

CS886: Diffusion Models

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An Inherent Difficulty

How do we make sense of the stochastic differential equation?

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{X}_t) dt + G_t(\mathbf{X}_t) dB_t$$

- Brownian motion is nowhere differentiable: dB_t does not exist!
- Interpret as an integral:

$$\mathbf{X}_T = \mathbf{X}_0 + \int_0^T \mathbf{f}_t(\mathbf{X}_t) dt + \int_0^T G_t(\mathbf{X}_t) dB_t$$

- the 1st integral is the familiar one (Riemann or Lebesgue)
- the 2nd integral?

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What Is An Integral Anyway?

$$\int_0^T G_t(\mathbf{X}_t) dB_t$$

- Integrand: $G_t(\mathbf{X}_t)$, living in some space
- Integrator: B_t , living in some possibly different space
- An integral is simply **some notation** that **pairs** an integrand and an integrator
 - often also written as a dual pairing $\langle G(\mathbf{X}); B \rangle$
- We have yet to specify the pairing, i.e., integral

What Makes An Integral Useful?

- The properties that it enjoys, ideally conform to our “intuition” or tradition
- e.g., a bilinear form of integrand and integrator:
 - $\int (\alpha f + \beta g) dB = \alpha \int f dB + \beta \int g dB$, i.e., $\langle \alpha f + \beta g; B \rangle = \alpha \langle f; B \rangle + \beta \langle g; B \rangle$
 - $\int f d(\alpha B + \beta M) = \alpha \int f dB + \beta \int f dM$, i.e., $\langle f; \alpha B + \beta M \rangle = \alpha \langle f; B \rangle + \beta \langle f; M \rangle$
- e.g., some continuity w.r.t. integrand and integrator
- Generality: can accommodate a large class of integrands and integrators
- Change of variable formula
- Possible to compute numerically, at least approximately

Wiener Integral

- Let $g : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be of bounded variation (e.g., continuously differentiable)
- $g(0) = g(T) = 0$
- **Define** the integral through integration by parts:

$$\int_0^T g(t) dB_t = - \int_0^T B_t dg(t)$$

– the rhs exists if $t \mapsto B_t$ is continuous, a.k.a. **Riemann-Stieltjes integral**

- For more general g , apply approximation and define $\int g dB = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int g_n dB$
- What about $\int_0^T B_t dB_t$?

A Conundrum

- Let $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n < t_{n+1} = 1$, with $\delta_n := \max_{0 \leq k \leq n} |t_{k+1} - t_k| \rightarrow 0$
- Let $\tau_k := (1 - \lambda)t_k + \lambda t_{k+1}$ for some $\lambda \in [0, 1]$
- Riemann-Stieltjes approximation of $\int_0^1 B_t dB_t$:

$$\begin{aligned} R &:= R(\delta_n, \lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^n B_{\tau_k} [B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k}] \\ &= \frac{B_1^2}{2} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n [B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k}]^2}_{S_n(1)} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^n [B_{\tau_k} - B_{t_k}]^2}_{S_n(\lambda)} + \sum_{k=0}^n \underbrace{[B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{\tau_k}]}_{\sqrt{(1-\lambda)\Delta t_k} N_k} \underbrace{[B_{\tau_k} - B_{t_k}]}_{\sqrt{\lambda\Delta t_k} M_k} \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic Variation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{k=0}^n (\mathbf{B}_{\tau_k} - \mathbf{B}_{t_k})^2 - \lambda\right)^2 &= \mathbb{E}\sum_{k,l=0}^n [(\mathbf{B}_{\tau_k} - \mathbf{B}_{t_k})^2 - (\tau_k - t_k)] \cdot [(\mathbf{B}_{\tau_l} - \mathbf{B}_{t_l})^2 - (\tau_l - t_l)] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{B}_{\tau_k} - \mathbf{B}_{t_k})^2 - (\tau_k - t_k)]^2 \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n (\tau_k - t_k)^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}[\chi_1^2 - 1]^2 \\ &\leq \lambda^2 \delta_n \cdot \mathbb{E}[\chi_1^2 - 1]^2 \rightarrow 0\end{aligned}$$

- $\lambda = 0$: $R = (\mathbf{B}_1^2 - 1)/2$
- $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$: $R = \mathbf{B}_1^2/2$
- $\lambda = 1$: $R = (\mathbf{B}_1^2 + 1)/2$

Itô's integral

Stratonovich's integral

How to Build Things?

- Start with very simple primitives, e.g., a rectangle
 - for an interval $(a, b]$ let $\mu(a, b] = b - a$
 - for any n , $X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, \dots, X_{t_n}$ exists
- Extend by “obvious” desires, e.g., by linearity
- Extend by less “obvious” desires, e.g., by some form of continuity
- Extend by more technical means

Building Itô's Integral

- Recall that $X_t = X(t, \omega)$ is a function of two variables
- Indicator: $X(t, \omega) = \mathbf{1}_{(\varsigma, \tau]}(t) \cdot \mathbf{1}_A(\omega)$ for some $A \subseteq \Omega$
 - A can only depend on $\{B_t : t \in [0, \varsigma]\}$, i.e., $A \in \mathcal{F}_\varsigma$ (information up to time ς)
 - $\int X_t dB_t := [B_\tau - B_\varsigma] \cdot \mathbf{1}_A$ is a function of ω but not t (integrated out)
 - linear in the integrator **by definition**
- Also want linearity in the integrand
 - for $X(t, \omega) = \sum_k c_k \mathbf{1}_{(\varsigma_k, \tau_k]} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{A_k}$, **define** $\int X_t dB_t = \sum_k c_k [B_{\tau_k} - B_{\varsigma_k}] \cdot \mathbf{1}_{A_k}$
 - indeed well-defined

Approximation

- **Adapted** (non-anticipating): $X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t = \sigma(\{B_s : 0 \leq s \leq t\})$, information up to t
- Left continuous (l.c.): $t \mapsto X_t$ is continuous from the left

$$X_t^n := X_{(\lceil t2^n \rceil - 1)/2^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} X_{k/2^n} \mathbb{I}[k/2^n < t \leq (k+1)/2^n]$$

– can approximate $X_{k/2^n}(\omega) \approx \sum_i \frac{i}{2^m} \mathbf{1}_{A_i}(\omega)$, $A_i := \{(i-1)/2^m < X_{k/2^n} \leq i/2^m\}$

- **Define** $\int X_t dB_t = \lim_n \int X_t^n dB_t$?

Isometry

- Recall $X(t, \omega) : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Define the Doléans measure $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathbb{B}^2}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda\{(s, t] \times \mathbf{1}_A\} &:= \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{B}_t^2 - \mathbb{B}_s^2)\mathbf{1}_A] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{B}_t - \mathbb{B}_s)^2\mathbf{1}_A] \\ &= (t - s) \cdot \mu(A) = (\text{Lebesgue} \times \mu)\{(s, t] \times \mathbf{1}_A\} \end{aligned}$$

– i.e., $\lambda = \lambda_{\mathbb{B}^2} = \text{Lebesgue} \times \mu$

- Can now treat $X(t, \omega)$ as a r.v. from $\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega, \mathcal{P}, \lambda)$ to \mathbb{R}
- The integral $\int X_t d\mathbb{B}_t$ is a linear map that sends $X \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega, \lambda)$ to $\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mu)$

$$\|X\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega, \lambda)}^2 = \left\| \int X_t d\mathbb{B}_t \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mu)}^2$$

For $X(t, \omega) = \sum_k \mathbf{1}_{(s_k, \tau_k]}(t) \cdot Y_k(\omega)$, where $Y_k \in \mathcal{F}_{s_k}$, we have

$$\int X_t dB_t := \sum_k [B_{\tau_k} - B_{s_k}] \cdot Y_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|X\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \Omega, \lambda)}^2 &= \int \left(\sum_k \mathbf{1}_{(s_k, \tau_k]}(t) \cdot Y_k(\omega) \right)^2 d\lambda = \sum_k \int \mathbf{1}_{(s_k, \tau_k]}(t) \cdot Y_k^2(\omega) d\lambda(t, \omega) \\ &= \sum_k \mathbb{E}[(B_{\tau_k} - B_{s_k})^2 \cdot Y_k^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int X_t dB_t \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(\Omega, \mu)}^2 &= \sum_k \sum_l \int \int [B_{\tau_k} - B_{s_k}] \cdot Y_k \cdot [B_{\tau_l} - B_{s_l}] \cdot Y_l d\mu(\omega) \\ &= \sum_k \mathbb{E}[(B_{\tau_k} - B_{s_k})^2 \cdot Y_k^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{X}^n(t, \omega) & \xrightarrow{L_2(\lambda)} & \mathbf{X}(t, \omega) \\
 \downarrow \textit{isometry} & & \downarrow \textit{def} \\
 \int \mathbf{X}^n(t, \omega) d\mathbf{B}_t & \xrightarrow{L_2(\mu)} & \int \mathbf{X}(t, \omega) d\mathbf{B}_t
 \end{array}$$

Calculus of Itô's Integral

- Linear in integrand (and integrator)
- Zero mean (as some kind of average of Brownian motion):

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\int \mathbf{X}_t(\omega) d\mathbf{B}_t(\omega) \right) = \int \left[\int \mathbf{X}_t(\omega) d\mathbf{B}_t(\omega) \right] d\mu(\omega) = 0$$

- Isometry, and hence continuity

From Definite to Indefinite

For any (left) continuous and bounded X_t , obtain

$$M_t = \int_0^t X_\tau \, dB_\tau = \int \mathbf{1}_{(0,t]}(\tau) \cdot X_\tau \, dB_\tau, \quad \text{now as a function of both } t \text{ and } \omega$$

- If $t \mapsto X_t$ is continuous, so is $t \mapsto M_t$
- $M_0 := 0$, $\mathbb{E}[M_t] = 0$, $M_t \in \mathcal{F}_t$
- $\int_s^t X_\tau \, dB_\tau = \int_0^t X_\tau \, dB_\tau - \int_0^s X_\tau \, dB_\tau$
- $\mathbb{E}[M_t | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E}[(M_t - M_s) + M_s | \mathcal{F}_s] = M_s$, a **martingale**
- $\mathbb{E}[M_t^2 - M_s^2] = \mathbb{E}[M_t - M_s]^2$

The Power of Abstraction

We have in fact defined the integral

$$\int Z_t dM_t$$

- If $t \mapsto Z_t$ is (left) continuous and adapted
- If M_t is a (continuous) martingale

$$\boxed{\int_0^t XZ dB = \int_0^t Z dM} \quad \text{where} \quad M_t = \int_0^t X dB$$

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Quadratic Variation, again

$$S_t^n := \sum_{k=0}^n [M_{t_{k+1}} - M_{t_k}]^2$$

- $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n < t_{n+1} = t$ a partition of $[0, t]$
- M_t is a continuous martingale (e.g., Brownian motion)
- As $\delta_n := \max_k t_{k+1} - t_k \rightarrow 0$,

$$S_t^n \rightarrow [M]_t := M_t^2 - 2 \int_0^t M \, dM - M_0^2$$

- For Brownian motion, $[B]_t = t$
- Quadratic variation $[M]_t$ is **increasing**, continuous with $[M]_0 = 0$

Another Integral

$$\int_0^t X_\tau d[M]_\tau$$

- Fix ω , reduce to **Riemann-Stieltjes integral**
- Essentially a conditional measure of the Doléans measure

$$\lambda_{M^2}(dt, d\omega) = \mu(d\omega) \cdot [M](dt, \omega)$$

- For Brownian motion:

$$\lambda(dt, d\omega) = \mu(d\omega) \times \text{Lebesgue}(dt), \quad [B](dt, \omega) = dt$$

$$\int X^2(t, \omega) d\lambda(dt, d\omega) = \int \left(\int X^2(t, \omega) d[M]_t \right) d\mu(d\omega)$$

Itô's Formula

$$f(\mathbf{M}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) - f(\mathbf{M}_0, \mathbf{V}_0) = \int_0^t f_x(\mathbf{M}_s, \mathbf{V}_s) d\mathbf{M}_s + \int_0^t f_y(\mathbf{M}_s, \mathbf{V}_s) d\mathbf{V}_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f_{xx}(\mathbf{M}_s, \mathbf{V}_s) d[\mathbf{M}]_s$$

- \mathbf{M}_t is a continuous martingale, e.g., Brownian motion
- \mathbf{V}_t is continuously differentiable in t
- Continuous partial derivatives f_x, f_y, f_{xx} exist
- Recall that for Brownian motion, $[\mathbf{B}]_t = t$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\mathbf{M}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) - f(\mathbf{M}_0, \mathbf{V}_0) &= \sum_k [f(\mathbf{M}_{t_{k+1}}, \mathbf{V}_{t_{k+1}}) - f(\mathbf{M}_{t_{k+1}}, \mathbf{V}_{t_k}) + f(\mathbf{M}_{t_{k+1}}, \mathbf{V}_{t_k}) - f(\mathbf{M}_{t_k}, \mathbf{V}_{t_k})] \\
&\approx \sum_k f_y(\mathbf{M}_{t_k}, \mathbf{V}_{t_k}) \Delta \mathbf{V}_{t_k} + f_x(\mathbf{M}_{t_k}, \mathbf{V}_{t_k}) \Delta \mathbf{M}_{t_k} + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(\mathbf{M}_{t_k}, \mathbf{V}_{t_k}) (\Delta \mathbf{M}_{t_k})^2
\end{aligned}$$

As $\delta_n := \max_k t_{t+1} - t_k \rightarrow 0$, apply continuity to obtain the limit:

$$\int_0^t f_y(\mathbf{M}_s, \mathbf{V}_s) d\mathbf{V}_s + \int_0^t f_x(\mathbf{M}_s, \mathbf{V}_s) d\mathbf{M}_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f_{xx}(\mathbf{M}_s, \mathbf{V}_s) d[\mathbf{M}]_s$$

From Integral to Differential

$$df(\mathbf{M}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) = f_x(\mathbf{M}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) d\mathbf{M}_t + f_y(\mathbf{M}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) d\mathbf{V}_t + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(\mathbf{M}_t, \mathbf{V}_t) d[\mathbf{M}]_t$$

- Recall also

$$\int_0^t \mathbf{XZ} d\mathbf{B} = \int_0^t \mathbf{Z} d\mathbf{M} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{M}_t = \int_0^t \mathbf{X} d\mathbf{B}$$

- Rewritten in terms of differential

$$\mathbf{Z} d\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{XZ} d\mathbf{B} \quad \text{where} \quad d\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{X} d\mathbf{B}$$

- Let $\langle \mathbf{X}; \mathbf{M} \rangle := \int_0^t \mathbf{X} d\mathbf{M}$, then

$$[\langle \mathbf{X}; \mathbf{M} \rangle] = \langle \mathbf{X}^2; [\mathbf{M}] \rangle$$

Example

$$d\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{F} dt + \mathbf{G} d\mathbf{M}_t$$

Derive the differential of $f(\mathbf{X}, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned}df(\mathbf{X}, t) &= f_x(\mathbf{X}, t) d\mathbf{X} + f_y(\mathbf{X}, t) dt + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(\mathbf{X}, t) d[\mathbf{X}]_t \\&= f_x(\mathbf{X}, t) [\mathbf{F} dt + \mathbf{G} d\mathbf{M}_t] + f_y(\mathbf{X}, t) dt + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(\mathbf{X}, t) \mathbf{G}^2 d[\mathbf{M}]_t \\&= [f_x(\mathbf{X}, t) \cdot \mathbf{F} + f_y(\mathbf{X}, t)] dt + [f_x(\mathbf{X}, t) \cdot \mathbf{G}] d\mathbf{M}_t + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(\mathbf{X}, t) \mathbf{G}^2 d[\mathbf{M}]_t\end{aligned}$$

For the Brownian motion, we have

$$df(\mathbf{X}, t) = [f_x(\mathbf{X}, t) \cdot \mathbf{F} + f_y(\mathbf{X}, t) + \frac{1}{2} f_{xx}(\mathbf{X}, t) \cdot \mathbf{G}^2] dt + [f_x(\mathbf{X}, t) \cdot \mathbf{G}] d\mathbf{M}_t$$

- Rule of thumb: $(dt)^2 = 0$, $dt d\mathbf{B}_t = 0$, $(d\mathbf{B}_t)^2 = dt$, $d\mathbf{B}_t d\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_t = 0$

More Examples

$$d(\mathbf{B}_t^m) = m\mathbf{B}_t^{m-1} d\mathbf{B}_t + \binom{m}{2}\mathbf{B}_t^{m-2} dt$$

- For $m = 2$, $d(\mathbf{B}_t^2) = 2\mathbf{B}_t d\mathbf{B}_t + dt$

$$d\left(\exp\left(\lambda\mathbf{B}_t - \frac{\lambda^2 t}{2}\right)\right) = \lambda \exp\left(\lambda\mathbf{B}_t - \frac{\lambda^2 t}{2}\right) d\mathbf{B}_t$$

- Let $Y_t = \exp\left(\lambda\mathbf{B}_t - \frac{\lambda^2 t}{2}\right)$, then

$$dY_t = \lambda Y_t d\mathbf{B}_t, \quad Y_0 = 1$$

Score Matching

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}(p||q) &:= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \|\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 + \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 \right] \\ &\approx \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 + \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) \rangle \right]\end{aligned}$$

- Under mild conditions, $\mathbb{F}(p||q) = 0 \iff p \propto q$
- A Convenient way to estimate the score \mathbf{s}_q and hence the density q
- The model score function \mathbf{s}_p can be chosen as any NN

Score Matching for Exponential Family

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{X}; \boldsymbol{\theta})\|_2^2 + \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{X}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \rangle \right]$$

- If the model density p is in the exponential family:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \langle \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle = [\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})]^\top \boldsymbol{\theta} \\ \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \rangle &= \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}, \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \langle \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle \rangle = \langle \partial_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Can solve $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ in closed-form by simply setting the derivative w.r.t. $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ to $\mathbf{0}$:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = -\left\{ \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} [\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})]^\top [\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})] \right\}^{-1} \cdot \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} [\partial_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x})]$$

- For multivariate Gaussian, $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (S^{-1}, S^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu})$, $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}) = (-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^\top, \mathbf{x})$ and

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\mu}, S} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \left[\frac{1}{2} \|S^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\|_2^2 - \text{tr}(S^{-1}) \right]$$

Denoising Auto-Encoder

- Suppose also have a latent variable Z with joint density $q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})$
- Exchange differentiation with integration we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}(p||q) &:= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X} \sim q} \|\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) \sim q} [\|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{s}_q(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 - \|\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})\|_2^2] \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathbb{E}}_{(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) \sim q} \|\mathbf{s}_p(\mathbf{X}) - \partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

- Useful when the conditional density $\partial_{\mathbf{x}} \log q(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z})$ is easy to obtain

