

White Noise Approach to Stochastic Integration

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1. INTRODUCTION

The well-known Ito integral

$$\int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) dB(t, \omega)$$

with respect to a Brownian motion $B(t, \omega)$ is defined for $\phi(t, \omega)$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) ϕ is nonanticipating.
- (ii) $\int_a^b |\phi(t, \omega)|^2 dt < \infty$, ω -almost surely.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the Ito integral by using the white noise calculus. This approach is motivated by the following three considerations:

(A) Extension of the Ito integral to not necessarily nonanticipating integrand $\phi(t, \omega)$. This was done first by Ito [9] using the stochastic integrals with respect to a quasi-martingale. It has also been studied by Skorohod [16], Huang and Cambanis [7], and Berger and Mizel [2].

(B) An open problem on the series expansion of the Ito integral. Suppose $\{e_k(t); k = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2(a, b)$. Then by condition (ii) on ϕ , we can expand ϕ by

$$\phi(t, \omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k(\omega) e_k(t),$$

where $a_k(\omega) = \int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) \overline{e_k(t)} dt$. It has been an open problem as to whether

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in R^n of radius one. For a sequence C_i of nonempty subsets of R^n , the *topological limit inferior* is given by

$$\liminf C_i = \{x: x = \lim x_i, \text{ with } x_i \text{ in } C_i \text{ for all } i\},$$

and the *topological limit superior* is given by

$$\limsup C_i = \{x: x = \lim x_{i_j}, \text{ with } x_{i_j} \text{ in } C_{i_j}, \text{ a subsequence of } C_i\}.$$

We say that C_i *lower semiconverges* to C if $\liminf C_i$ includes C ; we say that C_i *upper semiconverges* to C if $\limsup C_i$ is included in the closure of C . (These semiconvergences are sometimes called lower and upper convergences.) We say that C_i *converges* to C if it is both lower and upper semiconvergent to C ; then we write $C = \lim C_i$. Note that the limit does not distinguish between a set and its closure.

The convergence of sets is metrizable, or rather semi-metrizable since we allow non-closed sets. The induced topology is the convergence in the Hausdorff distance for a one-point compactification of R^n . We seldom need an explicit metric; when needed, we adopt the stereographic Hausdorff distance (see [10, p. 25]), denoted by $\text{haus}^s(\cdot, \cdot)$. The Hausdorff distance between two bounded sets is denoted by $\text{haus}(\cdot, \cdot)$.

Let Ω be a complete separable metric space, with metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. A multifunction Γ is a mapping that assigns to each ω in Ω a subset $\Gamma(\omega)$ of R^n . The multifunction is upper semicontinuous (respectively lower semicontinuous, or continuous) at ω_0 if $\omega_i \rightarrow \omega_0$ in Ω implies that $\Gamma(\omega_i)$ upper semiconverge (respectively lower semiconverge, or converge) to $\Gamma(\omega_0)$.

Consider now the space Ω with its Borel σ -field Σ . A multifunction Γ is measurable if for every open set G in R^n the set $\Gamma^-(G) = \{\omega: \Gamma(\omega) \cap G \neq \emptyset\}$ is in Σ .

For a set D in R^n we denote by $\text{int } D$ its interior, by $\text{cl } D$ its closure, and by $\text{co } D$ its convex hull (namely the set of convex combinations of elements in D , which may not be closed even if D is closed). We set $\|D\| = \sup\{|x|: x \text{ in } D\}$ and $\text{leas } D = \inf\{|x|: x \text{ in } D\}$. If Γ is a multifunction we write $\text{co } \Gamma$ for the multifunction $(\text{co } \Gamma)(\omega) = \text{co}(\Gamma(\omega))$; the multifunctions $\text{cl } \Gamma$ and $\text{leas } \Gamma$ are defined similarly. We say that Γ is bounded if $\|\Gamma(\omega)\|$ is a bounded real function.

The support function of a set D , denoted by $s(v, D)$ and defined for v in R^n , is given by

$$s(v, D) = \sup\{v \cdot x: x \text{ in } D\}.$$

The Minkowski sum $C + D$ of two subsets in R^n is $\{x + y: x \text{ in } C, y \text{ in } D\}$. A generalization of that is the integral of a multifunction Γ with respect to a probability measure P , introduced by Aumann [2]. We denote

Moreover, it will be shown that the series in Eq. (1) converges not to the Ito integral, but to the Stratonovich integral

$$\int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) \circ dB(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) dB(t+, \omega) + \int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) dB(t-, \omega) \right].$$

2. THE WHITE NOISE CALCULUS

Let \mathcal{S} be the Schwartz space of rapidly decreasing smooth functions on \mathbb{R} . The dual space \mathcal{S}^* of \mathcal{S} consists of the tempered distributions and carries a Gaussian measure μ with the characteristic functional given by

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}^*} e^{i(\omega, \xi)} d\mu(\omega) = \exp[-\|\xi\|^2/2], \quad \xi \in \mathcal{S},$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ -norm. Note that $\mathcal{S} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{S}^*$. Define

$$B(t, \omega) = \begin{cases} \langle \omega, 1_{[0, t]} \rangle, & t \geq 0, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{S}^* \\ -\langle \omega, 1_{(t, 0]} \rangle, & t < 0, \quad \omega \in \mathcal{S}^*. \end{cases}$$

Then $B(t, \omega)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\omega \in \mathcal{S}^*$, is a Brownian motion and $\dot{B} = \omega$. Thus (\mathcal{S}^*, μ) can be regarded as a realization of white noise.

By the Wiener-Ito theorem, $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ has the following orthogonal decomposition

$$L^2(\mathcal{S}^*) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \oplus K_n,$$

where $K_0 = \mathbb{R}$ and K_n consists of multiple Wiener integrals ϕ of order n , i.e.,

$$\phi(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) dB(t_1, \omega) \cdots dB(t_n, \omega), \quad \omega \in \mathcal{S}^* \quad (4)$$

with $f \in \hat{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, the symmetric L^2 -functions on \mathbb{R}^n .

The S -transform on $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ is defined by

$$S\phi(\xi) = \int_{\mathcal{S}^*} \phi(\omega + \xi) d\mu(\omega), \quad \xi \in \mathcal{S}, \phi \in L^2(\mathcal{S}^*).$$

It can be checked easily that if ϕ is the multiple Wiener integral of f as in Eq. (4), then its S -transform is given by

$$(S\phi)(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \xi(t_1) \cdots \xi(t_n) dt_1 \cdots dt_n. \quad (5)$$

Moreover, if ϕ and ψ in K_n are multiple Wiener integrals of f and g , respectively, then

$$(\phi, \psi) = n! (f, g). \quad (6)$$

Let $H^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$ denote the Sobolev space of order α , $\alpha \geq 0$, of functions defined on \mathbb{R}^n . Let $\hat{H}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) = H^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \cap \hat{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and $\hat{H}^{-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be the dual space of $\hat{H}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Then we have the continuous inclusions $\hat{H}^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \hat{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \subset \hat{H}^{-\alpha}(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

Let $\{\alpha_n; n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of nonnegative numbers. For each $n \geq 1$, let $K_n^{(\alpha_n)}$ consist of multiple Wiener integrals of functions in $\hat{H}^{\alpha_n}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. The dual space $K_n^{(-\alpha_n)}$ of $K_n^{(\alpha_n)}$ consists of the generalized multiple Wiener integrals [5] of functions in $\hat{H}^{-\alpha_n}(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Define

$$(L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^+ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \oplus K_n^{(\alpha_n)},$$

$$(L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^- = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \oplus K_n^{(-\alpha_n)},$$

where $K_0^{(\alpha_0)} = K_0^{(-\alpha_0)} = \mathbb{R}$. Obviously, we have

$$(L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^+ \subset L^2(\mathcal{S}^*) \subset (L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^-$$

for any choice of the sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$. It can be shown that for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $\dot{B}(t) \in K_1^{(-1)}$. The white noise calculus is the analysis of the space $(L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^-$ of generalized Brownian functionals with $\{\dot{B}(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ as a coordinate system. The coordinate differentiation $\partial_t \equiv \partial/\partial \dot{B}(t)$ is defined as follows. Let U be the S -transform of ϕ in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$. Suppose the first variation δU of U is given by

$$(\delta U)_\xi(\eta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} U'_\xi(u) \eta(u) du, \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{S},$$

and that $U'_{(\cdot)}(t)$ is the S -transform of $\psi(t)$ in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$. Then we define $\partial_t \phi = \psi(t)$. If $\phi \in K_n^{(\alpha_n)}$, $\alpha_n > \frac{1}{2}$, is given by Eq. (4), then for every t , the trace $f(t, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1})$ exists and $f(t, \cdot) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$ [1, p. 216; or 15, p. 41]. Moreover, it can be checked from Eq. (5) that

$$\partial_t \phi = n \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f(t, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n-1}). \quad (7)$$

The adjoint operator ∂_t^* of ∂_t is defined by duality:

$$\langle \partial_t^* \phi, \psi \rangle = \langle \phi, \partial_t \psi \rangle, \quad \phi \in (L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^-, \psi \in (L^2)_{\{\alpha_n\}}^+.$$

It can be shown that if $\phi \in K_n$ is given by Eq. (4), then

$$\partial_t^* \phi = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \delta_t \hat{\otimes} f(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}),$$

where $\hat{\otimes}$ denotes the symmetric tensor product. It follows from this equation that if $\phi(t, \omega)$ is the multiple Wiener integral of $f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, then

$$\int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \hat{h}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}), \quad (8)$$

where \hat{h} is the symmetrization of

$$h(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) = 1_{(a, b]}(u_1) f(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_{n+1}).$$

In the later sections, we need a special case of the product formula [11]. Suppose ϕ is the multiple Wiener integral of f , $f \in \tilde{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and ψ is the Wiener integral of g , $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \phi\psi &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} f \hat{\otimes} g(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}) \\ &+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \left(n \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) g(u_1) du_1 \right) dB(u_2) \cdots dB(u_n). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

3. STOCHASTIC INTEGRALS BY WHITE NOISE

We want to define stochastic integrals by using the white noise multiplication. For a Brownian functional $\phi(\omega)$, the $\dot{B}(t)$ -multiplication is defined by $\dot{B}(t)\phi = (\partial_t + \partial_t^*)\phi$ [13, 14]. However, this is defined only t -almost everywhere. Thus when we apply $\dot{B}(t)$ -multiplication to a stochastic process $\phi(t, \omega)$, $\dot{B}(t)\phi(t, \omega)$ may not make sense at all. The problem is caused by $\partial_t\phi(t, \omega)$. Take, for instance, the stochastic integral

$$\int_a^b B(t) dB(t).$$

By using $\dot{B}(t)$ -multiplication, this stochastic integral can be rewritten as

$$\int_a^b B(t) dB(t) = \int_a^b (\partial_t + \partial_t^*) B(t) dt.$$

From Eq. (7), we have $\partial_t(B(s)) = 1_{(0, s]}(t)$. But the Brownian motion $B(t)$ can be also defined by using the interval $(0, s)$ and we would have $\partial_t(B(s)) = 1_{(0, s)}(t)$. Thus $\partial_t(B(t))$ cannot be defined in a unique way.

The above example leads us to define two kinds of white noise differentiation, ∂_{t+} and ∂_{t-} , when we deal with stochastic processes. Let $\phi(t, \omega)$ be a stochastic process, not necessarily nonanticipating. Let $U(t; \xi)$ be the S -transform of $\phi(t)$. Suppose that the first variation δU of U is given by

$$(\delta U)_\xi(\eta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} U'_\xi(t; u) \eta(u) du, \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathcal{S},$$

and that $U'_{(\cdot)}(t; t+)$ is the S -transform of $\psi_+(t)$. Then we define $\partial_{t+} \phi(t) = \psi_+(t)$. Similarly, if $U'_{(\cdot)}(t; t-)$ is the S -transform of $\psi_-(t)$, then we define $\partial_{t-} \phi(t) = \psi_-(t)$. We remark that when the operator ∂_t^* is applied to stochastic processes, there is no distinction between ∂_{t+}^* and ∂_{t-}^* .

DEFINITION 1. Let $\phi(t, \omega)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, $\omega \in \mathcal{S}^*$, be a stochastic process such that for each t , $\phi(t, \cdot) \in L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$.

(a) Suppose $\partial_{t+} \phi(t)$ and $\partial_t^* \phi(t)$ exist and are integrable on $[a, b]$. Then we define

$$\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) = \int_a^b (\partial_{t+} \phi(t) + \partial_t^* \phi(t)) dt.$$

(b) Suppose $\partial_{t-} \phi(t)$ and $\partial_t^* \phi(t)$ exist and are integrable on $[a, b]$. Then we define

$$\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-) = \int_a^b (\partial_{t-} \phi(t) + \partial_t^* \phi(t)) dt.$$

In order to state an existence theorem of the above stochastic integrals, we need some notations. Let

$$D_n^+ = \{(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) \in (a, b) \times \mathbb{R}^n; u_1 > t\}$$

$$D_n^- = \{(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) \in (a, b) \times \mathbb{R}^n; u_1 < t\}.$$

Let $H^\alpha(D_n^+)$ and $H^\alpha(D_n^-)$ denote the Sobolev spaces of order α , $\alpha \geq 0$, on the domains D_n^+ and D_n^- , respectively.

Let J_α^+ denote the set of stochastic processes $\phi(t, \omega)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, $\omega \in \mathcal{S}^*$, such that

$$\phi(t, \omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_n(t, \omega),$$

where $\phi_n(t, \omega)$ is the multiple Wiener integral of $f_n(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$ with $f_n \in H^\alpha(D_n^+)$, and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)! \|f_n\|_{H^\alpha(D_n^+)}^2 < \infty. \quad (10)$$

Similarly, we define J_α^- by replacing D_n^+ with D_n^- .

Remark. $f_n(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$ can be obtained from $\phi(t)$ by the formula

$$f_n(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) = \frac{1}{n!} E[\partial_{u_1} \cdots \partial_{u_n} \phi(t)].$$

Thus the condition for $\phi(t, \omega)$ to be in J_α^+ or J_α^- can be checked analytically without appealing to the Wiener-Ito expansion of ϕ .

THEOREM 1. (a) *The stochastic integral $\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+)$ exists for any $\phi \in J_\alpha^+$ with $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$.*

(b) *The stochastic integral $\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-)$ exists for any $\phi \in J_\alpha^-$ with $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$.*

Proof. Suppose $\phi \in J_\alpha^+$, $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$. Let

$$\phi(t, \omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_n(t, \omega),$$

where $\phi_n(t, \omega)$ is the multiple Wiener integral of $f_n(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$. By assumption $f_n \in H^2(D_n^+)$. Therefore, by the trace theorem [1, p. 216; or 15, p. 41], the trace $f_n(t; t+, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) \in L^2((a, b) \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1})$. Hence $\partial_{t+} \phi_n(t)$ exists and is given by

$$\partial_{t+} \phi_n(t) = n \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f_n(t; t+, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n-1}),$$

i.e., $\partial_{t+} \phi_n(t)$ is the multiple Wiener integral of $nf_n(t; t+, \cdot)$. Moreover,

$$\int_a^b \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} |f_n(t; t+, u)|^2 du dt \leq c \|f_n\|_{H^2(D_n^+)}^2, \quad (11)$$

where c is some constant independent of n . Note that by Eq. (6),

$$\begin{aligned} E |\partial_{t+} \phi_n(t)|^2 &= (n-1)! \|nf_n(t; t+, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})}^2 \\ &= n! \|f_n(t; t+, \cdot)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Eq. (11),

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b E |\partial_{t+} \phi_n(t)|^2 dt &\leq cn! \|f_n\|_{H^2(D_n^+)}^2 \\ &\leq c(n+1)! \|f_n\|_{H^2(D_n^+)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (10), $\int_a^b \partial_{t+} \phi(t) dt$ exists.

On the other hand, by Eq. (8), we have

$$\int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \hat{g}_n(u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_n),$$

where \hat{g}_n is the symmetrization of g_n given by

$$g_n(u_1, \dots, u_n) = 1_{(a, b]}(u_1) f_{n-1}(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_n).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! \|\hat{g}_n\|^2 &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! \|g_n\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! \|f_{n-1}\|_{L^2((a, b) \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1})}^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n! \|f_{n-1}\|_{H^2(D_n^+)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt$ exists as a Brownian functional in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$. This finishes the proof of the assertion (a). The proof for part (b) is similar.

EXAMPLE 1. $B(1)$ is not nonanticipating with respect to $\{B(t); 0 \leq t < \infty\}$. However, $B(1)$ is nonanticipating with respect to $\{\mathcal{F}_t; 0 \leq t < \infty\}$, where $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma\{B(1), B(s), s \leq t\}$. Moreover, $\{B(t); 0 \leq t < \infty\}$ is a quasimartingale with respect to \mathcal{F}_t . With this observation, Ito [9] has shown that

$$\int_a^b B(1) dB(t) = B(1)(B(b) - B(a)).$$

In the white noise approach, we do not need to construct the new σ -fields. In fact, we have

$$\int_a^b B(1) dB(t+) = \int_a^b B(1) dB(t-) = B(1)(B(b) - B(a)).$$

This can be checked easily as follows. Note that $B(1) = \langle \omega, 1_{(0, 1]} \rangle$ and, so $\partial_{t+} B(1) = 1_{(0, 1]}(t+) = 1_{[0, 1)}(t)$ and $\partial_{t-} B(1) = 1_{(0, 1]}(t-) = 1_{(0, 1]}(t)$. Hence

$$\int_a^b \partial_{t+} B(1) dt = \int_a^b \partial_{t-} B(1) dt = \int_a^b 1_{(0, 1]}(t) dt.$$

On the other hand, by Eq. (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \partial_t^* B(1) dt &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} 1_{(a, b]}(s) 1_{(0, 1]}(t) dB(s) dB(t) \\ &= B(1)(B(b) - B(a)) - \int_a^b 1_{(0, 1]}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b B(1) dB(t+) &= \int_a^b (\partial_{t+} B(1) + \partial_t^* B(1)) dt \\ &= B(1)(B(b) - B(a)).\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\int_a^b B(1) dB(t-) = B(1)(B(b) - B(a)).$$

EXAMPLE 2. With the similar computation as in Example 1, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 B(1-t) dB(t+) &= \int_0^1 B(1-t) dB(t-) \\ &= B\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 2 \int_{1/2}^1 B(1-t) dB(t),\end{aligned}$$

where the last integral is an Ito integral.

EXAMPLE 3. As mentioned in the beginning of this section, $\partial_t(B(s)) = 1_{(0,s]}(t)$. Thus $\partial_{t+}(B(t)) = 0$ and $\partial_{t-}(B(t)) = 1$. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b \partial_{t+} B(t) dt &= 0 \\ \int_a^b \partial_{t-} B(t) dt &= b - a.\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, it follows from Eq. (8) that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b \partial_t^* B(t) dt &= \frac{1}{2} [B(b)^2 - B(a)^2 - (b-a)] \\ &= \int_a^b B(t) dB(t),\end{aligned}$$

where the last integral is an Ito integral. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b B(t) dB(t+) &= \frac{1}{2} [B(b)^2 - B(a)^2 - (b-a)] \\ \int_a^b B(t) dB(t-) &= \frac{1}{2} [B(b)^2 - B(a)^2 + (b-a)].\end{aligned}$$

4. SOME THEOREMS

THEOREM 2. Suppose $\phi(t, \omega)$ is a nonanticipating process such that $E \int_a^b |\phi(t, \omega)|^2 dt < \infty$. Then $\partial_{t+} \phi(t, \omega) = 0$ a.e. on $[a, b] \times \mathcal{S}^*$.

Remark. It follows from this theorem that

$$\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) = \int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt.$$

Thus, by Eq. (3), we have

$$\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) = \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t),$$

where the Last integral is an Ito integral. However, $\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-)$ is different from Ito's integral in view of Example 3.

Proof. By the Wiener-Ito decomposition theorem, it is sufficient to prove the assertion for $\phi(t, \cdot) \in K_n, n \geq 1$. Let $\phi(t, \cdot)$ be the multiple Wiener integral of $f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_n) \\ &= n! \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{u_1} \cdots \left[\int_{-\infty}^{u_{n-1}} f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_n) \right] \cdots dB(u_2) \right\} dB(u_1), \end{aligned}$$

where the last integral is an iterated Ito integral. But $\phi(t, \omega)$ is non-anticipating by assumption, so

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= n! \int_{-\infty}^t \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{u_1} \cdots \left[\int_{-\infty}^{u_{n-1}} f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_n) \right] \cdots dB(u_2) \right\} dB(u_1) \\ &= \int_{(-\infty, t]^n} f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_n). \end{aligned}$$

By taking the S -transform of ϕ as in Eq. (5) and applying the definition of ∂_{t+} , we see easily that $\partial_{t+} \phi(t) = 0$.

THEOREM 3. Suppose $\phi(t, \omega)$ is a stochastic process such that $E \int_a^b |\phi(t, \omega)|^2 dt < \infty$. Then

$$E \left| \int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt \right|^2 = E \int_a^b |\phi(t)|^2 dt + \int_a^b \int_a^b E(\partial_s \phi_t)(\overline{\partial_t \phi_s}) dt ds.$$

Remark. When $\phi(t)$ is nonanticipating, the first integral is Ito's integral in view of Eq. (3). Obviously, the double integral vanishes. Thus the above equality reduces to the well-known identity

$$E \left| \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t) \right|^2 = E \int_a^b |\phi(t)|^2 dt.$$

Proof. By the Wiener-Ito decomposition theorem, it is sufficient to prove the theorem for the case when ϕ is a multiple Wiener integral. Let $\phi(t)$ be the multiple Wiener integral of $f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$. By Eq. (8), we have

$$\int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \hat{g}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}),$$

where \hat{g} is the symmetrization of the function

$$g(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) = 1_{(a, b]}(u_1) f(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_{n+1}).$$

Therefore,

$$E \left| \int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt \right|^2 = (n+1)! \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} |\hat{g}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1})|^2 du_1 \cdots du_{n+1}. \quad (12)$$

Now,

$$\hat{g}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \sum_{\sigma} 1_{(a, b]}(u_{\sigma(1)}) f(u_{\sigma(1)}; u_{\sigma(2)}, \dots, u_{\sigma(n+1)}),$$

where the summation is over all permutations σ of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$. Note that $f(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_{n+1})$ is symmetric in the variables u_2, \dots, u_{n+1} . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{g}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \cdot n! \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} 1_{(a, b]}(u_i) f(u_i; \tilde{u}_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} 1_{(a, b]}(u_i) f(u_i; \tilde{u}_i), \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{u}_i denotes the variables u_1, \dots, u_{n+1} with u_i being deleted. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\hat{g}|^2 &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} 1_{(a, b]}(u_i) |f(u_i; \tilde{u}_i)|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i \neq j} 1_{(a, b]}(u_i) f(u_i; \tilde{u}_i) \overline{1_{(a, b]}(u_j) f(u_j; \tilde{u}_j)} \right\}. \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

Note that for any $i = 1, \dots, n+1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} 1_{(a,b]}(u_i) |f(u_i; \tilde{u}_i)|^2 du_1 \cdots du_{n+1} \\ &= \int_a^b \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)|^2 du_1 \cdots du_n dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{n!} E |\phi(t)|^2 dt; \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

and for any $i \neq j$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} 1_{(a,b]}(u_i) f(u_i; \tilde{u}_i) 1_{(a,b]}(u_j) \overline{f(u_j; \tilde{u}_j)} du_1 \cdots du_{n+1} \\ &= \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} f(t; s, u_2, \dots, u_n) \overline{f(s; t, u_2, \dots, u_n)} du_2 \cdots du_n dt ds \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} n f(t; s, u_2, \dots, u_n) \overline{n f(s; t, u_2, \dots, u_n)} du_2 \cdots du_n dt ds \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{(n-1)!} E \left[(\partial_s \phi_t) \overline{(\partial_t \phi_s)} \right] dt ds. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The assertion of the theorem follows easily from Eqs. (12)–(15).

THEOREM 4. *Let $\phi(t, \omega)$ be an $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ -continuous stochastic process:*

(a) *If $\phi \in J_\alpha^+$ with $\alpha > 1$, then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \phi(t_{i-1})(B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1})) \rightarrow \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$$

as the mesh of the partition $\{t_0 = a, t_1, \dots, t_k = b\}$ tends to zero.

(b) *If $\phi \in J_\alpha^-$ with $\alpha > 1$, then*

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \phi(t_i)(B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1})) \rightarrow \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-) \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$$

as the mesh of the partition $\{t_0 = a, t_1, \dots, t_k = b\}$ tends to zero.

Proof. We will prove only (a) since the proof for (b) is similar. By the Wiener–Itô decomposition theorem, we may assume that $\phi(t, \cdot)$ is a multiple Wiener integral, say, of $f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$. By the product formula (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \phi(t_{i-1})(B(t_i) - b(t_{i-1})) \\
&= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} (1_{\Delta_i} \hat{\otimes} f(t_{i+1}; \cdot))(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}) \\
&+ \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \left(n \int_{\Delta_i} f(t_{i-1}; u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) du_1 \right) dB(u_2) \cdots dB(u_n). \quad (16)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\phi(t, \omega)$ is $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ -continuous,

$$\sum_{i=1}^k 1_{\Delta_i} \hat{\otimes} f(t_{i-1}; \cdot) \rightarrow \hat{h} \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1}), \quad (17)$$

where \hat{h} is the symmetrization of

$$h(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) = 1_{(a, b]}(u_1) f(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_{n+1}).$$

But, by Eq. (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} \hat{h}(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}) \\
&= \int_a^b \partial_r^* \phi(t) dt. \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, $f \in H^2(D_n^+)$ with $\alpha > 1$. Thus it follows from Lemma 3.F [2, p. 441] that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k n \int_{\Delta_i} f(t_{i-1}; u_1, \cdot) du_1 \rightarrow n \int_a^b f(t; t+, \cdot) dt \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n-1}). \quad (19)$$

But, by Eq. (7) for ∂_{t+} , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \left(n \int_a^b f(t; t+, u_2, \dots, u_n) dt \right) dB(u_2) \cdots dB(u_n) \\
&= \int_a^b \partial_{t+} \phi(t) dt. \quad (20)
\end{aligned}$$

From Eqs. (16)–(20), it is easy to see that

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \phi(t_{i-1})(B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1})) \rightarrow \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$$

as the mesh of the partition tends to zero. This completes the proof.

Let $\phi(t, \omega)$ be a stochastic process and $0 \leq c \leq 1$. For a partition $P = \{t_0 = a, t_1, \dots, t_k = b\}$ of the interval $[a, b]$, put

$$\phi_P = \sum_{i=1}^k (c\phi(t_{i-1}) + (1-c)\phi(t_i))(B(t_i) - B(t_{i-1})).$$

If the limit of ϕ_P exists in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ as $\text{mesh}(P)$ tends to zero, then we define the limit to be the $\langle c \rangle$ -Stratonovich integral of ϕ . It is denoted by $\langle c \rangle \int_a^b \phi(t) \circ dB(t)$.

THEOREM 5. *Let ϕ be an $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ -continuous stochastic process and $\phi \in J_\alpha^+ \cap J_\alpha^-$ with $\alpha > 1$. Then $\langle c \rangle$ -Stratonovich integral of ϕ exists and is given by*

$$\langle c \rangle \int_a^b \phi(t) \circ dB(t) = c \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) + (1-c) \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-).$$

Proof. This follows obviously from Theorem 4.

5. SERIES EXPANSION

We now consider the open problem mentioned in the first section. The answer is given in the following theorem.

THEOREM 6. *Let ϕ be an $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ -continuous stochastic process and $\phi \in J_\alpha^+ \cap J_\alpha^-$ with $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$. Then, for any orthonormal basis $\{e_k; k \geq 1\}$ for $L^2(a, b)$, the following series converges in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ and*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k(\omega) \int_a^b e_k(t) dB(t, \omega) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) + \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-) \right],$$

where $a_k(\omega) = \int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) \overline{e_k(t)} dt$.

In order to prove this theorem, we need two lemmas on the trace of integral operators on $L^2([a, b])$.

DEFINITION 2. An operator A on a Hilbert space H is said to have a finite trace if for any orthonormal basis $\{e_k; k \geq 1\}$ for H , $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle Ae_k, e_k \rangle$ converges and the limit is independent of $\{e_k; k \geq 1\}$. The limit is denoted by $\text{tr } A$.

Remark. Suppose A is an operator on H such that (Ax, x) is real for all x in H and its symmetrization $\hat{A} = \frac{1}{2}(A + A^*)$ is a trace class operator. Then

obviously A has a finite trace and $\text{tr } A = \text{Tr } \hat{A}$, where Tr denotes the trace of a trace class operator.

LEMMA 1. Let $g \in H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$ with $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$. Then the integral operator G defined on $L^2([a, b])$ by

$$Gf(t) = \int_a^b g(t, s) f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^2([a, b])$$

is a trace class operator. Moreover,

$$\text{Tr } G = \int_a^b g(t, t) dt,$$

$$|\text{Tr } G| \leq c \|g\|_{H^\alpha((a, b)^2)},$$

where c is a constant independent of g .

Proof. It follows from Theorem 1 [2, p. 42] that G is a trace class operator and

$$|\text{Tr } G| \leq c_1 \|g\|_{H^\alpha((a, b)^2)},$$

where c_1 is a constant independent of g . On the other hand, from the trace theorem [1, p. 216; or 15, p. 41]

$$\left| \int_a^b g(t, t) dt \right| \leq c_2 \|g\|_{H^\alpha((a, b)^2)},$$

where c_2 is a constant independent of g . Therefore, the linear maps $g \mapsto \text{Tr } G$ and $g \mapsto \int_a^b g(t, t) dt$ are continuous on $H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$. But

$$\text{Tr } G = \int_a^b g(t, t) dt$$

holds for all g in a dense subspace $C^\infty([a, b]^2)$ of $H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$. Hence it holds for all g in $H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$.

LEMMA 2. Let $Q^+ = \{(u, v) \in (a, b)^2; u < v\}$ and $Q^- = \{(u, v) \in (a, b)^2; u > v\}$. Suppose $g \in H^\alpha(Q^+) \cap H^\alpha(Q^-)$ with $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$. Then the integral operator G given by g has a finite trace and

$$\text{tr } G = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (g(t, t+) + g(t, t-)) dt.$$

Moreover,

$$|\operatorname{tr} G| \leq c(\|g\|_{H^2(Q^+)} + \|g\|_{H^2(Q^-)}),$$

where c is a constant independent of g .

Proof. By considering the real and imaginary parts of g separately, we may assume that g is a real-valued function. Thus (Gf, f) is real for all f in $L^2([a, b])$.

It follows from the assumption that $g(t, t+)$ and $g(t, t-)$ exist a.e. Define

$$\hat{g}(t, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(g(t, s) + g(s, t)), & t \neq s \\ \frac{1}{2}(g(t, t+) + g(t, t-)), & t = s. \end{cases}$$

Then \hat{g} is the symmetrization of g . It follows from Theorem 2.2 [15, p. 13] and Theorem 8.1 [15, p. 38] that for $\alpha \leq 1$, $g \in H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$ implies that $\hat{g} \in H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$. Therefore, for any α , $g \in H^\alpha((a, b)^2)$ implies that $\hat{g} \in H^\beta((a, b)^2)$ with $\beta = \min(\alpha, 1)$. By Lemma 1, the integral operator \hat{G} given by \hat{g} is a trace class operator and

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Tr} \hat{G} &= \int_a^b \hat{g}(t, t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (g(t, t+) + g(t, t-)) dt \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |\operatorname{Tr} \hat{G}| &\leq c_1 \|\hat{g}\|_{H^\beta((a, b)^2)} \\ &\leq c_2(\|g\|_{H^2(Q^+)} + \|g\|_{H^2(Q^-)}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the remark following Definition 2, the integral operator G given by g has a finite trace and $\operatorname{tr} G = \operatorname{Tr} \hat{G}$. This gives the conclusion of the lemma immediately.

Proof of Theorem 6. It is sufficient to prove the case when ϕ is a multiple Wiener integral, say, of $f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n)$, i.e.,

$$\phi(t, \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_1, \omega) \cdots dB(u_n, \omega).$$

Then, for $k = 1, 2, \dots$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_k(\omega) &= \int_a^b \phi(t, \omega) \overline{e_k(t)} dt \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_k(u_1, \dots, u_n) dB(u_1, \omega) \cdots dB(u_n, \omega), \end{aligned}$$

where $f_k(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \int_a^b f(t; u_1, \dots, u_n) \overline{e_k(t)} dt$. Therefore, by the product formula (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_k(\omega) \int_a^b e_k(t) dB(t, \omega) \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} (f_k \hat{\otimes} (1_{(a,b)} e_k))(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1, \omega) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}, \omega) \\ + \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \left(n \int_a^b f_k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) e_k(u_1) du_1 \right) dB(u_2, \omega) \cdots dB(u_n, \omega). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

By a similar argument as in proving Eq. (17), we can check easily that the following series converges in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k \hat{\otimes} e_k = \hat{h},$$

where \hat{h} is the symmetrization of

$$h(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) = 1_{(a,b]}(u_1) f(u_1; u_2, \dots, u_{n+1}).$$

Therefore, by Eq. (18), the following series converges in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}} (f_k \hat{\otimes} 1_{(a,b)} e_k)(u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) dB(u_1, \omega) \cdots dB(u_{n+1}, \omega) \\ = \int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

On the other hand, for each $(u_2, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, let $F(u_2, \dots, u_n)$ be the integral operator on $L^2([a, b])$ given by $f(\cdot; \cdot, u_2, \dots, u_n)$. By the assumption on f and Lemma 2, $F(u_2, \dots, u_n)$ has a finite trace given by

$$\text{tr } F(u_2, \dots, u_n) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b [f(t; t+, u_2, \dots, u_n) + f(t; t-, u_2, \dots, u_n)] dt. \quad (23)$$

But, since $\{e_k; k \geq 1\}$ is an orthonormal basis for $L^2([a, b])$, the trace of $F(u_2, \dots, u_n)$ is also given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr } F(u_2, \dots, u_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle F(u_2, \dots, u_n) e_k, e_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_a^b f_k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) e_k(u_1) du_1, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where f_k is given as above. From Eqs. (23) and (24), and the assumption on f , we can check that the following series converges in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n-1})$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} n \int_a^b f_k(u_1, \cdot, \dots, \cdot) e_k(u_1) du_1 \\ = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b n [f(t; t+, \cdot, \dots, \cdot) + f(t; t-, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)] dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the following series converges in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \left(n \int_a^b f_k(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) e_k(u_1) du_1 \right) dB(u_2, \omega) \cdots dB(u_n, \omega) \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_a^b n [f(t; t+, u_2, \dots, u_n) + f(t; t-, u_2, \dots, u_n)] dt \right) \\ \times dB(u_2, \omega) \cdots dB(u_n, \omega) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (\partial_{t+} \phi(t) + \partial_{t-} \phi(t)) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

From Eqs. (21), (22), and (25), it is obvious that the following series converges in $L^2(\mathcal{S}^*)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k(\omega) \int_a^b e_k(t) dB(t, \omega) \\ = \int_a^b \partial_t^* \phi(t) dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b [\partial_{t+} \phi(t) + \partial_{t-} \phi(t)] dt \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t+) + \int_a^b \phi(t) dB(t-) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

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