

On the pathwise uniqueness of solutions of SDEs driven by Lévy processes

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SDEs driven by Lévy processes

- Let $W = \{W_t : t \geq 0\}$ be a 1-dimensional Brownian motion.
- Let $Z = \{Z_t : t \geq 0\}$ be a 1-dimensional Lévy process.

Consider 1-dimensional stochastic differential equations (SDEs):

$$X_t = x + \int_0^t a(X_s) ds + \int_0^t b(X_s) dW_s + \int_0^t c(X_{s-}) dZ_s.$$

In this talk, we shall study the pathwise uniqueness (PU) of the solutions to the SDE.

Weak solutions of the SDE

Throughout this talk, we assume the following:

Assumption

Let $a, b, c : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous with the linear growth condition.

- Under this condition, the SDE has a weak solution. (Situ's book (2005))

In this talk, we shall study the condition on the coefficients a, b, c under which the PU of solutions of the SDEs can be justified. Our approach is based on Gronwall's inequality.

Consider the SDE driven by BM ($a = 0, c = 0$):

$$X_t = x + \int_0^t b(X_s) dW_s.$$

- PU holds if b is locally $1/2$ -Hölder continuous. (Yamada and Watanabe (1971))

Remark

There are counter examples if b is δ -Hölder continuous for $0 < \delta < 1/2$.

SDEs driven by stable processes

When Z is a strictly stable process of index $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ with parameter (r_-, r_+) , consider the SDE driven by stable processes ($a = 0, b = 0$):

$$X_t = x + \int_0^t c(X_{s-}) dZ_s.$$

- Z : symmetric stable process ($r_- = r_+$).
PU holds if c is $1/\alpha$ -Hölder continuous. (Komatsu (1982))
- Z : spectrally positive stable process ($r_- = 0$).
PU holds if c is increasing and $(\alpha - 1)/\alpha$ -Hölder continuous. (Li and Mytnik (2011))
- Z : stable process ($r_+ \geq r_-$).
There exists $\beta = \beta(\alpha, r_-/r_+)$ such that the PU holds when c is increasing and $(\alpha - \beta)/\alpha$ -Hölder continuous. (Fournier (2013))
Remark that $(\alpha - \beta)/\alpha \in [(\alpha - 1)/\alpha, 1/\alpha]$.

Our class of driving processes Z

In this talk, we shall study the problem on the PU in the case of the Lévy process with the triplet $(\gamma_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}, 0, \nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+})$ given by

$$\begin{aligned}\nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}(dz) &= \rho(z) (|z|^{-\alpha_- - 1} \mathbb{I}_{(z < 0)} + |z|^{-\alpha_+ - 1} \mathbb{I}_{(z > 0)}) dz, \\ \gamma_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+} &= - \int_{|z| > 1} z \nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}(dz),\end{aligned}$$

where $\rho : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ is a bounded measurable function such that

$$\rho(0+) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0+} \rho(z) > 0, \quad \rho(0-) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0-} \rho(z) \geq 0,$$

and $\alpha_-, \alpha_+ \in (1, 2)$ such that $\alpha_- \leq \alpha_+$.

(Remark that $\mathbb{R}_0 := \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.)

Examples: our driving process Z

Example 1 (Stable processes)

The Lévy measure of a stable process is

$$\nu(dz) = |z|^{-\alpha-1} (r_- \mathbb{I}_{(z<0)} + r_+ \mathbb{I}_{(z>0)}) dz,$$

where $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ and r_-, r_+ are constants such that $0 \leq r_- \leq r_+$.

Example 2 (Truncated stable processes)

The Lévy measure of a truncated stable process is

$$\nu(dz) = |z|^{-\alpha-1} (r_- \mathbb{I}_{(-1<z<0)} + r_+ \mathbb{I}_{(0<z<1)}) dz,$$

where $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ and r_-, r_+ are constants such that $0 \leq r_- \leq r_+$.

Example 3 (Tempered stable processes)

The Lévy measure of a tempered stable process is

$$\nu(dz) = \left(r_- |z|^{-\sigma_- - 1} e^{-\lambda_- |z|} \mathbb{I}_{(z < 0)} + r_+ |z|^{-\sigma_+ - 1} e^{-\lambda_+ |z|} \mathbb{I}_{(z > 0)} \right) dz,$$

where $\sigma_- \in (0, 2)$, $\sigma_+ \in (1, 2)$ and r_- , r_+ , λ_- , λ_+ are constants such that r_- , r_+ , λ_- , $\lambda_+ > 0$.

Example 4 (Relativistic stable processes)

The Lévy measure of a relativistic stable process is

$$\nu(dz) = r |z|^{-\alpha - 1} \left(\int_0^\infty s^{(1+\alpha)/2 - 1} \exp \left(-\frac{s}{4} - \frac{m^{2/\alpha} |z|^2}{s} \right) ds \right) dz,$$

where $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ and m , r are constants such that m , $r > 0$.

Estimate on α -stable Lévy measure

Let $\alpha \in (1, 2)$, $0 \leq r_- \leq r_+$, $0 < \beta \leq 1$, and introduce

$$I_{r_-, r_+}^{\alpha, \beta} = \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ |1 + z|^\beta - 1 - \beta z \right\} \nu_{r_-, r_+}^\alpha(dz),$$

where ν_{r_-, r_+}^α is the stable Lévy measure given by

$$\nu_{r_-, r_+}^\alpha(dz) = |z|^{-\alpha-1} (r_- \mathbb{I}_{(z < 0)} + r_+ \mathbb{I}_{(z > 0)}) dz.$$

Lemma 1

For $u \in [0, 1]$, define

$$\beta(\alpha, u) := \frac{1}{\pi} \arccos \left[\frac{u^2 \sin^2(\pi \alpha) - (1 + u \cos(\pi \alpha))^2}{u^2 \sin^2(\pi \alpha) + (1 + u \cos(\pi \alpha))^2} \right] \in [\alpha - 1, 1].$$

Set $\beta_0 = \beta(\alpha, r_-/r_+)$. Then it holds $I_{r_-, r_+}^{\alpha, \beta_0} = 0$. Furthermore, it holds that $I_{r_-, r_+}^{\alpha, \beta} < 0$ for $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$.

Proof of Lemma 1

By using integration by parts, we have

$$I_{r_-, r_+}^{\alpha, \beta} = \frac{\beta \Gamma(\beta) \Gamma(\alpha - \beta)}{\alpha \Gamma(\alpha) \sin(\pi(\alpha - 1))} \\ \times \left\{ -r_+ \sin(\pi\beta) + r_- \sin(\pi(\alpha - 1)) + r_- \sin(\pi(\alpha - \beta)) \right\}.$$

By setting $u = r_-/r_+$, it is enough to show for $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$,

$$-\sin(\pi\beta) + u \sin(\pi(\alpha - 1)) + u \sin(\pi(\alpha - \beta)) < 0 \\ \iff u^2 (1 - \cos(\pi\beta)) \sin^2(\pi\alpha) < (1 + u \cos(\pi\alpha))^2 (1 + \cos(\pi\beta)).$$

The inequality follows from

$$\cos(\pi\beta) > \cos(\pi\beta_0) = \frac{u^2 \sin^2(\pi\alpha) - (1 + u \cos(\pi\alpha))^2}{u^2 \sin^2(\pi\alpha) + (1 + u \cos(\pi\alpha))^2}. \quad \square$$

Main result ($\alpha_- = \alpha_+$)

Theorem 1 (Case of $\alpha_- = \alpha_+$)

Let $\alpha_- = \alpha_+ =: \alpha$ and $\rho(0-) \leq \rho(0+)$. Write $\beta_0 = \beta(\alpha, \rho(0-)/\rho(0+))$ as introduced in Lemma 1. Suppose that the coefficients a, b, c satisfy

- (i) a is decreasing;*
- (ii) b is locally $(2 - \beta)/2$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$;*
- (iii) c is increasing and locally $(\alpha - \beta)/\alpha$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$.*

Then, the PU holds.

Main result ($\alpha_- < \alpha_+$)

Theorem 2 (Case of $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$)

Let $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$. Suppose that the coefficients a, b, c satisfy

- (i) a is decreasing;
- (ii) b is locally $(2 - \beta)/2$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, 1)$;
- (iii) c is increasing and locally $(\alpha_+ - \beta)/\alpha_+$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, 1)$.

Then, the PU holds.

Driving process Z

By the Lévy-Itô decomposition,

$$Z_t = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} z \tilde{N}(dz, ds),$$

where $N(dz, ds)$ is the Poisson random measure with the intensity $\hat{N}(dz, ds) := \nu_\rho^{\alpha-, \alpha+}(dz) ds$, and the compensated random measure $\tilde{N}(dz, ds) = N(dz, ds) - \hat{N}(dz, ds)$.

Consider 1-dimensional SDEs:

$$\begin{aligned} X_t &= x + \int_0^t a(X_s) ds + \int_0^t b(X_s) dW_s + \int_0^t c(X_{s-}) dZ_s \\ &= x + \int_0^t a(X_s) ds + \int_0^t b(X_s) dW_s + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} c(X_{s-}) z \tilde{N}(dz, ds). \end{aligned}$$

For $i = 1, 2$, we consider two solutions of the SDE:

$$X_t^i = x + \int_0^t a(X_s^i) ds + \int_0^t b(X_s^i) dW_s + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} c(X_{s-}^i) z \tilde{N}(dz, ds).$$

Write $\Delta_t = X_t^1 - X_t^2$ and

$$A_t = a(X_t^1) - a(X_t^2), \quad B_t = b(X_t^1) - b(X_t^2), \quad C_t = c(X_t^1) - c(X_t^2).$$

Then, we are in position to study

$$\Delta_t = \int_0^t A_s ds + \int_0^t B_s dW_s + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} C_{s-} z \tilde{N}(dz, ds).$$

Itô formula for Φ_η

Let $0 < \beta \leq 1$, $0 < \eta \leq 1$ and $N > 0$.

Define the function Φ_η and the stopping time T_N by

$$\Phi_\eta(u) = (u^2 + \eta^2)^{\beta/2}, \quad T_N = \inf \{t > 0; |X_t^1| \wedge |X_t^2| > N\}.$$

Now, we shall apply the Itô formula for the function Φ_η and get

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_\eta(\Delta_{t \wedge T_N}) - \Phi_\eta(0) \\ &= \int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \left\{ \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) A_s + \frac{1}{2} \Phi''_\eta(\Delta_s) B_s^2 \right\} ds + \int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) B_s dW_s \\ &+ \int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \{ \Phi_\eta(\Delta_{s-} + C_{s-} z) - \Phi_\eta(\Delta_{s-}) \} \tilde{N}(dz, ds) \\ &+ \int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \{ \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s + C_s z) - \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s) - \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) C_s z \} \hat{N}(dz, ds). \end{aligned}$$

Expectation of the Itô formula for Φ_η

Taking the expectation implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[\Phi_\eta(\Delta_{t \wedge T_N})] - \Phi_\eta(0) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) A_s ds \right] \end{aligned} \tag{A}$$

$$+ \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \frac{1}{2} \Phi''_\eta(\Delta_s) B_s^2 ds \right] \tag{B}$$

$$+ \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \{ \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s + C_s z) - \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s) - \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) C_s z \} \hat{N}(dz, ds) \right]. \tag{C}$$

The monotone convergence theorem yields that

$$\mathbb{E}[\Phi_\eta(\Delta_{t \wedge T_N})] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[|\Delta_{t \wedge T_N}|^\beta]$$

as $\eta \searrow 0$. Thus, we shall study the limit of the right hand side

Limit of (A) as $\eta \searrow 0$

Lemma 2

Suppose that a is monotonic. Then, it holds that

$$\lim_{\eta \searrow 0} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) A_s ds \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \beta \operatorname{sgn}(\Delta_s) |\Delta_s|^{\beta-1} A_s ds \right].$$

Proof. The monotone convergence theorem leads us to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) A_s ds \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \beta \Delta_s |\Delta_s^2 + \eta^2|^{(\beta-2)/2} A_s (\mathbb{I}_{(A_s \Delta_s \geq 0)} + \mathbb{I}_{(A_s \Delta_s < 0)}) ds \right] \\ &\rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \beta \operatorname{sgn}(\Delta_s) |\Delta_s|^{\beta-1} A_s ds \right], \end{aligned}$$

as $\eta \searrow 0$. □

Limit of (B) as $\eta \searrow 0$

Lemma 3

Suppose that, for each $N > 0$, there exists a positive constant $K_1(N)$ s.t.

$$|b(x) - b(\tilde{x})| \leq K_1(N) |x - \tilde{x}|^{(2-\beta)/2}, \quad (\text{H1})$$

for all $|x|, |\tilde{x}| \leq N$. Then, it holds that

$$\lim_{\eta \searrow 0} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \Phi''_{\eta}(\Delta_s) B_s^2 ds \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \beta (\beta - 1) |\Delta_s|^{\beta-2} B_s^2 ds \right].$$

Proof. Since $\Phi''_{\eta}(u) = \beta |u^2 + \eta^2|^{(\beta-2)/2} + \beta (\beta - 2) u^2 |u^2 + \eta^2|^{(\beta-4)/2}$,

$$|\Phi''_{\eta}(\Delta_s) B_s^2| \leq \beta (3 - \beta) |\Delta_s|^{\beta-2} |B_s|^2 \leq K_1(N)^2 \beta (3 - \beta).$$

Hence, the assertion follows from the dominated convergence theorem. \square

Limit of (C) as $\eta \searrow 0$

Lemma 4

Suppose that, for each $N > 0$, there exists a positive constant $K_2(N)$ s.t.

$$|c(x) - c(\tilde{x})| \leq K_2(N) |x - \tilde{x}|^{(\alpha_+ - \beta)/\alpha_+}, \quad (\text{H2})$$

for all $|x|, |\tilde{x}| \leq N$. Then, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\eta \searrow 0} \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s + C_s) - \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s) - \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) C_s z \right\} \nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}(dz) ds \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} |\Delta_s|^\beta \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ \left| 1 + \frac{C_s}{\Delta_s} z \right|^\beta - 1 - \beta \frac{C_s}{\Delta_s} z \right\} \nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}(dz) \right) ds \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Remark

$$(\alpha_+ - \beta)/\alpha_+ \geq (\alpha_- - \beta)/\alpha_-.$$

Proof of Lemma 4

Lemma 5

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s + C_s z) - \Phi_\eta(\Delta_s) - \Phi'_\eta(\Delta_s) C_s z \right| \\ & \leq K_3(\beta) \left\{ (|\Delta_s|^{\beta-2} |C_s z|^2) \wedge (|\Delta_s|^{\beta-1} |C_s z|) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

on the event $\{\Delta_s \neq 0\}$, where $K_3(\beta)$ is a positive constant.

Lemma 6

Under the condition (H2), it holds that

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ (|\Delta_s|^{\beta-2} |C_s z|^2) \wedge (|\Delta_s|^{\beta-1} |C_s z|) \right\} \nu_\rho^{\alpha-, \alpha+}(dz) ds \right] < \infty.$$

Itô formula for $|x|^\beta$

Corollary 1

Suppose that a is monotonic and the conditions (H1) and (H2) hold. Then, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}[|\Delta_{t \wedge T_N}|^\beta] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \beta \operatorname{sgn}(\Delta_s) |\Delta_s|^{\beta-1} A_s ds \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} \frac{\beta}{2} (\beta - 1) |\Delta_s|^{\beta-2} B_s^2 ds \right] \\ &+ \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} |\Delta_s|^\beta \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ \left| 1 + \frac{C_s}{\Delta_s} z \right|^\beta - 1 - \beta \frac{C_s}{\Delta_s} z \right\} \nu_\rho^{\alpha-, \alpha+}(dz) \right) ds \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Direct consequences of Lemmas 2, 3 and 4. □

Case of $\alpha_- = \alpha_+$

First, we shall prove the case of $\alpha_- = \alpha_+$.

For simplicity, write $\alpha := \alpha_- = \alpha_+$ and $\nu_\rho^\alpha := \nu_\rho^{\alpha-, \alpha+}$.

Lemma 7

Let $\beta_0 = \beta(\alpha, \rho(0-)/\rho(0+))$ as introduced in Lemma 1, and suppose that $\rho(0-) \leq \rho(0+)$. Then, for each $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$, it holds that

$$K_4(\beta) := \sup_{k \geq 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ |1 + k z|^\beta - 1 - \beta k z \right\} \nu_\rho^\alpha(dz) < +\infty.$$

Proof. From Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ |1 + k z|^\beta - 1 - \beta k z \right\} \rho(z) |z|^{-\alpha-1} dz \\ &= k^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ |1 + y|^\beta - 1 - \beta y \right\} \rho\left(\frac{y}{k}\right) |y|^{-\alpha-1} dy \rightarrow -\infty \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Proof of our result ($\alpha_- = \alpha_+$)

Theorem 1 (Case of $\alpha_- = \alpha_+$)

Let $\alpha_- = \alpha_+ =: \alpha$ and $\rho(0-) \leq \rho(0+)$. Write $\beta_0 = \beta(\alpha, \rho(0-)/\rho(0+))$ as introduced in Lemma 1. Suppose that the coefficients a, b, c satisfy

- (i) a is decreasing;
- (ii) b is locally $(2 - \beta)/2$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$;
- (iii) c is increasing and locally $(\alpha - \beta)/\alpha$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$.

Then, the PU holds.

Proof. From Corollary 1 and Lemma 7,

$$\mathbb{E}[|\Delta_{t \wedge T_N}|^\beta] \leq K_4(\beta) \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} |\Delta_s|^\beta ds \right],$$

and the required result follows from Gronwall's inequality. □

Case of $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$

Next, we shall prove the case of $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$.

Lemma 8

Let $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$. For $\beta \in (0, 1)$, it holds that

$$K_5(\beta) := \sup_{k \geq 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ |1 + k z|^\beta - 1 - \beta k z \right\} \nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}(dz) < +\infty.$$

Proof. From Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}_0} \left\{ |1 + k z|^\beta - 1 - \beta k z \right\} \nu_\rho^{\alpha_-, \alpha_+}(dz) \\ &= k^{\alpha_+} \int_0^\infty \left\{ |1 + y|^\beta - 1 - \beta y \right\} \rho\left(\frac{y}{k}\right) |y|^{-\alpha_+-1} dy \\ & \quad + k^{\alpha_-} \int_{-\infty}^0 \left\{ |1 + y|^\beta - 1 - \beta y \right\} \rho\left(\frac{y}{k}\right) |y|^{-\alpha_- -1} dy \\ & \rightarrow -\infty \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow +\infty. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof of our result ($\alpha_- < \alpha_+$)

Theorem 2 (Case of $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$)

Let $\alpha_- < \alpha_+$. Suppose that the coefficients a, b, c satisfy

- (i) a is decreasing;
- (ii) b is locally $(2 - \beta)/2$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, 1)$;
- (iii) c is increasing and locally $(\alpha_+ - \beta)/\alpha_+$ -Hölder continuous with $\beta \in (0, 1)$.

Then, the PU holds.

Proof. From Corollary 1 and Lemma 8,

$$\mathbb{E}[|\Delta_{t \wedge T_N}|^\beta] \leq K_5(\beta) \mathbb{E} \left[\int_0^{t \wedge T_N} |\Delta_s|^\beta ds \right],$$

and the required result follows from Gronwall's inequality. □

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