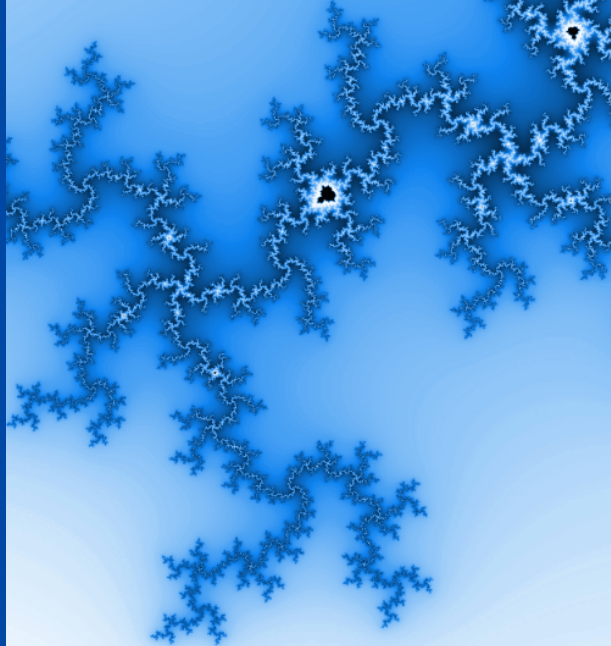


# Numerical simulation of Hermite processes

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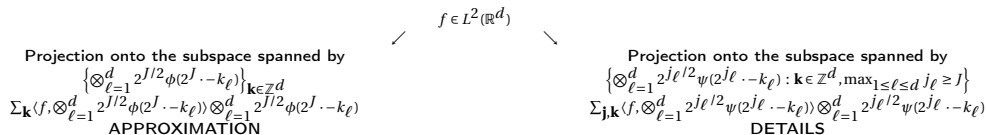
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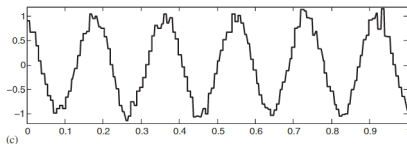
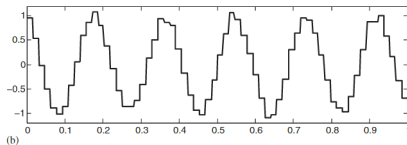
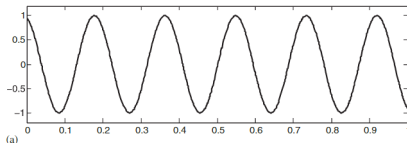
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But, generally, we want a stronger convergence: almost surely uniformly on compact sets.

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where, for  $J \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we consider the sequence  $(g_{J,k}^\phi)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  of i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$  Gaussian random variable defined, for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by  $g_{J,k}^\phi := 2^{J/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(2^J x - k) dB(x)$ . and for  $\delta \in (-1/2, 1/2)$ , the Gaussian FARIMA  $(0, \delta, 0)$  sequence  $(Z_{J,\ell}^{(\delta)})_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}}$  associated to  $(g_{J,k}^\phi)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is given, for all  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by

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Not computable, only because of the series.



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# Simulation process

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For all  $J \in \mathbb{N}$ , the *simulation process at scale  $J$*  of the generalized Hermite process  $\{X_H^{(d)}(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+}$  is the process defined, for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , by

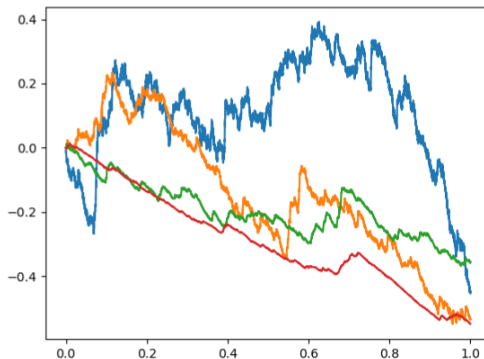
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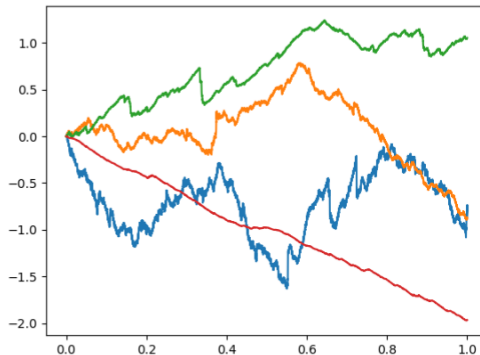
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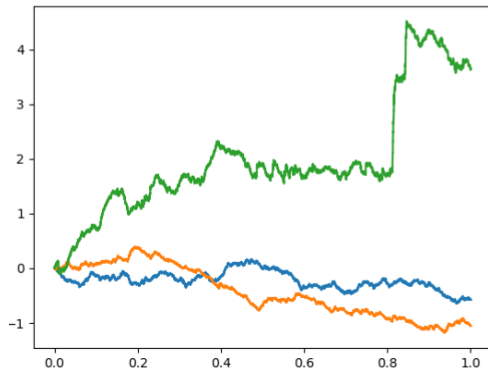
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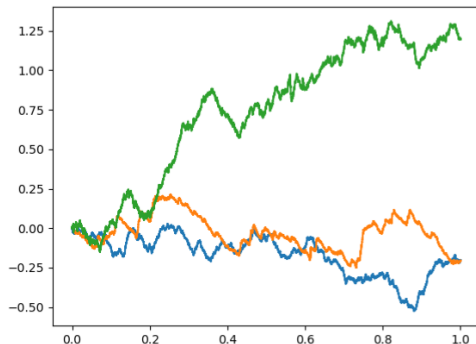
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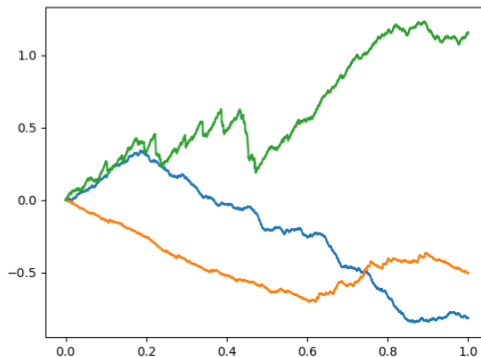
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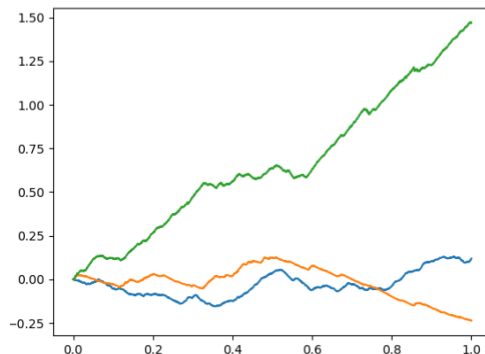


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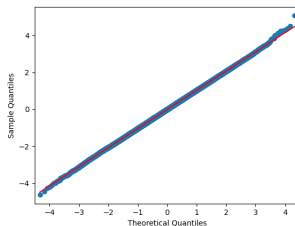


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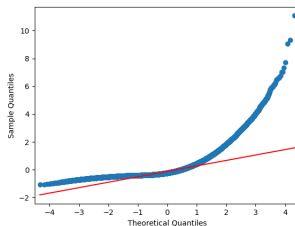


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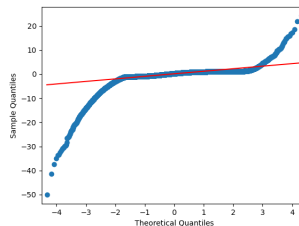


Figure: QQplot for the distribution of a Hermite process of order 3, compared with a  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$