

Generalization of stochastic calculus and its applications in large deviations theory

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND MOTIVATION

Quick revision and notations

- ▷ Let $T \in (0, \infty)$, and denote $\mathbb{T} = [0, T]$ as the index set for t .
- ▷ Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_\bullet, \mathbb{P})$ be a filtered probability space.
- ▷ B_\bullet is a Brownian motion on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}_\bullet, \mathbb{P})$.
- ▷ Properties of B_\bullet
 - ✓ starts at 0
 - ✓ has independent increments
 - ✓ $B_t - B_s \sim \mathcal{N}(0, t - s)$
 - ✓ continuous paths
 - ✓ has **unbounded linear variation** 😞
 - ✓ has **bounded quadratic variation** 😊
 - ✓ $\mathbb{E}(B_t B_s) = s \wedge t$
 - ✓ martingale
- ▷ **Naive stochastic integration w.r.t. B_t : not possible.**
- ▷ A stochastic process X_\bullet is called adapted to \mathcal{F}_\bullet if X_t is measurable w.r.t. $\mathcal{F}_t \forall t$.

Wiener integral ($f \in L^2[0, T]$)

▷ Definition

1. Step functions $f = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j \mathbb{1}_{[t_j, t_{j+1})}(t)$: Define $\int_0^T f(t) dB_t = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} c_j \Delta B_j$, where $\Delta B_j = B_{t_{j+1}} - B_{t_j}$.
2. $f \in L^2[0, T]$: Use step functions approximating f to extend the integral **a.s.**

▷ Properties

- ✓ Linear.
- ✓ **Gaussian distribution** with mean 0 and variance $\|f\|_{L^2[0, T]}^2$ (Itô isometry).
- ✓ Corresponds to the Riemann–Stieltjes integral for $f \in C[0, T]$.

▷ The associated process $I_\bullet = \int_0^\bullet f(t) dB_t$ has the following properties.

- ✓ continuity
- ✓ martingale

▷ Problem: Cannot integrate stochastic processes.

Trying to integrate stochastic processes naively

▷ $\int_0^T B_t \, dB_t \stackrel{?}{=}$.

Since B_t is continuous, let us try Riemann–Stieltjes integral. Consider a sequence of partitions Δ_n such that $\|\Delta_n\| \rightarrow 0$. Then

$$\int_0^T B_t \, dB_t = \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} B_{t_j^*} \Delta B_j.$$

▷ Choosing different endpoints for t_j^* gives us different results.

t_j^*	$\int_0^t B_s \, dB_s$	\mathbb{E}	Martingale?	Theory
left	$\frac{1}{2} (B_t^2 - t)$	0	☺	Itô
mid	$\frac{1}{2} (B_t^2)$	$\frac{1}{2}t$	☹	Stratonovich
right	$\frac{1}{2} (B_t^2 + t)$	t	☹	

▷ Which one do we choose?

Itô integral for $X_{\bullet} \in L^2_{\text{ad}}([0, T] \times \Omega)$

▷ Definition

1. Adapted step processes $X_t(\omega) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \xi_j(\omega) \mathbb{1}_{[t_j, t_{j+1})}(t)$: define $\int_0^T X_t \, dB_t = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \xi_j \Delta B_j$.
2. $X \in L^2_{\text{ad}}([0, T] \times \Omega)$: use step processes approximating X to extend the integral in $L^2(\Omega)$.

▷ Properties

- ✓ Linear.
- ✓ Mean 0 and variance $\|f\|_{L^2[0, T]}^2$ (Itô isometry).
- ✓ For X_{\bullet} continuous, $\int_0^T X_t \, dB_t = \lim \int_0^T X_{\lfloor \frac{tn}{n} \rfloor} \, dB_t = \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_{\lfloor \frac{tn}{n} \rfloor} \Delta B_j$.

▷ The associated process $I_{\bullet} = \int_0^{\bullet} X_t \, dB_t$ has the following properties.

- ✓ continuity
- ✓ martingale

▷ Example: $\int_0^t B_s \, dB_s = \frac{1}{2}(B_t^2 - t) \quad \forall t$.

Itô integral for X_\bullet such that $\int_0^T X_t^2 dt < \infty$ a.s.

- ▷ Definition: Use sequences of processes in $L_{\text{ad}}^2([0, T] \times \Omega)$ approximating X in probability to extend the integral in probability.
- ▷ Properties
 - ✓ Linear.
 - ✓ Mean and variance? ☹
- ▷ The associated process $I_\bullet = \int_0^\bullet X_t dB_t$ has the following properties.
 - ✓ continuity
 - ✓ local martingale
- ▷ Example: $\int_0^T e^{B_t^2} dB_t = \int_0^{B_1} e^{t^2} dt - \int_0^T B_t e^{B_t^2} dt.$

Itô formula

- ▷ An **Itô process** is a process of the form $X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t m(s, X_s) \, ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) \, dB_s$, equivalently expressed as $dX_t = m(t, X_t) \, dt + \sigma(t, X_t) \, dB_t$.
[Only makes sense when $\int_0^T (|m(s, X_s)| + |\sigma(s, X_s)|^2) \, ds < \infty$ a.s.]

Theorem ([Itô44]) Let X_t be a d -dimensional Itô process, and let $Y_t = f(X_t)$, where $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$. Then $f(X_t)$ is also a d -dimensional Itô process, and

$$df(X_t) = \langle (Df)(X_t), dX_t \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle dX_t, (D^2 f)(X_t) dX_t \rangle,$$

where we use the rule $dB_t \otimes dB_t = I_d \, dt$.

- ▷ Example: For σ constant, $\mathcal{E}_t = \exp\left(\sigma B_t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t\right)$, $d\mathcal{E}_t = -\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \mathcal{E}_t \, dt + \sigma \mathcal{E}_t \, dB_t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \mathcal{E}_t (dB_t)^2$.

Exponential processes and Girsanov theorem

- ▷ Let h_\bullet be a stochastic process. The associated exponential process is defined as

$$\mathcal{E}_t^{(h)} = \exp \left(\int_0^t h_s \, dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t h_s^2 \, ds \right).$$

- ▷ The exponential process is a martingale if and only if $\mathbb{E} \mathcal{E}_t^{(h)} = 1 \, \forall t$.
- ▷ (Novikov condition) The exponential process is a martingale if $\mathbb{E} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T h_t^2 \, dt \right) < \infty$.
- ▷ (Girsanov theorem) The translated stochastic process $W_t = B_t - \int_0^t h(s) \, ds$ is a Brownian motion under the probability measure $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}$ defined by the Radon-Nikodym derivative $\frac{d\tilde{\mathbb{P}}}{d\mathbb{P}} = \mathcal{E}_T^{(h)}$.

Stochastic differential equations

- ▷ Let $\zeta \in L^2(\Omega)$ be independent of B_\bullet , and $m, \sigma : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be $\mathcal{B}[0, T] \times \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{F}$ measurable such that $m(t, \cdot, \cdot)$ and $\sigma(t, \cdot, \cdot)$ are $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathcal{F}_t$ measurable $\forall t$.
Then a \mathcal{F}_t -adapted stochastic process X_t is called a solution of the **stochastic integral equation** $X_t = \zeta + \int_0^t m(s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) dB_s$ if for each t , the X_t satisfies the integral equation a.s.
- ▷ The **stochastic differential equation** $dX_t = m(t, X_t) dt + \sigma(t, X_t) dB_t$, $X_0 = \zeta$ is a *symbolic representation* of the stochastic integral equation.

Theorem (Existence and uniqueness, Markov property) The stochastic differential equation above has a unique solution if there exists an $M > 0$ such that the following two conditions are satisfied:

- ✓ (Lipschitz condition) $|m(t, x) - m(t, y)|^2 + |\sigma(t, x) - \sigma(t, y)|^2 \leq M|x - y|^2$ a.s.
- ✓ (growth condition) $|m(t, x)|^2 + |\sigma(t, y)|^2 \leq M(1 + |x|^2)$ a.s.

The solution is a Markov process.

Moreover if $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}$ and m, σ are function of only x , then the solution is also stationary.

- Example: For σ constant, $d\mathcal{E}_t = \sigma \mathcal{E}_t dB_t$, $\mathcal{E}_0 = 1$ is solved by $\mathcal{E}_t = \exp\left(\sigma B_t - \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t\right)$.

Multiple Wiener–Itô integrals

- ▷ How do we define the double integral?
- ▷ Naive idea: $\int_0^T \int_0^T dB_s dB_t = \int_0^T dB_s \int_0^T dB_t = B_T^2$.
But $\mathbb{E}B_T^2 = T \neq 0$, so **no martingale property**. ☹
- ▷ Itô's idea: remove the diagonal to get $\int_0^T \int_0^T dB_s dB_t = 2 \int_0^T \int_0^t dB_s dB_t = B_T^2 - T$. ☺

Theorem ([Itô51]) Let $f \in L^2([0, T]^n)$ and \hat{f} be its symmetrization. Then

$$\int_{[0, T]^n} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) dB_{t_1} \dots dB_{t_n} = n! \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_{n-2}} \left(\int_0^{t_{n-1}} \hat{f}(t_1, \dots, t_n) dB_{t_n} \right) dB_{t_{n-1}} \dots dB_{t_1}.$$

▷ TODO

SECTION 2

GENERALIZATION OF ITÔ CALCULUS

Motivation

- ▷ Iterated integrals: Consider the iterated integral $\int_0^T \int_0^T dB_s dB_t = \int_0^T B_T dB_t \stackrel{?}{=} B_T B_t$.
- ▷ Note that $\mathbb{E}(B_T B_t) = T \wedge t = t \neq 0$, so **no martingale property** ☹.
- ▷ Stochastic differential equations with anticipation

$$dX_t = X_t dB_t$$

$$X_0 = B_1$$

$$dY_t = B_T dB_t$$

$$Y_0 = 1$$

- ▷ Problem: We want to define $\int_0^T X_t dB_t$, where X_\bullet is not adapted (anticipating).
- ▷ Some approaches

- ✓ Itô's decomposition of integrand $B_t = \left(B_t - \int_0^t \frac{B_T - B_s}{T-s} ds \right) + \int_0^t \frac{B_T - B_s}{T-s} ds$
- ✓ Enlargement of filtration
- ✓ White noise theory
- ✓ ...

The new integral [AK08; AK10]: Idea

- A process Y^\cdot and filtration \mathcal{F}_\bullet are called **instantly independent** if Y^t and \mathcal{F}_t are independent $\forall t$.
Example: The process $(B_T - B_\bullet)$ is instantly independent of the filtration generated by B_\bullet .
- Ideas
 1. Decompose the integrand into **adapted** and **instantly independent** parts.
 2. Evaluate the **adapted** and the **instantly independent** parts at the **left** and **right** endpoints.
- Consider two continuous stochastic processes, X_t **adapted** and Y^t **instantly independent** w.r.t. \mathcal{F}_\bullet . Then the integral $\int_0^T X_t Y^t dB_t$ is **defined** as

$$\int_0^T X_t Y^t dB_t \triangleq \lim_{\|\Delta_n\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_{t_j} Y^{t_{j+1}} \Delta B_j,$$

provided that the limit exists in probability.

- Now, for any stochastic process $Z(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n X_t^{(k)} Y_{(k)}^t$ we extend the definition by linearity.
- This is well-defined [HKS+16].

A simple example

▷ In the following, denote $\Delta B_j = B_{t_{j+1}} - B_{t_j}$ and \lim is the limit in L^2 .

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t B_T \, dB_t &= \int_0^t (B_t + (B_T - B_t)) \, dB_t = \int_0^t B_t \, dB_t + \int_0^t (B_T - B_t) \, dB_t \\ &= \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} B_{t_j} \Delta B_j + \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (B_T - B_{t_{j+1}}) \Delta B_j \\ &= \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (B_T - \Delta B_j) \Delta B_j \\ &= B_T \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \Delta B_j - \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (\Delta B_j)^2 = B_T B_t - t\end{aligned}$$

▷ Note that $\mathbb{E}(B_T B_t - t) = 0$.

▷ In general, $\mathbb{E} \int_0^t Z(s) \, dB_s = 0$. 😊

Generalized Itô formula [HKS+16]

Process	Definition	Representation
Itô	$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t m(s, X_s) \, ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) \, dB_s$	$dX_t = m(t, X_t) \, dt + \sigma(t, X_t) \, dB_t$
instantly independent	$Y^t = Y^0 + \int_t^T \tilde{m}(s, Y^s) \, ds + \int_t^T \tilde{\sigma}(s, Y^s) \, dB_s$	$dY^t = \tilde{m}(t, Y^t) \, dt + \tilde{\sigma}(t, Y^t) \, dB_t$

Theorem ([HKS+16]) Let $dX_t = m \, dt + \sigma \, dB_t$ be an d -dimensional Itô process, $dY^t = \tilde{m} \, dt + \tilde{\sigma} \, dB_t$ be a \tilde{d} -dimensional instantly independent process. If $f(x, y) \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 df(X_t, Y^t) = & \langle (D_x f)(X_t, Y^t), dX_t \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle dX_t, (D_x^2 f)(X_t, Y^t) dX_t \rangle \\
 & + \langle (D_y f)(X_t, Y^t), dY^t \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle dY^t, (D_y^2 f)(X_t, Y^t) dY^t \rangle,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we use the rules $dB_t \otimes dB_t = I_d \, dt$.

Exponential processes and generalized Girsanov theorem

▷ TODO

Iterated integrals

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$$\int_{[0, T]^n} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \, dB_{t_1} \dots dB_{t_n} = n! \int_0^T \dots \int_0^{t_{n-2}} \left(\int_0^{t_{n-1}} \hat{f}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \, dB_{t_n} \right) dB_{t_{n-1}} \dots dB_{t_1}.$$

Theorem ([AK10]) Let $f \in L^2([0, T]^n)$. Then

$$\int_{[0, T]^n} f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \, dB_{t_1} \dots dB_{t_n} = \int_0^T \dots \int_0^T f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \, dB_{t_n} \dots dB_{t_1}.$$

Near-martingale property [HKS+17]

- ▷ Question: What are the analogues of the martingale property and the Markov property?
- ▷ Answer for martingales: “near-martingales”.
- ▷ Let $Z(t)$ be a stochastic process such that $\mathbb{E} |Z(t)| < \infty \forall t$, and $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$. Then, with respect to \mathcal{F}_\bullet , the process $Z(t)$ is called a
 - ✓ near-martingale if $\mathbb{E}(Z(t) - Z(s) \mid \mathcal{F}_s) = 0$,
 - ✓ near-submartingale if $\mathbb{E}(Z(t) - Z(s) \mid \mathcal{F}_s) \geq 0$, and
 - ✓ near-supermartingale if $\mathbb{E}(Z(t) - Z(s) \mid \mathcal{F}_s) \leq 0$.
- ▷ TODO

SECTION 3

LARGE DEVIATIONS THEORY

Motivation: an example

1. Setup. Let the following hold:

- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ is a probability space.
- (X_n) is a sequence of i.i.d. random variables on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ with finite moment generating function M .
- $\mathbb{E}X_1 = m$, $\mathbb{V}X_1 = \sigma^2$, and $X_1 \sim \mu$.
- $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$.

2. Asymptotic behavior of \bar{X}_n :

- Weak law of large numbers: $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}} m$.
- Central limit theorem: $\sqrt{n}\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{w^*} \sqrt{n}m + \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$.

3. But at what speed?

4. We want to *control large deviations from the mean*.

Example: large deviation bounds

1. Fixing $x > m$ and forcing the exponential with a free parameter $\theta > 0$, we get

$$\mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n \geq x \} = \mathbb{P} \{ e^{\theta n \bar{X}_n} \geq e^{\theta n x} \} \leq e^{-\theta n x} \mathbb{E} \left(e^{\theta n \bar{X}_n} \right) = e^{-\theta n x} M_X(\theta)^n = e^{-n(\theta x - \log M_X(\theta))}$$

2. Since θ was arbitrary, we have

$$\mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n \geq x \} \leq \inf_{\theta} e^{-n(\theta x - \log M_X(\theta))} = e^{-n \sup_{\theta} (\theta x - \log M_X(\theta))} =: e^{-nI(x)}.$$

3. Generalizing, we get the **large deviation upper bound**

$$\overline{\lim} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n \in E \} \leq - \inf_{\bar{E}} I \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}.$$

4. We can also obtain a lower bound too using an exponential change of measure

$$\underline{\lim} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n \in E \} \geq - \inf_{\bar{E}} I \quad \forall E \in \mathcal{B}.$$

5. So informally, we get $\mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n = x \} \asymp e^{-nI(x)}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Definitions

- ▷ The setup: (X_n) is a stochastic process on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ taking values in a Polish space (\mathcal{X}, d) .
- ▷ A function $I : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called a **rate function** if it has compact level sets.
- ▷ I is lower semicontinuous and attains its infimum on a nonempty closed set.
- ▷ For any Borel set E , denote $I(E) = \inf_{x \in E} I(x)$.

Definition (X_n) is said to satisfy the **large deviation principle on \mathcal{X} with rate function I** if the following two conditions hold.

$$\text{(upper bound)} \quad \overline{\lim} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n \in F \} \leq -I(F) \quad \forall F \text{ closed}$$

$$\text{(lower bound)} \quad \underline{\lim} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P} \{ \bar{X}_n \in E \} \geq -I(G) \quad \forall G \text{ open}$$

Laplace principle

Cramér theorem

Theorem ([Cra38]) Let (X_n) be a sequence of i.i.d. real random variables with finite moment generating function M . Then (X_n) follows large deviation principle with rate function $I(x) = \sup_{\theta} (\theta x - \log M(\theta))$.

Rate function for some common distributions for X_{\bullet}

Distribution	$M(\theta)$	$I(x)$
$Bern(p)$	$1 - p + pe^{\theta}$	$x \log \frac{x}{1-p} + (x-1) \log \frac{p}{x-1}$
$Pois(\lambda)$	$e^{\lambda(e^{\theta}-1)}$	$\lambda - x + x \log \frac{x}{\lambda}$
$Exp(\lambda)$	$(1 - \theta\lambda^{-1})^{-1}$	$\lambda x - 1 + x \log(\lambda x)$
$\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$	$e^{m\theta + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\theta^2}$	$\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}$
$\chi^2(k)$	$(1 - 2\theta)^{-\frac{k}{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2} \left(x - k + k \log \frac{k}{x} \right)$

Sanov theorem

LD in ∞ -dimensions — Schilder theorem

Aim: Estimate the probability that a scaled-down sample path of a Brownian motion will stray far from the mean path (the 0 function).

Setup

- Let B_\bullet be a d -dimensional Brownian motion, so $B_\bullet \in C_0 = C_0([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$
- $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, let W_ε denote the law of $\sqrt{\varepsilon}B_\bullet$
- Let $\text{CM} = \{\omega \in C_0 : \omega \in \text{AC}, \text{ and } \dot{\omega}_t \in L^2[0, T]\}$

Theorem On the Banach space $(C_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, the family of probability measures $\{W_\varepsilon : \varepsilon > 0\}$ satisfy the large deviations principle with the rate function $I : C_0 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ given by

$$I(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |\dot{\omega}(t)|^2 dt \right) \mathbb{1}_{\text{AC}}(\omega) + \infty \mathbb{1}_{\text{AC}^c}(\omega)$$

Freidlin–Wentzell theorem

Aim: Estimate the probability that a scaled-down sample path of an Itô diffusion will stray far from the mean path.

Setup

- Let B_\bullet be a d -dimensional Brownian motion, so $B_\bullet \in C_0 = C_0([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$
- $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, let $X^{(\varepsilon)}$ be a \mathbb{R}^d -valued Itô diffusion solving an Itô SDE of the form

$$dX_t^{(\varepsilon)} = b(X_t^{(\varepsilon)}) dt + \sigma(X_t^{(\varepsilon)}) \sqrt{\varepsilon} dB_t, \quad X_0^{(\varepsilon)} = 0.$$

- $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, let W_ε denote the law of $X_\bullet^{(\varepsilon)}$.

Theorem (Freidlin, Wentzell (year?)) On the Banach space $(C_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, the family of probability measures $\{W_\varepsilon : \varepsilon > 0\}$ satisfy the large deviations principle with the rate function $I : C_0 \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ given by

$$I(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |\dot{\omega}_t - b(\omega_t)|^2 dt \right) \mathbb{1}_{H^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)}(\omega) + \infty \mathbb{1}_{H^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)^c}(\omega)$$

Applications



SECTION 4

CONCLUSION

Open areas for research

- ▷ Extension to SDEs with anticipating coefficients
- ▷ Near-Markov property
- ▷ Girsanov theorem for anticipating integrals
- ▷ Freidlin-Wintzell type result for SDEs with anticipation

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