

**Problem 6.2. The Wick chain rule.** Let  $F$  be Malliavin differentiable and let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that

$$D_t(F^{\diamond n}) = nF^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond D_t F.$$

Write  $F^{\diamond n}(\omega) = \langle \omega, f \rangle^{\diamond n}$  and suppose that  $\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = 1$ . Since  $\langle \omega, f \rangle^{\diamond n} = h_n(\langle \omega, f \rangle)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} [F^{\diamond n}(\omega + \varepsilon \delta) - F^{\diamond n}(\omega)] &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} [\langle \omega + \varepsilon \delta, f \rangle^{\diamond n} - \langle \omega, f \rangle^{\diamond n}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} [h_n(\langle \omega + \varepsilon \delta, f \rangle) - h_n(\langle \omega, f \rangle)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} [h_n(\langle \omega, f \rangle + \varepsilon \langle \delta, f \rangle) - h_n(\langle \omega, f \rangle)] \end{aligned}$$

Taking the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} D_+(F^{\diamond n}) &= h_n'(\langle \omega, f \rangle) \langle \delta, f \rangle = n h_{n-1}(\langle \omega, f \rangle) \langle \delta, f \rangle \\ &= n F^{\diamond(n-1)}(\omega) \diamond D_+ F \end{aligned}$$

By induction on  $n$ . For  $n=1, 2$ , it is immediate, since

$$D_+(F \diamond G) = F \diamond D_+ G + G \diamond D_+ F$$

Suppose that the result holds for  $n-1$ . Then,

$$D_+(F^{\diamond n}) = D_+(F^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond F) = F^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond D_+ F + F \diamond D_+ F^{\diamond(n-1)}$$

$$= F^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond D_+ F + F \diamond ((n-1) \cdot F^{\diamond(n-2)} \diamond D_+ F)$$

$$= F^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond D_+ F + (n-1) F^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond D_+ F$$

$$= n F^{\diamond(n-1)} \diamond D_+ F$$