

Representation of Stochastic Process by Means of Stochastic Integrals

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Abstract

This paper produces an affirmative solution to Kolmogorov concerning the normal distribution.

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1.Introduction

Let $X(t)$ be a stochastic process for $t \geq 0$; the random variable $X(t_2) - X(t_1)$ is called the increment of the process $X(t)$ over the interval $[t_1, t_2]$. A process $X(t)$ is said to be homogeneous if the distribution function of the increment $X(t + \tau) - X(t)$ depends only on the length τ of the interval but is independent of t . Two intervals are said to be non – overlapping intervals if they have no common interior point. A process $X(t)$ is called a process with independent increments if the increments over non – overlapping intervals are independent. A process is said to be continuous at the point t if for any $\epsilon > 0$ $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} P(|X(t + \tau) - X(t)| > \epsilon) = 0$. A process is continuous in an interval $[A, B]$ if it is continuous in every point of $[A, B]$.

Let $X(t)$ be a homogeneous and continuous process with independent increments and let us denote the characteristic function of the increment $X(t + \tau) - X(t)$ by $f(u, \tau)$. It is known that $f(u, \tau)$ is infinitely divisible and that $f(u, \tau) = f(u, 1)$.

Let b be a function defined in $[A, B]$ and v a non – negative function in $[A, B]$. Let us consider for each integer n a subdivision of $[A, B]$ (\mathcal{D}_n) $A = t_{n,0} < t_{n,1} < \dots < t_{n,n} = B$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) and assume that

$$\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (t_{n,k} - t_{n,k-1}) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

In each subinterval $[t_{n,k-1}, t_{n,k}]$ select a point $t_{n,k}^*$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, n$). Let us form the sums

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b(t_{n,k}^*) [X(v(t_{n,k})) - X(v(t_{n,k-1}))]$$

If the sequence S_n converges in probability to a random variable S , and if this limit is independent of the choice of the subdivision (\mathcal{D}_n) and the points $t_{n,k}^*$, then say that S is a stochastic integral in the sense of convergence in probability and write

$$S = \int_A^B b(t) dX(v(t)).$$

The following theorem gives a condition ensuring the existence of the stochastic integral in the sense of convergence in probability.

Theorem 1.1

Let $X(t)$ be a homogeneous and continuous process with independent increments defined for $t \geq 0$. Suppose that the function b is continuous in $[A, B]$ and v is a non-decreasing, non-negative and left continuous function in $[A, B]$. Then the stochastic integral

$$\int_A^B b(t) dX(v(t)) \tag{1.1}$$

exists in the sense of convergence in probability and its characteristic function h is given by

$$\log h(u) = \int_A^B \log f(u \cdot b(t)) dv(t) \tag{1.2}$$

Let b and v be as in theorem 1.1. It is well known that there exists a finite Borel measure V with support contained in $[A, B]$ such that

$$V((-\infty, t)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t < A \\ v(t) - v(A) & \text{if } A \leq t \leq B \\ v(B) - v(A) & \text{if } t > B \end{cases}$$

Put

$$v_b(t) = V(b^{-1}(-\infty, t))$$

then v_b is a non-decreasing, non-negative and left continuous function. Further we put,

$$C = \min_{A \leq t \leq B} b(t)$$

and

$$D = \max_{A \leq t \leq B} b(t)$$

By theorem 1.1 the stochastic integral

$$\int_A^B t dX(v_b(t)) \quad (1.3)$$

exists and its characteristic function h_1 is given by

$$\log h_1(u) = \int_A^B \log f(u \cdot b(t)) dv_b(t)$$

by the transform formula for integrals, we have

$$\int_A^B \log f(u \cdot b(t)) dv(t) = \int_A^B \log f(u \cdot t) dv_b(t).$$

Theorem 1.2

Let $X(t)$, b and v be as in Theorem 1.1. Then the integrals (1.1) and (1.3) are identically distributed.

2. Representation Theorem

Theorem 2.1

Let $X(t)$ be a homogeneous and continuous process with independent increments defined for $t \geq 0$ and let the Levy canonical representation of the characteristic function of $X(0) - X(1)$ be given by a, σ, M and N . Let v be a non-decreasing, non-negative and left continuous function in $[A, B]$. Then the Levy canonical representation for the characteristic function of the stochastic integral

$$\int_A^B t dX(v(t)) \quad (2.1)$$

is given by the following formulas:

$$a_v = \int_A^B (ta + t(1-t^2)) \int_{0+}^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{(1+(tx)^2)(1+x^2)} d(M(-x) + N(x)) + dv(t); \quad (2.2)$$

$$\sigma_v^2 = \sigma^2 \int_A^B t^2 dv(t) \quad (2.3)$$

$$M_v(x) = \int_{\min(A,0)}^{\min(B,0)} -N\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) dv(t) + \int_{\max(A,0)}^{\max(B,0)} M\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) dv(t) \quad (x < 0) \quad (2.4)$$

$$N_v(x) = \int_{\min(A,0)}^{\min(B,0)} -M\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) dv(t) + \int_{\max(A,0)}^{\max(B,0)} N\left(\frac{x}{t}\right) dv(t) \quad (x > 0) \quad (2.5)$$

Lemma 2.1

The function g is an infinitely divisible characteristic function if, and only if, it can be

written in the form

$$\log g(u) = iau + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} u^2 + \int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(u, x) dM(x) + \int_{+0}^{\infty} r(u, x) dN(x)$$

where a, σ are real constants; M and n are non – decreasing in the intervals $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$ respectively, with

$$M(-\infty) = N(\infty) = 0$$

$$\int_{-\epsilon}^{0-} x^2 dM(x) < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{0+}^{\epsilon} x^2 dN(x) < \infty \quad \text{for every } \epsilon > 0$$

and

$$r(u, x) = e^{iux} - 1 - (iux/(1 + x^2)) \tag{2.6}$$

Proof of theorem 2.1

With out loss of generality let us assume that $A \leq 0 \leq B$. First we assume that there exists a number $t_0 > 0$ such that t_0 is a point of continuity of v and $v(t_0) - v(-t_0) = 0$ (2.7)

The characteristic function of (2.1) is denoted by h . Then by theorem 1.1 we have

$$\log h(u) = \int_A^B \log f(u \cdot t) dv(t) \tag{2.8}$$

Now let us define a function s by

$$s(u, x, t) = r(ut, x) - r(u, tx)$$

where in view of (2.6)

$$s(u, x, t) = \frac{it(1 - t^2)x^3u}{(1 + (tx)^2)(1 + x^2)}$$

Since $s(u, x, t) = o(x^2)$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ and $s(u, x, t) = o(1)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ the function s is integrable with respect to M and N . By Lemma 2.1 and the definition of s we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \log f(ut) &= iaut - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} (ut)^2 + \int_{-\infty}^{-0} (r(u, tx) + s(u, x, t)) dM(x) \\ &+ \int_{+0}^{\infty} (r(u, tx) + s(u, x, t)) dN(x) \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

By virtue of (2.8) and (2.9) let us obtain

$$\log h(u) = iau \int_A^B t dv(t) - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} u^2 \int_A^B t^2 dv(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_A^B \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-0} s(u, x, t) dM(x) + \int_{+0}^{\infty} s(u, x, t) dN(x) \right) dv(t) \\
& + \int_A^B \left(\int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(u, tx) dM(x) + \int_{+0}^{\infty} r(u, tx) dN(x) \right) dv(t)
\end{aligned}$$

Using the definitions of a_v and σ_v we can write this relation in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
\log h(u) &= ia_v t - \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2} (ut)^2 + \int_A^B \int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(u, tx) dM(x) dv(t) \\
&+ \int_A^B \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, tx) dN(x) dv(t)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

and in view of (2.7), Let us have

$$\begin{aligned}
\log h(u) &= ia_v t - \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2} (ut)^2 + \int_A^{-t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(u, tx) dM(x) dv(t) \\
&+ \int_{t_0}^B \int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(u, tx) dM(x) dv(t) \\
&+ \int_{t_0}^B \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, tx) dN(x) dv(t) \\
&+ \int_{t_0}^B \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, tx) dN(x) dv(t)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Decomposing the third term on the right – hand side of (2.11) we get for every $\varepsilon > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_A^{-t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(u, tx) dM(x) dv(t) \\
&= \int_A^{-t_0} \int_{-\varepsilon}^{-0} r(u, tx) dM(x) dv(t) + \int_A^{t_0} \int_{-\infty}^{-\varepsilon} r(u, tx) dN(x) dv(t) \\
&= I_1 + I_2
\end{aligned}$$

Applying L' Hospital's rule twice we find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r(u, tx)}{x^2} = -\frac{(ut)^2}{2}$$

Hence there is a constant C_1 such that for fixed u and $t \in [A, -t_0]$

$$|r(u, tx)| \leq C_1(ut)^2 x^2$$

Therefore let us get for I_1 the estimation ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+$)

$$|I_1| \leq C_1 u^2 \int_A^{-t_0} t^2 dv(t) \int_{-\varepsilon}^{0-} x^2 dM(x) = o(1)$$

Further we can transform I_2 in the following way.

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_A^{-t_0} \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} r(u, x) d_x \left(-M \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) \right) dv(t) \\ &= \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} r(u, x) d_x \int_A^{-t_0} -M \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) dv(t) \end{aligned}$$

so let us obtain as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$I = \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, x) d \left(\int_A^{-t_0} -M \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) dv(t) \right)$$

Transforming the fourth, fifth and sixth terms of (2.11) in a similar manner to the third one we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log h(u) &= ia_v t - \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2} (ut)^2 + \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, x) d \left(\int_A^{-t_0} -M \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) dv(t) \right) \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{0-} r(u, x) d \int_{t_0}^B M \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) dv(t) \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{0-} r(u, x) d \int_A^{-t_0} -N \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) dv(t) \\ &\quad + \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, x) d \int_{t_0}^B N \left(\frac{x}{t} \right) dv(t) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, using the definition of M_v and N_v , we can rewrite this relation in the form,

$$\log h(u) = ia_v t - \frac{\sigma_v^2}{2} (ut)^2 + \int_{-\infty}^{0-} r(u, x) dM_v(x) + \int_{0+}^{\infty} r(u, x) dN_v(x)$$

Let us complete the proof by showing that a_v, σ_v, M_v and N_v satisfy the condition of Lemma 2.1. Obviously a_v and σ_v^2 are real constants and $\sigma_v^2 \geq 0$. By definition it is easily seen that M_v and N_v are non – decreasing in the intervals $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$, respectively, having the properties $M_v(-\infty) = N_v(\infty) = 0$

For every $\varepsilon > 0$ we obtain the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{0+}^{\varepsilon} x^2 dN_v(x) &= \int_{t_0}^B t^2 \int_{0+}^{\varepsilon/t} x^2 dN(x) dv(t) + \int_A^{-t_0} t^2 \int_{\varepsilon/t}^{0-} x^2 dM(x) dv(t) \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^B t^2 dv(t) \int_{0+}^{\varepsilon/t_0} x^2 dN(x) + \int_A^{-t_0} t^2 dv(t) \int_{\varepsilon/t_0}^{0-} x^2 dM(x) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, let us get

$$\int_{-\varepsilon}^{0-} x^2 dM_v(x) < \infty$$

Then Lemma 2.1 shows the statement provided that (2.7) is valid.

Now let us turning to the general case in which (2.7) need not be true. Put for $n \geq \max(-1/A, 1/B)$

$$v_n(t) = \begin{cases} v(t) & \text{if } t \leq -1/n \\ v(-1/n) & \text{if } -1/n < t \leq 1/n \\ v(t) & \text{if } t > 1/n \end{cases}$$

Obviously, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n(t) = v(t) \tag{2.12}$$

and the functions v_n satisfying (2.7) are non – decreasing, non – negative and left – continuous. Hence let us can apply the first part of the proof to the stochastic integrals

$$\int_A^B t dX(v_n(t)) \tag{2.13}$$

and obtain representation of $a_{v_n}, \sigma_{v_n}, M_{v_n}$ and N_{v_n} by formulas analogous to (2.2) – (2.5) using Helly's second theorem, we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_A^B \log f(u \cdot t) dv(t) = \int_A^B \log f(u \cdot t) dv(t) \quad (2.14)$$

Because $\log f(u \cdot t)$ – considered as function of t – is continuous and bounded and by (2.12) the sequence v_n converges weakly to v . Let us denote the characteristic function of (2.13) by h_v . In view of theorem 1.1 . relation (2.14) is equivalent

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n(u) = h(u)$$

Using the known fact that under this circumstance $a_v \rightarrow a_{v_n}, \sigma_v \rightarrow \sigma_{v_n}, M_{v_n} \Rightarrow M_v$ and $N_{v_n} \Rightarrow N_v$ (\Rightarrow stands for weak convergence) the statement follows.

3.ON A PROBLEM OF KOLMOGOROV CONCERNING THE NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

The following theorem gives an affirmative answer to a question posed by A. N. Kolmogorov.

Theorem3.1

Let F be an infinitely divisible (i.d.) distribution function and

$$F(x) = \Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{u^2/2} du \text{ for } x < 0; \text{ then } F(x) \equiv \Phi(x)$$

For the proof let us start by collecting together several lemmas.

Lemma 3.2

Let F be i. d. and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-yx} dF(x) < \infty, \quad y > 0.$$

Then the Levy representation of $f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} dF(x)$

$$\log f(iy) = -ay + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} y^2 + \int_{-\infty}^{-0} r(y, u) dM(u) + \int_{+0}^{\infty} r(y, u) dN(u)$$

where

$$r(y, u) = e^{-yu} - 1 + \frac{yu}{1 + u^2}$$

holds for $y > 0$.

Lemma 3.3

Under the assumptions of lemma 3.2 $\log f(iy)$ increases at least exponentially, if $M(U) \not\equiv 0$.

Proof

Using the formula

$$r(y, u) = e^{-yu} - 1 + yu - y \frac{u^3}{1 + u^2}$$

we obtain for $\eta > 0$

$$\int_{+0}^{\infty} r(y, u) dN(u) = y \int_{+0}^{\eta} l(yu) u dN(u) - y \int_{+0}^{\eta} \frac{u^3}{1 + u^2} dN(u) + \int_{\eta}^{\infty} r(y, u) dN(u)$$

where

$$l(v) = v^{-1}(e^{-v} - 1 + v) > 0$$

whence we get the estimation

$$\int_{+0}^{\infty} r(y, u) dN(u) \geq -y \int_{+0}^{\eta} \frac{u^3}{1 + u^2} dN(u) - \int_{\eta}^{\infty} dN(u) = L_{\eta}(y) \text{ (say)}$$

Now we choose $-\infty < p < q < 0$ and assume $M(q) > M(p)$. Then we obtain from lemma 3.2

$$\log f(iy) \geq -ay + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} y^2 + \int_p^q \left(e^{y|u|} - 1 - \frac{y|u|}{1 + u^2} \right) dM(u) + L_{\eta}(y)$$

This proves the assertion.

Lemma 3.4

Let

$$\Phi_-(x) = \begin{cases} 2\Phi(x), & x < 0 \\ 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

then the corresponding characteristic function (c. f.) is

$$\varphi_-(t) = e^{-t^2/2} \left(1 - i \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^t e^{w^2/2} dw \right)$$

with the asymptotic behaviour

$$\varphi_-(iy) = e^{-y^2/2} (2 + o(e^{-y^2/2})) \quad (y \rightarrow \infty).$$

Proof

We have to calculate

$$f(t) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{itu} e^{-u^2/2} du = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-\frac{1}{2}(it-u)^2} du$$

The second integral can be evaluated by means of contour integration starting with

$$0 = \int_Z^0 e^{-\frac{1}{2}(it-\zeta)^2} d\zeta + \int_0^{it} (\dots) + \int_{it}^{it+Z} (\dots) + \int_{it+Z}^Z (\dots)$$

and letting $Z \rightarrow -\infty$. Equation (4) is an easy consequence of (3).

Lemma 3.5

Let $\hat{f}(t)$ be the c. f. of an i. d. distribution $\hat{F}(x)$. Then $\hat{F}(0) = 0, \hat{F}(\varepsilon) > 0$ if and only if in the corresponding Levy representation— characterized by $(\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}, \hat{M}, \hat{N})$.

We have

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0, \hat{M}(u) \equiv 0(u < 0), \int_{+0}^1 u d\hat{N}(u) < \infty, \hat{a} + \int_{+0}^{\infty} \frac{u}{1+u^2} d\hat{N}(u) = 0$$

In this case we have

$$\log \hat{f}(iy) = \int_{+0}^{\infty} (e^{-yu} - 1) d\hat{N}(u)$$

Proof

Putting $G(x) = 2F(x) - 1, x > 0$, we represent F by

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} [\Phi_-(x) + G(x)].$$

We denote the c. f. of $G(x)$ by $g(t)$ with the property $g(iy) < 1 (y > 0)$ and obtain by lemma 3

$$\log f(iy) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-yx} dF(x) = \frac{1}{2} [\varphi_-(iy) + g(iy)] = e^{y^2/2} [1 + O(e^{-y^2/2})]$$

i.e

$$\log f(iy) = \frac{y^2}{2} + O(e^{-y^2/2})$$

By lemma 1 we also have the representation (1). We are going to compare the asymptotic ($y \rightarrow \infty$) behaviour of (1) and (5). From Lemma 2 we immediately get the conclusion $M(u) \equiv 0(u < 0)$.

So we have to direct our attention to the function $N(u)$ ($u > 0$), which always has the property

$$\int_{+0}^1 u^2 dN(u) < \infty.$$

We have to consider two cases.

$$\alpha) \quad \int_{+0}^1 u dN(u) < \infty.$$

The function $l(u)$ in (2) is increasing, hence, putting

$$H(u) = \int_1^u v dN(v) \quad (NB: H(+0) = -\infty),$$

We have for $\eta > 0$

$$R_\eta(y) =: \int_0^\eta l(yu) u dN(u) > \int_1^{y\eta} l(v) dH\left(\frac{v}{y}\right) \geq e^{-1} [H(\eta) - H(y^{-1})]$$

Therefore, by assumption α), $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} R_\eta(y) = \infty$. Now we conclude from (1) and

$$\begin{aligned} \log f(iy) &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2} y^2 + y \left[-a + R_\eta(y) - \int_{+0}^\eta \frac{u^3}{1+u^2} dN(u) + \int_\eta^\infty \frac{u}{1+u^2} dN(u) \right] + \\ &\int_\eta^\infty (e^{-yu} - 1) dN(u) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} y^2 + yR_\eta(y)(1 + o(1)) \end{aligned}$$

This formula must be compared with (5).

Let us first assume that $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} y^{-1} R_\eta(y) = 0$. Then it follows $\sigma = 1$, and we have the contradiction

$$yR_\eta(y) = O(e^{-y^2/2})$$

On the other hand, if we have

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} y^{-1} R_\eta(y) = l_\eta > 0,$$

then we get

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{2} + l_\eta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now we note that (as $l(v)v^{-1} < c, \forall v > 0$)

$$yR_\eta(y) = y^2 \int_{+0}^{\eta} \left[\frac{l(yu)}{yu} \right] u^2 dN(u) \leq cy^2 \int_{+0}^{\eta} u^2 dN(u),$$

Therefore l_η can be made arbitrarily small.

Hence we again obtain $\sigma = 1$ and the wrong equation (6). So assumption α is false.

$$\beta) \quad \int_{+0}^1 u dN(u) < \infty.$$

In this case (1) yields

$$\log f(iy) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} y^2 + y \left[-a + \int_{\eta}^{\infty} \frac{u}{1+u^2} dN(u) \right] + S_\eta(y) + \int_{\eta}^{\infty} (e^{-yu} - 1) dN(u)$$

where

$$S_\eta(y) = \int_{+0}^{\eta} (e^{-yu} - 1) dN(u) = y \int_{+0}^{\eta} \frac{e^{-yu} - 1}{yu} d \int_{+0}^u v dN(u)$$

The integrand is increasing, i. e.

$$-y \int_{+0}^{\eta} v dN(u) \leq S_\eta(y) \leq 0$$

Comparing (7) and (5), we now immediately obtain $\sigma = 1$ and

$$\left[-a + \int_{+0}^{\infty} \frac{u}{1+u^2} dN(u) \right] + \frac{1}{y} S_\eta(y) = O(e^{-y^2/2})$$

Putting

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} y^{-1} S_\eta(y) = s_\eta$$

we get from (9)

$$\left[-a + \int_{+0}^{\infty} \frac{u}{1+u^2} dN(u) \right] + S_\eta = 0$$

But (8) shows, that $|S_\eta| \leq \int_{+0}^{\eta} v dN(v)$ can be chosen arbitrarily small. Therefore

$$\left[-a + \int_{+0}^{\infty} \frac{u}{1-u^2} dN(u) \right] = 0$$

From Lemma 4 and (7) we now conclude that

$$f(iy) = e^{\frac{\sigma^2}{2}y^2} \hat{f}(iy)$$

where $\hat{f}(t)$ is the c. f. of a distribution function $\hat{F}(x)$ with $\hat{F}(0) = 0, \hat{F}(\varepsilon) > 0$.

In view of (5) this is possible only for $\hat{f}(iy) \equiv 1$, i. e. $\hat{N}(u) = N(u) \equiv 0$. Finally we obtain $a = 0$ from (10). The proof is complete.

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