

SDE

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Definition:

Stochastic differential equation,
Strong solution.

SDE:

Ingredients:

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ suff. rich probab. space

$B(t) = (B_1(t), \dots, B_m(t))$ BM in \mathbb{R}^d

$(\mathcal{F}_t^B)_{t \geq 0}$ filtration of $B(t)$

$b: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$\sigma: \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$

regularity conditions
later
at least continuous

SDE: $dX(t) = b(t, X(t))dt + \sigma(t, X(t))dB(t)$

I.C.: $X(0) = x_0$

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Def Strong soln. of SDE + IC:

$t \mapsto X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ adapted to $(\mathcal{F}_t^B)_{t \geq 0}$
such that $(\forall t)$:

$$X(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t b(s, X(s)) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X(s)) dB(s).$$

Examples $n = m = 1$. (one dimension)

① Linear / geometric BM / motivation: finance
 $dX(t) = \overset{\text{interest rate}}{r} X(t) dt + \overset{\text{volatility}}{a} X(t) dB(t)$ $b(t, x) = r \cdot x$
 $\sigma(t, x) = a \cdot x$

$X(0) = x_0 > 0$, assume $X(t) > 0$

$$\frac{dX(t)}{X(t)} = r dt + a dB(t)$$

Apply Ito's formula to $\log(X(t))$:

$$d(\log X(t)) = \frac{1}{X(t)} dX(t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{X(t)^2} (dX(t))^2 \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{dX(t)}{X(t)} - \frac{a^2}{2} dt$$

$$d(\log X(t)) = \left(r - \frac{a^2}{2}\right) dt + a dB(t)$$

$$X(t) = X_0 \exp \left\{ aB(t) + \left(r - \frac{a^2}{2}\right)t \right\}$$

$r > \frac{a^2}{2}$: exponential growth

$r < \frac{a^2}{2}$: exponential decay ($r=0$: martingale)

$r = \frac{a^2}{2}$: $\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} X(t) = +\infty$, $\underline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow \infty} X(t) = 0$

② Langevin equation / Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process

motivation: physics.

$$dV(t) = -\gamma V(t)dt + \sigma dB(t)$$

↑ damping friction

random forcing

$$dV(t) + \gamma V(t)dt = e^{-\gamma t} d(e^{\gamma t} V(t))$$

Hence:

$$d(e^{\gamma t} V(t)) = \sigma e^{\gamma t} dB(t)$$

$$V(t) = e^{-\gamma t} V(0) + \sigma \int_0^t e^{-\gamma(t-s)} dB(s)$$

$$= e^{-\gamma t} (V(0) + \sigma B(t)) +$$

$$\sigma \int_0^t \gamma e^{-\gamma(t-s)} (B(t) - B(s)) ds$$

HW: check In general/typically: No formulas for sol.

Existence and Uniqueness of Strong Sol. ⑤

The Lipschitz condition for the coefficients:

For $0 \leq T < \infty \quad \exists C = C(T) < \infty$,
so that:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$|\sigma(t, x) - \sigma(t, y)| \leq C |x - y|$$

$$|b(t, x) - b(t, y)| \leq C |x - y|$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$|\sigma(t, x)| \leq C (1 + |x|)$$

$$|b(t, x)| \leq C (1 + |x|)$$

(Remark: given $\textcircled{1}$, sufficient to assume $\textcircled{2}$ for
 $x=0$ only)

Theorem: (Existence & uniqueness of strong sol. under Lipschitz condition)

If the Lipschitz conditions (1) & (2) hold

then $\exists!$ strong sol. $t \mapsto X(t)$

which is continuous & L^2_{loc} (int).

Proof (strong sol. is by force cont. & L^2_{loc})

Uniqueness:

Let $X_1(t), X_2(t)$ be two strong sol.-s

$$\beta(s) := b(s, X_1(s)) - b(s, X_2(s))$$

$$\alpha(s) := \sigma(s, X_1(s)) - \sigma(s, X_2(s))$$

$$E(|X_1(t) - X_2(t)|^2) =$$

$$E\left(\left|\int_0^t \beta(s) ds + \int_0^t \alpha(s) dB(s)\right|^2\right) \leq$$

$$2 \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \int_0^t \beta(s) ds \right|^2 \right) + 2 \mathbb{E} \left(\left| \int_0^t \alpha(s) dB(s) \right|^2 \right) \leq \quad (17)$$

$$2t \int_0^t \mathbb{E}(\beta(s)^2) ds + 2 \int_0^t \mathbb{E}(\alpha(s)^2) ds \quad \leftarrow \text{Lipschitz}$$

\nearrow (Schwarz) \parallel (Ito)

$$2(t+1) C(T)^2 \int_0^t \mathbb{E}(|X_1(s) - X_2(s)|^2) ds$$

Let $R(t) := \mathbb{E}(|X_1(t) - X_2(t)|^2)$

Then, for $0 \leq t \leq T$:

$$R(t) \leq 2(T+1) C(T)^2 \int_0^t R(s) ds$$

Grönwall's inequality: If $t \mapsto R(t) \geq 0$

and for some $A, B \geq 0$: $(\forall t)$:

$$R(t) \leq A + B \int_0^t R(s) ds \quad \text{then} \quad R(t) \leq A e^{Bt}$$

Applying Gronwall's inequality it follows \textcircled{P}
that $E(|X_1(t) - X_2(t)|^2) = 0 \quad (\forall t)$

By continuity of paths: $P(X_1(\cdot) \equiv X_2(\cdot)) = 1$

Existence: Picard's successive approximations.

$$0 \leq t \leq T < \infty.$$

$$X_0(t) := x_0$$

$$X_{k+1}(t) := x_0 + \int_0^t b(s, X_k(s)) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_k(s)) dB(s)$$

Lemma $\forall k \geq 0,$

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} E(|X_{k+1}(t) - X_k(t)|^2) \leq \frac{A^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$

where $A = A(t, x_0)$ is a constant \llcorner

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Proof of the Lemma:

$$E (|X_1(t) - X_0(t)|^2) =$$

$$E \left(\left| \int_0^t b(s, X_0) ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X_0) dB(s) \right|^2 \right) \leq$$

$\leq \dots$ Schwarz + Ito (as in uniqueness proof) ~~...~~

$$2 C(T)^2 (T+1) (1 + |X_0|)^2 t$$

Lipschitz

$$E (|X_{k+1}(t) - X_k(t)|^2) \leq$$

$k \geq 1$

$\leq \dots$ Schwarz + Ito + Lipschitz $\dots \leq$
(as in proof of uniqueness.)

$$2 C(T)^2 (T+1) \cdot \int_0^t E (|X_k(s) - X_{k+1}(s)|^2) ds$$

by induction on (k) :

$$E (|X_{k+1}(t) - X_k(t)|^2) \leq (1 + |X_0|^2) \frac{(2 C(T)^2 (T+1) \cdot t)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}$$

\square
Lemma

Back to the proof of convergence of successive approximations:

Wanted: a.s. uniform (in $t \in [0, T]$) convergence of $X_k(t)$.

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_{k+1}(t) - X_k(t)| \leq$$

$$\int_0^t |b(s, X_k(s)) - b(s, X_{k-1}(s))| ds +$$

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left| \int_0^t (\sigma(s, X_k(s)) - \sigma(s, X_{k-1}(s))) dB(s) \right|$$

$$P \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_{k+1}(t) - X_k(t)| \geq 2^{-k} \right) \leq$$

$$P \left(\int_0^T |b(s, X_k(s)) - b(s, X_{k-1}(s))| ds \geq 2^{-k-1} \right) +$$

$$P \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left| \int_0^t (\sigma(s, X_k(s)) - \sigma(s, X_{k-1}(s))) dB(s) \right| \geq 2^{-k-1} \right)$$

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$$2^{2(k+1)} T \int_0^T E \left(|b(s, X_k(s)) - b(s, X_{k+1}(s))|^2 \right) ds \quad (11) +$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} \int_0^T E \left(|b(s, X_k(s)) - b(s, X_{k+1}(s))|^2 \right) ds \leq$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} (T+1) C(T)^2 \int_0^T E \left(|X_k(s) - X_{k+1}(s)|^2 \right) ds \leq$$

$$2^{2(k+1)} \frac{A^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \quad \boxed{\text{summable}}$$

by Borel-Cantelli: almost surely

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} |X_k(t) - X_{k+1}(t)| < \infty$$

$\Rightarrow X_k(t) \xrightarrow[\text{in } t \in [0, T]]{\text{uniformly}} X(t)$ almost surely
 \uparrow
 continuous, strong a.s.

□
Thm