

ON THE EXISTENCE OF A WEAK SOLUTION
TO A VOLTERRA - SKOROHOD EQUATION

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In [6] we proved the existence of a weak solution for the equation

$$1) \quad X_t = V_t + \int_0^t k(t, s, X_s) ds + \int_0^t g(t, s, X_s) dW_s + \\ + \iint_{|0, t| \times |v| \leq 1} h(t, s, X_s, v) q(ds, dv) + \iint_{|0, t| \times |v| \geq 1} h(t, s, X_s, v) p(ds, dv)$$

in a real separable Hilbert space, where w is an abstract Wiener process and $p(ds, dv)$ is the measure of "saltus" of a homogeneous R^d valued process $Y(t)$ with independent increments.

We are dealing with the existence of a weak solution for a modified form of (1), equation which appears in the so-called mild solutions of stochastic evolution equation, that is, we consider the equation

$$2) \quad X_t = U(t, 0)X_0 + \int_0^t U(t, s)k(s, X_s, \omega) ds + \int_0^t U(t, s)g(s, X_s, \omega) dW_s \\ + \iint_{|0, t| \times |v| \leq 1} U(t, s)h(s, X_s, v, \omega) q(ds, dv) + \iint_{|0, t| \times |v| \geq 1} U(t, s)h(s, X_s, v, \omega) q(ds, dv)$$

We shall make the following notations:

$$- \Delta = \{(t, s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T\}$$

- $(\Omega, F, P, (F_t), t \in [0, T])$ is a filtering probability space satisfying the usual assumptions:

- (i, K, H) is an abstract Wiener space with P_t the Wiener measure, K, H being both, real, separable Hilbert spaces.

- we denote by $\|\cdot\|_H$ the norm in H and by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ its inner product; and by $\|\cdot\|$ the usual norm in \mathbb{R}^d .
- W is the Wiener process corresponding to the Wiener abstract space (i, K, H) , so its state space will be H .
- $L(H)$ is the space of the bounded linear operators on H , and its norm is denoted by $\|\cdot\|_{L(H)}$.
- The Hilbert Schmidt operators on H are endowed with H.S. norm $\|\cdot\|_2$.
- Let $p(\omega, ds, dv)$ be a time homogeneous Poisson point process with Levy measure $\alpha(dv) = \frac{dv}{v^2}$ and $q(\omega, ds, dv) = p(\omega, ds, dv) - \frac{dt, dv}{v^2}$, $v \in \mathbb{R}^d - \{0\}$, that is $p(ds, dv)$ is the measure of "saltus" of a \mathbb{R}^d valued process $Y(t)$ with independent increments. $Y(t)$ is supposed independent of $W(t)$, and F_t adapted

$-D([0, T], H)$ will be the space of functions on $[0, T]$ with values in H , with discontinuities of at most the first kind, endowed with the Skorohod j_1 topology.

$-U(t, s)$ is a mild evolution operator exponentially bounded on $[0, T]$, [see [2], [3], [10]], that is, there is a $b > 0$, such that

3) $\|U(t, s)\|_{L(H)} \leq e^{b(t-s)}$, for all $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$.

First we prove the following:

Lemma 3. The function $U(t, s)x$, from D to H is Lipschitz in the first coordinate t , that is, for any $x \in H$,

4) $\|U(t+h, s)x - U(t, s)x\|_H \leq Lh\|U(t, s)x\|_H$, L a positive constant not depending on $t, s, \|x\|_H$.

Proof Let $\{t_k\}$ be a monotonically decreasing sequence of positive numbers tending to 0 and let $L > 0$ be such that

5) $\|U(t_k+t, t)x - x\|_H \leq Lt_k\|x\|_H$ for any $x \in H$.

It is possible to get such a relation from the strongly continuity of U in Δ .

Let $h > 0$ and let n_k be a nonnegative integer such that $0 < h - n_k t_k < t_k$.

Then

$$\| U(t+h, s)x - U(t, s)x \|_H = \| (U(t+h, t) - 1)U(t, s)x \|_H, \quad U(t, s)x = y$$

is an element from H , so the previous relation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 6) \quad & \| U(t+h)x - U(t, s)x \|_H = \| U(t+h, t)y - y \|_H = \\ & = \| U(t+h, t+n_k t_k)U(t+n_k t_k, t)y - U(t+n_k t_k, t)y \|_H \\ & + \| U(t+n_k t_k, t)y - y \|_H \end{aligned}$$

Using the property of semigroup of evolution, and (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \| U(t+n_k t_k, t)y - y \|_H & = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} U(t+j t_k, t+(j-1)t_k)U(t+(j-1)t_k, t)y - \right. \\ & \left. - U(t+(j-1)t_k, t)y \right\|_H < L n_k t_k \| y \|_H < L h \| y \|_H. \end{aligned}$$

The first term of the right-hand side of (6) converges to 0 when

$n_k \rightarrow \infty$, so finally we get the relation (4).

We prove now the following:

Theorem. Suppose, we are given $(W_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$, an abstract Wiener

process, on K , a time-homogeneous Poisson point process, an exponentially bounded mild evolution satisfying (3).

- X_0 is a F_0 measurable, H random variable

- $k: [0, T] \times H \rightarrow H$ measurable

- $g: [0, T] \times H \rightarrow L^2(H)$ strongly measurable

Assume that:

I) there exists a positive constant L and a symmetric positive and compact operator S on H such that S^{-1} commutes with U and

$$E \| S^{-1} X_0 \|_H < \infty$$

II) $\| S^{-1}k(s, X) \|_2 + \text{Tr}[S^{-2}g(t, X)Wg(t, X)] +$

$$+ \iint_{\{0, t\} \times \{v\} \times \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\|S^{-1}h(s, x, v)\|_H^2}{v^2} ds dv \leq L(1 + \|x\|_H^2),$$

for all $s, x, v \in [0, T] \times H \times \mathbb{R}^d - \{0\}$

III) for every $s \in [0, T]$, $k(s, x)$, $g(s, x)$, $h(s, x, v)$ are continuous with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_H$ (respectively $\|\cdot\|_2$, and measurable in s , or (s, v)).

$$\text{IV) } \lim_{\substack{s \rightarrow s_1 \\ x \rightarrow x_1}} \int_{\|v\| \leq 1} \frac{\|h(s, x, v) - h(s_1, x_1, v)\|_H}{v^2} dv = 0.$$

Then, the equation (2) possesses a weak Cadlag solution.

Remark: The form of the equation (2) and the properties of $U(t, s)$ allow to give up the Lipschitz condition of the coefficients of the equation (1).

Proof: For every n , define by induction the successive intervals $[\frac{kT}{n}, (k+1)\frac{T}{n}]$, and the approximate process

$$7) \begin{cases} x_{\tau}^n = x_0 & 0 \leq \tau \leq \frac{T}{n} \\ x_{\tau}^n = U(\tau, \frac{T}{n})x_0 + \int_0^{\tau - \frac{T}{n}} U(\tau, s)k(s, x_s^n) ds + \int_0^{\tau - \frac{T}{n}} U(\tau, s)g(s, x_s^n) dW_s + \\ + \iint_{\{0, \tau - \frac{T}{n}\} \times \{v\} \times \mathbb{R}^d} U(\tau, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)q(ds, dv) + \\ + \iint_{\{0, \tau - \frac{T}{n}\} \times \{v\} \times \mathbb{R}^d} U(\tau, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)p(ds, dv). \end{cases}$$

Since (8) $\sup_{\tau, s \in \Delta} \|U(\tau, s)\|_{L(H)} < \infty$, it follows by standard calculation

that (9) $\sup_{\tau} E \|x_{\tau}^n\|_H^2 < \infty$.

For the simplicity of the notation, we write

$$x_t^n = A_n(t) + B_n(t) + C_n(t) + D_n(t) + E_n(t),$$

A, B, C, D, E representing the 5 terms of the right-hand side of (7).

In [9] it is proved that A(t), B(t), C(t) have a continuous version in the hypothesis of the theorem.

We intend to prove that D and E have Cadlag versions. Because a Hilbert space possesses the Radon-Nikodim property (see [7]), and the relation (9) takes place, it will be enough to prove that for any sequence $t_r \in [0, T]$, we have

$$10) \quad \sum_n E \left(\left\| \left(D_n(t_{r+1}) / F_{t_r} \right) - D_n(t_r) \right\|_H \right) \leq KT.$$

We prove (10) by induction. Obviously, for $t_r \in [0, \frac{T}{n}]$, (10) happens, taking into account (7).

For any increasing sequence t_r belonging to $[k\frac{T}{n}, (k+1)\frac{T}{n}]$, we get

$$\sum_r E \left(\left\| \left(D_n(t_{r+1}) / F_{t_r} \right) - D_n(t_r) \right\|_H \right) =$$

$$\sum_r E \left\| \int_{]0, t_{r+1} - \frac{T}{n}[\times]t_r, t_{r+1}[} U(t_{r+1}, s) h(s, x_s^n, v) q(ds, dv) - \right.$$

$$\left. \int_{]0, t_r - \frac{T}{n}[\times]t_r, t_{r+1}[} U(t_r, s) h(s, x_s^n, v) q(ds, dv) / F_{t_r} \right\|_H$$

$$\leq \sum_r E \left\| \int_{]0, t_r] \times]t_r, t_{r+1}[} \left[U(t_{r+1}, s) h(s, x_s^n, v) - U(t_r, s) h(s, x_s^n, v) \right] q(ds, dv) / F_{t_r} \right\| +$$

$$+ \sum_r E \int_{]t_r - \frac{T}{n}, t_{r+1} - \frac{T}{n}[\times]t_r, t_{r+1}[} U(t_{r+1}, s) h(s, x_s^n, v) q(ds, dv) / F_{t_r} \Big\|_H = D_1 + D_2$$

The first term of the last side is denoted by D_1 , and second by

D_2 .

Using the result of the previous lemma and the fact that the measure $q(ds, dv) = p(ds, dv) - \frac{ds dv}{v^2}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
D_1 &\leq \sum_r \mathbb{E} \left\| \iint_{|0, t_r| \times |v| \leq 1} (U(t_{r+1}, s)h(s, x_s^n, v) - U(t_r, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)) p(ds, dv) / F_{t_r} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}} \\
&+ \sum_r \mathbb{E} \left\| \iint_{|0, t_r| \times |v| \leq 1} (U(t_{r+1}, s)h(s, x_s^n, v) - U(t_r, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)) \frac{ds dv}{v^2} / F_{t_r} \right\|_{\mathbb{H}} \\
&\leq \sum_r \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \iint_{|0, t_r| \times |v| \leq 1} \|U(t_{r+1}, s)h(s, x_s^n, v) - U(t_r, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)\|_{\mathbb{H}} p(ds, dv) / F_{t_r} \right] \\
&+ \sum_r \mathbb{E} \left[\mathbb{E} \iint_{|0, t_r| \times |v| \leq 1} \|U(t_{r+1}, s)h(s, x_s^n, v) - U(t_r, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)\|_{\mathbb{H}} \frac{ds, dv}{v^2} / F_{t_r} \right] \\
&\leq \sum_r \left((t_{r+1} - t_r) \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t_r - \frac{T}{n}} \|U(t_r, s)\|_{L(\mathbb{H})} \right) \mathbb{E} \iint_{|0, t_r - \frac{T}{n}| \times |v| \leq 1} \|h(s, x_s^n, v)\|_{\mathbb{H}} q(ds, dv) + \\
&+ 2L \sum_r (t_{r+1} - t_r) \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t_r - \frac{T}{n}} \|U(t_r, s)\|_{L(\mathbb{H})} \cdot \iint_{|0, t_r - \frac{T}{n}| \times |v| \leq 1} \|h(s, x_s^n, v)\|_{\mathbb{H}} \frac{ds dv}{v^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Taking into account that } \mathbb{E} \iint_{|0, t_r - \frac{T}{n}| \times |v| \leq 1} \|h(s, x_s^n, v)\|_{\mathbb{H}} q(ds, dv) = 0$$

and the hypothesis II) of the theorem, we get

$$D_1 \leq 2L_1 T \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t \leq T} \|U(t, s)\|_{L(\mathbb{H})} \|X_0\|_{\mathbb{H}}.$$

For t_{r+1} fixed, $D_2 = 0$, because the integral appearing in its expression is a martingale.

We conclude that (7) has a Cadlag version. In [9] it is proved that

$$11) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{n, t} \mathbb{P} \left(\|S^{-1} Z_t^n\|_{\mathbb{H}} \geq r \right) = 0$$

$$12) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_n \sup_{|t-s| \leq h} P(\|Z_t^n - Z_s^n\|_H \geq \varepsilon) = 0$$

for every $\varepsilon > 0$, where $Z_n = X_0, A_n, B_n, C_n, D_n, E_n$ ($X_n = A_n + B_n + C_n + D_n + E_n$).

We have in mind to prove 1) also for $Z_n = D_n, E_n$.

First, we sketch the proof of 12) for D_n .

$$13) E\|D_n(t) - D_n(u)\|_H^2 = E\left(\left\|\int_{]0, t - \frac{T}{n}] \times \{|v| \leq 1}\right. U(t, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)q(ds, dv) - \right.$$

$$\left. \int_{]0, u - \frac{T}{n}] \times \{|v| \leq 1}\right. U(u, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)q(ds, dv)\|_H\right)^2 \leq$$

$$2 \int_{]0, t - \frac{T}{n}] \times \{|v| \leq 1}\int_{]0, u - \frac{T}{n}] \times \{|v| \leq 1}\left\|E\left[U(t, s)h(s, x_s^n, v) - U(u, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)\right]\right\|_H^2 \frac{ds dv}{v^2}.$$

$$+ 2 \int_{]0, t - \frac{T}{n}, u - \frac{T}{n}] \times \{|v| \leq 1}\left\|E\left[U(u, s)h(s, x_s^n, v)\right]\right\|_H^2 \frac{ds dv}{v^2} = K_1 + K_2.$$

Lemma (1) and the condition II and I of the theorem, the assumption that $\frac{T}{n} < 1$, the form (7) of the approximate process result in $K_1 \leq (T-u)^2 C_1$, C_1 a constant depending on $T, L, \|S\|_{L(H)}, \|S^{-1}X_0\|_H^2$, but not on n .

The condition (8), (9), the assumption I and II of the theorem implies $K_2 \leq (t-u)C_2$, C_2 a constant depending only on $T, L, \|S\|_{L(H)}, \|S^{-1}X_0\|_H$.

So, finally, we get $E\|C_n(t) - C_n(u)\|_H^2 \leq (t-u)C$, from which we get 12) for $Z_n = D_n$.

For $Z_n = E_n$ we get (12) using Lemma 1, and the Lemma 1, page 56 of [8] which gives the existence of a random number γ and random

points $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_\gamma$ on $[0, T]$, which $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d, \dots, \|v_j\| > 1$,

for $j = \overline{1, \gamma}$

$$F_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\gamma} U(t, z_k) h(z_k, x_{z_k}^n, v_k)$$

(8), (9) and the hypothesis of the theorem implies (11) for

$$Z_n = D_n, Z_n = E_n.$$

Now we continue using the same argument as in [9]. Applying again a result of Skorohod [8], we obtain a system $(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{A}_n, \tilde{B}_n, \tilde{C}_n, \tilde{D}_n, \tilde{F}_n, \tilde{X}_0, \tilde{Y}_n, \tilde{W}_n)$ on $D([0, T], H)$ and which converges in probability pointwise to a system $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{A}, \tilde{B}, \tilde{C}, \tilde{D}, \tilde{F}, \tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}, \tilde{W})$. The process \tilde{W} is a Wiener process and \tilde{Y} is a \mathbb{R}^d -valued homogeneous process, with independent increments.

\tilde{Y}_n had the same law as Y , so \tilde{Y}_n are processes with independent increments having the same law as Y , hence \tilde{Y} inherits the same properties. We can think about the measures of saltus of the process $\tilde{Y}, \tilde{p}, \tilde{q}$ having the same law (and properties) as p and q defined at the beginning of the paper. For details see [11].

The process \tilde{W} is an abstract Wiener process having the same law as W . For details see [1] and [9].

The identity of finite dimensional distributions implies that $(\tilde{A}_t^n)_{t \leq \frac{T}{n}}$ has a continuous version, hence, a.s.

$\tilde{A}_t^n = \tilde{X}_0^n$ for all $t < \frac{T}{n}$. If $t > \frac{T}{n}$ we deduce from Lemma 2.2 in [1] that for each t , $\tilde{A}_t^n = U(t, \frac{T}{n}) \tilde{X}_0^n$ w.p.1.

Therefore, the process $(\tilde{X}_t^n)_{t < \frac{T}{n}}$ may be considered continuous.

Also, we have (as in [9])

$$14) \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{X}_t^n = \tilde{A}_n(t) & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{T}{n}. \\ \tilde{X}_t^n = \tilde{A}_n(t) + \tilde{B}_n(t) + \tilde{C}_n(t) + \tilde{D}_n(t) + \tilde{F}_n(t), & \frac{T}{n} < t \leq T. \end{cases}$$

Now, we shall show by induction on the successive subintervals $I(K, n) = [K\frac{T}{n}, (K+1)\frac{T}{n}]$ that (\tilde{X}^n) has a Cadlag version and that $\tilde{A}_n(t), \tilde{B}_n(t), \tilde{C}_n(t), \tilde{D}_n(t), \tilde{E}_n(t)$ have the same expression as $A_n(t), B_n(t), C_n(t), D_n(t), E_n(t), \tilde{X}_t^n$ playing the role of $x_t^n, \tilde{W}_n(t)$ of $W(t), \tilde{q}_n(ds, dv)$ of $q(ds, dv), \tilde{p}_n(ds, dv)$ of $p(ds, dv)$.

Actually, the statement about $\tilde{A}_n(t), \tilde{B}_n(t), \tilde{C}_n(t)$, was proved in [9], we show only that

$$15) \quad \tilde{D}_n(t) = \iint_{\substack{]0, t - \frac{T}{n}[\\ |x| |v| \leq 1}} U(t, s) h(s, \tilde{X}_s^n, v) \tilde{q}_n(ds, dv).$$

$$16) \quad \tilde{F}_n(t) = \int_{\substack{]0, t - \frac{T}{n}[\\ |x| |v| \leq 1}} U(t, s) h(s, \tilde{X}_s^n, v) \tilde{p}_n(ds, dv).$$

Suppose that $(\tilde{X}_s^n)_{s \in I(K, n)}$ has a Cadlag version and that 15),

16) hold, for $t \in I(K, n)$ Fix $t \in I(K+1, n)$.

We have $\tilde{D}_n(t) = \alpha_t(\tilde{X}_s^n)_{s \in I(K, n)}$ with $\alpha_t: D(I(K, n), H) \rightarrow H$, the

measurable function defined by

$$\alpha_t(x) = \int_{\substack{]0, t - \frac{T}{n}[\\ |x| |v| \leq 1}} U(t, s) h(s, x_s, v) \tilde{q}_n(ds, dv).$$

The process $(x_s^n)_{s \in I(K, n)}$, $(\tilde{X}_s^n)_{s \in I(K, n)}$ have the same law in

$D(I(K, n), H)$, hence by Lemma 2.2 from [1] 15) follows and we deduce that $\tilde{D}_n(t)$ has a Cadlag version on $I(K+1, n)$, hence also \tilde{X}^n .

From (7) and (14) we conclude

$$\begin{cases}
 \tilde{X}_t^n = \tilde{X}_0^n & 0 \leq t \leq \frac{T}{n} \\
 \tilde{X}_t^n = U(t, \frac{T}{n}) \tilde{X}_0^n + \int_0^{T-\frac{T}{n}} U(t, s) k(s, \tilde{X}_s^n, u) ds + \\
 17 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 + \int_0^{T-\frac{T}{n}} U(t, s) g(s, \tilde{X}_s^n) d\tilde{W}_s^n + \iint_{\substack{0 \leq t - \frac{T}{n} \leq |v| \leq 1 \\ |0, t - \frac{T}{n}| \leq |v| \leq 1}} U(t, s) h(s, \tilde{X}_s^n, v) \tilde{q}_n(ds, dv) + \\
 + \iint_{\substack{0 \leq t - \frac{T}{n} \leq |v| \leq 1 \\ |0, t - \frac{T}{n}| \leq |v| \leq 1}} U(t, s) h(s, \tilde{X}_s^n, v) \tilde{p}_n(ds, dv).
 \end{array} \right.
 \end{cases}$$

Using the hypothesis of the theorem it follows from (17), by taking the limit in probability that (\tilde{X}_t) is a solution of (2).

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