Wavelet techniques for *p*-exponent multifractal analysis

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Goal : Recover some information on h(x) from (time or space) averaged quantities that are numerically computable on a sample path of the process, or on real-life data

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**Proposition** : An admissible exponent h(x) is the limit of a family of continuous functions

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The multifractal associated with the exponent *h* is

 $D(H) = \dim (E_H)$ 

where dim stands for the Hausdorff dimension  $(\dim (\emptyset) = \varpi \infty)_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $\Xi = \Im \otimes \mathbb{R}$ 

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Since  $\eta$  is a concave function, there is no loss of information in rather considering the Legendre Spectrum

$$L(H) = \inf_{q \in \mathbb{R}} \left( d + Hq - \eta(q) \right)$$

**Theorem :** Let  $(d_{\lambda})$  be an admissible sequence

$$\forall H \in \mathbb{R}, \qquad D(H) \leq \inf_{q \in \mathbb{R}} (d + Hq - \eta(q))$$

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# Alternative admissible sequences for the Hölder exponent

A wavelet basis on  $\mathbb{R}$  is generated by a smooth, well localized, oscillating function  $\psi$  such that the  $\psi(2^j x - k), \quad j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ form an orthogonal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ 

$$\forall f \in L^{2}(\mathbb{R}),$$
  
$$f(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_{j,k} \ \psi(2^{j}x - k)$$
  
where

$$c_{j,k} = 2^j \int f(x) \ \psi(2^j x - k) \ dx$$

#### Daubechies Wavelet





## Notations for wavelets on $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$

**Dyadic intervals** 

$$\lambda = \left[\frac{k}{2^j}, \frac{k+1}{2^j}\right)$$

Wavelets

$$\psi_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(\mathbf{2}^{j}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{k})$$

Wavelet coefficients

$$c_{\lambda} = 2^j \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) \psi(2^j x - k) dx$$

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Wavelet expansion of f

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## Wavelets in 2 variables

In 2D, the wavelets used are tensor products :

$$\psi^{1}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y})=\psi(\boldsymbol{x})\varphi(\boldsymbol{y})$$

$$\psi^2(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x})\psi(\mathbf{y})$$

$$\psi^{3}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y})=\psi(\boldsymbol{x})\psi(\boldsymbol{y})$$

#### **Notations**

Dyadic squares : 
$$\lambda = \left[\frac{k}{2^{j}}, \frac{(k+1)}{2^{j}}\right] \times \left[\frac{l}{2^{j}}, \frac{(l+1)}{2^{j}}\right]$$

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$$c_{\lambda} = 2^{2j} \int \int f(x,y) \psi^i \left(2^j x - k, 2^j y - l\right) dx dy$$

### Wavelet leaders

Let *f* be a locally bounded function; the wavelet leaders of *f* are

 $d_{\lambda} = \sup_{\lambda' \subset \mathfrak{Z}\lambda} |c_{\lambda'}|$ 



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## Computation of 2D wavelet leaders



**Proposition**: Let *f* be a uniform Hölder function ( $f \in C^{\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ ) for an  $\varepsilon > 0$ ). If one uses the wavelet leaders  $d_{\lambda}$  for hierarchical sequence, then the associated pointwise exponent is the Hölder exponent

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## Heartbeat Intervals



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#### Remarks :

- The case  $p = +\infty$  corresponds to pointwise Hölder regularity
- The normalization is chosen so that a cusp |x − x<sub>0</sub>|<sup>α</sup> has the same p-exponent for all p : h<sub>p</sub>(x<sub>0</sub>) = α (as long as α ≥ −d/p)

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### Wavelet scaling functions of synthetic images

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 $p_0 = \sup\{p : f \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}^d) \text{ in a neighborhood of } x_0\}$ 

The function  $p \rightarrow h_p(x_0)$  is defined on  $[1, p_0)$  and possesses the following properties :

- 1. It takes values in  $\left[-d/p,\infty\right]$
- 2. It is a decreasing function of *p*.
- 3. The function  $r \to h_{1/r}(x_0)$  is concave.

Furthermore, Conditions 1 to 3 are optimal.

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More generally, after a fractional integration of order s,

- If *f* has a cusp at  $x_0$ , then  $h_{\mathcal{I}^s f}(x_0) = h_f(x_0) + s$
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#### Theorem : (C. Melot)

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$$h_{\rho}(x_0) = \liminf_{j \to +\infty} \left( \frac{\log \left( d_{\lambda_j(x_0)}^{\rho} \right)}{\log(2^{-j})} \right)$$

## p-leaders and negative regularity



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#### Stability properties :

- Invariant with respect to deformations
- independent of the wavelet basis

The *p*-Legendre Spectrum is

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- Allows to deal with larger collections of data
- ► The estimation is not based on a unique extremal value, but on an *l<sup>p</sup>* average ⇒ better statistical properties

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Systematic bias in the estimation of *p*-leaders



## Thank you for your attention !



