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# Wong–Zakai approximations and center manifolds of stochastic differential equations <sup>☆</sup>

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study the Wong–Zakai approximations given by a stationary process via the Wiener shift and their associated dynamics of the stochastic differential equation driven by a  $l$ -dimensional Brownian motion. We prove that the solutions of Wong–Zakai approximations converge in the mean square to the solutions of the Stratonovich stochastic differential equation. We also show that for a simple multiplicative noise, the center-manifold of the Wong–Zakai approximations converges to the center-manifold of the Stratonovich stochastic differential equation.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the Wong–Zakai approximations given by a stationary process via the Wiener shift and their associated dynamics of the following stochastic differential equation in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

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$$du = f(u) dt + \sigma(u) \circ dW, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}$  are nonlinear functions,  $W(t, \omega)$  is a  $l$ -dimensional Brownian motion, and  $\circ dW(t, \omega)$  denotes the Stratonovich differential.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be the classical Wiener probability space, where

$$\Omega = C_0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^l) := \{\omega \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^l) : \omega(0) = 0\}$$

with the open compact topology,  $\mathcal{F}$  is its Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra, and  $\mathbb{P}$  is the Wiener measure. The Brownian motion has the form  $W(t, \omega) = \omega(t)$ . Consider the Wiener shift  $\theta_t$  defined on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  by

$$\theta_t \omega(\cdot) = \omega(t + \cdot) - \omega(t).$$

It is known that the probability measure  $\mathbb{P}$  is an ergodic invariant measure for  $\theta_t$ .  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}, (\theta_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}})$  forms a metric dynamical system, see Arnold [2].

For each  $\delta > 0$ , let  $\mathcal{G}_\delta : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  denote the random variable

$$\mathcal{G}_\delta(\omega) = \frac{1}{\delta} \omega(\delta).$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_t \omega) = \frac{1}{\delta} (\omega(t + \delta) - \omega(t)). \quad (1.2)$$

From the properties of Brownian motions, it follows that  $\mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_t \omega)$  is a stationary stochastic process with a normal distribution and is unbounded in  $t$  for almost all  $\omega$ .  $\mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_t \omega)$  may be viewed as an approximation of white noise in the sense

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_0^t \mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_s \omega) ds - \omega(t) \right| = 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

for each  $T > 0$ , which will be proved in Section 3.

We consider the following Wong–Zakai approximation of equation (1.1) driven by a multiplicative noise of  $\mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_t \omega)$ :

$$\dot{u}_\delta = f(u_\delta) + \sigma(u_\delta) \mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_t \omega). \quad (1.3)$$

Note that the above equation is a random differential equation driven by the stationary stochastic process  $\mathcal{G}_\delta(\theta_t \omega)$ . As a consequence, its solutions generate a random dynamical system. Thus one can study its sample-wise (or pathwise) dynamical properties.

In current paper, we first study the limit behavior of solutions of equation (1.3) as  $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$  and show that  $u_\delta$  converges in the mean square to a solution of equation (1.1). Then, to illustrate that the dynamics of this Wong–Zakai approximations converge to ones of the stochastic equation (1.3), we show that for a simple multiplicative noise, the center-manifold of (1.3) converges to the center-manifold of stochastic equation (1.1).

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