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CERTAIN STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH A SINGULAR DRIFT

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1. Introduction

Let $B(t)$, $t \geq 0$, be a one-dimensional Brownian motion with $B(0)=0$ defined on a certain probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . Given a real valued Borel function $a(x)$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$, satisfying

$$(1.1) \quad |a(x)| \leq K, \quad x \in \mathbf{R},$$

we consider the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$(1.2) \quad dX(t) = a(X(t))dB(t) + \frac{X(t)}{t} dt, \quad X(0)=0,$$

or equivalently

$$(1.3) \quad X(t) = \int_0^t a(X(s))dB(s) + \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds, \quad t > 0,$$

where a solution $X(t)$ is assumed to be non-anticipating, so the first term in the right hand side of (1.3) is the usual Itô integral. We also consider the SDE

$$(1.4) \quad dX(t) = a(X(t))d^+B(t) + \frac{X(t)}{t} dt, \quad X(0)=0,$$

or equivalently

$$(1.5) \quad X(t) = \int_0^t a(X(s))d^+B(s) + \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds, \quad t > 0,$$

where a solution is assumed to be backward non-anticipating in the sense as defined later and the first term in the right hand side of (1.5) is a backward stochastic integral defined as the limit of $\sum a(X(t_k))(B(t_k) - B(t_{k-1}))$ as $|\Delta| = \max(t_k - t_{k-1}) \rightarrow 0$, Δ being a partition of $[0, t] : 0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = t$. The second term in the right hand side of (1.3) as well as of (1.5) equals $\lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^t s^{-1} X(s) ds$ that is assumed to exist a.s.

When $a(x) \equiv 1$, (1.3) and (1.5) have the same form that makes sense even if $X(t)$

is neither non-anticipating nor backward non-anticipating. In this case Jeulin and Yor ([3][5]) proved that for any general solution $X(t)$ of (1.3) (= (1.5)) the limit of $X(t)/t$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, denoted by U , exists a.s. and that $X(t)$ is represented as $X(t) = \beta(t) + tU$, where $\beta(t) = -t \int_t^\infty s^{-1} dB(s)$, which is again a Brownian motion. In particular if $X(t)$ is backward non-anticipating, then U is independent of $B(t)$, $t \geq 0$. However non-anticipating solutions do not exist (e.g. [1]). Domenig-Nagasawa [1] discussed the uniqueness and non-uniqueness of solutions of (1.2) with Skorohod's additional term on the right hand side to make $|X(t)| \leq R(t)$ where $R(t)$ is a given strictly increasing continuous function with $R(0) = 0$.

In this paper some generalization of the result by Jeulin and Yor stated in the above will be given in the case of a variable coefficient $a(x)$. Before stating our results we introduce the following σ -fields on Ω .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(B) &= \sigma\{B(t) : t \geq 0\}, & \mathcal{F}_t(B) &= \sigma\{B(s) : 0 \leq s \leq t\}, \\ \mathcal{F}_t^+(dB) &= \sigma\{B(s+t) - B(t) : s \geq 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here the notation $\sigma\{(*)\}$ stands for the smallest σ -field on Ω that makes $(*)$ measurable. For a process $\{X(t)\}$ and a random variable U we define $\mathcal{F}(X)$, $\mathcal{F}_t(X)$ and $\mathcal{F}(U)$ in a similar way and $\mathcal{F}_t^+(X, dB) = \sigma\{X(s+t), B(s+t) - B(t) : s \geq 0\}$ for each $t \geq 0$. We say that $X(t)$ is non-anticipating if $\mathcal{F}_t(X) \vee \mathcal{F}_t(B)$ is independent of $\mathcal{F}_t^+(dB)$, and that $X(t)$ is backward non-anticipating if $\mathcal{F}_t^+(X, dB)$ is independent of $\mathcal{F}_t(B)$ for each $t \geq 0$. Let W be the space $C[0, \infty)$ of continuous functions. For an element w of W we denote by $w(t)$ the value of w at time t . On W we consider the σ -fields $\mathcal{B}(W) = \sigma\{w(t), t \geq 0\}$, $\mathcal{B}_t(W) = \sigma\{w(s), 0 \leq s \leq t\}$ and $\mathcal{B}_t^+(W) = \sigma\{w(s+t) - w(t) : s \geq 0\}$. The Brownian motion $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ can be regarded as a random variable taking values in W . When we take such a view-point we write $B = \{B(t), t \geq 0\}$. Thus B is a random variable with values in W whose probability law is the Wiener measure.

Our results are the following.

Theorem 1. *Assume that $a(x)$ is Borel measurable in \mathbf{R} , continuous at $x=0$ and satisfies (1.1). Then there are no non-anticipating solutions of (1.3) provided that $a(0) \neq 0$.*

Theorem 2. *Assume that $a(x)$ satisfies (1.1) and is Lipschitz continuous.*

(i) *If $X(t)$ is a backward non-anticipating solution of (1.5), then the limit*

$$(1.6) \quad U = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X(t)}{t}$$

exists almost surely and is independent of $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$. The $X(t)$ satisfies

$$(1.7) \quad X(t) = -t \int_t^\infty \frac{a(X(s))}{s} d^+ B(s) + tU, \quad t > 0.$$

Conversely, if $X(t)$ is a backward non-anticipating solution of (1.7) for any given random variable U that is independent of $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$, then $X(t)$ satisfies (1.5).

(ii) *There exists a real valued function Φ defined on $(0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times W$ and having the following properties.*

(1.8a) *For each $t > 0$ the restriction of Φ on $[t, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times W$ is measurable with respect*

to $\mathcal{B}([t, \infty)) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}_t^+(W)$.

(1.8b) For each $x \in \mathbf{R}$ the set $\{w \in W: \Phi(t, x, w) \text{ is continuous in } t\}$ has the Wiener measure 1.

(1.9) Any backward non-anticipating solution $X(t)$ of (1.5) can be represented as

$$X(t) = \Phi(t, U, \mathbf{B}), \quad \text{a.s.,}$$

where U is given by (1.6).

Note that (1.8a) implies the measurability of Φ with respect to $\mathcal{B}((0, \infty)) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(W)$.

2. Proof of Theorem 1

We begin by proving the following lemma.

Lemma 1. *If $X(t)$ is a non-anticipating solution of (1.3), then the limit*

$$(2.1) \quad U = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X(t)}{t}$$

exists almost surely and $X(t)$ satisfies

$$(2.2) \quad X(t) = -t \int_t^\infty \frac{a(X(s))}{s} dB(s) + tU, \quad t > 0.$$

Proof. If we put

$$(2.3) \quad U(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds, \quad M(t) = \int_0^t a(X(s)) dB(s),$$

then $X(t) = t\{tU(t)\}' = tU(t) + t^2U'(t)$ and (1.3) implies $X(t) = M(t) + tU(t)$. Therefore $U'(t) = t^{-2}M(t)$ and hence

$$(2.4) \quad U(s) - U(t) = \int_t^s M(r)r^{-2} dr, \quad 0 < t < s.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} E \left\{ \int_t^\infty |M(r)| r^{-2} dr \right\} &= \int_t^\infty E \{ |M(r)| \} r^{-2} dr \leq \int_t^\infty \sqrt{E \{ |M(r)|^2 \}} r^{-2} dr \\ &= \int_t^\infty \left[E \left\{ \int_0^r a(X(u))^2 du \right\} \right]^{1/2} r^{-2} dr \leq K \int_t^\infty r^{1/2} r^{-2} dr < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

letting $s \uparrow \infty$ in (2.4) we see that $U = \lim_{s \uparrow \infty} U(s)$ exists (a.s.) and

$$(2.5) \quad U(t) = - \int_t^\infty M(s)s^{-2} ds + U,$$

or equivalently

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds = -t \int_t^\infty M(s)s^{-2} ds + tU,$$

and hence

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{X(t)}{t} = - \int_t^\infty \frac{M(s)}{s^2} ds + \frac{M(t)}{t} + U.$$

By putting $f(t, x) = x/t$ and applying Itô's formula to $df(t, M(t))$, we have

$$\frac{M(s)}{s} - \frac{M(t)}{t} = - \int_t^s \frac{M(u)}{u^2} du + \int_t^s \frac{a(X(u))}{u} dB(u).$$

Since $\lim_{s \uparrow \infty} s^{-1}M(s) = 0$ in probability which follows from $E|M(s)| \leq K\sqrt{s}$, we have

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{M(t)}{t} = \int_t^\infty \frac{M(s)}{s^2} ds - \int_t^\infty \frac{a(X(s))}{s} dB(s).$$

Comparing this with (2.7), we have (2.2). The second equality in (2.1) follows from (2.2). \square

We now proceed to the proof of Theorem 1. Suppose there exists a non-anticipating solution $X(t)$ of (1.3). If we put $X_n(t) = \sqrt{n} X(t/n)$ and $a_n(x) = a(x/\sqrt{n})$ for $n \geq 1$, then $X(t) = n^{-1/2} X_n(nt)$ and $a_n(x) \rightarrow a(0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. From (1.3) we have

$$(2.9) \quad X_n(t) = \sqrt{n} \int_0^{t/n} a(X(s)) dB(s) + \sqrt{n} \int_0^{t/n} \frac{X(s)}{s} ds.$$

Noting that

$$\sqrt{n} \int_0^{t/n} a(X(s)) dB(s) = \int_0^t a_n(X_n(s)) dB_n(s),$$

where $B_n(t) = \sqrt{n} B(t/n)$, which is again a Brownian motion, we see that $X_n(t)$ is a non-anticipating solution of

$$(2.10) \quad X_n(t) = \int_0^t a_n(X_n(s)) dB_n(s) + \int_0^t \frac{X_n(s)}{s} ds.$$

Therefore by Lemma 1 we have

$$(2.11) \quad X_n(t) = -t \int_t^\infty \frac{a_n(X_n(s))}{s} dB_n(s) + tU_n,$$

where

$$(2.12) \quad U_n = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n(t)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{X_n(s)}{s} ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} U.$$

Let ν_n be the probability law of $\{U_n, \{B_n(t), t \geq 0\}, \{X_n(t), t > 0\}\}$ and put

$Y_n(t) = t^{-1}X_n(t)$. Making use of the representation (2.11), the bound $|a_n| \leq K$ and the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequalities, we have $E\{|Y_n(t) - Y_n(s)|^4\} \leq 3(Ks^{-1})^4|t-s|^2$, $0 < s < t$. Therefore the sequence of probability laws of $\{Y_n(t), t > 0\}$, $n \geq 1$ is tight, so is $\{v_n\}$. According to Skorohod's realization theorem of almost sure convergence (e.g. see [2], [4]), there exist \tilde{U}_n , $\{\tilde{B}_n(t), t \geq 0\}$ and $\{\tilde{X}_n(t), t > 0\}$ satisfying the following conditions.

- (i) $\{\tilde{U}_n, \{\tilde{B}_n(t), t \geq 0\}, \{\tilde{X}_n(t), t > 0\}\}$ is identical in law to $\{U_n, \{B_n(t), t \geq 0\}, \{X_n(t), t > 0\}\}$ for each $n \geq 1$.
- (ii) There exist a Brownian motion $\{\tilde{B}(t), t \geq 0\}$ and a process $\{\tilde{X}(t), t > 0\}$ such that $\tilde{B}_n(t) \rightarrow \tilde{B}(t)$ uniformly on each compact t -interval in $(0, \infty)$ (a.s.), $\tilde{X}_n(t) \rightarrow \tilde{X}(t)$ uniformly on each compact t -interval in $(0, \infty)$ (a.s.), and $\tilde{U}_n \rightarrow 0$ a.s.

The condition (i) implies that $\mathcal{F}_t(\tilde{X}_n) \vee \mathcal{F}_t(\tilde{B}_n)$ is independent of $\mathcal{F}_t^+(d\tilde{B}_n)$ and hence $\mathcal{F}_t(\tilde{X}) \vee \mathcal{F}_t(\tilde{B})$ is also independent of $\mathcal{F}_t^+(d\tilde{B})$ for each $t \geq 0$; in other words, $\tilde{X}(t)$ is non-anticipating. Since the equation (2.11) also holds with $X_n(\cdot)$ and $B_n(\cdot)$ replaced by $\tilde{X}_n(\cdot)$ and $\tilde{B}_n(\cdot)$, respectively, by letting $n \uparrow \infty$ we have

$$(2.14) \quad \tilde{X}(t) = -a(0)t \int_t^\infty \frac{d\tilde{B}(s)}{s}.$$

It then follows that $\tilde{X}(t)$ is measurable with respect to $\mathcal{F}_t^+(d\tilde{B})$, which clearly contradicts the assertion that $\tilde{X}(t)$ is non-anticipating. \square

3. Proof of Theorem 2

Let $X(t)$ be a backward non-anticipating solution of (1.5) and put $Y(t) = X(t)/t$, $\tilde{a}(t, x) = a(tx)/t$, $t > 0$.

Lemma 2. (i) *The limit*

$$(3.1) \quad U = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Y(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds$$

exists almost surely and is independent of $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$.

(ii) *The process $Y(t)$ is a backward non-anticipating solution of*

$$(3.2) \quad Y(t) = - \int_t^\infty \tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) d^+ B(s) + U, \quad t > 0.$$

Moreover, for any backward non-anticipating solution $Y(t)$ of (3.2) with a given U that is independent of $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$ the process $X(t) = tY(t)$ is a backward non-anticipating solution of (1.5).

Proof. If we put

$$(3.3) \quad U(t) = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \frac{X(s)}{s} ds, \quad N(t) = \int_0^t a(X(s)) d^+ B(s),$$

then in the same way as we derived (2.7) we can prove the existence of the limit U and the formula

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{X(t)}{t} = - \int_t^\infty \frac{N(s)}{s^2} ds + \frac{N(t)}{t} + U.$$

It is also easy to see that (3.4) with $N(t)$ given by (3.3) is equivalent to (1.5) under the assumption that $X(t)$ is backward non-anticipating. Fixing $T > 0$, we put

$$M(t) = \int_{T-t}^T a(X(s)) d^+ B(s), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Then $M(t) + N(T-t) = M(T) = N(T)$ holds and $\{M(t), 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ is a \mathcal{G}_t -martingale where $\mathcal{G}_t = \mathcal{F}_{T-t}^+(X, dB)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$. Moreover, if we put $\tilde{X}(t) = X(T-t)$ and $\tilde{B}(t) = B(T) - B(T-t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$, then $\{\tilde{B}(t), 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ is a \mathcal{G}_t -Brownian motion and $M(t) = \int_0^t a(\tilde{X}(s)) d\tilde{B}(s)$ (Itô integral). Putting $f(t, x) = x/(T-t)$ and applying Itô's formula to $df(t, M(t))$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M(t)}{T-t} &= \int_0^t \frac{M(s)}{(T-s)^2} ds + \int_0^t \frac{dM(s)}{T-s} = \int_0^t \frac{M(s)}{(T-s)^2} ds + \int_0^t \frac{a(\tilde{X}(s))}{T-s} d\tilde{B}(s) \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{M(T) - N(T-s)}{(T-s)^2} ds + \int_{T-t}^T \frac{a(X(s))}{s} d^+ B(s) \\ &= \frac{M(T)}{T-t} - \frac{M(T)}{T} - \int_{T-t}^T \frac{N(s)}{s^2} ds + \int_{T-t}^T \frac{a(X(s))}{s} d^+ B(s). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{M(T)}{T} = \frac{N(T-t)}{T-t} - \int_{T-t}^T \frac{N(s)}{s^2} ds + \int_{T-t}^T \frac{a(X(s))}{s} d^+ B(s).$$

Since $\lim_{T \uparrow \infty} T^{-1}M(T) = 0$ in probability which is a consequence of the inequality $E|M(T)| \leq K\sqrt{T}$, after replacing $T-t$ by t and then by letting $T \uparrow \infty$ in (3.5), we have

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{N(t)}{t} - \int_t^\infty \frac{N(s)}{s^2} ds + \int_t^\infty \frac{a(X(s))}{s} d^+ B(s) = 0.$$

Comparing this with (3.4), we have

$$\frac{X(t)}{t} = - \int_t^\infty \frac{a(X(s))}{s} d^+ B(s) + U,$$

which proves (3.2). Note that U is independent of $\{B(t)\}$ since U is measurable with respect to $\sigma\{X(s) : s \geq t\}$, which is independent of $\mathcal{F}_t(B)$, for any fixed t . To prove the latter half of (ii) of Lemma 2 we note that (3.6) with $N(t)$ given by (3.3) holds only under the assumption that $X(t)$ is backward non-anticipating. Therefore, if $Y(t)$ is a backward non-anticipating solution of (3.2), then $X(t) = tY(t)$ satisfies (3.4) and hence (1.5). \square

Lemma 3. *For each x let $\{Y_T^x(t), t > 0\}$ be the unique backward non-anticipating solution of*

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{cases} Y_T^x(t) = - \int_t^T \tilde{a}(s, Y_T^x(s)) d^+ B(s) + x, & 0 < t \leq T, \\ Y_T^x(t) = x, & t \geq T. \end{cases}$$

Then for any fixed t_0 and t_1 with $0 < t_0 < t_1$ and for any $\varepsilon > 0$

$$(3.8) \quad P \left\{ \max_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} |Y_T^x(t) - Y_{T'}^x(t)| > \varepsilon \right\} \rightarrow 0$$

uniformly with respect to x as $T, T' \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. Assume $T \leq T'$. A comparison theorem (e.g. see Theorem 1.1, p. 437 of [2]) implies that $Y_T^{x-\delta}(t) \leq Y_T^x(t) \leq Y_T^{x+\delta}(t)$ holds for $t \leq T$ whenever $x - \delta \leq Y_T^x(T) \leq x + \delta$, δ being an arbitrary but fixed constant. Therefore for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and for $0 < t_0 < t_1 \leq T$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & P \left\{ \max_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} |Y_T^x(t) - Y_{T'}^x(t)| > \varepsilon \right\} \\ & \leq P \left\{ \left(\max_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} |Y_T^x(t) - Y_{T'}^x(t)| > \varepsilon \right) \cap (x - \delta \leq Y_T^x(T) \leq x + \delta) \right\} \\ & \quad + P \{ |Y_T^x(T) - x| > \delta \} \\ & \leq P \left\{ \max_{t_0 \leq t \leq t_1} (Y_T^{x+\delta}(t) - Y_T^{x-\delta}(t)) > \varepsilon \right\} + P \{ |Y_T^x(T) - x| > \delta \} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} E \{ Y_T^{x+\delta}(t_0) - Y_T^{x-\delta}(t_0) \} + \frac{1}{\delta^2} E \left\{ \int_T^{T'} a(s, Y_T^x(s))^2 ds \right\} \\ & \leq 2\delta\varepsilon^{-1} + K^2 T^{-1} \delta^{-2}, \end{aligned}$$

from which the assertion of the lemma follows. \square

Lemma 4. *There exists a real valued function Ψ defined on $(0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times W$ and having the following properties.*

(3.9a) *For each $t > 0$ the restriction of Ψ on $[t, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times W$ is measurable with respect to $\mathcal{B}([t, \infty)) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}_t^+(W)$.*

(3.9b) *For each $x \in \mathbf{R}$ the set $\{w \in W : \Psi(t, x, w) \text{ is continuous in } t\}$ has the Wiener measure 1.*

(3.10) *For any U independent of $\{B(t), t \geq 0\}$, $\Psi(t, U, \mathbf{B})$ is the unique backward non-anticipating solution of (3.2).*

Proof. From Lemma 3 there exists an increasing sequence $\{T_n\}$ with $T_n \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$P \left\{ \max_{1/n \leq t \leq n} |Y_T^x(t) - Y_{T'}^x(t)| > n^{-2} \right\} < n^{-2}, \quad 0 < t < T_n, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}$$

holds for any $T, T' \geq T_n$ and for any x ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). If we take $T = T_n$ and $T' = T_{n+1}$, we have

$$P \left\{ \max_{1/n \leq t \leq n} \left| Y_{T_n}^x(t) - Y_{T_{n+1}}^x(t) \right| > \frac{1}{n^2} \right\} < \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}.$$

From the Borel-Cantelli lemma,

$$P \left\{ \max_{1/n \leq t \leq n} \left| Y_{T_n}^x(t) - Y_{T_{n+1}}^x(t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ for all sufficiently large } n \right\} = 1,$$

which implies that $Y_{T_n}^x(t)$ is uniformly convergent on each t -interval $[\varepsilon, 1/\varepsilon]$ almost surely for each fixed x , ε being an arbitrary constant in $(0, 1)$. We now put

$$(3.11) \quad Y^x(t, \omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Y_{T_n}^x(t, \omega).$$

Then, for each x , $Y^x(t, \omega)$ is continuous in t (a.s.), \mathcal{F}_t^+ -measurable for each $t > 0$ and satisfies the SDE

$$(3.12) \quad Y^x(t) = - \int_t^\infty \tilde{a}(s, Y^x(s)) d^+ B(s) + x.$$

We construct a function Ψ with the properties in Lemma 4 by considering a suitable modification of $Y_T^x(t)$. Making use of a routine construction of $Y_T^x(t)$ by iteration we can prove that there exists a function Ψ_T defined on $(0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times W$ and having the following properties (3.13a), (3.13b), (3.13c) and (3.14).

$$(3.13a) \quad \Psi_T(t, x, w) = x \text{ for } t \geq T.$$

$$(3.13b) \quad \text{For each } t > 0 \text{ the restriction of } \Psi_T \text{ on } [t, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times W \text{ is measurable with respect to } \mathcal{B}([t, \infty)) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}_t^+(W).$$

$$(3.13c) \quad \text{For each } x \in \mathbf{R}, \Psi_T(t, x, \mathbf{B}) \text{ is continuous in } t \text{ (a.s.).}$$

$$(3.14) \quad \text{For each } x \in \mathbf{R}, \Psi_T(t, x, \mathbf{B}), 0 < t \leq T, \text{ satisfies the SDE (3.7) and hence } \Psi_T(t, x, \mathbf{B}) = Y_{T-t}^x(t), t > 0, \text{ almost surely.}$$

If we put $\Psi_\infty(t, x, w) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Psi_{T_n}(t, x, w)$, then Ψ_∞ inherits the properties (3.13b) and (3.13c). The property (3.14) together with (3.11) and (3.12) implies that $\Psi_\infty(t, x, \mathbf{B})$ satisfies the SDE (3.12) for each x . We now modify Ψ_∞ :

$$\Psi(t, x, w) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Psi_\infty \left(\frac{[nt] + 1}{n}, x, w \right).$$

Then Ψ also inherits the properties (3.13b) and (3.13c) and $\Psi(t, x, \mathbf{B})$ satisfies the SDE (3.12) for each x . Consider the set

$$\Gamma = \left\{ (x, w) : \begin{array}{l} \Psi(t, x, w) \text{ is uniformly continuous in } \\ t \in [\varepsilon, 1/\varepsilon] \cap \mathbf{Q} \text{ for any } \varepsilon \in (0, 1) \end{array} \right\},$$

where \mathbf{Q} is the set of rational numbers. Then $\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}) \otimes \mathcal{B}(W)$ and $\Psi(t, x, w)$ is continuous in t if and only if $(x, w) \in \Gamma$. Since $\Psi(t, x, \mathbf{B})$ is continuous in t (a.s.) for each fixed x , $P\{(x, \mathbf{B}) \in \Gamma\} = 1$ for each x , or equivalently, (3.9b) holds. Therefore, for any real random variable U that is independent of \mathbf{B} we have $P\{(U, \mathbf{B}) \in \Gamma\} = 1$ and this implies that $\Psi(t, U, \mathbf{B})$ is continuous in t almost surely. We now put

$$F(t, x, \mathbf{B}) = \int_t^\infty \tilde{a}(s, \Psi(s, x, \mathbf{B})) d^+ B(s).$$

Then

$$(3.15) \quad \Psi(t, x, \mathbf{B}) = -F(t, x, \mathbf{B}) + x, \quad \text{a.s.},$$

because $\Psi(t, x, \mathbf{B})$ satisfies (3.12) for each x . Approximating the stochastic integral $F(t, x, \mathbf{B})$ by a suitable Riemann sum, we can prove that

$$F(t, U, \mathbf{B}) = \int_t^\infty \tilde{a}(s, \Psi(s, U, \mathbf{B})) d^+ B(s) \quad \text{a.s.},$$

which combined with (3.15) implies that $\Phi(t, U, \mathbf{B})$ is a backward non-anticipating solution of (3.2).

To complete the proof of the lemma, we have to show that any solution $Y(t)$ of (3.2) agrees with $\Psi(t, U, \mathbf{B})$. We put $Y^U(t) = \Psi(t, U, \mathbf{B})$ and $U_T = -\int_T^\infty \tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) d^+ B(s) + U$. Then $Y(t)$ is the unique solution of

$$Y(t) = -\int_t^T \tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) d^+ B(s) + U_T, \quad 0 < t \leq T,$$

and hence by a comparison theorem we have for $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & P\{Y^{U-\varepsilon}(t) \leq Y(t) \leq Y^{U+\varepsilon}(t) \text{ for all } t \in (0, T]\} \\ &= P\{Y^{U-\varepsilon}(T) \leq U_T \leq Y^{U+\varepsilon}(T)\} \\ &= 1 - P\{U_T < Y^{U-\varepsilon}(T)\} - P\{U_T > Y^{U+\varepsilon}(T)\} \\ &\geq 1 - P\left\{\left|\int_T^\infty (\tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) - \tilde{a}(s, Y^{U-\varepsilon}(s))) d^+ B(s)\right| > \varepsilon\right\} \\ &\quad - P\left\{\left|\int_T^\infty (\tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) - \tilde{a}(s, Y^{U+\varepsilon}(s))) d^+ B(s)\right| > \varepsilon\right\} \\ &\geq 1 - \varepsilon^{-2} E\left\{\left|\int_T^\infty (\tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) - \tilde{a}(s, Y^{U-\varepsilon}(s))) d^+ B(s)\right|^2\right\} \\ &\quad - \varepsilon^{-2} E\left\{\left|\int_T^\infty (\tilde{a}(s, Y(s)) - \tilde{a}(s, Y^{U+\varepsilon}(s))) d^+ B(s)\right|^2\right\} \\ &\geq 1 - 8K^2 \varepsilon^{-2} T^{-1} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$Y^{U-\varepsilon}(t) \leq Y(t) \leq Y^{U+\varepsilon}(t) \quad \text{for all } t > 0, \quad \text{a.s.}$$

On the other hand, by a comparison theorem we have $\Psi_T(t, U-\varepsilon, \mathbf{B}) \leq \Psi_T(t, U, \mathbf{B}) \leq \Psi_T(t, U+\varepsilon, \mathbf{B})$, $0 < t \leq T$, a.s. and hence $\Psi(t, U-\varepsilon, \mathbf{B}) \leq \Psi(t, U, \mathbf{B}) \leq \Psi(t, U+\varepsilon, \mathbf{B})$, $t > 0$, a.s. Consequently $E[|Y^{U+\varepsilon}(t) - Y^{U-\varepsilon}(t)|] = E[|Y^{U+\varepsilon}(t) - Y^{U-\varepsilon}(t)|] = 2\varepsilon$, which implies $Y^U(t) = Y(t)$, $t > 0$, almost surely. This completes the proof of Lemma 4. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. For any solution $\{X(t)\}$ of (1.5), $\{X(t)/t\}$ satisfies the SDE (3.2) by Lemma 3 and hence $X(t)/t = \Psi(t, U, \mathbf{B})$ a.s., where U is given by (3.1). If we put $\Phi(t, x, w) = t\Psi(t, x, w)$, then Φ has all the properties stated in (ii) of Theorem 2. The proof of Theorem 2 is finished. \square

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