

# FUNCTIONAL CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM FOR ADDITIVE FUNCTIONALS OF $\alpha$ -STABLE PROCESSES

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\beta$  be a standard Brownian motion, let  $X$  be an  $\alpha$ -stable process, and let  $f = \widehat{\mu}$  be the Fourier transform of a discrete measure. It is shown that weakly in  $C([0, +\infty))$ ,

$$\eta^{\alpha/2} \int_0^t f(\eta X_s) ds \Rightarrow \sqrt{C_{f,\alpha}} \beta_t \quad \text{as } \eta \rightarrow +\infty,$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \int_0^{\lambda t} f(X_s) ds \Rightarrow \sqrt{C_{f,\alpha}} \beta_t \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow +\infty.$$

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The paper is concerned with asymptotic properties of the additive functionals  $\mathcal{A}_t^X(f) := \int_0^t f(X_s) ds$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , of real-valued processes  $X$ . Limit theorems for additive functionals of Markov processes have a long history. The study of this problem was initiated by Kallianpur and Robbins [9] for Brownian motion and bounded integrable functions  $f$ . Darling and Kac [6] considered a much more general class of Markov processes and  $f$  with compact support. The case where  $X$  is a Brownian motion is also described in detail in the book of Bingham, Goldie, and Teugels [3] (our very limited list of references includes also [2], [10], [14], [15], [16], [17], [18]). A very powerful martingale method useful for a large class of ergodic Markov processes had been invented by Papanicolaou, Stroock, and Varadhan [13] and was later developed by Kipnis and Varadhan [11] (see also the monograph by Jacod and Shiryaev [8]). There are also some results for non-Markov processes (see e.g. [12]).

Let us start with some elementary consideration. Namely, let us assume that there is a local-time  $L^X$  of  $X$  and that for  $f$  the density occupation formula holds

$$\mathcal{A}_t^X(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) L_t^X(x) dx, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Then, for any  $\eta > 0$ ,

$$\eta \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) = \eta \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(\eta x) L_t^X(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(y) L_t^X(y \eta^{-1}) dy.$$

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Therefore, if  $f$  is integrable and  $L_t^X$  is continuous in  $x$  one can expect the following asymptotic result

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} \eta \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx L_t^X(0), \quad \mathbb{P} - a.s.$$

In fact if  $X$  is a Brownian motion, then, see [14], using the inverse Itô formula one can extend the definition of the additive functional  $\mathcal{A}_t^X(f)$  for Borel sign measures  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  with finite total variation  $\|f\|_{\text{var}}$ , and show that  $\eta \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f)$  converges  $\mathbb{P}$ -a.s to  $f(\mathbb{R})L_t^X(0)$ . Moreover, see [14], if  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \|f\|_{\text{var}}(dx) < \infty$ , then

$$\sqrt{\eta} \left( \eta \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) - f(\mathbb{R})L_t^X(0) \right)$$

converges weakly as  $\eta \rightarrow +\infty$  to  $2\sqrt{c_f}\beta_{L_t^X(0)}$ , where

$$c_f := \int_{\mathbb{R}} (f((-\infty, x)) - f(\mathbb{R})\chi_{(0, +\infty)}(x))^2(x) dx,$$

and  $\beta$  is an independent of  $X$  Brownian motion.

Recall that a symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable Lévy process  $X$  is self-similar, i.e. for any  $\lambda > 0$  the process  $(X_{\lambda t})_{t \geq 0}$  has the same law as  $(\lambda^{1/\alpha} X_t)_{t \geq 0}$ . Hence, for any  $\gamma > 0$ , the convergence in law of  $\left( \eta^\gamma \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) \right)_{t \geq 0}$  as  $\eta \rightarrow +\infty$  and of  $\left( \lambda^{\gamma/\alpha-1} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda t}^X(f) \right)_{t \geq 0}$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$  are equivalent.

In the case of the  $\alpha$ -stable process and if  $f$  is integrable and sufficiently “nice” (e.g. bounded) the situation is clear. It is easy to check that if  $\alpha < 1$ , more generally in  $d$ -dimensional case if  $\alpha < d$ , then  $\mathcal{A}_\lambda^X(f)$  converges pointwise and in  $L^1$  to an integrable random variable  $\int_0^{+\infty} f(X_s) ds$ , and consequently for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the process  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda t}^X$  converge in law in  $C([\varepsilon, +\infty))$  and its limit is constant in time. If  $\alpha > 1$  then the local time  $L^X$  of  $X$  exists (see e.g. [1]) and the processes  $\left( \lambda^{1/\alpha-1} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda t}^X(f) \right)$  converges in law to  $(L_t^X(0)f(\mathbb{R}))$ , as expected. If  $\alpha = 1$ , more generally if  $\alpha = d$ ,  $d = 1, 2$ , and  $X$  is  $d$ -dimensional, then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  the processes  $\left( (\log \lambda)^{-1} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda t}^X(f) \right)$  converge in law in  $C([\varepsilon, +\infty))$ . The limit is constant in time and is of the form  $Const f(\mathbb{R})\rho$ , where  $\rho$  is an exponential random variable, see [5] Lemma 2.12 and Theorem 2.13.

In this paper we are interested in the case when  $f$  is not integrable. Quite a lot is known in the case of a Brownian motion. If  $f$  is square integrable, and its Hilbert transform is integrable, Yamada (see [17], [18]) showed that uniformly in  $t$  on bounded intervals,  $\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{A}_{\lambda t}^X(f) \rightarrow H_f \gamma_t$  in probability, as  $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$ , where  $\gamma$  is a process depending on the Brownian motion  $X$ ,  $H_f = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{H}^{-1} f(x) dx$  and  $\mathcal{H}^{-1}$  is the inverse Hilbert transform. Using self similarity of the Brownian motion one obtains that  $\eta \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f)$  converges weakly (uniformly in  $t$  on bounded intervals) to  $H_f \gamma_t$  as  $\eta = \sqrt{\lambda} \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Assume now that

$$(1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m (a_j e^{ip_j x} + \overline{a_j} e^{-ip_j x})$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then, again for a Brownian motion  $B$ , the martingale method introduced in the classical work by Papanicolaou, Stroock, and

Varadhan [13] yields that uniformly in  $t$  on bounded intervals  $\eta \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f)$  converges weakly to  $\sqrt{C_f} \beta_t$ , where (see e.g. [14]),  $C_f = 4 \sum_{j=1}^m |a_j|^2 |p_j|^{-2}$  and  $\beta$  is a Brownian motion. In fact the convergence can be shown in a larger class of functions  $f$  (see e.g. [11] or [14]). The aim of this paper is to establish a similar result for an  $\alpha$  stable process  $X$ . We will use the direct yet elementary moment method as in e.g. [5] or [7]. It seems that a similar result can be deduced from [11] for  $f$  given by (1).

## 2. MAIN RESULT

In what follows  $X$  is a real-valued symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable Lévy process with  $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ . Recall that  $|x|^\alpha$  is the Fourier exponent of  $X$ , that is  $\mathbb{E} e^{ixX_t} = e^{-t|x|^\alpha}$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** We say that a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is of class  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha$  if  $f(x) = \widehat{\mu}(x) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ixy} \mu(dy)$ , where  $\mu$  is a complex-valued measure of finite total variation  $\|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}$ , satisfying  $\overline{\mu}(-\Gamma) = \mu(\Gamma)$ ,  $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mu(\{0\}) = 0$ , and

$$(2) \quad \int_{U_n} \prod_{k=1}^n \left| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \right|^{-\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(dx) < \infty, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $U_n := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \neq 0, k = 1, \dots, n\}$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $f = \widehat{\mu} \in \mathcal{D}_\alpha$ . Note that  $\int_{\{x=y\}} \frac{\|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}(dx) \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}(dy)}{|x|^\alpha} < \infty$ . Moreover,

$$(3) \quad C_{f,\alpha} := 2 \int_{\{x+y=0\}} \frac{\mu(dx) \overline{\mu}(dy)}{|x|^\alpha} = 2 \int_{\{x=y\}} \frac{\mu(dx) \overline{\mu}(dy)}{|x|^\alpha}$$

is real and non-negative.

**Example 2.3.** Let  $f$  be given by (1). Then  $f \in \mathcal{D}_\alpha$  for any  $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ . For,  $f = \widehat{\mu}$ , where  $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^m (a_j \delta_{p_j} + \overline{a_j} \delta_{-p_j})$  clearly satisfies (2). Note that

$$C_{f,\alpha} = 4 \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{|a_j|^2}{|p_j|^\alpha}.$$

**Example 2.4.** Clearly  $\cos = \frac{1}{2} (\widehat{\delta_{-1}} + \widehat{\delta_1})$  and  $\sin = \frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{i} \widehat{\delta_1} - \frac{1}{i} \widehat{\delta_{-1}})$ . In both cases  $C_{f,\alpha} = 2$ .

The main result of this paper is the following functional central limit theorem valid for  $\alpha$ -stable processes with  $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ . Its proof has been postponed till Section 4.

**Theorem 2.5.** Assume that  $f \in \mathcal{D}_\alpha$ ,  $C_{f,\alpha}$  is given by (3) and  $\beta$  is a standard Brownian motion. Then, weakly in  $C([0, +\infty))$ ,

$$(4) \quad \eta^{\alpha/2} \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) \Rightarrow \sqrt{C_{f,\alpha}} \beta_t \quad \text{as } \eta \rightarrow +\infty,$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} A_{\lambda t}^X(f) \Rightarrow \sqrt{C_{f,\alpha}} \beta_t \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow +\infty.$$

**Remark 2.6.** Since  $\eta X_s = X_{\eta^\alpha s}$  in law, we have,

$$\eta^{\alpha/2} \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) \stackrel{\text{in law}}{=} \eta^{\alpha/2} \int_0^t f(X_{\eta^\alpha s}) ds = \eta^{-\alpha/2} \int_0^{\eta^\alpha t} f(X_s) ds$$

and hence (4) and (5) are equivalent.

### 3. MOMENT ESTIMATES

Let  $f = \widehat{\mu} \in \mathcal{D}_\alpha$  and let  $X$  be an  $\alpha$ -stable process. In this section we are concerned with the behavior of the moments of  $\eta^{\alpha/2} \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f)$ .

Let us note first that for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\eta > 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta^{n\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} \left( \mathcal{A}_t^{\eta X}(f) \right)^n \\ &= n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) \int_0^t dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \dots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} dt_n \eta^{n\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} e^{i\eta x_1 X_{t_1} + \dots + i\eta x_n X_{t_n}} \\ &= n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) \int_0^t dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 \dots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} dt_n \eta^{n\alpha/2} \\ (6) \quad & \times \mathbb{E} e^{i\eta x_1 (X_{t_1} - X_{t_2}) + i\eta(x_1 + x_2)(X_{t_2} - X_{t_3}) + \dots + i\eta(x_1 + \dots + x_n) X_{t_n}} \\ &= n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) \int_0^t dt_n \int_{t_n}^t dt_{n-1} \dots \int_{t_2}^t dt_1 \eta^{n\alpha/2} \\ & \times e^{-(t_1 - t_2)|\eta x_1|^\alpha - (t_2 - t_3)|\eta(x_1 + x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - t_n |\eta(x_1 + \dots + x_n)|^\alpha} \\ &= n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathcal{T}(n,t)} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1 |\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2 |\eta(x_1 + x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n |\eta(x_1 + \dots + x_n)|^\alpha} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $ds := ds_1 \dots ds_n$ , and

$$\mathcal{T}(n, t) := \left\{ \mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n) : s_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \leq t \right\}.$$

Clearly,  $\mu^{\otimes n}$  is supported on

$$\mathbb{R}_*^n := \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Write

$$\Delta_n := \begin{cases} \{x \in \mathbb{R}_*^n : x_{2k-1} + x_{2k} = 0, k = 1, \dots, \frac{n}{2}\} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \emptyset & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 3.1.** (i) For all  $t > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(7) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{\eta \geq 1} \int_{[0,t]^n} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1 |\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2 |\eta(x_1 + x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n |\eta(x_1 + \dots + x_n)|^\alpha} ds \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(dx) < \infty,$$

$$(8) \quad \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n} \int_{[0,t]^n} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1 |\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2 |\eta(x_1 + x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n |\eta(x_1 + \dots + x_n)|^\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(dx) ds = 0.$$

(ii) For all  $t > 0$  and even  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} n! \int_{\Delta_n} \int_{\mathcal{T}(n,t)} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2|\eta(x_1+x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n|\eta(x_1+\dots+x_n)|^\alpha} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) ds \\ & = (C_{f,\alpha} t)^{\frac{n}{2}} d_n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  moment of the normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$ .

**Proof of (i)** For  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  define

$$\mathcal{K}_n(x) := \left\{ k \leq n : \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Observe that if  $x \in \mathbb{R}_*^n$ , then

$$(9) \quad \#\mathcal{K}_n(x) \geq \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{n+1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover, for  $n$  even

$$(10) \quad \Delta_n = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}_*^n : \#\mathcal{K}_n(x) = \frac{n}{2} \right\}.$$

Obviously, the integral in (7) can be estimated by

$$I(t) := (t \vee 1)^n \sup_{\eta \geq 1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sup_{\eta \geq 1} \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2}n - \alpha \#\mathcal{K}_n(x)} \prod_{k \in \mathcal{K}_n(x)} \left| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \right|^{-\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(dx).$$

By (9) and (2),  $I(t) < +\infty$ , and (7) follows. Since  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Delta_n$  implies  $\mathcal{K}_n(x) > \frac{n}{2}$  identity (8) follows from (2).  $\square$

**Proof of (ii)** For an even  $n$  set

$$H_{n,t}(\eta) := n! \int_{\Delta_n} \int_{\mathcal{T}(n,t)} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2|\eta(x_1+x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n|\eta(x_1+\dots+x_n)|^\alpha} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) ds.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} H_{n,t}(\eta) &= n! \int_{\left\{ \substack{s_2+s_4+\dots+s_n \leq t \\ s_j \geq 0} \right\}} ds_2 ds_4 \dots ds_n \int_{\left\{ \substack{x_{2j-1}+x_{2j}=0 \\ j=1,\dots,n/2} \right\}} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) \\ &\quad \times \int_{\left\{ \substack{s_1+s_3+\dots+s_{n-1} \leq t - (s_2+s_4+\dots+s_n) \\ s_j \geq 0} \right\}} ds_1 ds_3 \dots ds_{n-1} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_3|\eta x_3|^\alpha - \dots - s_{n-1}|\eta x_{n-1}|^\alpha} \\ &= n! \int_{\left\{ \substack{s_2+s_4+\dots+s_n \leq t \\ s_j \geq 0} \right\}} ds_2 ds_4 \dots ds_n I_n(\eta, t - (s_2 + s_4 + \dots + s_n)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I_n(\eta, c) := \int_{\Delta_n} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) \int_{\{s_1+s_3+\dots+s_{n-1} \leq c\}} ds_1 ds_3 \dots ds_{n-1} \eta^{\frac{n\alpha}{2}} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha} e^{-s_3|\eta x_3|^\alpha} \dots e^{-s_{n-1}|\eta x_{n-1}|^\alpha}.$$

We have to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} H_{n,t}(\eta) &= n! \left( \frac{C_{f,\alpha}}{2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\left\{ \substack{s_2+s_4+\dots+s_n \leq t \\ s_j \geq 0} \right\}} ds_2 ds_4 \dots ds_n \\ &= \frac{n!}{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! 2^{\frac{n}{2}}} (C_{f,\alpha} t)^{\frac{n}{2}} = d_n (C_{f,\alpha} t)^{\frac{n}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that by (2),  $I_n(\eta, c)$  is uniformly bounded for  $c \in [0, t]$ . Thus it is enough to show that for any  $c > 0$ ,

$$(11) \quad \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} I_n(\eta, c) = \left( \frac{C_{f,\alpha}}{2} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}}.$$

To this end observe that for any  $c > 0$ ,

$$(12) \quad \int_{\{y_1+y_2=0\}} \eta^\alpha \int_0^c e^{-r_1|\eta y_1|^\alpha} \mu(dy_1) \mu(dy_2) = \int_{\{y_1+y_2=0\}} \frac{1 - e^{-c|\eta y_1|^\alpha}}{|y_1|^\alpha} \mu(dy_1) \mu(dy_2).$$

As  $\eta \rightarrow +\infty$ , the integrand converges pointwise to  $\frac{1}{|y_1|^\alpha}$  and is bounded by  $\frac{1}{|y_1|^\alpha}$ . Hence the expression in (12) is bounded and converges to  $C_{f,\alpha}/2$ . Thus (11) holds for  $n = 2$ . Next we use induction. Suppose that (11) holds for  $n - 2$ . We will show that it also holds for  $n$ . Since

$$I_n(\eta, c) = I_{n-2}(\eta, c) \frac{C_{f,\alpha}}{2} + J_n(\eta, c),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(\eta, c) &:= \int_{\Delta_n} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) \int_{\{s_1+\dots+s_{n-3} \leq c\}} ds_1 \dots ds_{n-3} \eta^{\frac{(n-2)\alpha}{2}} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha} \dots e^{-s_{n-3}|\eta x_{n-3}|^\alpha} \\ &\quad \times \left[ \int_0^{c-(s_1+\dots+s_{n-3})} \eta^\alpha e^{-s_{n-1}|\eta x_{n-1}|^\alpha} ds_{n-1} - \frac{1}{|x_{n-1}|^\alpha} \right], \end{aligned}$$

the proof will be completed as we show that  $J_n(\eta, c) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\eta \rightarrow +\infty$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
|J_n(\eta, c)| &\leq \int_{\Delta_n} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(\mathrm{d}x) \int_{\{s_1+\dots+s_{n-3}\leq c\}} \mathrm{d}s_1 \dots \mathrm{d}s_{n-3} \\
&\quad \times \eta^{\frac{(n-2)\alpha}{2}} e^{s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha} \dots e^{s_{n-3}|\eta x_{n-3}|^\alpha} \frac{1}{|x_{n-1}|^\alpha} e^{(-c+s_1+\dots+s_{n-3})|\eta x_{n-1}|^\alpha} \\
&\leq \int_{\Delta_n} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(\mathrm{d}x) \int_{\{s_1+\dots+s_{n-3}\leq c/2\}} \mathrm{d}s_1 \dots \mathrm{d}s_{n-3} \\
&\quad \times \eta^{\frac{(n-2)\alpha}{2}} e^{s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha} \dots e^{s_{n-3}|\eta x_{n-3}|^\alpha} \frac{1}{|x_{n-1}|^\alpha} e^{-(c/2)|\eta x_{n-1}|^\alpha} \\
&\quad + \int_{\Delta_n} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(\mathrm{d}x) \int_{\{s_1+\dots+s_{n-3}>c/2\}} \mathrm{d}s_1 \dots \mathrm{d}s_{n-3} \\
&\quad \times \eta^{\frac{(n-2)\alpha}{2}} e^{s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha} \dots e^{s_{n-3}|\eta x_{n-3}|^\alpha} \frac{1}{|x_{n-1}|^\alpha} \\
&\leq \int_{\Delta_n} \frac{1}{|x_1|^\alpha \dots |x_{n-1}|^\alpha} e^{-(c/2)|\eta x_{n-1}|^\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(\mathrm{d}x) \\
&\quad + \int_{\Delta_n} \frac{1}{|x_1|^\alpha \dots |x_{n-1}|^\alpha} e^{-(c/n)|\eta x_1|^\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes n}(\mathrm{d}x),
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last estimate we have used the fact that if  $s_1 + \dots + s_{n-3} > c/2$ , then at least one  $s_j$  is greater than  $c/n$ . By the dominated convergence theorem and assumption (2) both terms appearing in the estimate above converge to 0.  $\square$

#### 4. PROOF THEOREM 2.5

Assume that  $\{\mathcal{X}_n\}$  is a sequence of random elements in  $C([0, +\infty))$ . Let us recall (see [4], Theorems 8.1, 12.3) that the sequence of laws  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}(n))$  converges weakly in  $C([0, +\infty))$  to the law  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$  of a random element  $\mathcal{X}$  in  $C([0, +\infty))$  if

- (i) for all  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k < +\infty$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}_{t_1}(n), \dots, \mathcal{X}_{t_k}(n))$  converges weakly to  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}_{t_1}, \dots, \mathcal{X}_{t_k})$ ,
- (ii) for any  $T \in (0, +\infty)$  there is a constant  $C < +\infty$  such that for all  $n$  and  $t, s \in [0, T]$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{X}_t(n) - \mathcal{X}_s(n))^4 \leq C |t - s|^2.$$

**Convergence of finite dimensional distributions** Since Gaussian laws are determined by their moments, the convergence of finite dimensional distributions follows from the convergence of all moments. Thus it suffices to show that for any  $k, n_1, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}$  and any  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k$ , we have

$$(13) \quad \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^k n_j} \mathbb{E} \prod_{j=1}^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_j}^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_{j-1}}^{\eta X}(f) \right)^{n_j} = (C_{f,\alpha})^{\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{n_j}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^k d_{n_j}(t_j - t_{j-1})^{n_j/2}.$$

Observe that if  $r < s$  and  $\mathcal{F}_r := \sigma(X_u : u \leq r)$  then, by the definition of  $f$ , and since  $X$  has stationary independent increments, we have

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \eta^{n\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} \left( (\mathcal{A}_s^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_r^{\eta X}(f))^n \mid \mathcal{F}_r \right) \\ &= \eta^{n\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} \left( \left( \int_r^s f(\eta(X_u - X_r) + \eta X_r) du \right)^n \mid \mathcal{F}_r \right) \\ &= J_\eta(n, s - r, X_r), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$J_\eta(n, t, y) := \eta^{n\alpha/2} \mathbb{E} \left( \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i\eta X_u x} e^{i\eta y x} \mu(dx) du \right)^n.$$

As in the proof of (6) we obtain

$$J_\eta(n, t, y) = n! \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathcal{T}(n,t)} e^{i\eta y(x_1 + \dots + x_n)} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2|\eta(x_1+x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n|\eta(x_1+\dots+x_n)|^\alpha} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) ds.$$

Therefore, for any  $y$ , by Lemma 3.1 (i) we obtain that if  $n$  is odd, then  $\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} J_\eta(n, t, y) = 0$ , and if  $n$  is even, then, since  $x_1 + \dots + x_n = 0$  on  $\Delta_n$ , by Lemma 3.1 (ii) we have

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \lim_{\eta \rightarrow +\infty} J_\eta(n, t, y) \\ &= \lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} n! \int_{\Delta_n} \int_{\mathcal{T}(n,t)} \eta^{n\alpha/2} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2|\eta(x_1+x_2)|^\alpha - \dots - s_n|\eta(x_1+\dots+x_n)|^\alpha} \mu^{\otimes n}(dx) ds \\ &= (C_{f,\alpha} t)^{\frac{n}{2}} d_n. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by Lemma 3.1(i),  $J_\eta(n, t, y)$  is bounded. To obtain (13) we use induction on  $k$ . If  $k = 1$  then

$$\eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} n_1} \mathbb{E} \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_1}^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_0}^{\eta X}(f) \right)^{n_1} = \mathbb{E} J_\eta(n_1, t_1 - t_0, X_{t_0})$$

and, since  $J_\eta$  is bounded, (13) follows from (15). Suppose that (13) holds for  $k - 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^k n_j} \mathbb{E} \prod_{j=1}^k \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_j}^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_{j-1}}^{\eta X}(f) \right)^{n_j} \\ &= \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} n_j} \mathbb{E} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_j}^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_{j-1}}^{\eta X}(f) \right)^{n_j} J_\eta(n_k, t_k - t_{k-1}, X_{t_k}) \\ &= \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} n_j} \mathbb{E} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_j}^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_{j-1}}^{\eta X}(f) \right)^{n_j} d_{n_k} (C_{f,\alpha} (t_k - t_{k-1}))^{\frac{n_k}{2}} + R_\eta, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_\eta := \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} n_j} \mathbb{E} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_j}^{\eta X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_{j-1}}^{\eta X}(f) \right)^{n_j} \left[ J_\eta(n_k, t_k - t_{k-1}, X_{t_{k-1}}) - d_{n_k} (C_{f,\alpha} (t_k - t_{k-1}))^{\frac{n_k}{2}} \right]$$

By the Schwarz inequality

$$|R_\eta| \leq \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left( \eta^{\frac{\alpha}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} n_j} \prod_{j=1}^{k-1} \left( \mathcal{A}_{t_j}^{\eta^X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_{t_{j-1}}^{\eta^X}(f) \right)^{n_j} \right)^2} \\ \times \sqrt{\mathbb{E} \left( J_\eta(n_k, t_k - t_{k-1}, X_{t_{k-1}}) - d_{n_k}(C_{f,\alpha}(t_k - t_{k-1}))^{\frac{n_k}{2}} \right)^2}.$$

Since  $J_\eta$  is bounded, the right hand side of the inequality above tends to zero by (15).

**Tightness in  $C([0, T])$ .** Let  $0 \leq r < s \leq T$ . By (14),

$$(16) \quad \mathbb{E} \eta^{2\alpha} \left( \mathcal{A}_s^{\eta^X}(f) - \mathcal{A}_r^{\eta^X}(f) \right)^4 = \mathbb{E} J_\eta(4, s - r, X_r).$$

Using (15) and (2) we obtain

$$\sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}} |J_\eta(4, s - r, y)| \\ \leq 4!(s - r)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^4 \cap \{x: x_1+x_2=0\}} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes 4}(dx) \int_0^\infty ds_1 \int_0^\infty ds_3 \eta^{2\alpha} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_3|\eta x_3|^\alpha} \\ + 4!(s - r)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^4 \cap \{x: x_1+x_2 \neq 0\}} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes 4}(dx) \int_0^\infty ds_1 \int_0^\infty ds_2 \eta^{2\alpha} e^{-s_1|\eta x_1|^\alpha - s_2|\eta(x_1+x_2)|^\alpha} \\ \leq 4!(s - r)^2 \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^4 \cap \{x: x_1+x_2=0\}} \frac{1}{|x_1|^\alpha |x_3|^\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes 4}(dx) \right. \\ \left. + \int_{\mathbb{R}^4 \cap \{x: x_1+x_2 \neq 0\}} \frac{1}{|x_1|^\alpha |x_1+x_2|^\alpha} \|\mu\|_{\text{Var}}^{\otimes 4}(dx) \right) \\ \leq C(s - r)^2,$$

and hence (16) gives the desired estimate.  $\square$

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