\triangle,n} \to f$ in \mathcal{H} . If the theorem is true for all functions belonging to \mathscr{E} , then for all $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$ and $n \ge 1$, we get

$$E\big|I_{\varepsilon_1}(g,t)-I_{\varepsilon_2}(g,t)\big|^2\leq C\|g-g_{\triangle,n}\|_{\mathscr{H}}^2+CE\big|I_{\varepsilon_1}(g_{\triangle,n},t)-I_{\varepsilon_2}(g_{\triangle,n},t)\big|^2.$$

Thus, to end the proof, we only need to verify the theorem for $g \in \mathcal{E}$.

Let $g_{\Delta}(y) = \sum_{i} b_i 1_{(y_{i-1},y_i]}(y)$. It is obvious that g_{Δ} is bounded and left continuous. Consider the function ξ defined on \mathbb{R} by

$$\xi(x) := \begin{cases} k e^{\frac{1}{(y-1)^2 - 1}}, & y \in (0, 2), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
(4.15)

where *k* is a normalizing constant satisfying $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \xi(y) \, dy = 1$. For all $y \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the mollifiers and the corresponding sequence of smooth functions, respectively, by

$$\xi_n(x) := n\xi(nx), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$
(4.16)

$$g_{n,\triangle}(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_{\triangle}(y-x)\xi_n(x)\,dx = \int_0^2 g_{\triangle}\left(y-\frac{x}{n}\right)\xi(x)\,dx, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$
(4.17)

Then, for every $n, g_{n,\Delta} \in C_0^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \mathcal{H}$ is bounded, and $g_{n,\Delta}$ converges to g_{Δ} in \mathcal{H} , as $n \to \infty$. Moreover, by the smooth approximation and the statement (i) we obtain

$$E\left|I_{\varepsilon}^{\pm}(g_{\Delta},t)\right|^{2} \leq C\|g_{\Delta}\|_{\mathscr{H}}^{2}$$

for all $t \in [0,1]$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Thus, for all *n* and $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 > 0$, it follows that

$$E\big|I_{\varepsilon_1}(g_{\bigtriangleup},t)-I_{\varepsilon_2}(g_{\bigtriangleup},t)\big|^2 \leq C\|g_{\bigtriangleup}-g_{n,\bigtriangleup}\|_{\mathscr{H}}^2 + CE\big|I_{\varepsilon_1}(g_{n,\bigtriangleup},t)-I_{\varepsilon_2}(g_{n,\bigtriangleup},t)\big|^2,$$

which implies that $\{I_{\varepsilon}(g_{\Delta}, t), \varepsilon > 0\}$ is a Cauchy sequence by (ii). This means that Theorem 4.1 is true for $g \in \mathscr{E}$.

5 Itô's formula and local time

In this section, we investigate Itô's formula and the local time for the temporal process W^{α} by using the result of the previous sections. The first result is Itô's formula.

Theorem 5.1 Assume that $f \in \mathcal{H}$ is a left continuous function and F is an absolutely continuous function satisfying F' = f. then, for all $t \ge 0$, the Itô type formula

$$F(W_t^{\alpha}) = G(0) + \int_0^t f(W_s^{\alpha}) dW_s^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle_t^{(\alpha)}$$
(5.1)

holds.

This is an analog of Föllmer-Protter-Shiryayev's formula. For more details and works one may refer to Föllmer *et al.* [21], Eisenbaum [22], Russo-Vallois [18], Moret-Nualart [23], and the references therein. Recall that (see Alós *et al.* [16]) the Itô type formula

$$F(W_t^{\alpha}) = F(W_0) + \int_0^t F'(W_s^{\alpha}) dW_s^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2}\kappa_{\alpha} \int_0^t F''(W_s^{\alpha}) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$
(5.2)

holds for all $F \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ satisfying the condition

$$|F(y)|, |F'(y)|, |F''(y)| \le Ce^{\beta y^2}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}$$
 (5.3)

with $0 \leq \beta < \frac{1}{4\kappa_{\alpha}} t^{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}}$, where $\kappa_{\alpha} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\pi(\alpha-1)}$.

Proof of Theorem 5.1 If $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, (5.1) is Itô's formula since

$$\langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\Gamma(1/\alpha)}{\pi(\alpha-1)} \int_{0}^{t} f'(W_{s}^{\alpha}) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}.$$

For $f \notin C^1(\mathbb{R})$, we can assume that f is uniformly bounded by using a localization argument. In fact, for every $k \ge 0$, let

$$\Omega_k = \left\{ \sup_{0 \le t \le T} \left| W_t^{\alpha} \right| < k \right\}$$

and

$$f_{(k)}(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \in [-k,k], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

be a measurable function. It is clear that $f_{(k)} \in \mathscr{H}$ for every $k \ge 0$ and $f_{(k)}$ is uniformly bounded. Set $F_{(k)} = F$ on [-k, k] and $\frac{d}{dx}F_{(k)} = f_{(k)}$. If the result of theorem is true for all uniformly bounded functions $f \in \mathscr{H}$, then the formula

$$F_{(k)}\left(W_t^{\alpha}\right) = F_{(k)}(0) + \int_0^t f_{(k)}\left(W_s^{\alpha}\right) dW_s^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2^{1+\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left\langle f_{(k)}\left(W^{\alpha}\right), W^{\alpha} \right\rangle_t^{(\alpha)}$$

holds on Ω_k . Letting $k \to \infty$, we deduce the Itô formula (5.1).

Let $F' = f \in \mathcal{H}$ be left continuous and uniformly bounded. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, we define

$$F_n(y) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(y-x)\xi_n(x) \, dx, \quad y \in \mathbb{R},$$

where ξ_n , n = 1, 2, ..., are defined by (4.16). It is obvious that $F_n \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ for $n \ge 1$ and the Itô formula,

$$F_n(W_t^{\alpha}) = F_n(0) + \int_0^t f_n(W_s^{\alpha}) dW_s^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2}\kappa_{\alpha} \int_0^t f_n'(W_s^{\alpha}) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}},$$
(5.4)

$$F_n(x) \longrightarrow F(x), \qquad f_n(x) \longrightarrow f(x) \quad (n \to \infty),$$

and $f_n \to f$ in \mathscr{H} . We further deduce that

$$\kappa_{\alpha} \int_{0}^{t} f_{n}'(W_{s}^{\alpha}) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} = 2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \langle f_{n}(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} \longrightarrow 2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)}$$

and

$$f_n(W_t^{\alpha}) \longrightarrow f(W_t^{\alpha})$$

in $L^2(\Omega)$ as $n \to \infty$. Therefore

$$\begin{split} \int_0^t f_n \left(W_s^{\alpha} \right) dW_s^H &= F_n \left(W_t^H \right) - F_n(0) - \frac{1}{2^{1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}}} \langle f_n \left(W^{\alpha} \right), W^{\alpha} \rangle_t^{(\alpha)} \\ &\longrightarrow F \left(W_t^{\alpha} \right) - F(0) - \frac{1}{2^{1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}}} \langle f \left(W^{\alpha} \right), W^{\alpha} \rangle_t^{(\alpha)} \end{split}$$

in $L^2(\Omega)$ as $n \to \infty$. The proof is completed.

At last, we investigate the local time of W^{α} . It is well known that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and any closed interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}_+$, the local time L(x, I) of W^{α} is defined by

$$\mu_I(A) = \int_I 1_A(W_s^{\alpha}) \, ds,$$

that is, the density of the occupation measure μ_I . It is also shown (see Geman and Horowitz [24], Theorem 6.4) that the occupation density formula holds:

$$\int_{I} g(W_{s}^{\alpha},s) ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \int_{I} g(x,s) L(x,ds),$$

where $g(x, t) \ge 0$ is a Borel function on $I \times \mathbb{R}$. Thus, by Theorem 21.9 in Geman-Horowitz [24] and Lemma 2.1, we get the following result.

Lemma 5.1 Let L(x, t) := L(x, [0, t]) be the local time of W^{α} at x. Then, for all $t \ge 0, L \in L^2(\lambda \times P)$ and $(x, t) \mapsto L(x, t)$ is jointly continuous, where λ denotes the Lebesgue measure. Moreover, the occupation formula

$$\int_0^t \psi\left(W_s^{\alpha}, s\right) ds = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx \int_0^t \psi(x, s) L(x, ds)$$
(5.5)

holds for any $t \ge 0$ *and every continuous and bounded function* $\psi(x, t) : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+ \to \mathbb{R}$ *.*

We now conclude this section with a comment on a generalized Bouleau-Yor identity. For more details and works one refers to Bouleau-Yor [25], Föllmer *et al.* [21], Eisenbaum

[22], Feng-Zhao [26, 27], Rogers-Walsh [28], Peskir [29], Yan *et al.* [19, 30, 31], and the references therein.

For $t \ge 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$, define the weighted local time \mathscr{L}^{α} by

,

$$\mathcal{L}^{\alpha}(x,t) = \kappa_{\alpha} \int_{0}^{t} s^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} d_{s}L(s,x)$$
$$= \kappa_{\alpha} \int_{0}^{t} \delta(W_{s}^{\alpha} - x) ds^{\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}}$$

where δ denotes the Dirac delta function.

In the sequel, we consider the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx, t)$$
(5.6)

and obtain the following Bouleau-Yor identity:

$$\langle f(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} = -2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx, t)$$
 (5.7)

for all $f \in \mathcal{H}$.

Let $F(y) = (y - a)^+ - (y - b)^+$, it is clear that *F* is an absolutely continuous function with the derivative $F' = 1_{(a,b]} \in \mathcal{E}$, by using Itô's formula (5.1) it follows that, for all $t \ge 0$,

$$2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \langle 1_{(a,b]} (W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)} = 2F(W_{t}^{\alpha}) - 2F(0) - 2\int_{0}^{t} 1_{(a,b]} (W_{s}^{\alpha}) dW_{s}^{\alpha}$$
$$= \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(a,t) - \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(b,t).$$

Therefore, by the linear property we obtain the following result.

Lemma 5.2 For any $f_{\triangle} = \sum_{j} f_{j} \mathbf{1}_{(a_{j-1}, a_{j}]} \in \mathscr{E}$, the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{\triangle}(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx,t) := \sum_{j} f_{j} \big[\mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(a_{j},t) - \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(a_{j-1},t) \big]$$

exists and

$$2^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{\Delta}(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx,t) = - \left\langle f_{\Delta}(W^{\alpha}), W^{\alpha} \right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)}$$
(5.8)

for all $t \ge 0$.

Noting that \mathscr{E} is dense in \mathscr{H} , the definition of integration with respect to $x \mapsto \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(x, t)$ can be extended to the elements of \mathscr{H} in the following manner:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx,t) \coloneqq \lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{\Delta,n}(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx,t)$$

in L^2 for $f \in \mathscr{H}$ provided $f_{\triangle,n} \to f$ in \mathscr{H} , as $n \to \infty$, where $\{f_{\triangle,n}\} \subset \mathscr{E}$. Thus, the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \mathscr{L}^{\alpha}(dx,t)$$

is well defined and we obtain the desired Bouleau-Yor type identity

$$\left\langle f\left(W^{\alpha}\right),W^{\alpha}\right\rangle_{t}^{(\alpha)}=-2^{rac{1}{lpha}}\int_{\mathbb{R}}f(x)\mathscr{L}^{lpha}(dx,t)$$

for all $f \in \mathcal{H}$.

Corollary 5.1 (Tanaka formula) *For any* $x \in \mathbb{R}$ *we have*

$$\left|W_{t}^{\alpha}-x\right|=|x|+\int_{0}^{t}\operatorname{sign}\left(W_{s}^{\alpha}-x\right)dW_{s}^{\alpha}+\mathcal{L}^{\alpha}(x,t).$$

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