# A generalization of Itô calculus and large deviations theory

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# Section 1 Introduction and motivation

#### Quick revision and notations

$$\triangleright$$
 Let  $T \in (0, \infty)$ , and denote  $t \in [0, T]$ .

- $\triangleright$  Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a filtered probability space.
- $\triangleright$  *B* is a Brownian motion on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F})$ .
- $\triangleright$  Properties of B.
  - starts at 0
  - has independent increments
  - $\circ \quad B_t B_s \sim \mathcal{N}(0, t s)$
  - continuous paths (a.s.)
  - is a.s. nowhere differentiable

- has unbounded linear variation ②
- has bounded quadratic variation ©
- $\circ \quad \mathbb{E}(B_t B_s) = s \wedge t$
- martingale

- Naive integration w.r.t.  $B_t$ : not possible.
- $\triangleright$  A stochastic process  $X_{\bullet}$  is called adapted to  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$  if  $X_t$  is measurable w.r.t.  $\mathcal{F}_t \ \forall t$ .

### Martingales and Markov processes

**Definition** Let  $X_{\bullet}$  is a  $L^1$ -bounded  $\mathcal{F}_{\bullet}$ -adapted stochastic process, and let  $0 \le s \le t \le T$ . Then  $X_{\bullet}$  is called a

- martingale if  $\mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) = X_s$ ,
- submartingale if  $\mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) \ge X_s$ , and
- supermartingale if  $\mathbb{E}(X_t | \mathcal{F}_s) \leq X_s$ .

**Remark** If  $(X_n)$  is a discrete-time martingale and  $(H_n)$  is an adapted process, then the process  $Y_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} H_j(X_{j+1} - X_j) =: (H \bullet X)_n$  is itself a martingale and called a martingale transform of  $(X_n)$ .

**Definition** A stochastic process  $X_{\bullet}$  is called Markov if for any  $0 \le s \le t \le T$ , we have

$$\mathbb{P}(X_t \in E \mid \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{P}(X_t \in E \mid X_s).$$

# Wiener integral for $f \in L^2[0,T]$

- ▶ Definition of the integral:
  - 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 of the integral:
  - Linear.
  - Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and variance  $||f||_{L^2[0,T]}^2$  (Itô isometry).
  - Agrees with the Riemann–Stieltjes integral for continuous functions of bounded variation.
- $\triangleright$  Properties of the associated process  $I_{\bullet} = \int_0^{\bullet} f(t) dB_t$ :
  - continuity.
  - martingale.
- > Problem: Cannot integrate stochastic processes.

### Trying to integrate stochastic processes

 $ightharpoonup \int_0^T B_t \, \mathrm{d}B_t \stackrel{?}{=}$  Since  $B_t$  is continuous, let us try Riemann–Stieltjes integral. Consider a sequence of partitions  $\Delta_n$  such that  $\|\Delta_n\| \to 0$ . Then

$$\int_{0}^{T} B_t dB_t = \lim_{j=0}^{n-1} B_{t_j^*} \Delta B_j.$$

 $\triangleright$  Choosing different endpoints for  $t_j^*$  gives us different results.

$t_j^*$	$\int_0^t B_s  \mathrm{d}B_s$	Intuitive?	E	Martingale?	Theory
left	$\frac{1}{2}\left(B_t^2 - t\right)$		0		Itô
mid	$\frac{1}{2}\left(B_t^2\right)$		$\frac{1}{2}t$		Stratonovich
right	$\frac{1}{2}\left(B_t^2 + t\right)$		t		

> Which one do we choose?

# Itô integral [Itô44] for $X \in L^2_{ad}([0, T] \times \Omega)$

#### ▶ Definition of the integral:

- 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.  $X \in L^2_{ad}([0,T] \times \Omega)$ : use step processes approximating X to extend the integral in  $L^2(\Omega)$ .

#### > Properties of the integral:

- Linear.
- Mean 0 and variance  $||f||_{L^2[0,T]}^2$  (Itô isometry).
- For  $X_{\bullet}$  continuous,  $\int_{0}^{T} X_{t} dB_{t} = \lim \int_{0}^{T} X_{\lfloor \frac{tn}{n} \rfloor} dB_{t} = \lim \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_{t_{j}} \Delta B_{j}$ .
- > Properties of the associated process  $I_{\bullet} = \int_0^{\bullet} X_t dB_t$ :
  - o continuity.
  - martingale.
- $\triangleright$  Example:  $\int_0^t B_u dB_u = \frac{1}{2}(B_t^2 t) \quad \forall t.$

# Itô integral for X, such that $\int_0^T X_t^2 dt < \infty$ a.s.

- ▷ Definition: Use sequences of processes in  $L^2_{ad}([0,T] \times \Omega)$  approximating X in probability to extend the integral in probability.
- > Properties of the integral:
  - Linear.
  - Mean and variance? ②
- $\triangleright$  Properties of the associated process  $I_{\bullet} = \int_0^{\bullet} X_t dB_t$ :
  - o continuity.
  - local martingale.

#### The Itô formula

An Itô process is a process of the form  $X_{\bullet} = X_0 + \int_0^{\bullet} m_t \, dt + \int_0^{\bullet} \sigma_t \, dB_t$ . Equivalently expressed as  $dX_t = m_t \, dt + \sigma_t \, dB_t$ .

**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

$$\mathrm{d}f(X_t) = \left\langle (\mathrm{D}f)(X_t), \, \mathrm{d}X_t \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \, \mathrm{d}X_t, (D^2 f)(X_t) \, \, \mathrm{d}X_t \right\rangle,$$

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

 $\triangleright$  Example: For  $\sigma$  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 the Girsanov theorem

 $\triangleright$  Let  $h_{\bullet}$  be a stochastic process. The associated exponential process is defined as

$$\mathcal{E}_{\cdot}^{(h)} = \exp\left(\int_{0}^{\cdot} h_{t} dB_{t} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\cdot} h_{t}^{2} dt\right).$$

- > The exponential process is a martingale if and only if  $\mathbb{E}\mathcal{E}_t^{(h)} = 1 \ \forall t$ .
- ▶ The Novikov condition: The exponential process is a martingale if  $\mathbb{E} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\int_0^T h_t^2 dt\right) < \infty$ .
- ► The Girsanov theorem [Gir60]: The translated stochastic process  $W_{\bullet} = B_{\bullet} + \int_{0}^{\bullet} h_{t} \, dt$  is a Brownian motion under the probability measure  $\widetilde{\mathbb{P}}$  defined by the Radon-Nikodym derivative  $\frac{d\widetilde{\mathbb{P}}}{d\mathbb{P}} = \mathcal{E}_{T}^{(h)}$ .

### Stochastic differential equations

- ▷ Let  $\xi \in L^2(\Omega)$  be independent of  $B_{\bullet}$ , and  $m, \sigma : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  have 'nice' measurability. Then a  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -adapted stochastic process  $X_t$  is called a solution of the stochastic *integral* equation  $X_t = \xi + \int_0^t m(s, X_s) \, \mathrm{d}s + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_s) \, \mathrm{d}B_s$  if for each t, the  $X_t$  satisfies the integral equation a.s.
- Stochastic differential equation  $dX_t = m(t, X_t) dt + \sigma(t, X_t) dB_t$ ,  $X_0 = \xi$  is a formal representation.

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

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

The solution is a Markov process.

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

• Example: For  $\sigma$  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:  $\int_0^t \int_0^t dB_u dB_v = \int_0^t dB_u \int_0^t dB_v = B_t^2$ . But  $\mathbb{E}B_t^2 = t \neq 0$ , so no martingale property.
- ▷ Itô's idea: remove the diagonal to get

$$\int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{t} dB_{u} dB_{v} = 2 \int_{0}^{t} \int_{0}^{v} dB_{u} dB_{v} = 2 \int_{0}^{t} B_{v} dB_{v} = B_{t}^{2} - t.$$

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

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

# Section 2 A Generalization of Itô calculus

#### Motivation

- ▷ Iterated integrals: Consider the iterated integral  $\int_0^T \int_0^T dB_s dB_t = \int_0^T B_T dB_t \stackrel{?}{=} B_T^2$ .
- Note that  $\mathbb{E}(B_T B_t) = T \land t = t \neq 0$ , so no martingale property ③.
- > Stochastic differential equations with anticipation:

$$dX_t = X_t dB_t$$

$$X_0 = B_T$$

$$Y_0 = 1$$

- ▷ Problem: We want to define  $\int_0^T Z(\cdot) dB_t$ , where  $Z(\cdot)$  is not (necessarily) adapted.
- > Some approaches:
  - Enlargement of filtration  $\mathcal{G}_{\bullet} = \mathcal{F}_{\bullet} \vee B_T$ , with Itô's decomposition of integrand [Itô78]  $B_t = \left(B_t \int_0^t \frac{B_T B_s}{T s} \, \mathrm{d}s\right) + \int_0^t \frac{B_T B_s}{T s} \, \mathrm{d}s$ .
  - White noise theory
  - Malliavin calculus

# The new integral [AK08; AK10]: Idea

- A process Y 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

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

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

 $\triangleright$  In the following, lim is the limit in  $L^2$ .

$$\int_{0}^{t} B_{T} dB_{t} = \int_{0}^{t} (B_{t} + (B_{T} - B_{t})) dB_{t} = \int_{0}^{t} B_{t} dB_{t} + \int_{0}^{t} (B_{T} - B_{t}) dB_{t}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to 0} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} B_{t_{j}} \Delta B_{j} + \lim_{t \to 0} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (B_{T} - B_{t_{j+1}}) \Delta B_{j}$$

$$= \lim_{t \to 0} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (B_{T} - \Delta B_{j}) \Delta B_{j}$$

$$= B_{T} \lim_{t \to 0} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \Delta B_{j} - \lim_{t \to 0} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (\Delta B_{j})^{2} = B_{T} B_{t} - t$$

- $\triangleright$  Note that  $\mathbb{E}(B_TB_t t) = 0$ .
- $\triangleright$  In general,  $\mathbb{E} \int_0^t Z(s) dB_s = 0$ .

#### The near-martingale property

- Duestion: What are the analogues of the martingale property and the Markov property?
- Example:  $\mathbb{E}(B_T B_t t \mid \mathcal{F}_s) = B_s^2 s \neq B_T B_s s \otimes$ But  $\mathbb{E}(B_T B_s - s \mid \mathcal{F}_s) = B_s^2 - s \otimes$
- ▶ Let Z(t) be a process such that  $\mathbb{E}|Z(t)| < \infty \ \forall t$ , and  $0 \le s \le t \le T$ . Then Z(t) is called a
  - near-martingale if  $\mathbb{E}(Z(t) | \mathcal{F}_s) = \mathbb{E}(Z(s) | \mathcal{F}_s)$ ,
  - near-submartingale if  $\mathbb{E}(Z(t) | \mathcal{F}_s) \ge \mathbb{E}(Z(s) | \mathcal{F}_s)$ , and
  - near-supermartingale if  $\mathbb{E}(Z(t) | \mathcal{F}_s) \leq \mathbb{E}(Z(s) | \mathcal{F}_s)$ .

**Theorem** ([KSS12b]) Let f,  $\phi$  be continuous functions on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Under integrability conditions, the processes  $X_{\bullet} = \int_0^{\bullet} f(B_t) \phi(B_T - B_t) dB_t$  and  $Y^{\bullet} = \int_{\bullet}^{T} f(B_t) \phi(B_T - B_t) dB_t$  are nearmartingales.

**Theorem** ([HKS+17]) Let  $Z(\cdot)$  be a stochastic process bounded in  $L^1$ , and  $X_{\bullet} = \mathbb{E}(Z(\cdot) | \mathcal{F}_{\bullet})$ . Then  $X_{\bullet}$  is a (sub/super)martingale if and only if  $Z(\cdot)$  is a near-(sub/super)martingale.

# A generalized Itô formula [HKS+16]

Process	Definition	Representation
Itô	$X_t = X_0 + \int_0^t m_s  \mathrm{d}s + \int_0^t \sigma_s  \mathrm{d}B_s$	
instantly independent	$Y^t = Y^0 + \int_t^T \eta^s  \mathrm{d}s + \int_t^T \zeta^s  \mathrm{d}B_s$	$dY^t = -\eta^t dt - \varsigma^t dB_t$

Here  $\eta^t$  and  $\zeta^t$  are instantly independent such that  $Y^t$  is also instantly independent.

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

$$df(X_t, Y^t) = \left\langle (D_x f)(X_t, Y^t), dX_t \right\rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left\langle dX_t, (D_x^2 f)(X_t, Y^t) dX_t \right\rangle$$

$$+ \left\langle (D_y f)(X_t, Y^t), dY^t \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle dY^t, (D_y^2 f)(X_t, Y^t) dY^t \right\rangle,$$

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

#### Iterated integrals

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

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

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

$$\int_{[0,T]^n} f(t_1,...,t_n) \, \mathrm{d}B_{t_1}... \, \mathrm{d}B_{t_n} = \int_0^T \cdots \int_0^T f(t_1,...,t_n) \, \mathrm{d}B_{t_n}... \, \mathrm{d}B_{t_1}.$$

Example[HKS+16]: For the new integral,  $\int_0^T \left( \int_0^T B_u \, du \right) dB_v = \int_0^T \left( \int_0^T B_u \, dB_v \right) du$ .

#### Generalization of Itô isometry

**Theorem** ([KSS12b]) Let  $\phi$  be an analytic function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then under integrability conditions and for each t,

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_{0}^{t} \phi(B_T - B_s) \, dB_s\right)^2\right] = \int_{0}^{t} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\phi(B_T - B_s)\right)^2\right] \, ds$$

**Theorem** ([KSS13]) Let f,  $\phi$  be  $C^1$  function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_{0}^{T} f(B_t)\phi(B_T - B_t) dB_t\right)^2\right] = \int_{0}^{T} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(f(B_t)\phi(B_T - B_t)\right)^2\right] dt$$

$$+2\int_{0}^{T} \int_{0}^{t} \mathbb{E}\left[f(B_s)\phi'(B_T - B_s)f'(B_s)\phi(B_T - B_s)\right] ds dt.$$

#### A generalization of Girsanov theorem

**Theorem** ([KPS13]) Let X and Y be continuous square-integrable stochastic processes such that X is adapted and Y is instantly independent.

Then translated stochastic process  $W_{\bullet} = B_{\bullet} + \int_0^{\bullet} (X_t + Y^t) dt$  is a near-martingale under the probability measure  $\widetilde{\mathbb{P}}$  defined by the Radon-Nikodym derivative  $\frac{d\widetilde{\mathbb{P}}}{d\mathbb{P}} = \mathcal{E}_T^{(X+Y)}$ .

# Section 3 Large deviations theory

#### What is it about?

- > A theory to find probabilities of rare events that decay exponentially.
- > Started by Swedish actuarials Fredrik Esscher, Harald Cramér, Filip Lundberg.
- ➤ Unified by Varadhan in his 1966 paper [Var66].
- ▷ Example: A problem faced by the insurance industry.
  - Value of claims received on the nth day:  $X_n$  \$.
  - Steady income from premium: x\$/day.
  - Planning period: *n* days.
  - Average expenditure:  $\overline{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j \$/\text{day}$ .
  - Question: How should the company decide on the premium?
  - *Idea*: Determine x such that  $\mathbb{P}\left\{\overline{X}_n > x\right\} < \varepsilon$  (specified).

# Insurance problem: setup

#### 1. Let the following hold:

- $\circ$   $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  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.
- $\circ$   $\mathbb{E}X_1 = m$ ,  $\mathbb{V}X_1 = \sigma^2$ , and  $X_1 \sim \mu$ .
- $\circ \quad \overline{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j.$

#### 2. Asymptotic behavior of $\overline{X}_n$ :

- Weak law of large numbers:  $\overline{X}_n \stackrel{\mathbb{P}}{\to} m$ .
- Central limit theorem:  $\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}_n m) \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{\to} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

#### 3. What is the rate for LLN?

### Insurance problem: large deviation bounds

1. For x > m and an arbitrary  $\theta > 0$ , we get

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

2. Since  $\theta$  was arbitrary, we have

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

3. Generalizing, we get the large deviation upper bound

$$\overline{\lim}_{n} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P} \left\{ \overline{X}_{n} \in F \right\} \le -\inf_{F} I \qquad \forall F \text{ closed.}$$

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

$$\underline{\lim}_{n} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{P} \left\{ \overline{X}_{n} \in G \right\} \ge -\inf_{G} I \qquad \forall G \text{ open.}$$

5. We informally write  $\mathbb{P}\left\{\overline{X}_n \in dx\right\} = e^{-nI(x)} dx$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Definition of large deviation principle

- $\triangleright$  The setup:  $(X_n)$  is a stochastic process on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  taking values in a Polish space  $(\mathcal{X}, d)$ .
- $\triangleright$  A function  $I: \mathcal{X} \to [0, \infty]$  is called a rate function if it has compact level sets.

**Definition**  $(X_n)$  is said to satisfy the large deviation principle on  $\mathcal{X}$  with rate function I if the large deviation upper and lower bounds hold.

#### Example

**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  $I(x) = \sup_{\theta} (\theta x - \log M(\theta))$ .

# Applications of the Cramér theorem

Rate functions for some common distributions

Distribution	$M(\theta)$	I(x)
Bernoulli(p)	$1 - p + pe^{\theta}$	$\left(x\log x + (1-x)\log(1-x) - \left(x\log\frac{1-p}{p} + \log p\right)\right)\mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(x) + \infty\mathbb{1}_{[0,1]^{\mathbb{C}}}(x)$
$Poisson(\lambda)$	$e^{\lambda(e^{\theta}-1)}$	$\left(\lambda - x + x \log \frac{x}{\lambda}\right) \mathbb{1}_{[0,\infty)}(x) + \infty \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty,0)}(x)$
$Exp(\lambda)$	$\left(1-\frac{\theta}{\lambda}\right)^{-1}$	$(\lambda x - 1 + x \log(\lambda x)) \mathbb{1}_{[0,\infty)}(x) + \infty \mathbb{1}_{(-\infty,0)}(x)$
$\mathcal{N}(m,\sigma^2)$	$e^{m\theta+\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2\theta^2}$	$\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}$
$\chi^2(k)$	$(1-2\theta)^{-\frac{k}{2}}$	$\frac{1}{2}\left(x-k+k\log\frac{k}{x}\right)$

#### The Schilder theorem

- ➤ Aim: Estimate the probability that a scaled-down sample path of a Brownian motion will stray far from the mean path.
- Let  $C_x$  denote the set of continuous functions from [0, T] to  $\mathbb{R}^d$  starting at x, and let  $CM_x = \{\omega \in C_x : \omega \text{ is absolutely continuous and } \omega_t' \in L^2[0, T]\}.$
- ► Let  $B_{\bullet}$  be a d-dimensional Brownian motion, so  $B_{\bullet} \in C_0 = C_0([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$

**Theorem** ([Sch66]) On the Banach space  $(C_0, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$ , the sequence of probability measures  $(W^{(n)})$  satisfies LDP with the rate function  $I: C_0 \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  given by

$$I(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{T} |\omega_t'|^2 dt\right) \mathbb{1}_{\mathrm{CM}_0}(\omega) + \infty \mathbb{1}_{\mathrm{CM}_0^{\mathbb{C}}}(\omega)$$

#### The Freidlin-Wentzell theorem

- ➤ Aim: Estimate the probability that a scaled-down sample path of an Itô diffusion will stray far from the mean path.
- Let  $X_t^{(n)}$  be the solution of the d-dimensional stochastic differential equation  $dX_t^{(n)} = m(X_t^{(n)}) dt + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sigma(X_t^{(n)}) dB_t$ ,  $X_0^{(n)} = x$ , where m,  $\sigma$  are sufficiently nice.
- $\triangleright$  Let  $W_x^{(n)}$  denote the law of  $X_{\bullet}^{(n)}$  starting at x.
- $\triangleright$  As  $n \to \infty$ ,  $W_{\chi}^{(n)} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \delta_{\xi}$ , where  $\xi$  solves the ODE  $\dot{\xi}(t) = m(\xi(t))$ ,  $\xi(0) = x$ .

**Theorem** ([FW12]) For any fixed x, the sequence of probability measures  $(W_x^{(n)})$  satisfies LDP with the rate function  $I_x : C_0 \to \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  given by

$$I_{x}(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{T} \left\langle \omega_{t}' - b(\omega_{t}), A^{-1}(\omega_{t}) \left(\omega_{t}' - b(\omega_{t})\right) \right\rangle dt \right) \mathbb{1}_{\mathrm{CM}_{x}}(\omega) + \infty \mathbb{1}_{\mathrm{CM}_{x}^{\mathbb{C}}}(\omega),$$

where  $A = \sigma \sigma^*$ .

# Section 4 The way forward

#### Possible research directions

- ▶ Identify the class of integrable processes under the new integral.
- ▷ Give a broader generalization of the Itô isometry for the new integral.
- > Provide a broader generalization of the Girsanov theorem.
- > Formulate the extension to stochastic differential equations with anticipating coefficients.
- ▷ Develop the near-Markov property for the new integral.
- ▶ Prove Freidlin–Wentzell type results for stochastic differential equations with anticipating initial conditions.
- > Study LDP results for SDEs with anticipating coefficients.
- > Analyze LDP for linear SPDEs with anticipating initial conditions.

Thank you!

# APPENDIX

### Laplace principle and equivalence to LDP

**Definition** (Laplace principle)  $(X_n)$  is said to satisfy the Laplace principle on  $\mathcal{X}$  with rate function I if for all bounded continuous functions h, we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \mathbb{E} \exp(-nh(X_n)) = \inf_{\mathcal{X}} (h+I)$$

**Theorem**  $(X_n)$  satisfies LP on  $\mathcal{X}$  with rate function I if and only if  $(X_n)$  satisfies LDP on  $\mathcal{X}$  with the same rate function I.

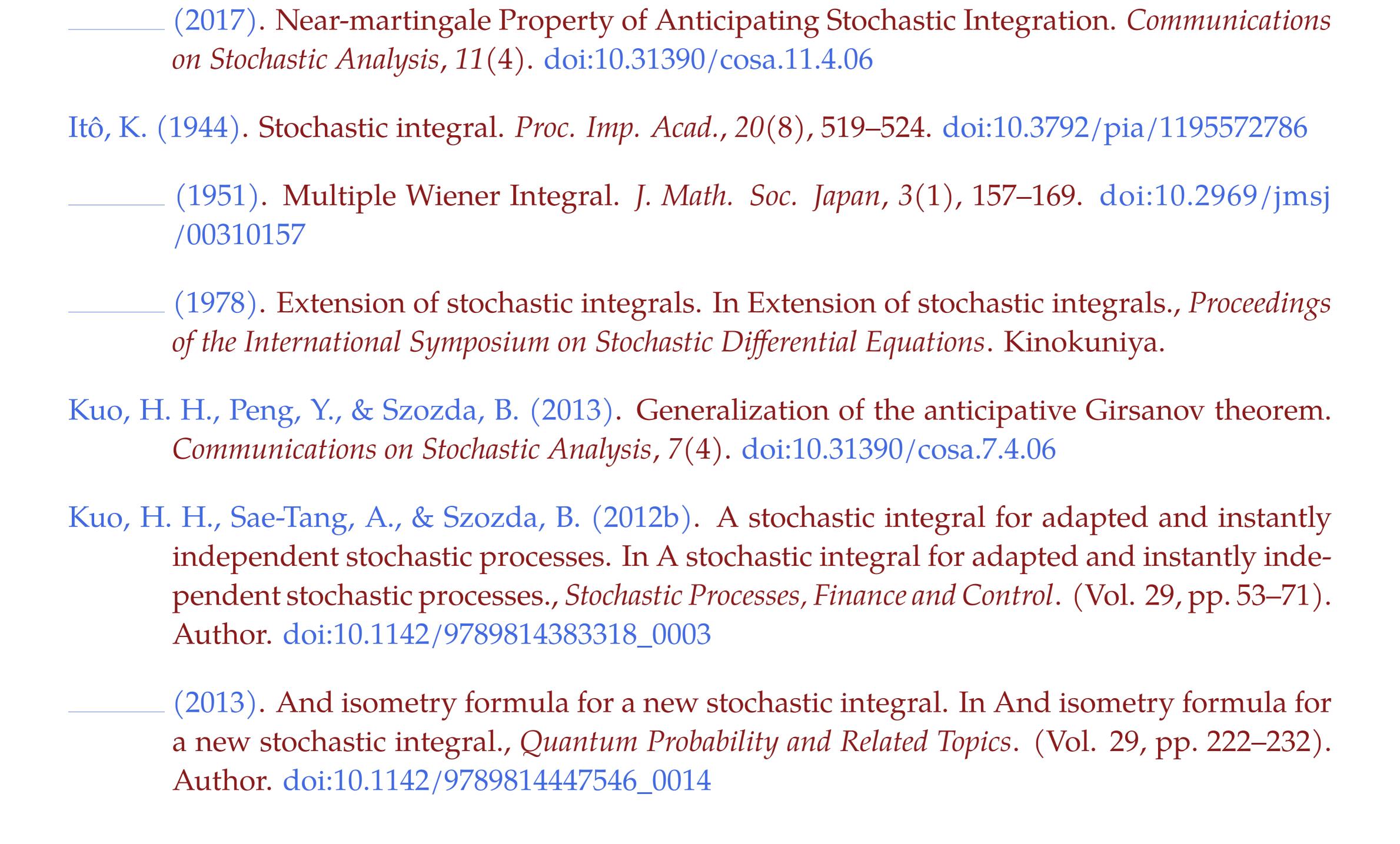
#### Some important results

- Uniqueness of the rate function.
- Continuity principle.
- Superexponential approximation preserves Laplace principle.

Thank you!

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