ON STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS IN A CONFIGURATION SPACE

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Abstract. Infinite systems of stochastic differential equations for randomly perturbed particle systems with pairwise interaction are considered. It is proved that under some reasonable assumption on the potential function there exists a local weak solution to the system and it is weakly locally unique for a wide class of initial conditions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

We consider a sequence of R^d -valued stochastic processes

$$x_k(t), \quad k=1,2,\ldots,$$

satisfying the system of stochastic differential equations of the form

$$dx_k(t) = \sum_{i \neq k} a(x_k(t) - x_i(t))dt + \sigma dw_k(t), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$
(1)

where $a(x) = -U_x(x)$, and $U : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ is a smooth function for |x| > 0, and $\sigma > 0$ is a constant, $w_k(t)$, $k = 1, 2, \ldots$, is a sequence of independent Wiener processes in \mathbb{R}^d . System (1) describes the evolution of systems of pairwise interacting particles with the pairwise potential U(x) which is perturbed by Wiener noises. The problem is to find conditions under which the system has a solution and this solution is unique.

Unperturbed systems were considered by many authors. We notice the recent articles of S. Albeverio, Yu. G. Kondratiev, and M. Röckner [1], [2] where a new powerful method for the investigation of unperturbed systems is proposed. Finite-dimensional perturbed systems were considered in my book [3] and my article [4]. The first general theorem on the existence and uniqueness of the solutions to infinite dimensional stochastic differential equations were obtained by Yu. L. Daletskii in [5]; he considered equations with smooth coefficients in a Hilbert space. The existence and uniqueness of the solution to system (1) for locally bounded smooth potentials and $d \leq 2$ was proved by J. Fritz in [6]. The main result of this article was published in [7] without a complete proof.

2. The Space Γ

It is convenient to consider system (1) in the configuration space Γ which is the set of locally finite counting measures γ on the Borel σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ of the space \mathbb{R}^d . So a measure $\gamma \in \Gamma$ satisfies the condition: the support S_{γ} of the measure γ is a sequence of different points $\{x_k, k \in \mathcal{N}\}$ of \mathbb{R}^d for which

$$|x_k| \to \infty, \quad \gamma(A) = \sum_k \mathbb{1}_A(x_k)$$

The topology in Γ is generated by the weak convergence of measures: $\gamma_n \to \gamma_0$ if

$$\int \phi(x)\gamma_n(dx) \to \int \phi(x)\gamma_0(dx)$$

for $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_f$ where \mathcal{C}_f is the set of continuous functions $\phi : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ with bounded supports.

We use the notation

$$\langle \phi, \gamma \rangle = \int \phi(x) \gamma(dx), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{C}_f,$$

and

$$\langle \Phi, \gamma \times \gamma \rangle = \int \Phi(x, x') \gamma(dx) \gamma(dx') - \int \Phi(x, x) \gamma(dx),$$

where $\Phi: (R^d)^2 \to R$ is a continuous function with a bounded support.

We rewrite system (1) for Γ -valued function γ_t for which

$$\langle \phi, \gamma \rangle = \sum_{k} \phi(x_k(t)), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{C}_f$$

Using the Itô's formula, and considering the function a as a function of two variables a(x - x'), we obtain the relation

$$d\langle\phi,\gamma_t\rangle = \langle (\phi',a),\gamma_t \times \gamma_t \rangle dt + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \langle \Delta\phi,\gamma_t \rangle + \sum_k \sigma(\phi'(x_k(t)),dw_k(t)), \quad \phi \in \mathcal{C}_f^{(2)},$$
(2)

where $\Delta \phi(x) = \text{Tr}\phi''(x)$, and $\mathcal{C}_f^{(2)}$ is the set of $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_f$ for which $\phi'(x)$ and $\phi''(x)$ are continuous bounded functions.

A weak solution to equation (1). A Γ -valued stochastic process $\gamma_t(\omega)$ is called a weak solution to system (2) if, for all $\phi \in \mathcal{C}_f^{(2)}$, the stochastic process

$$\mu_{\phi}(\omega, t) = \langle \phi, \gamma_t \rangle - \int_0^t [\langle (\phi', a), \gamma_s \times \gamma_s \rangle + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \langle \Delta \phi, \gamma_s \rangle] ds \tag{3}$$

is a martingale with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t\geq 0}$, where $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(\gamma_s, s \leq t)$, and the square characteristic of the martingale is

$$\langle \mu_{\phi}, \mu_{\phi} \rangle_t = \sigma^2 \int_0^t \langle (\phi', \phi'), \gamma_s \rangle ds.$$
(4)

If $\gamma_t(\omega)$ is a weak solution to system (2) and

$$\langle \phi, \gamma_t(\omega) \rangle = \sum \phi(x_k(t))$$

for all $\phi \in C_f$, then the sequence $\{x_k(t), k \in \mathcal{N}\}$ is a weak solution to system (1).

Weak uniqueness. Let $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$. System (2) has a unique weak solution with the initial value γ_0 if for any pair of weak solutions to system (2) $\gamma_t^1(\omega)$ and $\gamma_t^2(\omega)$ satisfying the condition $\gamma_0^1 = \gamma_0^2 = \gamma_0$, the following relations are fulfilled:

$$E\Phi(\xi_{11}^1,\ldots,\xi_{1m}^1,\ldots,\xi_{l1}^1,\ldots,\xi_{lm}^1) = E\Phi(\xi_{11}^2,\ldots,\xi_{1m}^2,\ldots,\xi_{l1}^2,\ldots,\xi_{lm}^2), \quad (5)$$

where $\Phi(y_{11}, \ldots, y_{lm})$ is a continuous bounded function on R^{lm} and,

$$\xi_{ij}^k = \langle \phi_i, \gamma_{t_j}^k(\omega) \rangle, \quad k = 1, 2, \quad i = 1, \dots, l, \quad j = 1, \dots, m,$$
$$\phi \in \mathcal{C}_f, \quad t_1, \dots, t_m \in R_+.$$

This means that the distribution of the stochastic process γ_t^k does not depend on k, i.e., the distribution of the weak solution to system (2) is unique if it exists.

Local weak solutions. Let $\gamma_t(\omega)$ be a continuous Γ -valued stochastic process, and $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t\geq 0}$ be the filtration generated by it. $\gamma_t(\omega)$. is called a local weak solution to system (2) if there exists a stopping time τ with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t\geq 0}$ for which $P\{\tau > 0\} = 1$ and the stochastic process $\mu_{\phi}(\omega, t)$ which is determined by relation (3) is a martingale for $t < \tau$ with the square characteristic given by equality (4).

Local weak uniqueness. Let $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$. System (2) has a locally unique weak solution with the initial value γ_0 if, for any pair of locally weak solutions to system (2) γ_t^1 and γ_t^2 satisfying the condition $\gamma_0^1 = \gamma_0^2 = \gamma_0$, relation (5) is fulfilled for

$$\xi_{ij}^k = \langle \phi_i, \gamma_{t_j}^k(\omega) \rangle I_{\{t_j < \tau^k\}}$$

where τ^k , k = 1, 2, are stopping times with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t^k)_{t\geq 0}$ generated by the stochastic process $\gamma_t^k(\omega)$.

Compacts in Γ . For any $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and a continuous decreasing function $\lambda(t)$: $(0,\infty) \to R_+$ for which $\lambda(0+) = +\infty, \lambda(+\infty) > 0$ there exists a continuous decreasing function $\Phi(t): [0,\infty) \to R_+$ with $\Phi(+\infty) = 0$ such that

$$\iint \Phi(|x|)\Phi(|x'|)\lambda(|x-x'|)\mathbf{1}_{\{x\neq x'\}}\gamma(dx)\gamma(dx') < \infty.$$
(6)

Denote

$$\Phi_{\lambda}(x,x') = \Phi(|x|)\Phi(|x'|)\lambda(|x-x'|).$$
(7)

For any compact set K from Γ and any function λ satisfying the conditions mentioned before there exists a function of the form given by relation (7) for which

$$\sup_{\gamma \in K} \langle \Phi_{\lambda}, \gamma \times \gamma \rangle < \infty.$$

Note that the set

$$\{\gamma : \langle \Phi_{\lambda}, \gamma \times \gamma \rangle \le c\}$$

is a compact in Γ for any Φ_{λ} of form (7) and c > 0. Denote by $\Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda}$ the set of those $\gamma \in \Gamma$ for which relation (6) is fulfilled. Set

 $d_{\Phi,\lambda}(\gamma_1,\gamma_2) = \sup\{|\langle\phi\Phi,\gamma_1\rangle - \langle\phi\Phi,\gamma_2\rangle : \phi \in \operatorname{Lip}^1|\} + |\langle\Phi_\lambda,\gamma_1\times\gamma_1\rangle - \langle\Phi_\lambda,\gamma_2\times\gamma_2\rangle|,$

where

$$\operatorname{Lip}^{1} = \left\{ \phi \in C_{f} : \sup_{x} |\phi(x)| \leq 1, \quad \sup_{x,x'} \frac{|\phi(x) - \phi(x')|}{|x - x'|} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

 $\Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda}$ with the distance $d_{\Phi,\lambda}$ is a separable locally compact space.

3. AN EXTENSION OF GIRSANOV'S FORMULA

Assume that the potential function U(x) satisfies the condition

(PC) U(x) = u(|x|) where the function $u: (0, \infty) \to R$ is continuous, it has continuous derivatives u', u'', there exists a constant r > 0 for which u(t) = 0for t > r, and

$$\int t^{d-1} |u(t)| dt < \infty.$$

Free particle processes. Let a measure γ_0 satisfy the condition (IC)

$$\langle \phi_{\delta}, \gamma_0 \rangle < \infty, \quad \phi_{\delta}(x) = \exp\{-\delta |x|^2\}.$$

Introduce Γ -valued stochastic processes by the relation

$$\langle \phi, \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \rangle = \sum_k \phi(x_k^0 + \sigma w_k(t)),$$

where

$$\sum_{k} \phi(x_k^0) = \langle \phi, \gamma_0 \rangle$$

It is easy to check that $\gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega)$ is a continuous Γ -valued stochastic process if $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma^0$, where Γ^0 is the set of finite measures from Γ . There exist functions Φ, λ for which $P\{\gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \in \Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda}\} = 1$ for all t > 0. The stochastic process $\gamma_t^*(\gamma_0,\omega)$ is continuous in the space $\Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda}$, and for any $t_0 > 0$ the function

$$EF(\gamma^*(\gamma_0,\omega))$$

is a continuous function in $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda}$ if F is a bounded continuous function on $C_{[0,t_0]}(\Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda})$ which is the space of continuous $\Gamma_{\Phi,\lambda}$ -valued functions on the interval $[0, t_0]$.

Girsanov's formula for finite systems. Let γ_0^n be a sequence of finite measures from Γ satisfying the condition:

$$\gamma_0^n \to \gamma_0, \gamma_0^n \le \gamma_0^{n+1}.$$

It was proved in [4] that under the condition (PC), for any n, there exists a unique strong solution to system (2) with the initial value γ_0^n . Denote it by $\gamma_t(\gamma_0^n,\omega).$

Lemma 1. Set a(x, x') = a(x - x'),

$$G_{1}^{n}(t) = \sigma^{-1} \sum_{x_{i} \in S_{\gamma_{0}^{n}}} \int_{0}^{t} (\langle a(x_{i} + \sigma w_{i}(s), .), \gamma_{s}^{*}(\gamma_{0}^{n}, \omega) \rangle, dw_{i}(s)),$$

$$G_{2}^{n}(t) = \sigma^{-2} \int_{0}^{t} \int |\langle a(x, .), \gamma_{s}^{*}(\gamma_{0}^{n}, \omega) \rangle|^{2} \gamma_{s}^{*}(\gamma_{0}^{n}, \omega, dx) ds,$$

$$\rho_{n}(t) = \exp \left\{ G_{1}^{n}(t) - \frac{1}{2} G_{2}^{n}(t) \right\}.$$

Then

$$E\Phi(\langle \phi_1, \gamma_{t_1}(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle, \dots, \langle \phi_k, \gamma_{t_k}(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle)$$

= $E\rho_n(t)\Phi(\langle \phi_1, \gamma_{t_1}^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle, \dots, \langle \phi_k, \gamma_{t_k}^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle)$

for all k = 1, 2, ..., bounded continuous functions $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^k \to \mathbb{R}$ and $\phi_1, ..., \phi_k \in C_f, t_1, ..., t_k \in [0, t].$

The proof of the lemma can be obtained using the approximation of the function a(x, x') by smooth functions since for smooth a(x, x') the proof is a consequence of Girsanov's formula [8].

Introduce the stochastic processes

$$w_k^c(t) = \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{\{|x_k + w_k(s)| \le c\}} dw_k(s), \quad x_k \in S_{\gamma_0^n},$$

where c > 0 is a constant. Let $\mathcal{F}_t^{n,c}$ be the σ -algebra generated by

$$\{w_k^c(s), s \le t, x_k \in S_{\gamma_0^n}\}$$

Lemma 2.

$$E(\rho_n/\mathcal{F}_t^{n,c}) = \rho_n(c,t),$$

where

$$\rho_n(c,t) = \exp\left\{G_1^n(c,t) - \frac{1}{2}G_2^n(c,t)\right\},\,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} G_1^n(c,t) &= \sigma^{-1} \sum_{x_i \in S_{\gamma_0^n}} \int_0^t (E(\langle a(x_i + \sigma w_i(s), .), \gamma_s^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle / \mathcal{F}_s^{n,c}), dw_i^c(s)), \\ G_2^n(c,t) &= \sigma^{-2} \int_0^t \int |E(\langle a(x, .), \gamma_s^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle / \mathcal{F}_s^{n,c})|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{|x| \le c\}} \gamma_s^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega, dx) ds. \end{aligned}$$

The proof rests on the statement below.

Statement. Let $\mathcal{F}_t, t \in R_+$ be a continuous filtration, and its subfiltration $\mathcal{F}_t^*, t \in R_+$, satisfy the condition

 $(\mathbf{RE})E(\xi/\mathcal{F}_t)$ is a \mathcal{F}_t^* -measurable random variable if ξ is a bounded \mathcal{F}_{∞}^* -measurable random variable.

Let μ_t be an \mathcal{F}_t -martingale with the square characteristic $\langle \mu \rangle_t$ for which the stochastic process

$$\rho(t) = \exp\left\{\mu_t - \frac{1}{2}\langle\mu\rangle_t\right\}$$

is a martingale. Then

$$E(\rho(t)/\mathcal{F}_t^*) = \exp\left\{\mu_t^* - \frac{1}{2}\langle\mu^*\rangle_t\right\},\,$$

where $\mu_t^* = E(\mu_t/\mathcal{F}_t^*)$ is a martingale, and $\langle \mu^* \rangle_t$ is its square characteristic. *Proof.* Set $\tilde{\mu}_t = \mu_t - \mu_t^*$. Condition **(RE)** implies the relation

$$E\bigg(\int_{0}^{t} g(s)d\tilde{\mu}_{s}/\mathcal{F}_{\infty}^{*}\bigg) = 0$$

for all \mathcal{F}_t -adapted functions g(t) for which

$$E\left|\int\limits_{0}^{t}g(s)d\tilde{\mu}_{s}\right|<\infty.$$

 Set

$$\rho^*(t) = \exp\left\{\mu_t^* - \frac{1}{2}\langle\mu^*\rangle_t\right\}, \quad \tilde{\rho}(t) = \exp\left\{\tilde{\mu}_t - \frac{1}{2}\langle\tilde{\mu}\rangle_t\right\},$$

where $\langle \tilde{\mu} \rangle_t$ is the square characteristic of the martingale $\tilde{\mu}_t$. The proof follows from the relations $\rho(t) = \rho^*(t)\tilde{\rho}(t)$ and

$$E(\tilde{\rho}(t) - 1/\mathcal{F}_{\infty}^{*}) = E\left(\int_{0}^{t} \tilde{\rho}(s)d\tilde{\mu}(s)/\mathcal{F}_{\infty}^{*}\right) = 0. \quad \Box$$

Remark 1. Assume that $\phi_i(x) = 0$ for $|x| \ge c, i = 1, 2, \dots, k, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_k \in C_f, t_1, \dots, t_k \in [0, t]$. Then for Φ satisfying the conditions of Lemma 1 we have the relation

$$E\Phi(\langle \phi_1, \gamma_{t_1}(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle, \dots, \langle \phi_k, \gamma_{t_k}(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle)$$

= $E\rho_n(c, t)\Phi(\langle \phi_1, \gamma_{t_1}^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle, \dots, \langle \phi_k, \gamma_{t_k}^*(\gamma_0^n, \omega) \rangle).$

Remark 2. Denote by \mathcal{F}_t^c the σ -algebra generated by $\{w_k^c(s), s \leq t, x_k \in S_{\gamma_0}\}$. Then there exist the limits in probability

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} G_1^n(c, t) = G_1(c, t), \quad \lim_{n \to \infty} G_2^n(c, t) = G_2(c, t),$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \rho_n(t) = \rho(c, t) = \exp\left\{G_1(c, t) - \frac{1}{2}G_2(c, t)\right\},$$

where

$$G_{1}(c,t) = \sigma^{-1} \sum_{x_{i} \in S_{\gamma_{0}}} \int_{0}^{t} (E(\langle a(x_{i} + \sigma w_{i}(s), .), \gamma_{s}^{*}(\gamma_{0}, \omega) \rangle / \mathcal{F}_{s}^{c}), dw_{i}^{c}(s))),$$

$$G_{2}(c,t) = \sigma^{-2} \int_{0}^{t} \int |E(\langle a(x, .), \gamma_{s}^{*}(\gamma_{0}, \omega) \rangle / \mathcal{F}_{s}^{c})|^{2} 1_{\{|x| \leq c\}} \gamma_{s}^{*}(\gamma_{0}, \omega, dx) ds.$$

Let w(t) be a standard Wiener process . Introduce the functions

$$Q_{c}(s, x, B) = P\{x + \sigma w(s) \in B, \inf_{u \leq s} |x + \sigma w(u)| > c\},\$$
$$x \in V_{c}, \ B \in \mathcal{B}(V_{c}), \ V_{c} = \{x \in R_{d} : |x| > c\},\$$
$$Q_{c}^{*}(s, x, B) = \lim_{\lambda \downarrow 1} \frac{Q_{c}(s, x, B)}{Q_{c}(s, \lambda x, V_{c})}, \ |x| = c, \ B \in \mathcal{B}(V_{c}).$$

Set

$$\theta_i(c,s) = \inf \Delta_i(c,s), \ \zeta_i(c,s) = \sup \Delta_i(c,s),$$

where

$$\Delta_i(c,s) = \{ u \le s : |x_i^*(u)| \le c \}, \ x_i^*(u) = x_i + w_i(u).$$

Then the following statement holds.

Lemma 3.

$$E(a(x, x_i^*(s))1_{\{|x_i^*(s)| \le c\}} / \mathcal{F}_s^c) = a(x, x_i^*(s))1_{\{|x_i^*(s)| \le c\}}$$

+1<sub>{\theta_i(c,s)<\infty} \int_a(x, z)Q_c^*(s - \zeta_i(c, s), x_i^*(\zeta_i(c, s)), dz)
+1_{\theta_i(c,s)=+\infty} \int_a(x, z)Q_c(s, x_i, dz).</sub>

Corollary 1. Introduce the measures

$$\nu_{s}(A) = \sum_{k} \mathbb{1}_{\{x_{k} \in A\}} \mathbb{1}_{\{\theta_{k}(c,s)=+\infty\}}, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(V_{c}),$$
$$\nu_{s}^{*}(\Lambda, A) = \sum_{k} \mathbb{1}_{\{\zeta_{k}(c,s)\in\Lambda\}} \mathbb{1}_{\{x_{k}(\zeta_{k}(c,s))\in A\}},$$
$$\Lambda \in \mathcal{B}([0,s]), \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(V_{c}'), \quad V_{c}' = \{x \in R_{d} : |x| = c\}.$$

Then

$$E(\langle a(x,\cdot),\gamma_s^*(\gamma_0,\omega)\rangle/\mathcal{F}_s^c) = a_c(s,x,\omega) + \int a(x,x') \mathbb{1}_{\{|x'| \le c\}}\gamma_s^*(\gamma_0,\omega,dx'),$$

where

$$a_c(s, x, \omega) = \iint a(x, z)Q_c(s, x', dz)\nu_s(dx')$$
$$+ \iiint a(x, z)Q_c^*(s - u, x', dz)\nu_s^*(du, dx').$$

Corollary 2. The functions $G_k(c,t)$, k = 1, 2, can be represented in the form

$$G_1(c,t) = \sigma^{-1} \int_0^t \sum_i (a_c(s, x_i^*(s), \omega), dw_i^c(s)),$$

and

$$G_2(c,t) = \sigma^{-2} \int_0^t H(c,s) ds,$$

where

$$H_c(s) = \sum_i \left| \sum_{j \neq i} a(x_i^*(s), x_j^*(s)) \mathbf{1}_{\{|x_j^*(s)| \le c\}} + a_c(s, x_i^*(s), \omega) \right|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{|x_i^*(s)| \le c\}}.$$

Remark 3. Denote by $(\mathcal{F}_t^c(i))$ the filtration generated by the stochastic process $w_i^c(t)$, and by $(\mathcal{F}_t^c(i,j))$ the filtration generated by the pair of stochastic processes $(w_i^c(t); w_j^c(t)), i \neq j$. Set

$$\rho^{i}(c,t) = E(\rho(c,t)/\mathcal{F}_{t}^{c}(i)), \quad \rho^{i,j}(c,t) = E(\rho(c,t)/\mathcal{F}_{t}^{c}(i,j).$$

Then

$$\rho^{i}(c,t) = \exp\bigg\{\int_{0}^{t} (g^{i}(c,s), dw_{i}^{c}(s)) - \frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{t} |g^{i}(c,s)|^{2} ds\bigg\},\$$

where

$$\sigma g^{i}(c,s) = \left[E(a_{c}(s,x) + \sum_{k \neq i} a(x, x_{k}^{*}(s)) \mathbf{1}_{\{|x_{k}^{*}(s)| \le c\}}) \right]_{\{x = x_{i}^{*}(s)\}},$$

and

$$\begin{split} \rho^{i,j}(c,t) &= \exp\bigg\{\int_0^t [(g^i_{ij}(c,s), dw^c_i(s)) + (g^j_{ij}(c,s), dw^c_j(s))]\bigg\}\\ &= \exp\bigg\{-\frac{1}{2}\int_0^t [|g^i_{ij}(c,s)|^2 + |g^j_{ij}(c,s)|^2]ds\bigg\}, \end{split}$$

where

$$\sigma g_{ij}^{i}(c,s) = a(x_{i}^{*}(s), x_{j}^{*}(s)) \mathbf{1}_{\{|x_{i}^{*}(s)| \land |x_{j}^{*}(s)| \le c\}} + \left[E(a_{c}(s,x) + \sum \mathbf{1}_{\{k \neq i\}} \mathbf{1}_{\{k \neq j\}} a(x, x_{k}^{*}(s)) \mathbf{1}_{\{|x_{k}^{*}(s)| \le c\}}) \right]_{\{x = x_{i}^{*}(s)\}}.$$

Remark 4. Assume that τ_c is a stopping time with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t^c)_{t\geq 0}$ satisfying the condition $G_2(c,\tau_c) \leq c_1$, where c_1 is a constant. Then $E\rho(c,\tau_c) = 1$ and $E(\rho(c,\tau_c))^2 \leq \exp{\{c_1\}}$.

Introduce the stochastic processes

$$w_{i}^{*}(c,t) = w_{i}(t) - \sigma^{-1} \int_{0}^{t \wedge \tau_{c}} a_{c}(s, x_{i}^{*}(s), \omega) \mathbb{1}_{\{|x_{i}^{*}(s)| \leq c\}} ds$$
$$-\sigma^{-1} \int_{0}^{t \wedge \tau_{c}} \sum_{i \neq j} a(x_{i}^{*}(s), x_{j}^{*}(s)) \mathbb{1}_{\{|x_{i}^{*}(s)| \lor |x_{j}^{*}(s)| \leq c\}} ds.$$
(8)

Lemma 4. Denote by $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P\}$, the probability space generated by the sequence $\{w_k(t), k = 1, 2, ...\}$ and let P_c be the measure on $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}\}$ for which

$$\frac{dP_c}{dP}(\omega) = \rho(c, \tau_c).$$

Then $\{w_k(c,t), k = 1, 2, ...\}$ is the sequence of independent Wiener processes on the probability space $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}.P_c\}$.

The proof is a consequence of Girsanov's results [8].

Remark 5. Let $c_1 < c_2$ and τ_{c_k} be stopping time with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t^{c_k})_{t\geq 0}, k = 1, 2, \tau_{c_1} < \tau_{c_2}$ and $G_2(c_1, \tau_{c_1}) + G_2(c_2, \tau_{c_2}) \leq c_3$, where c_3 is a constant. Then

$$E(\rho(c_2, \tau_{c_2})/\mathcal{F}^{c_1}_{\tau_{c_1}}) = \rho(c_1, \tau_{c_1}).$$

This formula is a consequence of the relation

$$E(G_1(c_2, \tau_{c_2})/\mathcal{F}^{c_1}_{\tau_{c_1}}) = G_1(c_1, \tau_{c_1}).$$

Lemma 5. Let $\{c_k, k = 1, 2, ...\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers, for which $\lim_{k\to+\infty} c_k = +\infty$. Then there exists a sequence of positive numbers $\{a_k\}$ for which

$$P\left\{\sum_{k} a_k G_2(c_k, t) < \infty\right\} = 1$$

for all t > 0.

Proof. Choose a_k satisfying the inequality

$$P(G_2(c_k, k) > (k^2 a_k)^{-1}) < k^{-2}.$$

Then for any t > 0 we have the relation

$$\sum_{k} P(a_k G_2(c_k, t) > k^{-2}) < t + \sum_{k \ge t} k^{-2} < \infty.$$

This completes the proof. \Box

Corollary 3. Let a sequence $\{a_k\}$ satisfy the statement of Lemma 5. Set

$$G(t) = \sum_{k} a_k G_2(c_k, t).$$

With probability 1 G(t) is an increasing continuous function satisfying the relations G(0) = 0, $\lim_{t\to\infty} G(t) = \infty$. Set

$$\tau^* = \inf\{t : G(t) > b\},\tag{9}$$

where b is a positive number. Then

$$E\rho(c_k,\tau^*) = 1, \ E(\rho(c_k,\tau^*))^2 \le \exp\{ba_k^{-1}\}.$$

4. A THEOREM ON EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL WEAK SOLUTION

Theorem 1. Let conditions (PC) and (IC) be fulfilled, and let τ^* be a stopping time introduced by relation (9). Then the following statements hold:

(i) there exists a probability measure P^* on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) for which

$$P^*(A) = \lim_{c \to \infty} E1_A \rho(c, \tau^*), \quad A \in \bigvee_k \mathcal{F}^{c_k}_{\tau^*}, \quad P^*(A) = P(A), A \in \mathcal{F}^*,$$

where the σ -algebra \mathcal{F}^* is generated by the processes

$$\{x_k^*(t \vee \tau^*) - x_k^*(t), \ t \ge 0, \ k = 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

(ii) the stochastic processes given by the formula

$$\sigma w_k^*(t) = x_k^*(t) - \int_0^{t \wedge \tau^*} \sum_{i \neq k} a(x_k^*(s), x_i^*(s)) ds, \ k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

are independent Wiener processes with respect to the filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{(t\geq 0)}$ on the probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P^*)$.

Proof. Since τ^* is a stopping time, for $A \in \mathcal{F}_{\tau^*}^{c_k}$ we can write, using Remark 5, the relations

$$E1_A\rho(c,\tau^*) = E1_A\rho(c_k,\tau^*)$$

if $c > c_k$. This implies the existence of limits

$$\lim_{c \to \infty} 1_{A \times B} \rho(c, \tau^*), \ A \in \bigvee_k \mathcal{F}^{c_k}_{\tau^*}, \ B \in \mathcal{F}^*.$$

It follows from the last formula that there exists a limit

$$\lim_{c \to \infty} \Phi(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m) \rho(c, \tau^*), \tag{10}$$

where $\Phi \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^m)$ and

$$\xi_i = \langle f_i, \gamma_{t_i}^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \rangle, \ i = 1, \dots, m,$$

where $f_i \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^d), f_i(x) = 0$ for |x| large enough.

Now we prove that there exists a probability measure P^* on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) for which a limit in the formula (10) is represented in the form $E^*\Phi(\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_m)$, where E^* is the expectation with respect to the probability P^* . Set

$$f_n(x, x') = \left(1 - \frac{|x|}{c_n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{|x'|}{c_n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{|x - x'|}\right) \vee 0.$$

Using Corollary 3 we can write the inequality

$$E\langle f_n, \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \times \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \rangle \rho(c, \tau^*)$$

$$\leq (E\langle f_n, \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \times \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \rangle^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}ba_n^{-1}\right\}.$$
 (11)

Denote

$$A_n(t) = E \langle f_n, \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \times \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \rangle^2.$$

The functions $A_n(t)$ are non-negative and continuous. There exists a sequence of positive numbers $\{b_n\}$ for which

$$\sum_{n} b_n (1 + A_n(t)) \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2} b a_n^{-1}\right\} < \infty, \ t > 0.$$
(12)

Formulas (11) and (12) imply the relation

$$\limsup_{c \to \infty} E \sum_{n} b_n \langle f_n, \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \times \gamma_t^*(\gamma_0, \omega) \rangle \rho(c, \tau^*) < \infty.$$

This formula implies that the set of measures $\{P_c^*, c > 0\}$ for which

$$\frac{dP_c^*}{dP}(\omega) = \rho(c,\tau^*)$$

is weakly compact, so there exists a sequence $c'_k, c'_k \to \infty$ for which $P^*_{c'_k}$ converges weakly to a measure P^* . The statement (i) is proved.

Introduce the stopping times

$$\tau_n^* = \inf \left\{ t : \sum_{k \le n} a_k G_2(c_k, t) \ge b \right\},\$$

and set

$$P_n^*(A) = E \mathbb{1}_A \rho(c_n, \tau_n^*), \ A \in \mathcal{F}.$$

Let $\Phi(\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_m)$ be the same as before. Then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} E_n^* \Phi(\xi_1,\ldots,\xi_m) = E^* \Phi(\xi_1,\ldots,\xi_m);$$

here E_n^* is the expectation with respect to probability P_n^* . This formula is a consequence of the relations

$$\tau_n^* > \tau^*, \ \tau_n^* \to \tau^*$$

in probability and

$$E(\rho(c_n, \tau_n^*) / \mathcal{F}_{\tau^*}^{c_n}) = \rho(c_n, \tau^*).$$

Let $w_i^*(c,t)$ be given by formula (8). Then for fixed n the sequence

$$\{w_i^*(c_n, t), i = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

represents independent Wiener processes on the probability space $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P_n^*\}$. Introduce stopping times

$$\zeta_i^n = \inf\{t : |x_i(t)| > c_n - r\}.$$

Since $a_c(x, \omega) = 0$ for $|x| < c_n - r$, we have

$$w_i^*(c_n, t \lor \zeta_i^n) = w_i^*(t \lor \zeta_i^n).$$

Using Remark 3 we can prove that the relation

$$\lim_{c \to \infty} \limsup_{n \to \infty} P_n^* \{ \sup_{s \le t} |x_i^*(s)| > c \} = 0$$
(13)

is fulfilled for any i and t > 0. Let Φ, h_1, \ldots, h_m be the same as before. Set

$$\xi_i^* = \int_0^t h_i(s) dw_i^*(s), \quad \xi_i^n = \int_0^t h_i(s) dw_i^*(c_n, s), \quad i = 1, \dots$$

Note that

$$E_n^* \Phi(\xi_1^n, \dots, \xi_m^n) = E \Phi\left(\int_0^t h_1(s) dw_1(s), \dots, \int_0^t h_m(s) dw_m(s)\right)$$
(14)

for all n. Denote the expression in the right hand side of formula (14) by Φ . Then

$$E_n^* \Phi(\xi_1^*, \dots, \xi_m^*) = \bar{\Phi} + E_n^* O\bigg(\sum_{i \le m} \mathbb{1}_{\{\sup_{s \le t} |x_i^*(s)| > c_n - r\}}\bigg).$$
(15)

Formulas (13) and (15) imply the relation

$$E^*\Phi(\xi_1^*,\ldots,\xi_m^*) = \lim_{n\to\infty} E_n^*\Phi(\xi_1^*,\ldots,\xi_m^*) = \bar{\Phi}.$$

The statement (ii) is proved. \Box

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