

ON STOCHASTIC EQUATIONS AND INCLUSIONS WITH  
BACKWARD MEAN DERIVATIVES

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ABSTRACT. The paper is devoted to investigation of stochastic differential equations and inclusions with backward mean derivatives. We deal with the property of global in time existence of solutions of “inverse” Cauchy problem for such equations and inclusions having lower semicontinuous right-hand sides. A condition that guarantees the global in time existence of such solutions is obtained. For inclusions with backward mean derivatives having upper semi-continuous right-hand sides we prove the existence of optimal solution minimizing a certain cost criterion.

1. Introduction

The notion of mean derivatives (forward, backward, symmetric and antisymmetric) was introduced by E. Nelson in [1, 2, 3]. In [4] (see also [5]) an additional mean derivative, called quadratic, was introduced so that from some Nelson’s mean derivative and the quadratic one it became in principle possible to find a stochastic process having those derivatives.

This is a brief survey of results published in [6, 7, 8]. We investigate stochastic differential equations and inclusions given in terms of backward mean derivatives. We deal with inclusions with both lower semi-continuous and upper semi-continuous right-hand sides. The case of stochastic differential inclusions with forward mean derivatives was investigated in [9]. Here we present some facts about inclusions with forward mean derivatives as the machinery for those with backward ones.

Besides this Introduction, the paper consists of 7 sections. Section 1 is devoted to the preliminaries from the theory of mean derivatives while Section 2 – to preliminaries from the set-valued analysis. The detailed description of the former can be found, e.g., in [5], and of the latter, e.g., in [10].

In Section 3 we deal with differential equations with backward mean derivatives. This section gives the basis of next consideration.

In Section 4 we deal with inclusions with backward mean derivatives having lower semi-continuous right-hand sides. We investigate the property of global in

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time existence of solutions of “inverse” Cauchy problem for those inclusions. A condition that guarantees the global in time existence of such solutions is obtained.

In Section 5 we present some preliminary fact about inclusions with forward mean derivatives necessary for constructions below.

Section 6 is devoted to the inclusions with backward mean derivatives having upper semi-continuous right-hand sides. In Section 7 we prove the existence of optimal solution of the latter inclusions minimizing a certain cost criterion.

Some remarks on the notation. In this paper we deal with equations and inclusions in the linear space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , for which we always use coordinate presentation of vectors and linear operators. Vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are considered as columns. If  $X$  is such a vector, the transposed row vector is denoted by  $X^*$ . Linear operators from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are represented as  $n \times n$  matrices, the symbol  $*$  means transposition of a matrix (pass to the matrix of conjugate operator). The space of  $n \times n$  matrices is denoted by  $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

By  $S(n)$  we denote the linear space of symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices that is a subspace in  $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ . The symbol  $S_+(n)$  denotes the set of positive definite symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices that is a convex open set in  $S(n)$ . Its closure, i.e., the set of positive semi-definite symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices, is denoted by  $\bar{S}_+(n)$ .

Everywhere below for a set  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or in  $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  we use the norm introduced by usual formula  $\|B\| = \sup_{y \in B} \|y\|$ .

For the sake of simplicity we consider equations, their solutions and other objects on a finite time interval  $t \in [0, T]$ .

## 2. Preliminaries from mean derivatives

In this section we briefly describe preliminary facts about mean derivatives. See details in [1, 2, 3, 5].

Consider a stochastic process  $\xi(t)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ , given on a certain probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  and such that  $\xi(t)$  is an  $L_1$  random element for all  $t$ . It is known that such a process determines 3 families of  $\sigma$ -subalgebras of the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ :

(i) “the past”  $\mathcal{P}_t^\xi$  generated by preimages of Borel sets from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  under all mappings  $\xi(s) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $0 \leq s \leq t$ ;

(ii) “the future”  $\mathcal{F}_t^\xi$  generated by preimages of Borel sets from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  under all mappings  $\xi(s) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $t \leq s \leq T$ ;

(iii) “the present” (“now”)  $\mathcal{N}_t^\xi$  generated by preimages of Borel sets from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  under the mapping  $\xi(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

All the above families we suppose to be complete, i.e., containing all sets of probability zero.

For the sake of convenience we denote by  $E_t^\xi$  the conditional expectation  $E(\cdot | \mathcal{N}_t^\xi)$  with respect to the “present”  $\mathcal{N}_t^\xi$  for  $\xi(t)$ .

Following [1, 2, 3], introduce the following notions of forward and backward mean derivatives.

**Definition 2.1.** (i) The forward mean derivative  $D\xi(t)$  of  $\xi(t)$  at the time instant  $t$  is an  $L_1$  random element of the form

$$D\xi(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow +0} E_t^\xi \left( \frac{\xi(t + \Delta t) - \xi(t)}{\Delta t} \right), \quad (2.1)$$

where the limit is supposed to exist in  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $\Delta t \rightarrow +0$  means that  $\Delta t$  tends to 0 and  $\Delta t > 0$ .

(ii) The backward mean derivative  $D_*\xi(t)$  of  $\xi(t)$  at  $t$  is the  $L_1$ -random element

$$D_*\xi(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow +0} E_t^\xi \left( \frac{\xi(t) - \xi(t - \Delta t)}{\Delta t} \right) \quad (2.2)$$

where (as well as in (i)) the limit is assumed to exist in  $L^1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $\Delta t \rightarrow +0$  means that  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  and  $\Delta t > 0$ .

*Remark 2.2.* If  $\xi(t)$  is a Markov process then evidently  $E_t^\xi$  can be replaced by  $E(\cdot | \mathcal{P}_t^\xi)$  in (2.1) and by  $E(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_t^\xi)$  in (2.2). In initial Nelson's works there were two versions of definition of mean derivatives: as in our Definition 2.1 and with conditional expectations with respect to "past" and "future" as above that coincide for Markov processes. We shall not suppose  $\xi(t)$  to be a Markov process and give the definition with conditional expectation with respect to "present" taking into account the physical principle of locality: the derivative should be determined by the present state of the system, not by its past or future.

Following [4] (see also [5]) we introduce the differential operator  $D_2$  that differentiates an  $L_1$  random process  $\xi(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  according to the rule

$$D_2\xi(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow +0} E_t^\xi \left( \frac{(\xi(t + \Delta t) - \xi(t))(\xi(t + \Delta t) - \xi(t))^*}{\Delta t} \right), \quad (2.3)$$

where  $(\xi(t + \Delta t) - \xi(t))$  is considered as a column vector (vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ),  $(\xi(t + \Delta t) - \xi(t))^*$  is a row vector (transposed, or conjugate vector) and the limit is supposed to exist in  $L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . We emphasize that the matrix product of a column on the left and a row on the right is a matrix. It is shown that  $D_2\xi(t)$  takes values in  $\bar{S}_+(n)$ , the set of symmetric semi-positive definite matrices. We call  $D_2$  the quadratic mean derivative.

*Remark 2.3.* From the properties of conditional expectation (see, e.g., [11]) it follows that there exist Borel mappings  $a(t, x)$ ,  $a_*(t, x)$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$  from  $R \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and to  $\bar{S}_+$ , respectively, such that  $D\xi(t) = a(t, \xi(t))$ ,  $D_*\xi(t) = a_*(t, \xi(t))$  and  $D_2\xi(t) = \alpha(t, \xi(t))$ . Following [11] we call  $a(t, x)$ ,  $a_*(t, x)$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$  the regressions.

Let Borel measurable mappings  $a(t, x)$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$  from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and to  $\bar{S}_+(n)$ , respectively, be given. We call the system of the form

$$\begin{cases} D\xi(t) = a(t, \xi(t)), \\ D_2\xi(t) = \alpha(t, \xi(t)), \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

a first order differential equation with forward mean derivatives.

**Definition 2.4.** We say that (2.4) has a solution on  $[0, T]$  with initial condition  $\xi(0) = x_0$ , if there exist a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and a process  $\xi(t)$  given on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that P-a.s. and for almost all  $t$  (2.4) is satisfied.

Several existence of solution theorems for (2.4) can be found in [4].

**Definition 2.5.** The smooth function  $\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  sending the topological space  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is called proper if the preimage of every relatively compact set in  $\mathbb{R}$  is relatively compact in  $X$ .

Denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the generator of Markov process generated by equation (2.4).

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  there exist a smooth proper positive function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}\varphi < C$  for all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $C > 0$  is a certain real constant. Then the flow generated by equation (2.4) is complete, i.e. all solutions of (2.4) with deterministic initial values exist for  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ .*

Theorem 2.6 is a reformulation of [12, Theorem IX. 6A].

### 3. Preliminaries from set-valued mappings and differential inclusions

A set-valued mapping  $F$  from a set  $X$  into a set  $Y$  is a correspondence that assigns a non-empty subset  $F(x) \subset Y$  to every point  $x \in X$ ;  $F(x)$  is called the image of  $x$ .

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are metric spaces, for set-valued mappings there are several different analogues of continuity that in the case of single-valued mappings are transformed into usual continuity.

**Definition 3.1.** A set-valued mapping  $F$  is called upper semi-continuous at the point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  such that from  $x' \in U(x)$  it follows that  $F(x')$  belongs to the  $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhood of the set  $F(x)$ .  $F$  is called upper semi-continuous on  $X$  if it is upper semi-continuous at every point of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A set-valued mapping  $F$  is called lower semi-continuous at the point  $x \in X$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  such that from  $x' \in U(x)$  it follows that  $F(x)$  belongs to the  $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhood of  $F(x')$ .  $F$  is called lower semi-continuous on  $X$  if it is lower semi-continuous at every point of  $X$ .

An important technical role in investigating set-valued mappings is played by single-valued mappings that approximate the set-valued ones in some sense. We describe two kinds of such single-valued mappings: selectors and  $\varepsilon$ -approximations.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  be a set-valued mapping. A single-valued mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that for each  $x \in X$  the inclusion  $f(x) \in F(x)$  holds, is called a selector of  $F$ .

Not every set-valued mapping has a continuous selector. For lower semi-continuous set-valued mappings with convex closed values their existence is proved in the classical Michael's Theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** (Michael's Theorem) *If  $X$  is an arbitrary metric space and  $Y$  is a Banach space, a lower semi-continuous mapping such that the value of every point of  $X$  is a convex closed set, has a continuous selector.*

Upper semi-continuous mappings arise in applications more often than lower semi-continuous ones. Generally speaking, they do not have continuous selectors (but they have measurable ones). The so called  $\varepsilon$ -approximations are very much useful for investigating the upper semi-continuous mappings.

Recall that for a mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  of a metric space  $X$  to a metric space  $Y$  its graph is the set of pairs  $\{(x, F(x)) \mid x \in X\}$  in  $X \times Y$ . Note that for a set-valued  $F$  the value  $F(x)$  is a set in  $Y$ .

**Definition 3.5.** For given  $\varepsilon > 0$  a continuous single-valued mapping  $f_\varepsilon : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an  $\varepsilon$ -approximation of a set-valued mapping  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  if the graph of  $f$  as a set in  $X \times Y$ , belongs to the  $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhood of the graph of  $F$ .

It is known (see, e.g., [10]), that for upper semi-continuous set-valued mappings with convex closed images in normed linear spaces the  $\varepsilon$ -approximations exist for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a set-valued mapping. A differential inclusion

$$\dot{x} \in F(t, x) \tag{3.1}$$

is an analogue of differential equation and transforms into the latter if  $F$  is single-valued.

Below we are dealing with analogues of refdi) where in the left-hand side there are backward of forward mean derivatives.

#### 4. Differential equations with backward mean derivatives

The system

$$\begin{cases} D_*\xi(t) = a(t, \xi(t)) \\ D_2\xi(t) = \alpha(t, \xi(t)) \end{cases} \tag{4.1}$$

is called a first order differential equation with backward mean derivatives.

Notice that we do not introduce the notion of backward analog of operator  $D_2$  since, applying the properties of Itô integral, one can easily prove that for a diffusion process  $\xi(t)$  the result of application of that analog coincides with  $D_2\xi(t)$  (this follows from the results of [2, 3]).

**Definition 4.1.** We say that (4.1) has a solution on  $[0, T]$  with condition  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$ , if there exist a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a process  $\xi(t)$  given on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$ , P-a.s. and for almost all  $t$  equality (4.1) is satisfied.

Consider a solution  $\eta(t)$ , given on  $t \in [0, T]$ , with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  of the following differential equation with forward mean derivatives

$$\begin{cases} D\eta(t) = -a(T-t, \eta(t)), \\ D_2\eta(t) = \alpha(T-t, \eta(t)). \end{cases} \tag{4.2}$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *The process  $\xi(t) = \eta(T-t)$  is a solution of (4.1) with condition  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  where  $\eta(t)$  is a solution of (4.2) with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0$ .*

Indeed,  $D_*\xi(t) = -D\eta(T-t) = a(t, \eta(T-t)) = a(t, \xi(t))$ . For  $D_2\xi(t)$  the arguments are analogous. The equality  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  is obvious.

Now we are in position to find conditions, under which solutions of (4.1) exist on every interval  $[0, T]$ . It is evident that for this it is enough to show that the flow generated by equation (4.2), is complete. Denote the generator of (4.2) by  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** *If on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  there exists a smooth proper positive function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}\varphi < C$  for some real  $C > 0$  at all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then all solutions of (4.1) with deterministic values of “inverse” Cauchy problem exist on every interval  $[0, T]$ .*

Theorem 4.3 follows from Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 4.2.

### 5. Differential inclusions with backward mean derivatives having lower semi-continuous right-hand sides

Let  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(t, x)$  be set-valued mappings from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and to  $\bar{S}_+(n)$ , respectively. The system of the form

$$\begin{cases} D_*\xi(t) \in \mathbf{a}(t, \xi(t)), \\ D_2\xi(t) \in \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t, \xi(t)). \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

is called a first order differential inclusion with backward mean derivatives.

**Definition 5.1.** We say that (5.1) has a solution on  $[0, T]$  with “inverse” Cauchy condition  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$ , if there exist a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  and a process  $\xi(t)$  given on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{P})$  and taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  and  $\mathbf{P}$ -a.s. and for almost all  $t$  inclusion (5.1) is satisfied.

For equations with backward mean derivatives and inclusions with forward mean derivatives the definition of solution is quite analogous.

Consider a solution  $\eta(t)$ , given on  $t \in [0, T]$ , with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0$  of the following differential inclusion with forward mean derivatives

$$\begin{cases} D\eta(t) \in -\mathbf{a}(1-t, \eta(t)), \\ D_2\eta(t) \in \boldsymbol{\alpha}(1-t, \eta(t)). \end{cases} \quad (5.2)$$

**Theorem 5.2.** *The process  $\xi(t) = \xi_0 - \eta(T) + \eta(T-t)$  is a solution of (5.1) with condition  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  where  $\eta(t)$  is a solution of (5.2) with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0$ .*

Indeed,  $D_*\xi(t) = -D\eta(T-t) \in \mathbf{a}(t, \eta(T-t)) = \mathbf{a}(t, \xi(t))$ . For  $D_2\xi(t)$  the arguments are analogous.

Now we are in position to find conditions, under which solutions of (5.1) exist on every interval  $[0, T]$ .

Specify  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , a point  $a \in \mathbf{a}(t, x)$  with coordinates  $a^i$  of this vector and a point  $\alpha \in \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t, x)$  with elements  $\alpha^{ij}$  of this matrix. Consider the differential operator  $\mathcal{L}(t, x, a, \alpha) = -a^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} + \alpha^{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}$

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  be lower semicontinuous and have closed convex values. If on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  there exists a smooth proper positive function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for every  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\alpha \in \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t, x)$  the estimate*

$\mathcal{L}(t, x, a, \alpha)\varphi < C$  holds for some real  $C > 0$ , on every interval  $[0, T]$  there exists a solution of (5.1) with deterministic value of “inverse” Cauchy problem with  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$ .

*Proof.* By Michael’s theorem there exist continuous selectors  $a(t, x)$  of  $\mathbf{a}(t, \mathbf{x})$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$  of  $\mathbf{\alpha}(t, x)$ , respectively. So, it is sufficient to prove the statement of theorem for the solution of (4.1) with those  $a(t, x)$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$ . But this solution is a solution of equation with forward mean derivatives

$$\begin{cases} D\eta(t) \in -a(1 - t, \eta(t)), \\ D_2\eta(t) \in \alpha(1 - t, \eta(t)). \end{cases} \quad (5.3)$$

where  $\eta(t)$  is a solution of (5.3) with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0$ . The generator  $\mathcal{L}$  of the flow generated by equation (5.3) is a selector of  $\mathcal{L}(t, x, a, \alpha)$ . Hence, by the hypothesis of theorem, equation (5.3) satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.6 and so the solution exists for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Thus on every interval  $[0, T]$  the solution of “inverse” Cauchy problem for (5.1) with  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  exists.  $\square$

### 6. Auxiliary facts about inclusions with forward mean derivatives having upper semi-continuous right-hand sides

Let  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\mathbf{\alpha}(t, x)$  be set-valued mappings from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and to  $\bar{\mathbb{S}}_+(n)$ , respectively. The system of the form

$$\begin{cases} D\xi(t) \in \mathbf{a}(t, \xi(t)), \\ D_2\xi(t) \in \mathbf{\alpha}(t, \xi(t)). \end{cases} \quad (6.1)$$

is called a first order differential inclusion with forward mean derivatives.

**Definition 6.1.** We say that (6.1) has a solution on  $[0, T]$  with initial condition  $\xi(0) = x_0$ , if there exist a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and a process  $\xi(t)$  given on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that P-a.s. and for almost all  $t$  (6.1) is satisfied.

Note that for simplicity here we consider only deterministic initial conditions, i.e.,  $\xi_0$  in Definition 6.1 is a point in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Denote by  $\Omega$  the Banach space  $C^0([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$  of continuous curves in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given on  $[0, T]$ , with usual uniform norm. Introduce in  $\Omega$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by cylinder sets. Everywhere below we use this notation. Recall that  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra in  $\Omega$ . Note that the elementary event in  $\Omega$  is a curve that we denote by  $x(\cdot)$ . Its value at  $t \in [0, T]$  is denoted by  $x(t)$ .

It is a well-known fact that every stochastic process  $\eta$  with continuous sample paths in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , given on a certain probability space  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \mathbb{P})$  for  $t \in [0, T]$ , is a measurable mapping from  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}})$  to  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . Thus it determines a measure  $\mu_\eta$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  by the standard formula  $\mu_\eta(A) = \mathbb{P}(\eta^{-1}(A))$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

There is a standard process  $c(t, x(\cdot))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ . It is the so-called “coordinate process” defined by the formula  $c(t, x(\cdot)) = x(t)$ . The coordinate process on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu_\eta)$  is the standard description of the process  $\eta(t)$  on this probability space. See details, e.g., in [13, 5].

We shall look for solutions of (6.1) with continuous sample paths and mainly the solution will be described as a coordinate process on  $\Omega$  where the corresponding measure will be constructed.

**Definition 6.2.** The perfect solution of (6.1) is a stochastic process with continuous sample paths such that it is a solution in the sense of Definition 6.1 and the measure corresponding to it on the space of continuous curves, is a weak limit of measures generated by solutions of a sequence of diffusion-type Itô equations with continuous coefficients.

*Remark 6.3.* Note that perfect solutions, approximated by solutions of diffusion type equation, naturally arise in applications. But there is an open question whether any solution is perfect or non-perfect solutions also may exist.

**Lemma 6.4.** Let  $\alpha(t, x)$  be a jointly continuous (measurable, smooth) mapping from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $S_+(n)$ . Then there exists a jointly continuous (measurable, smooth, respectively) mapping  $A(t, x)$  from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $L(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$  such that for all  $t \in R$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the equality  $A(t, x)A^*(t, x) = \alpha(t, x)$  holds.

The proof is available in [4, Lemma 2.2].

**Theorem 6.5** ([9]). Specify an arbitrary initial value  $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  be an upper semi-continuous set-valued mapping with closed convex images from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let it satisfy the estimate

$$\|\mathbf{a}(t, x)\|^2 < K(1 + \|x\|^2) \tag{6.2}$$

for some  $K > 0$ .

Let  $\alpha(t, x)$  be an upper semicontinuous set-valued mapping with closed convex images from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\bar{S}_+(n)$  such that for each  $\alpha(t, x) \in \alpha(t, x)$  the estimate

$$|\text{tr}\alpha(t, x)| < K(1 + \|x\|^2) \tag{6.3}$$

takes place for some  $K > 0$ .

Then for every sequence  $\varepsilon_i \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_i > 0$ , each pair of sequence  $a_i(t, x)$  and  $\alpha_i(t, x)$  of  $\varepsilon_i$ -approximations of  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$ , respectively, generates a perfect solution of (6.1) with initial condition  $\xi_0$ .

### 7. Optimal solutions of inclusions with backward mean derivatives having upper semi-continuous right-hand sides

Let  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\alpha(t, x)$  be set-valued mappings from  $[0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and to  $\bar{S}_+(n)$ , respectively. The system of the form

$$\begin{cases} D_*\xi(t) \in \mathbf{a}(t, \xi(t)), \\ D_2\xi(t) \in \alpha(t, \xi(t)). \end{cases} \tag{7.1}$$

is called a first order differential inclusion with backward mean derivatives.

**Definition 7.1.** We say that (7.1) has a solution on  $[0, T]$  with “inverse” Cauchy condition  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$ , if there exist a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and a process  $\xi(t)$  given on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  and taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  and P-a.s. and for almost all  $t$  inclusion (7.1) is satisfied.



Consider a solution  $\eta(t)$ , given on  $t \in [0, T]$ , with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0$  of the following differential inclusion with forward mean derivatives

$$\begin{cases} D\eta(t) \in -\mathbf{a}(T-t, \eta(t)), \\ D_2\eta(t) \in \boldsymbol{\alpha}(T-t, \eta(t)). \end{cases} \quad (7.2)$$

**Theorem 7.2.** *The process  $\xi(t) = \xi_0 - \eta(T) + \eta(T-t)$  is a solution of (7.1) with condition  $\xi(T) = \xi_0$  where  $\eta(t)$  is a solution of (7.2) with initial condition  $\eta(0) = \xi_0$ .*

Indeed,  $D_*\xi(t) = -D\eta(T-t) \in \mathbf{a}(t, \eta(T-t)) = \mathbf{a}(t, \xi(t))$ . For  $D_2\xi(t)$  the arguments are analogous.

**Theorem 7.3.** *Specify an arbitrary final value  $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let the set-valued mappings  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(t, x)$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 6.5. Then for every sequence  $\varepsilon_i \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_i > 0$ , each pair of sequence  $a_i(t, x)$  and  $\alpha_i(t, x)$  of  $\varepsilon_i$ -approximations of  $\mathbf{a}(t, x)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}(t, x)$ , respectively, generates a perfect solution of (7.1) with inverse initial condition  $\xi_0$ .*

Indeed, under the hypothesis of Theorem 7.3 inclusion (7.2) satisfies the condition of Theorem 6.5. Thus the assertion of Theorem 7.3 follows from Theorem 7.2.

*Remark 7.4.* Note that all sequences of  $\varepsilon$ -approximations for all sequences of  $\varepsilon_i \rightarrow 0$ , used in the proof of Theorem 6.5, satisfy (6.2) and (6.3) with the same  $K$  so that by corollary in Section III.2 [13] the set of measures  $\{\mu_i\}$  (corresponding to all sequences and all  $i$  is weakly compact.

Let  $f$  be a continuous bounded real-valued function on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ . For solutions of (6.1) consider the cost criterion in the form

$$J(\xi(\cdot)) = E \int_0^T f(t, \xi(t)) dt \quad (7.3)$$

We are looking for solutions, for which the value of the criterion is minimal.

**Theorem 7.5.** *Among the perfect solutions of (7.1) constructed in the proof of Theorem 7.3, there is a solution  $\xi(t)$  on which the value of  $J$  is minimal.*

*Proof.* Since all the measures on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ , constructed in the proof of Theorem 7.3 for perfect solutions of (7.1), are probabilistic and the function  $f$  in (7.3) is bounded, the set of values of  $J$  on those solutions is bounded. If that set of values has a minimum, then the corresponding measure  $\mu$  is the one we are looking for: the coordinate process on the space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is an optimal solution.

Suppose that the above-mentioned set of values has no minimum, but then it has a greatest lower bound  $\aleph$  that is a limit point in that set. Let  $\mu_i^*$  be a sequence of measures such that for the corresponding solutions  $\xi_i^*(t)$  the values  $J(\xi_i^*(t))$  converge to  $\aleph$ . Every  $\mu_i^*$  is a weak limit of a sequence of measures  $\mu_{ij}$  corresponding to some sequence of  $\varepsilon_j$ -approximations as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . One can easily see that it is possible to select from the sequence a subsequence (for simplicity we denote it by the same symbol  $\mu_{ij}$ ) such that for the corresponding solutions  $\xi_{ij}(t)$  and for all  $i$  we obtain the uniform convergence of  $J(\xi_{ij}(\cdot))$  to  $J(\xi_i^*(\cdot))$  as

$j \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $J(\xi_{ii}(\cdot)) \rightarrow \aleph$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . Since the set of all measures corresponding to all approximations, is weakly compact (see above), we can select from  $\mu_{ii}$  a subsequence (denote it by the same symbol  $\mu_{ii}$ ) that weakly converges to a certain measure  $\mu^*$ . By the construction, for the coordinate process  $\xi^*(t)$  on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu^*)$  we get  $J(\xi^*(\cdot)) = \aleph$ , i.e., the value is minimal. Since  $\mu^*$  is a limit of  $\mu_{ii}$ ,  $\xi^*(t)$  is a perfect solution of (6.1) that we are looking for.  $\square$

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