

# Derivative formulae for SDEs driven by multiplicative $\alpha$ -stable-like processes

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## Abstract

By using Bismut's approach to the Malliavin calculus with jumps, we establish a derivative formula of Bismut–Elworthy–Li's type for SDEs driven by multiplicative Lévy noises, whose Lévy measure satisfies some order conditions. In particular,  $\alpha$ -stable-like noises are allowed. Moreover, we also obtain the sharp gradient estimate in short time for the corresponding transition semigroup provided  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Consider the following stochastic differential equation (abbreviated as SDE) in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

$$X_t = x + \int_0^t b(X_s)ds + \int_0^t \sigma_1(X_s)dW_s + \int_0^t \sigma_2(X_{s-})dL_s, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $b : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$  satisfy the following assumptions:

$$b, \sigma_1 \text{ and } \sigma_2 \text{ are } C^2\text{-smooth and have bounded first order derivatives,} \quad (1.2)$$

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$W_t$  is a  $d$ -dimensional standard Brownian motion, and  $L_t$  is a  $d$ -dimensional purely jump symmetric Lévy process with Lévy measure  $\nu(dz)$ . Let  $\Gamma_0 := \{z \in \mathbb{R}^d : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . We assume that  $\frac{\nu(dz)}{dz} \Big|_{\Gamma_0} = \kappa(z) \in C^1(\Gamma_0; (0, \infty))$  satisfies the following order and bounded conditions: for some  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$  and  $c_1, c_2 > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \varepsilon^{\alpha-2} \int_{|z| \leq \varepsilon} |z|^2 \kappa(z) dz = c_1, \quad |\nabla \log \kappa(z)| \leq c_2 |z|^{-1}, \quad z \in \Gamma_0. \quad (1.3)$$

Notice that the generator of SDE (1.1) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}f(x) &:= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ijk} (\sigma_1^{ik} \sigma_1^{jk})(x) \partial_{ij}^2 f(x) + b(x) \cdot \nabla f(x) \\ &\quad + \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d - \{0\}} (f(x + \sigma_2(x)z) - f(x)) \nu(dz), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\partial_{ij}^2$  denotes the second order partial derivative,  $\nabla := (\partial_1, \dots, \partial_d)$  and p.v. stands for Cauchy's principal value. If  $\frac{\nu(dz)}{dz} = \kappa(z) = a(z)|z|^{-d-\alpha}$  with

$$a(z) = a(-z), \quad 0 < a_0 \leq a(z) \leq a_1, \quad |\nabla a(z)| \leq a_2,$$

then (1.3) holds. The Lévy process corresponding to this  $\nu$  will be called  $\alpha$ -stable-like process as in [4].

It is well known that under (1.2), SDE (1.1) has a unique solution denoted by  $X_t = X_t(x)$ , and  $\{X_t(x), t \geq 0\}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}$  forms a family of Markov processes and also a  $C^1$ -stochastic flow (cf. [7]). Let  $\mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be the set of all bounded measurable functions on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Define

$$P_t f(x) := \mathbb{E}f(X_t(x)), \quad f \in \mathcal{B}_b(\mathbb{R}^d). \quad (1.4)$$

Then  $(P_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is called the Markov semigroup associated with  $X_t(x)$ . The aim of this work is to establish a formula under (1.2) and (1.3) like

$$\nabla P_t f(x) = \mathbb{E}(f(X_t(x)) H_t(x)), \quad \forall f \in C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

where  $H_t(x)$  is a vector valued process and  $\nabla$  is the weak or distributional derivatives. This type of formula is usually called Bismut–Elworthy–Li's formula in the literature. When  $\sigma_2(x) = 0$  and  $\sigma_1(x)$  is uniformly nondegenerate, i.e.

$$\|\sigma_1^{-1}\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |\sigma_1^{-1}(x)| < +\infty,$$

where  $\sigma_1^{-1}(x)$  denotes the inverse matrix of  $\sigma_1(x)$ , Bismut [3] and Elworthy–Li [6] proved the following elegant derivative formula for semigroup  $P_t f(x)$  by using different approaches:

$$\nabla P_t f(x) = \frac{1}{t} \mathbb{E} \left( f(X_t(x)) \int_0^t (\sigma_1^{-1}(X_s(x)) \nabla X_s(x))^* dW_s \right),$$

where  $(\nabla X_s(x))_{ij} := \partial_j X_s^i(x)$  is the Jacobian matrix, and  $*$  denotes the transpose of a matrix. When  $\sigma_1(x) = 0$  and  $\sigma_2(x)$  is uniformly nondegenerate, and  $L_t = W_{S_t}$  is a subordinated Brownian motion, a similar formula was recently proved in [16] (see also [17,12] for the case of additive noises). Moreover, when  $S_t$  is an  $\alpha$ -stable subordinator, the sharp gradient estimate in short time is derived in [16]. Notice that the proof in [16] is based upon the Malliavin calculus for Brownian

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