

# Corrigenda: *Stochastic calculus with infinitesimals*

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**Page xviii, lines 13–14:** characterization of a.s. convergence [60, Theorem 7.1]

**Page 1, line -6:** natural number other than zero

**Page 2, line 8:** equivalence classes of sequences of real numbers<sup>1</sup>

**Page 23–26, Theorem 3.7 and proof:**

*Theorem 3.7 (Uniqueness of the Itô decomposition).* Let  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2$  be  $\mathcal{F}$ -adapted processes. Suppose for all  $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{1\}$ , we have

$$\mu_1(t)dt + \sigma_1(t)dW(t) = \mu_2(t)dt + \sigma_2(t)dW(t) + R(t + dt) (dt)^{1+p}$$

for some constant  $p \gg 0$  and a random variable  $R(t + dt)$  such that  $E \left[ \int_0^1 R(t + dt)^2 dt \right]$  is limited.<sup>2</sup> Then for  $P$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\nu$ -a.e.  $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{1\}$ ,

$$\sigma_1(t)(\omega) \simeq \sigma_2(t)(\omega), \quad \mu_1(t)(\omega) \simeq \mu_2(t)(\omega).$$

*Proof.* Put  $\mu = \mu_1 - \mu_2$  and  $\sigma = \sigma_2 - \sigma_1$ , so that for all  $t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{1\}$ ,

$$\mu(t)dt - \sigma(t)dW(t) = R(t + dt) (dt)^{1+p}.$$

Applying conditional expectations to our assumption  $\mu(t)dt = \sigma(t)dW(t) + R(t + dt) (dt)^{1+p}$ , we find (using the  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -linearity of the operator

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<sup>2</sup>We denote this random variable by  $R(t + dt)$  rather than  $R(t)$  because it is  $\mathcal{F}_{t+dt}$ -measurable, but in general not  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable.

$E[\cdot | \mathcal{F}_t])$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t)dt &= E[\mu(t)dt | \mathcal{F}_t] = \sigma(t) \underbrace{E[dW(t) | \mathcal{F}_t]}_{=0} \\ &\quad + E[R(t+dt) | \mathcal{F}_t] (dt)^{1+p} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\mu(t) = E[R(t+dt) | \mathcal{F}_t] (dt)^p$ . Therefore,

$$\mu(t)^2 = E[R(t+dt) | \mathcal{F}_t]^2 (dt)^{2p}$$

and thus, by Jensen's inequality for conditional expectations,

$$\mu(t)^2 \leq E[R(t+dt)^2 | \mathcal{F}_t] (dt)^{2p}.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\int_0^1 \mu(t)^2 dt\right] &\leq E\left[\int_0^1 E[R(t+dt)^2 | \mathcal{F}_t] dt\right] (dt)^{2p} \\ &= \int_0^1 E[E[R(t+dt)^2 | \mathcal{F}_t]] (dt)^{1+2p} \\ &= \int_0^1 E[R(t+dt)^2] (dt)^{1+2p} \\ &= E\left[\int_0^1 R(t+dt)^2 dt\right] (dt)^{2p} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $E\left[\int_0^1 R(t+dt)^2 dt\right]$  was assumed to be limited, we deduce  $E\left[\int_0^1 \mu(t)^2 dt\right] = \mathcal{O}((dt)^{2p}) \simeq 0$ , which by the radically elementary Lebesgue Theorem means  $\mu(t)(\omega) \simeq 0$  for  $P$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\nu$ -a.e.  $t$ .

Moreover, a binomial expansion based on  $\mu(t)dt - R(t+dt)(dt)^{1+p} = \sigma(t)dW(t)$  yields, when combined with  $|dW(t)|^2 = dt$ , the equation

$$\sigma(t)^2 dt = \mu(t)^2 (dt)^2 - 2R(t+dt)\mu(t)(dt)^{2+p} + R(t+dt)^2 (dt)^{2+2p},$$

which after taking expectations and applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality leads on to

$$\begin{aligned} E[\sigma(t)^2] dt &\leq E[\mu(t)^2] (dt)^2 + E[R(t+dt)^2] (dt)^{2+2p} \\ &\quad + 2E[R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} E[\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} (dt)^{2+p} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
E \left[ \int_0^s \sigma(t)^2 dt \right] &= \int_0^s E [\sigma(t)^2] dt \\
&= \int_0^s E [\mu(t)^2] (dt)^2 + \int_0^s E [R(t+dt)^2] (dt)^{2+2p} \\
&\quad + 2 \int_0^s E [R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} E [\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} (dt)^{2+p} \\
&\leq E \left[ \int_0^1 \mu(t)^2 dt \right] dt + E \left[ \int_0^1 R(t+dt)^2 dt \right] (dt)^{1+2p} \\
&\quad + 2 \int_0^1 E [R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} E [\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} (dt)^{2+p}. \quad (1)
\end{aligned}$$

The third and last addend can be simplified as follows. First, because  $\int_0^1$  is just short hand for  $\sum_{t \in \mathbb{T} \setminus \{1\}}$ , we have the (rather “wasteful”) estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^1 E [R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} E [\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} (dt)^2 \\
&\leq \left( \int_0^1 E [R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} dt \right) \left( \int_0^1 E [\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} dt \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Then, using either Jensen’s inequality or the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality for the expectation operator  $\int_0^1 \cdot dt$  (which maps each  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k < N} f(k/N)$ ), one can further estimate this term:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \int_0^1 E [R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} dt \right) \left( \int_0^1 E [\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} dt \right) \\
&= \left( \int_0^1 E [R(t+dt)^2]^{1/2} dt \right) \left( \int_0^1 E [\mu(t)^2]^{1/2} dt \right) \\
&\leq \left( \int_0^1 E [R(t+dt)^2] dt \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_0^1 E [\mu(t)^2] dt \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq E \left[ \int_0^1 R(t+dt)^2 dt \right]^{1/2} E \left[ \int_0^1 \mu(t)^2 dt \right]^{1/2} \quad (2)
\end{aligned}$$

Now  $E \left[ \int_0^1 R(t+dt)^2 dt \right]$  is limited by assumption, and  $E \left[ \int_0^1 \mu(t)^2 dt \right]$  is even  $\mathcal{O}((dt)^{2p})$ , as we have seen before. Hence, the right-hand side of estimate (2) is  $\mathcal{O}((dt)^{3p})$ , whence the third and last addend in estimate (1) is actually  $\mathcal{O}((dt)^{3p})$ .

However, the fact that  $E \left[ \int_0^1 \mu(t)^2 dt \right]$  is infinitesimal (shown above) and the assumption of  $E \left[ \int_0^1 R(t + dt)^2 dt \right]$  being limited also jointly imply that the first two addends in estimate (1) are infinitesimal (to be more precise, they are  $\mathcal{O}((dt)^{2 \wedge (1+2p)})$ ). Thus, estimate (1) actually shows that

$$E \left[ \int_0^s \sigma(t)^2 dt \right] = \mathcal{O}((dt)^{2 \wedge (1+2p) \wedge 3p}) \simeq 0.$$

(In applications, one will typically have  $p \leq 1/2$ , so the exponent is just  $3p$ .) This entails that for  $P$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\nu$ -a.e.  $t$ ,  $\sigma(t)(\omega) \simeq 0$  (by the radically elementary Lebesgue Theorem).  $\square$