

58. Itô's Formula for Pseudo-processes

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In [5] there have been introduced the so-called "pseudo-processes" and a stochastic calculus has been developed (in a certain direction). In [7], starting with an equivalent definition for pseudo-processes, a stochastic integral has been introduced and afterwards it has been developed a similar calculus but in other directions. What was missing in [7] is an Itô formula for the stochastic integral, which will be discussed in this article.

Let W be a nonvoid set. We shall denote by $\text{Fin}[0, 1]$ the set of all finite subsets for the real interval $[0, 1]$. We suppose that for every $I \in \text{Fin}[0, 1]$ there is given $\mathcal{F}_I = \mathcal{a}$ a tribe of parts from W such that $(\mathcal{F}_I)_{I \in \text{Fin}[0, 1]}$ is an increasing family. We denote by $\mathcal{A}_t = \{\cup \mathcal{F}_I; I \in \text{Fin}[0, t]\}$ and $\mathcal{F}_t =$ the tribe generated by \mathcal{A}_t . It is considered to be given $P: \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$ additive such that $P^I := P|_{\mathcal{F}_I}$ is a probability measure for every $I \in \text{Fin}[0, 1]$. Let $t \in [0, 1]$ be fixed; by $L^1(W, \mathcal{A}_t, P)$ we understand the set of all $H: \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ additive such that, for every $I \in \text{Fin}[0, 1]$, $H^I = H|_{\mathcal{F}_I}$ is a real measure, H^I is absolutely continuous with respect to P and the Radon-Nikodym derivative $\frac{dH^I}{dP}$ is \mathcal{F}_I -measurable a P^I integrable. When the pseudoprocess

H_t has (locally) bounded densities and X is a usual martingale (or a semimartingale), then the stochastic integral $(H \otimes X)_t^I$ is given by the formula $\int_0^t \frac{dH_s^I}{dP} dM_s + \int_0^t \frac{dH_s^I}{dP} dA_s$, where the first is an Itô-type integral (with respect to a local martingale), the second is Stieltjes and $X = M + A$. For example (see [7]), if H_t is a pseudo-martingale, then $H \otimes X$ is well-defined and the result is an $\mathcal{F}_I \cap \mathcal{F}_t$ -usual martingale. Hence, if $f \in C^2(\mathbf{R})$ then, by Itô, $f(H \otimes X)$ is a semimartingale.

In the sequel, the stochastic integral is made with respect to usual Brownian motion $B_t (0 \leq t \leq 1)$ and the integrand admits bounded densities or $\int \left(\frac{dH_s^I}{dP}\right)^2 ds < +\infty$. Both imply that the stochastic integral is will defined. We have the following Itô formula

$$\begin{aligned} f((H \otimes B)_t^I) &= f((H \otimes B)_0^I) + (f'((H \otimes B)_\cdot) \cdot H \otimes B)_t^I \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(H \otimes B)_s^I \left(\frac{dH_s^I}{dP}\right)^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

First remark that the integrals are well-defined: the densities of the first integral are bounded and for the second, we can use Schwarz inequality. Secondly, for the proof, it is sufficient to prove the formula for polynomials,