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*Intégrales stochastiques conditionnellement gaussiennes*

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ABSTRACT

We derive conditional Gaussian type identities of the form

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T u_t dB_t \right) \middle| \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right),$$

for Brownian stochastic integrals, under conditions on the process $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ specified using the Malliavin calculus. This applies in particular to the quadratic Brownian integral $\int_0^t AB_s dB_s$ under the matrix condition $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$, using a characterization of Yor [6].

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R É S U M É

Nous obtenons des identités gaussiennes conditionnelles de la forme

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T u_t dB_t \right) \middle| \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right),$$

pour les intégrales stochastiques browniennes, sous des conditions sur le processus $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ exprimées à l'aide du calcul de Malliavin. Ces résultats s'appliquent en particulier à l'intégrale brownienne quadratique $\int_0^t AB_s dB_s$ sous la condition matricielle $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$, en utilisant une caractérisation de Yor [6].

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1. Introduction

Let $(B_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ be a d -dimensional Brownian motion generating the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$. When A is a $d \times d$ skew-symmetric matrix, the identity

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_s dB_s \right) \middle| B_t \right] = E \left[\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |AB_s|^2 ds \right) \middle| B_t \right], \tag{1}$$

$0 \leq t \leq T$, has been proved in Theorem 2.1 of [1], extending a formula of [7] for the computation of the characteristic function of Lévy’s stochastic area in case $d = 2$.

This approach is connected to a result of Yor [6] stating that when $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$, the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t^k)_{t \in [0, T]}$ of $t \mapsto \int_0^t AB_s dB_s$ is generated by k independent Brownian motions, where k is the number of distinct eigenvalues of $A^\dagger A$.

In this Note, we derive conditional versions of the identity (1) for the stochastic integral $\int_0^T u_t dB_t$ of an (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted process $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ in Theorem 1, under conditions formulated in terms of the Malliavin calculus, using the cumulant-moment formula of [3,4]. In particular we provide conditions for $\int_0^T u_t dB_t$ to be Gaussian $\mathcal{N} \left(0, \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right)$ -distributed

given $\int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt$, cf. Theorem 2. This holds for example when $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T]} = (AB_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ under Yor’s condition $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$, cf.

Corollary 3. We also consider a weakening of this condition to $A^\dagger A^2$ skew-symmetric, provided that $A^\dagger A$ is proportional to a projection, cf. Corollary 6.

2. Conditional characteristic functions

Let D denote the Malliavin gradient with domain $\mathbb{D}_{2,1}$ on the d -dimensional Wiener space, cf. § 1.2 of [2] for definitions. Taking $H = L^2([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$ for some $T > 0$ and u in the domain $\mathbb{D}_{k,1}(H)$ of D in $L^k(\Omega; H)$, we let

$$(Du)^k u_t := \int_0^T \cdots \int_0^T (D_{t_k} u_t)^\dagger (D_{t_{k-1}} u_{t_k})^\dagger \cdots (D_{t_1} u_{t_2})^\dagger u_{t_1} dt_1 \cdots dt_k, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad k \geq 1.$$

Theorem 1. Let $u \in \bigcap_{k \geq 1} \mathbb{D}_{k,1}(H)$ be an (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted process such that

$$\langle u_t, (Du)^k u_t \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} = 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad k \geq 1.$$

We have

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T u_t dB_t \right) \middle| (|u_t|)_{t \in [0, T]} \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right), \tag{2}$$

provided that $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt$ is exponentially integrable.

Proof. For any $F \in \mathbb{D}_{2,1}$ and $k \geq 1$, let

$$\Gamma_k^u F := \mathbb{1}_{\{k \geq 2\}} F \int_0^T \langle u_t, (Du)^{k-2} u_t \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} dt + \int_0^T \langle D_t F, (Du)^{k-1} u_t \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} dt.$$

Recall that for any $u \in \mathbb{D}_{2,1}(H)$ such that $\Gamma_{l_1}^u \cdots \Gamma_{l_k}^u \mathbb{1}$ has finite expectation for all $l_1 + \cdots + l_k \leq n$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, by Theorem 1 of [3] or Proposition 4.3 of [4] we have

$$E \left[F \left(\int_0^T u_t dB_t \right)^n \right] = n! \sum_{a=1}^n \sum_{\substack{l_1 + \cdots + l_a = n \\ l_1 \geq 1, \dots, l_a \geq 1}} \frac{E \left[\Gamma_{l_1}^u \cdots \Gamma_{l_a}^u F \right]}{l_1(l_1 + l_2) \cdots (l_1 + \cdots + l_a)}, \tag{3}$$

for $F \in \mathbb{D}_{2,1}$. Next, for any $f \in C_b^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $k \geq 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Gamma_k^u f \left(\int_a^b |u_t|^2 dt \right) \\
 &= \mathbb{1}_{\{k=2\}} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt f \left(\int_a^b |u_t|^2 dt \right) + f' \left(\int_a^b |u_t|^2 dt \right) \int_0^T \left\langle D_t \int_a^b |u_s|^2 ds, (Du)^{k-1} u_t \right\rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} dt, \\
 &= \mathbb{1}_{\{k=2\}} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt f \left(\int_a^b |u_t|^2 dt \right) + 2f' \left(\int_a^b |u_t|^2 dt \right) \int_a^b \langle u_s, (Du)^k u_s \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} ds, \\
 &= \mathbb{1}_{\{k=2\}} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt f \left(\int_a^b |u_t|^2 dt \right), \quad 0 \leq a \leq b.
 \end{aligned}$$

By induction, this yields

$$\Gamma_{l_1}^u \dots \Gamma_{l_a}^u F = \mathbb{1}_{\{l_1=\dots=l_a=2\}} \left(\int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right)^a F, \quad l_1, \dots, l_a \geq 1, \quad a \geq 1, \tag{4}$$

for any random variable F of the form

$$F = f \left(\int_{a_1}^{b_1} |u_t|^2 dt, \dots, \int_{a_m}^{b_m} |u_t|^2 dt \right), \quad 0 \leq a_i \leq b_i \leq T, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where $f \in C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^m)$, and by (3) and (4) we find

$$E \left[\left(\int_0^T u_t dB_t \right)^{2n} F \right] = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!} E \left[\left(\int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right)^n F \right], \tag{5}$$

and $E \left[\left(\int_0^T u_t dB_t \right)^{2n+1} F \right] = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

The following result is obtained by an argument similar to the proof of [Theorem 1](#).

Theorem 2. Let $u \in \bigcap_{k \geq 1} \mathbb{D}_{k,1}(H)$ be an (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted process such that

$$\langle u, (Du)^k u \rangle_H = 0, \quad k \geq 1.$$

We have

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T u_t dB_t \right) \middle| \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt \right),$$

provided that $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt$ is exponentially integrable.

In the particular case where $u_t = R_t h$, $t \in [0, T]$, $h \in H$, where R is a random, adapted (or quasi-nilpotent) isometry of H , we find that $\int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt = \int_0^T |h(t)|^2 dt$ is deterministic, hence

$$\langle u, (Du)^k u \rangle_H = \frac{1}{2} \langle (Du)^{k-1} u, D \langle u, u \rangle_H \rangle_H = 0, \quad k \geq 1,$$

and [Theorem 2](#) shows that $\int_0^T (R_t h) dB_t$ has a centered Gaussian distribution with variance $\int_0^T |h(t)|^2 dt$, as in [Theorem 2.1\(b\)](#) of [\[5\]](#).

Theorems 1 and 2 also apply when $\int_0^T |u_t|^2 dt$ is random, for example when $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ takes the form $u_t = g(B_t)$, $t \in [0, T]$, where $g \in C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfies the condition $\langle g(x), ((\nabla g(x))^\dagger)^k g(x) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} = 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $k \geq 1$. Next, we check that this condition is satisfied on concrete examples based on [6], when g is a linear mapping of the form $g(x) = Ax$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

2.1. Vanishing of $A^\dagger A^2$

Applying **Theorem 1** to the adapted process $(u_t)_{t \in [0, T]} := (AB_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ under Yor’s [6] condition $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$, by the relation $D_t B_s = \mathbb{1}_{[0, s]}(t) I_{\mathbb{R}^d}$ we obtain the vanishing

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_t, (Du)^k u_t \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} &= \int_0^t \cdots \int_0^t \langle u_t, (D_{t_k} u_t)^\dagger (D_{t_{k-1}} u_{t_k})^\dagger \cdots (D_{t_1} u_{t_2})^\dagger u_{t_1} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} dt_1 \cdots dt_k \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^{t_k} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \langle AB_t, (A^\dagger)^k AB_t \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^d} dt_1 \cdots dt_k \\ &= 0, \quad t \in [0, T], \quad k \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

This yields the next corollary of **Theorem 1**, in which the condition $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$ includes 2-nilpotent matrices as a particular case.

Corollary 3. Assume that $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$. We have

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| (|AB_t|)_{t \in [0, T]} \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |AB_t|^2 dt \right). \tag{6}$$

Note that the filtration of $(|AB_t|)_{t \in [0, T]}$ coincides with the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t^k)_{t \in [0, T]}$ generated by k independent Brownian motions where k is the number of nonzero eigenvalues of $A^\dagger A$, cf. Corollary 2 of [6].

3. Skew-symmetric $A^\dagger A^2$

When $A^\dagger A$ has only one nonzero eigenvalue, i.e. $A^\dagger A$ is proportional to a projection, the condition $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$ can be relaxed using stochastic calculus, by only assuming that $A^\dagger A^2$ is skew-symmetric. We start with the following variation of Corollary 2 of [6].

Lemma 4. Assume that $A^\dagger A^2$ is skew-symmetric and $A^\dagger A$ has a unique nonzero eigenvalue λ_1 . Then the processes

$$Y_t^1 := \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_0^t \frac{AB_s}{|AB_s|} dAB_s, \quad \text{and} \quad Y_t^2 := \int_0^t \frac{AB_s}{|AB_s|} dB_s, \quad t \in [0, T], \tag{7}$$

are independent standard Brownian motions.

Proof. Since $A^\dagger A$ is symmetric it can be written as $A^\dagger A = R^\dagger C R$, where R is orthogonal and C is diagonal, therefore since $(RB_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is also a standard Brownian motion we can assume that $A^\dagger A$ has the form $A^\dagger A = (\lambda_k \mathbb{1}_{\{1 \leq k=l \leq r\}})_{1 \leq k, l \leq d}$ with $\lambda_i > 0$, $1 \leq i \leq r$. Clearly $(Y_t^i)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is a standard Brownian motion, and

$$d\langle Y^1, Y^2 \rangle_t = \frac{\langle A^\dagger A^2 B_t, B_t \rangle}{|AB_t|^2 \sqrt{\lambda_1}} dt = 0.$$

In addition, we have $dY_t^1 = \frac{\lambda_1^{-1/2}}{|AB_t|} \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i B_t^i dB_t^i$ and

$$d\langle Y^1, Y^1 \rangle_t = \frac{(\lambda_1 B_t^1)^2 + \cdots + (\lambda_r B_t^r)^2}{\lambda_1 (\lambda_1 (B_t^1)^2 + \cdots + \lambda_r (B_t^r)^2)} dt,$$

hence $(Y_t^1)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is also a standard Brownian motion when $\lambda_1 = \cdots = \lambda_r$. \square

The following result relaxes the vanishing hypothesis of [Corollary 3](#).

Corollary 5. Assume that $A^\dagger A^2$ is skew-symmetric and $A^\dagger A$ has a unique nonzero eigenvalue λ_1 . Then we have

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| (|AB_t|)_{t \in [0, T]} \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |AB_t|^2 dt \right). \tag{8}$$

Proof. We let $S_t := |AB_t|^2$, $t \in [0, T]$, and note that by Corollary 2 of [\[6\]](#), the filtration generated by $(|AB_t|)_{t \in [0, T]}$ coincides with the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in [0, T]}$ of $(Y_t^1)_{t \in [0, T]}$. Next, Itô's formula shows that

$$S_t = 2 \int_0^t AB_s dAB_s + \text{Tr} \left(A^\dagger A \right) t = 2 \int_0^t \sqrt{\lambda_1 S_s} dY_s^1 + r\lambda_1 t, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

hence $(|AB_t|)_{t \in [0, T]}$ is $(\mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in [0, T]}$ -adapted and therefore independent of $(Y^2)_{t \in [0, T]}$, hence

$$\int_0^T AB_t dB_t = \int_0^T |AB_t| dY_t^2$$

is centered Gaussian with variance $\int_0^T |AB_t|^2 dt$ given \mathcal{F}_T^1 , which yields [\(8\)](#). \square

3.1. Commutation with orthogonal matrices

Under the assumptions of [Corollaries 3](#) or [5](#) it follows that

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| |AB_t| \right] = E \left[\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |AB_t|^2 dt \right) \middle| |AB_t| \right], \tag{9}$$

since $(|AB_t|)_{t \in [0, T]}$ and $(Y_t^1)_{t \in [0, T]}$ generate the same filtration on $(\mathcal{F}_t^1)_{t \in [0, T]}$.

Corollary 6. Assume that either $A^\dagger A^2 = 0$, or $A^\dagger A^2$ is skew-symmetric and $A^\dagger A$ has a unique nonzero eigenvalue. If in addition A commutes with orthogonal matrices, then we have

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_s dB_s \right) \middle| AB_t \right] = E \left[\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |AB_s|^2 ds \right) \middle| AB_t \right], \tag{10}$$

$0 \leq t \leq T$.

Proof. We check that for any $d \times d$ orthogonal matrix R we have

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| AB_t = Rx \right] = E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| AB_t = x \right],$$

$x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, which shows that

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| AB_t \right] = E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_t dB_t \right) \middle| |AB_t| \right]$$

and similarly for the right-hand side, and we conclude by [\(9\)](#). \square

3.2. Skew-symmetric orthogonal A

We note that when A is skew-symmetric and orthogonal, the condition $A^\dagger A^2$ skew-symmetric is satisfied as in this case we have $(A^\dagger A^2)^\dagger = A^\dagger A^\dagger A = A^\dagger = -A = -A^\dagger A^2$, and [\(10\)](#) can be written as

$$E \left[\exp \left(i \int_0^T AB_s dB_s \right) \middle| B_t \right] = E \left[\exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |AB_s|^2 ds \right) \middle| B_t \right], \tag{11}$$

$0 \leq t \leq T$. This holds in particular when $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, in which case $A^\dagger A = I_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ has the unique eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $A^\dagger A^2 = A$ is skew-symmetric, in which case we recover the result of [7] that has been used to show that (11) holds when A is skew-symmetric and not necessarily orthogonal in Theorem 2.1 of [1].

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