

# Regularity estimation in multivariate functional data analysis

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$$\left| \theta_{\mathbf{t}}^{(i)}(\Delta) - L_1^{(i)}(\mathbf{t})\Delta^{2H_1(\mathbf{t})} - L_2^{(i)}(\mathbf{t})\Delta^{2H_2(\mathbf{t})} \right| \leq C\Delta^{2\bar{H}(\mathbf{t})+\beta}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

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where  $\mathbf{L} = (L_1^{(1)}, L_2^{(1)}, L_1^{(2)}, L_2^{(2)})$ . The functions  $H_1, H_2$  define the local regularity of the process, while  $\mathbf{L}$  represent the local Hölder constants.



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- If  $X$  is observed with noise or/and on a discrete grid, then  $\tilde{X}^{(j)}$  is an estimator of  $X^{(j)}$  (local polynomial, splines, interpolation...)



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