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ABSTRACT. To a diffusion on R^n , we associate a heat equation on the path space $P(R^n)$ of continuous maps defined on $[0, 1]$ with values in R^n . The heat operator is obtained by taking the sum of the square of twisted derivatives with respect to an orthonormal basis of the Cameron-Martin space. We give the expression of this heat operator when it acts on cylindrical functions defined on the Wiener space.

RÉSUMÉ. A une diffusion sur R^n , on associe une équation de la chaleur sur $P(R^n)$, l'espace des applications continues, définies sur $[0, 1]$ à valeurs dans R^n . L'opérateur de la chaleur est construit en prenant la somme des carrés des dérivées amorties par rapport à une base de l'espace de Cameron-Martin. On exprime cet opérateur de la chaleur sur les fonctions cylindriques définies sur l'espace de Wiener.

§0: INTRODUCTION

Let $\Omega = P(R^n)$ be the Wiener space of continuous maps from $[0, 1]$ with values in R^n and let $I : \omega \rightarrow x(\omega)$ be a map from Ω to itself. We assume that, for any $\tau \in [0, 1]$, the map $\omega \rightarrow x_\tau(\omega)$ is differentiable on the Wiener space and that it is adapted. Given the heat operator A on the Wiener space $P(R^n)$ [See [2]], we construct a new operator \tilde{A} . The operator \tilde{A} is the image of the operator A through the map I , and satisfy the identity

$$A(f \circ I) = (\tilde{A}f) \circ I \tag{0.1}$$

This allows to obtain a heat equation associated to the map I . The operator \tilde{A} is obtained by taking the sum of the square of twisted derivatives with respect to a basis $(e_{k,\alpha})_{k \geq 0, 1 \leq \alpha \leq n}$ of the Cameron-Martin space of the Wiener space. We express the operator \tilde{A} when it is applied to cylindrical functions defined on the Wiener space $P(R^n)$. The identity (0.1) extends to the Wiener space the elementary following computation: Let $A = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$ be the derivative of order 2 on R , viewed as the infinitesimal generator of the brownian diffusion on R , and let ϕ be a differentiable homeomorphism of R ; then $A(f \circ \phi) = (\tilde{A}f) \circ \phi$ holds where

$$\tilde{A} = (\phi'[\phi^{-1}(x)])^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \phi''(\phi^{-1}(x)) \frac{d}{dx} \tag{0.2}$$

is the infinitesimal generator of a new diffusion on R . We explicit the computations when the map I is the Ito map associated to the diffusion on R^n

$$dx(\tau) = d\omega(\tau) + b(x(\tau))d\tau \quad (0.3)$$

This method extends when I is a map from $P(R^n)$ to $P(M)$ the path space of a Riemannian manifold M ; it allows to obtain new diffusions on the space $P(M)$. See [3] for further developments related to this subject.

§1 NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Let ω be the brownian on R^n , and consider the diffusion given by the stochastic differential equation (0.3) where b is a differentiable map from R^n to R^n . We denote by

$$I : \omega \rightarrow x(\omega) \quad (1.1)$$

the Ito map and let

$$g_t : \omega \rightarrow \sqrt{t}\omega \quad (1.2)$$

be the dilation on $P(R^n)$. The evaluation map φ_τ at τ is given by

$$\varphi_\tau(\omega) = \omega_\tau$$

and we put

$$\tilde{\varphi}_\tau = \varphi_\tau \circ I \quad (1.3)$$

We denote by μ the Wiener measure on $\Omega = C([0, 1], R^n)$ and let $\nu_t = (I \circ g_t) * \mu$ be the image of the Wiener measure μ by the map $I \circ g_t$. The Cameron-Martin space H is the set of differentiable functions h in $L^2([0, 1]; R)$ such that $\int_0^1 h'(s)^2 ds < +\infty$. We consider for a basis of the Cameron-Martin space H , the functions defined by

$$e_{k,\alpha}(\tau) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\sin(k\pi\tau)}{k\pi} \otimes \varepsilon_\alpha \quad (1.4)$$

with $k \geq 1$ and

$$e_{0,\alpha}(\tau) = \tau \otimes \varepsilon_\alpha$$

where $(\varepsilon_\alpha)_{\alpha=1,\dots,n}$ is a basis of R^n . We shall write

$$e_k(\tau) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\sin(k\pi\tau)}{k\pi}$$

$$e_0(\tau) = \tau$$

Let h be an element of the Cameron-Martin space H and let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. We let

$$D_h f(\omega) = \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} f(\omega + \varepsilon h) \quad (1.5)$$

For $s \in [0, 1]$, we define $D_s f(\omega)$ such that

$$D_h f(\omega) = \int_0^1 D_s f(\omega) h'(s) ds \quad (1.6)$$

Let

$$\nabla f(\omega)(s) = \int_0^s D_u f(\omega) du \quad (1.7)$$

On the Cameron-Martin space H , denote $(\cdot | \cdot)_H$ the scalar product given by $(h_1 | h_2)_H = \int_0^1 h_1'(s) h_2'(s) ds$. We have

$$D_h(\omega) = (h | \nabla f(\omega)) \quad (1.8)$$

and for f_1 and f_2 defined on Ω with real values, we have

$$(\nabla f_1(\omega) | \nabla f_2(\omega)) = \int_0^1 D_s f_1(\omega) D_s f_2(\omega) ds \quad (1.9)$$

§2 TWISTING AND INTERTWINING IDENTITIES

Let b' be the Jacobian map of b and let h in the Cameron-Martin space; we put

$$\beta(\tau)(\omega) = \int_0^\tau \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u) du\right] h'(s) ds \quad (2.1)$$

Definition 2.1. We call $\beta(\tau)$ the twisted vector field associated to the element h through the diffusion (0.3).

We denote $\beta'(\tau) = \frac{d}{d\tau} \beta(\tau)$ the derivative of β as a function of τ . By (2.1), we have

$$\beta'(\tau)(\omega) = h'(\tau) + b'(\omega_\tau) \beta(\tau)(\omega) \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\beta(0)(\omega) = 0$$

Lemma 2.1. Assume that β and h are related by (2.1), then the derivative of the evaluation map (1.3) is

$$D_h \tilde{\varphi}_\tau(\omega) = \beta(\tau)(I\omega) \quad (2.3)$$

proof. Let $h \in H$; from (1.2) and (0.3), the function

$$y^\epsilon(\tau)(\omega) = \tilde{\varphi}_\tau(\omega + \epsilon h)$$

is solution of the stochastic equation

$$dy^\epsilon(\tau)(\omega) = d\omega(\tau) + \epsilon h'(\tau)d\tau + b(y^\epsilon(\tau)(\omega))d\tau \quad (2.4)$$

Taking the derivative with respect to ϵ , we obtain that

$$z(\tau)(\omega) = \frac{d}{d\epsilon}|_{\epsilon=0} y^\epsilon(\tau)(\omega)$$

satisfies

$$dz(\tau)(\omega) = h'(\tau)d\tau + b'(x(\tau)(\omega))z(\tau)d\tau$$

and

$$z(0)(\omega) = 0$$

By (2.2), we obtain the identity (2.3).

Corollary. We have

$$D_s x(\tau)(\omega) = \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(x(u)(\omega))du\right] \quad (2.5)$$

proof. $D_s x(\tau)(\omega)$ means $D_s \tilde{\varphi}_\tau(\omega)$ Thus, by (2.3) and (1.6), we have

$$\beta(\tau)(I\omega) = \int_0^\tau D_s x_\tau(\omega) h'(s) ds \quad (2.6)$$

Then, we use (2.1).

Remark: If we denote $\varphi_\tau(\omega) = \omega_\tau$ then (2.6) can be written

$$\beta(\tau)(\omega) = ((\nabla(\varphi_\tau \circ I)(I^{-1}(\omega))|h)_H) \quad (2.7)$$

Definition 2.2. We let

$$D_\beta f(\omega) = \frac{d}{d\epsilon}|_{\epsilon=0} f(\omega + \epsilon\beta(\omega)) \quad (2.8)$$

Lemma 2.2. *If β is the twisted vector field related to h through (2.1), the following intertwining relation holds*

$$D_h(f \circ I)(\omega) = (D_\beta f)(I\omega) \quad (2.9)$$

proof.

$$D_h(f \circ I)(\omega) = \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} (f \circ I)(\omega + \varepsilon h) \quad (2.10)$$

We verify (2.9) when $f = \psi \circ \varphi_\tau$ where $\varphi_\tau(\omega) = \omega_\tau$ and $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. For the solution $y^\varepsilon(\tau)$ of (2.4), we have

$$(f \circ I)(\omega + \varepsilon h) = \psi(y^\varepsilon(\tau)) \quad (2.11)$$

We deduce that

$$\frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \psi(y^\varepsilon(\tau)) = \psi'(x_\tau) \beta(\tau)(I\omega) \quad (2.12)$$

On the other hand

$$(D_\beta f)(\omega) = \psi'(\omega(\tau)) \beta(\tau)(\omega) \quad (2.13)$$

By comparison of (2.13) and (2.12), we get (2.9).

Remark that (2.3) is the particular case of (2.9) when $f = \varphi_\tau$.

Definition 2.3. *When h and β are related through (2.1), we define the twisted derivative $\tilde{D}_h f$ by*

$$\tilde{D}_h f(\omega) = D_\beta f(\omega) \quad (2.14)$$

Lemma 2.3. *We have*

$$(\tilde{D}_h^2 f)(I\omega) = D_h^2(f \circ I)(\omega) \quad (2.15)$$

proof. From (2.14) and (2.9), we get

$$(\tilde{D}_h f)(I\omega) = D_h(f \circ I)(\omega) \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{D}_h(\tilde{D}_h f)(I\omega) &= D_h((\tilde{D}_h f) \circ I)(\omega) \\ &= D_h(D_h(f \circ I))(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain (2.15).

§3 HEAT OPERATORS ON THE SPACE $P(R^n)$

We shall construct the heat operator on $P(R^n)$ using the Ito map.

Definition 3.1. Let $e_{k,\alpha}$ given by (1.4) and let $D_{e_{k,\alpha}}$ the derivation in the direction $e_{k,\alpha}$ (See (1.5)), we define the second order operator

$$A = \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \leq n} D_{e_{k,\alpha}}^2 \quad (3.1)$$

The operator A on $P(R^n)$ does not depend on the basis of the Cameron-Martin space; See [2].

Definition 3.2. Let $\tilde{D}_{e_{k,\alpha}}$ be the twisted derivation, we define the twisted operator \tilde{A} by

$$\tilde{A} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \leq n} \tilde{D}_{e_{k,\alpha}}^2 \quad (3.2)$$

We verify that the definition (3.2) for the operator \tilde{A} on $P(R^n)$ does not depend on the basis of the Cameron-Martin space.

Lemma 3.1. We have

$$A(f \circ I) = (\tilde{A}f) \circ I \quad (3.3)$$

proof. This is a consequence of (2.15), (3.1) and (3.2).

We shall see in §4 that \tilde{A} corresponds to a change of variables on the Wiener space analogous to the elementary one (0.2) on R .

Definition 3.3. We denote by μ the Wiener measure on $\Omega = C([0, 1], R^n)$ and let

$$\nu_t = (I \circ g_t) * \mu \quad (3.4)$$

the image of the Wiener measure μ through the map $I \circ g_t$. See (1.2).

Theorem 3.1. Let f be a regular function from $P(R^n)$ to R . We have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int f(\omega) d\nu_t(\omega) = \int \tilde{A}f(\omega) d\nu_t(\omega) \quad (3.5)$$

proof. We verify (3.4) when $f(\omega) = \psi(\omega_{r_1}, \omega_{r_2})$ and $\psi : R^n \rightarrow R$. In this case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int f(\omega) d\nu_t(\omega) &= \int f(I \circ g_t(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) \\ &= \int \psi(x_{r_1}(\sqrt{t}\omega), x_{r_2}(\sqrt{t}\omega)) d\mu(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

From the heat equation related to the brownian motion on $P(R^n)$, we know (see [2]) that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int (f \circ I)(g_t(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) = \int A(f \circ I)(g_t(\omega)) d\mu(\omega) \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.6) and (3.3), we deduce (3.5).

§4 EXPRESSION OF THE TWISTED LAPLACIAN \tilde{A} ON CYLINDRICAL FUNCTIONS

Notation. Let $p_i : R^n \rightarrow R$ be the projection on the i component; we denote

$$x^i(\tau) = p_i \circ \tilde{\varphi}_\tau$$

and $x(\tau) = (x^1(\tau), x^2(\tau), \dots, x^n(\tau))$. We put $\nabla x^i(\tau) = \nabla(p_i \circ \tilde{\varphi}_\tau)$.

From (1.9), we have

$$(\nabla x^i(\tau) | \nabla x^j(\tau))_H = \int_0^\tau D_s x^i(\tau) D_s x^j(\tau) ds \quad (4.1)$$

Theorem 4.1. Let $\psi : R^n \rightarrow R$ and $\varphi_\tau(\omega) = \omega_\tau$. We have

$$\tilde{A}(\psi \circ \varphi_\tau) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} (\nabla x^i(\tau) | \nabla x^j(\tau))_H (I^{-1} \omega) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(\omega_\tau) + A(x^i(\tau)) (I^{-1} \omega) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i}(\omega_\tau) \quad (4.2)$$

The proof of (4.2) will result from the following lemmas and definitions.

Remark: If we take a $\Phi = (\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_n)$ to be a differentiable homeomorphism of R^n and let

$$\Delta = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$$

to be the usual Laplacian on R^n , we have, for $F : R^n \rightarrow R$

$$\Delta(F \circ \Phi) = (\tilde{\Delta} F) \circ \Phi$$

with

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \sum_{i,j} (\nabla \Phi_i | \nabla \Phi_j) (\Phi^{-1}(x)) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} (\Delta \Phi_i) (\Phi^{-1}(x)) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

The theorem 4.1 is an extension of this remark to the Wiener space.

Definition 4.1. Let

$$M(s, \tau)(\omega) = \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u) du\right] \quad (4.3)$$

From (2.5), we see that

$$M(s, \tau)(I\omega) = D_s x(\tau)(\omega) \quad (4.4)$$

Lemma 4.2. *We assume that we have a one dimensional diffusion, i.e. $n = 1$ in (0.3). For $k \geq 1$, let*

$$\beta_k(\tau)(\omega) = \int_0^\tau M(s, \tau)(\omega) \sqrt{2} \cos(k\pi s) ds \quad (4.5)$$

and

$$\beta_0(\tau)(\omega) = \int_0^\tau M(s, \tau)(\omega) ds \quad (4.6)$$

We have

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \beta_k(\tau)^2(\omega) = \int_0^\tau \exp[2 \int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u) du] ds \quad (4.7)$$

proof. For fixed τ , let g be the even function which is periodic, of period 2 and given by

$$g(s) = 1_{s \leq \tau} \exp[\int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u) du] \quad (4.8)$$

Its development in Fourier series, for $s \leq \tau$ is equal to

$$\beta_0(\tau) + \sum_{k \geq 1} 2\beta_k(\tau) \cos(k\pi s) = g(s) \quad (4.9)$$

From Parseval's identities, we obtain

$$2 \int_0^1 g(s)^2 ds = 2 \sum_{k \geq 0} \beta_k(\tau)^2 \quad (4.10)$$

This proves (4.7).

Lemma 4.3. *The line vectors of the matrix $M(s, \tau)(I\omega)$ are the vectors $D_s x^i(\tau)(\omega)$. See (4.4). For $n = 1$, we get*

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \beta_k(\tau)^2(I\omega) = |\nabla x(\tau)(\omega)|_H^2 \quad (4.11)$$

proof.

By (3.1), we have

$$D_h \tilde{\varphi}_\tau(\omega) = \int_0^\tau \exp[\int_s^\tau b'(x_u) du] h'(s) ds \quad (4.12)$$

thus, from (2.5), we get

$$D_s \tilde{\varphi}_\tau(\omega) = \exp[\int_s^\tau b'(x_u) du] 1_{s \leq \tau} \quad (4.13)$$

This proves the first assertion. Then, we deduce (4.11) from (4.7) and (1.9).

Proposition 4.4. *The second order term in $\tilde{A}(\psi\alpha\varphi_\tau)$ is given by*

$$(\nabla x^i(\tau)|\nabla x^j(\tau))_H(I^{-1}\omega)\frac{\partial^2\varphi}{\partial x_i\partial x_j}(\omega_\tau) \quad (4.14)$$

proof. We have to calculate $D_\beta^2(\psi\alpha\varphi_\tau)$, taking care that

$$\beta(\tau)(\omega) = \int_0^\tau \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u)du\right]h'(s)ds$$

depends on ω when the gradient of b is not constant. We have

$$D_\beta(\psi\alpha\varphi_\tau)(\omega) = \psi'(\omega_\tau)\beta(\tau)(\omega) \quad (4.15)$$

and

$$D_\beta^2(\psi\alpha\varphi_\tau)(\omega) = \psi''(\omega_\tau)[\beta(\tau)(\omega), \beta(\tau)(\omega)] + \psi'(\omega_\tau)D_\beta[\beta(\tau)(\omega)] \quad (4.16)$$

We obtain (4.14) from (4.11), (4.16) and (3.2) as follows: Let

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{k,\alpha}(\tau)(\omega) &= \int_0^\tau \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u)du\right]e'_{k,\alpha}(s)ds \\ &= \int_0^\tau e'_k(s) \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(\omega_u)du\right](\epsilon_\alpha)ds \\ &= \int_0^\tau e'_k(s)M(s,\tau)(\epsilon_\alpha)ds \end{aligned}$$

See (4.3). We put

$$M(s,\tau)(\epsilon_\alpha) = \sum_j A_\alpha^j(s,\tau)(\epsilon_j)$$

We obtain

$$\beta_{k,\alpha}(\tau)(\omega) = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \int_0^\tau e'_k(s)A_\alpha^j(s,\tau)ds(\epsilon_j)$$

We denote

$${}_k B_\alpha^j(\tau) = \int_0^\tau e'_k(s)A_\alpha^j(s,\tau)ds \quad (4.17)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \psi''(\omega_\tau)[\beta_{k,\alpha}(\tau)(\omega), \beta_{k,\alpha}(\tau)(\omega)] \\ &= \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{j_1=1, j_2=1}^n [{}_k B_\alpha^{j_1}(\tau) {}_k B_\alpha^{j_2}(\tau)] \psi''(\omega_\tau)(\epsilon_{j_1}, \epsilon_{j_2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{j_1, j_2} \left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^n [{}_k B_{\alpha}^{j_1}(\tau) {}_k B_{\alpha}^{j_2}(\tau)] \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_{j_1} \partial x_{j_2}}(\omega_{\tau}) \right]$$

On the other hand,

$$(\nabla x^{j_1}(\tau) | \nabla x^{j_2}(\tau))_H = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{k \geq 0} [{}_k B_{\alpha}^{j_1}(\tau) {}_k B_{\alpha}^{j_2}(\tau)]$$

This proves (4.14).

We shall now evaluate the first order term on cylindrical functions.

Lemma 4.5. *Let $\beta_k(\tau)(\omega)$ and $\beta_o(\tau)(\omega)$ given by (4.5)-(4.6) and $n = 1$, we have*

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} D_{\beta_k} [\beta_k(\tau)(\omega)] = \int_0^{\tau} M(s, \tau) \int_s^{\tau} M(s, \alpha) b''(\omega_{\alpha}) d\alpha \quad (4.18)$$

proof. By (2.2), we have

$$\beta(\tau)(\omega + \varepsilon \beta(\omega)) = \int_0^{\tau} \exp \left[\int_s^{\tau} b'(\omega_u + \varepsilon \beta(u)(\omega)) du \right] h'(s) ds \quad (4.19)$$

We deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \beta(\tau)(\omega + \varepsilon \beta(\omega)) \\ &= \int_0^{\tau} M(s, \tau)(\omega) \int_s^{\tau} b''(\omega_{\alpha}) \beta(\alpha)(\omega) h'(s) d\alpha ds \\ &= \int_0^{\tau} M(s, \tau)(\omega) \int_s^{\tau} b''(\omega_{\alpha}) \int_0^{\alpha} M(u, \alpha) h'(u) h'(s) du ds \\ &= \int_0^{\tau} M(s, \tau)(\omega) h'(s) ds \int_0^{\tau} h'(u) \int_{\sup(u, s)}^{\tau} b''(\omega_{\alpha}) M(u, \alpha) d\alpha du \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

where, at the second step, we have replaced $\beta(\alpha)$ by its expression (2.1). We have to evaluate the sum

$$J = \sum_{k \geq 0} e'_k(s) \int_0^{\tau} e'_k(v) g_s(v) dv \quad (4.21)$$

where

$$g_s(v) = \int_{\sup(s, v)}^{\tau} M(v, \alpha) b''(\omega_{\alpha}) d\alpha \quad (4.22)$$

J is the sum of the Fourier series of g at the point $v = s$. We deduce (4.18).

Proposition 4.6. *Let A be the Laplacian (3.1). The first order term in (4.2) is given by*

$$A(x^i(\tau))(I^{-1}\omega)\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial x_i}(\omega_\tau) \quad (4.23)$$

proof. We do the proof when $n = 1$. We calculate

$$\sum_k D_{e_k}^2 x(\tau)(\omega) \quad (4.24)$$

We have

$$D_h x(\tau)(\omega) = \int_0^\tau \exp\left[\int_s^\tau b'(x_u(\omega))du\right] h'(s) ds$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_h^2 x(\tau)(\omega) &= \frac{d}{d\varepsilon}\Big|_{\varepsilon=0} D_h x(\tau)(\omega + \varepsilon h) \\ &= \int_0^\tau ds \quad M(s, \tau)(I\omega)h'(s) \int_s^\tau du \quad b''(x_u(\omega)) \int_0^\tau d\gamma \quad M(\gamma, u)(I\omega)h'(\gamma) \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

After changing the order of integration in (4.25), we calculate the sum (4.24) as the sum of a Fourier series. We obtain that the sum (4.24) is equal to

$$\int_0^\tau M(s, \tau)(I\omega) \int_s^\tau M(s, u)(I\omega)b''(x_u(\omega))duds \quad (4.26)$$

We compare with (4.18) and it yields (4.23).

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