

Reminders.

- $B = (B_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ standard Brownian motion in \mathbb{R}^d (continuous paths)

$$\text{def. } B_{st}^1 := \delta B_{st} = B_t - B_s$$

- $B_{0t}^2 := \int_0^t B_s \otimes dB_s$ Itô integral (continuous paths)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{def. } B_{st}^2 &:= B_{0t}^2 - B_{0s}^2 - B_s \otimes (B_t - B_s) \\ &= \int_s^t \delta B_{su} \otimes dB_u \end{aligned}$$

Theorem ⁽¹⁾: For any $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$, a.s. $B = (B^1, B^2)$ is an α -rough path over B , i.e.

$$\forall s < u < t$$

$$\bullet B_{st}^1 = \delta B_{st} \quad \delta B_{sut}^2 = B_{su}^1 \otimes B_{ut}^1 \quad (\text{CHEN'S RELATION})$$

$$\bullet |B_{st}^1| \lesssim (t-s)^\alpha \quad |B_{st}^2| \lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha}$$

Fix $G: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^k)$ of class C^1 and def

$$G_2(z) := \nabla G(z) \odot(z) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

Consider the ROUGH DIFFERENTIAL EQ. (RDE)

$$(RDE) \quad \delta Y_{st} = G(Y_s) B_{st}^1 + G_2(Y_s) B_{st}^2 + o(t-s)$$

unif. for $0 \leq s < t \leq T$

Compare it to the STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQ (SDE)

$$dY_t = \sigma(Y_t) dB_t \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(SDE) \quad Y_t = Y_0 + \int_0^t \sigma(Y_s) dB_s \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq T$$

Theorem ⁽²⁾ (SDE & RDE) : If $\sigma \in C^2$, then given a solution $Y = (Y_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$ of (SDE), a.s. Y solves (RDE).
Moreover, if $\sigma \in C^3$ with σ and σ_2 globally Lipschitz, then (SDE) and (RDE) have both existence and uniqueness of solutions, for any given initial datum $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and these solutions coincide a.s.

Everything is based on the following key result.

Theorem ⁽³⁾ For $h = (h_u)_{u \in [0, T]}$ a continuous, adapted process, consider the Itô integral (continuous version of)

$$I_t = I_0 + \int_0^t h_u dB_u \quad h_u \in L(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$$

Fix any $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$

(a) a.s. $I \in \mathcal{C}^\alpha$, that is for $0 \leq s < t \leq T$

$$| \delta I_{st} | \lesssim (t-s)^\alpha \quad \xrightarrow{C < \infty \text{ a.s.}} \leq C(\omega) (t-s)^\alpha$$

Note now that $\delta I_{st} = \int_s^t h_u dB_u$

$$\Rightarrow \delta I_{st} - \underbrace{h_s(B_t - B_s)}_{B_{st}^1} = \int_s^t \underbrace{(h_u - h_s)}_{\delta h_{su}} dB_u$$

(b) If a.s. $h \in \mathcal{C}^\beta$, i.e. $|\delta h_{su}| \lesssim (u-s)^\beta$, for some $\beta \in (0, 1]$, then a.s.

$$|\delta I_{st} - h_s B_{st}^1| \lesssim (t-s)^{\alpha+\beta}$$

Now we go one step further:

(c) If a.s. $|\delta h_{su} - h_s^1 B_{su}^1| \lesssim (u-s)^{\alpha+\eta}$, for some $\eta \in (0, 1]$ and for some adapted $h^1 = (h_u^1)_{u \in [0, T]} \in \mathcal{C}^\eta$, then a.s.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \underbrace{\delta I_{st} - h_s B_{st}^1}_{\int_s^t \delta h_{su} dB_u} - \underbrace{h_s^1 B_{st}^2}_{h_s^1 \int_s^t \delta B_{su}} \right| \lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha+\eta} \\ & \underbrace{\int_s^t \delta h_{su} dB_u - h_s^1 \int_s^t \delta B_{su}}_{\int_s^t \{ \delta h_{su} - h_s^1 \delta B_{su} \} dB_u} \\ & \lesssim (u-s)^{\alpha+\eta} \lesssim (t-s)^{\alpha+\eta} \end{aligned}$$

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Proof of Theorem ① We show that, a.s., $B = (B^1, B^2)$ is an α -rough path, for any $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$.

• ALGEBRAIC RELATIONS: $B_{st}^1 = \delta B_{st}$ by definition

CHEN'S RELATION: Fix $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ and $s < u < t$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta(B^2)_{sut}^{ij} &= (B^2)_{st}^{ij} - (B^2)_{su}^{ij} - (B^2)_{ut}^{ij} \\
 &= \int_s^t \delta B_{s2}^i dB_2^j - \int_s^u \delta B_{s2}^i dB_2^j - \int_u^t \delta B_{u2}^i dB_2^j \\
 &= \int_u^t \delta B_{s2}^i dB_2^j - \int_u^t \delta B_{u2}^i dB_2^j \\
 &= \int_u^t \underbrace{(\delta B_{s2}^i - \delta B_{u2}^i)}_{\delta B_{su}^i} dB_2^j \\
 &= \delta B_{su}^i \cdot \int_u^t 1 dB_2^j = \underbrace{\delta B_{su}^i}_{(B^1)_{su}^i} \cdot \underbrace{\delta B_{ut}^j}_{(B^1)_{ut}^j}
 \end{aligned}$$

This holds a.s., given any fixed $s < u < t$.

Then it holds a.s. simultaneously $\forall s < u < t \in \mathbb{Q}$, hence $\forall s < u < t \in \mathbb{R}$ by continuity of both sides in s, u, t .

ANALYTIC BOUNDS :

- $|B_{st}^1| = |\delta B_{st}| \lesssim (t-s)^\alpha$ by Theorem (3) (a)
choosing $h=1$.

- $|(\mathbb{B}^2)_{st}^{ij}| = \left| \int_s^t \delta B_{su}^i dB_u^j \right| = \left| \int_s^t B_u^i dB_u^j - B_s^i \delta B_{st}^j \right|$
 $\lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha}$ by Theorem (3) (b)
choosing $h_1 = B^i$

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Proof of Theorem (2) It suffices to show the first part: assume $\sigma \in C^2$, fix Y a solution of (SDE) and we show that, a.s., Y solves (RDE) -

Fix $0 \leq s < t \leq T$ and compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \delta Y_{st} - \underbrace{\sigma_1(Y_s) B_{st}^1 - \sigma_2(Y_s) B_{st}^2}_{\substack{Y_t - Y_s = \int_s^t \sigma(Y_u) dB_u \\ \text{(SDE)}}} \\
 &= \int_s^t \{ \sigma(Y_u) - \sigma(Y_s) \} dB_u - \underbrace{\sigma_2(Y_s) \cdot \int_s^t \delta B_{su} \otimes dB_u}_{\int_s^t \{ \sigma_2(Y_s) \delta B_{su} \} dB_u}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$| = \int_s^t \underbrace{\left\{ \delta \sigma(Y)_{s,u} - \sigma_2(Y_s) \delta B_{s,u} \right\}}_{\text{...}} dB_u = \textcircled{\star}$$

We claim that a.s. $\{ \dots \} \lesssim (s-u)^{2\alpha} \quad \forall 0 \leq s < u \leq T$.

Then we can apply Theorem (3) (c) with $h = \sigma(Y)$ and $h^1 = \sigma_2(Y)$, with $\gamma = \alpha$, to get

$$\text{a.s.} \quad \textcircled{\star} \lesssim (t-s)^{3\alpha} = o(t-s) \quad \text{since } \alpha > \frac{1}{3}.$$

If a.s. $|\delta h_{s,u} - h_s^1 B_{s,u}^1| \lesssim (u-s)^{\alpha+\eta}$, for some $\eta \in (0, 1]$ and for some adapted $h^1 = (h_u^1)_{u \in [0, T]} \in \mathcal{C}^\eta$, then a.s.

$$|\delta I_{st} - h_s B_{st}^1 - h_s^1 B_{st}^2| \lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha+\eta}$$

It remains to prove the claim:

$$\text{a.s.} \quad |\delta \sigma(Y)_{st} - \sigma_2(Y_s) B_{st}^1| \lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha}$$

By Itô formula $[dY_u = \sigma(Y_u) dB_u]$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(Y_t) &= \sigma(Y_0) + \int_0^t \nabla \sigma(Y_u) dY_u + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \nabla^2 \sigma(Y_u) \cdot d\langle Y, Y \rangle_u \\ &= \sigma(Y_0) + \int_0^t \sigma_2(Y_u) dB_u + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \underbrace{\nabla^2 \sigma(Y_u) \cdot (\sigma \sigma^t)(Y_u)}_{\text{pcu}} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \delta \sigma(Y)_{st} &= \sigma(Y_t) - \sigma(Y_s) \\ &= \int_s^t \sigma_2(Y_u) dB_u + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t p(u) du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Finally } \delta \sigma(Y)_{st} - \sigma_2(Y_s) B_{st}^1 &= \underbrace{\int_s^t \{\sigma_2(Y_u) - \sigma_2(Y_s)\} dB_u}_{A_{st}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_s^t p(u) du}_{O(t-s) \lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha}} \\ &\quad \text{because } p \text{ is continuous,} \\ &\quad \text{hence locally bounded.} \end{aligned}$$

We can now apply again Theorem (3) (b) with $h = \sigma_2(Y)$ which satisfies, a.s., $h \in \mathcal{C}^\alpha$: indeed

$$|\delta h_{st}| = |\sigma_2(Y_t) - \sigma_2(Y_s)| \leq \|\nabla \sigma_2\|_\infty |\delta Y_{st}| \lesssim (t-s)^\alpha$$

$$|\delta Y_{st}| = \left| \int_s^t \sigma(Y_u) dB_u \right| \lesssim (t-s)^\alpha \text{ by Theorem (3) (a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A_{st}| = \left| \int_s^t (\delta h_{su}) dB_u \right| \lesssim (t-s)^{2\alpha}. \quad \square$$

We now explain how to prove Theorem (3) -

All the results (a) (b) (c) are of the form

$$|A_{st}| \lesssim (t-s)^\delta$$

for suitable choice of A_{st} and γ .

We then fix a (later random) **continuous** function $A: [0, T]_{\mathbb{R}}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, that is $A = (A_{st})_{0 \leq s, t \leq T}$.
For notational simplicity $T=1$.

By continuity, it is enough to prove that

$$\textcircled{\star} \quad |A_{st}| \leq C_1 \cdot (t-s)^\gamma \quad \forall s, t \in \mathbb{D}$$

where $\mathbb{D} \subseteq [0, 1]$ is the set of dyadic rationals:

$$\mathbb{D} = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{D}_k \quad \mathbb{D}_k = \left\{ t_i^k := \frac{i}{2^k}, 0 \leq i \leq 2^k \right\}$$

Let us write $d \rightarrow d'$ to mean that $d, d' \in \mathbb{D}$ are consecutive dyadic rationals in same \mathbb{D}_k , i.e.

$$d \rightarrow d' \Leftrightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{N}_0, i \in [0, 2^k - 1]: d = \frac{i}{2^k}, d' = \frac{i+1}{2^k}$$

It turns out that, if we can prove $\textcircled{\star}$ for $s=d, t=d'$ with $d \rightarrow d'$, and if we can bound $\delta A_{sut} \quad \forall s < u < t \in \mathbb{D}$, then we can deduce $\textcircled{\star} \quad \forall s < t \in \mathbb{D}$.

More precisely, we have:

Theorem (KOLMOGOROV CRITERION, DETERMINISTIC PART) (Kol 1)

Assume that $A: D_{\infty}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies, for some $0 < p < \delta$,

$$\bullet \quad Q_{\delta} := \sup_{d, d' \in D: d \rightarrow d'} \frac{|A_{d, d'}|}{|d' - d|^{\delta}} < \infty$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |A_{d, d'}| \leq Q_{\delta} (d' - d)^{\delta} \quad \forall d \rightarrow d'$$

$$\bullet \quad K_{p, \delta} := \sup_{s < u < t \in D} \frac{|\delta A_{s, ut}|}{\min\{u-s, t-u\}^p |t-s|^{\delta-p}} < \infty$$

$$|\delta A_{s, ut}| \leq K_{p, \delta} \cdot \min\{u-s, t-u\}^p (t-s)^{\delta-p} \leq K_{p, \delta} \cdot (t-s)^{\delta}$$

Then there is a universal explicit $C_{p, \delta} < \infty$ such that

$$|A_{st}| \leq C_{p, \delta} (Q_{\delta} + K_{p, \delta}) (t-s)^{\delta} \quad \forall s < t \in D.$$

We complement the previous result with a criterion to check that $Q_{\delta} < \infty$, that is to prove $|A_{d, d'}| \lesssim (d' - d)^{\delta}$ for consecutive dyadic rationals $d \rightarrow d'$, when A is random and we can bound its moments.

(This implies the classical Kolmogorov criterion)

Theorem (KOLMOGOROV CRITERION, RANDOM PART) - (Kol2)

Let $A: \mathbb{D}_{\infty}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be random and satisfy

$$\mathbb{E}[|A_{st}|^p] \leq c(t-s)^{p \cdot \gamma_0} \quad \forall s < t \in \mathbb{D}$$

for some $p, \gamma_0, c \in (0, \infty)$ - Then

$$\mathbb{E}[|Q_{\gamma}(A)|^p] < \infty \quad \forall \gamma < \gamma_0 - \frac{1}{p},$$

$$\sup_{\substack{d \rightarrow d'}} \frac{|A_{dd'}|}{(d'-d)^{\gamma}}$$

hence $Q_{\gamma}(A) < \infty$ a.s. - Hence, if also $K_{p,\gamma}(A) < \infty$,

$$\text{a.s. } |A_{st}| \lesssim (t-s)^{\gamma} \quad \forall s < t \in \mathbb{D}.$$

Proof - $|Q_{\gamma}(A)|^p \leq \sum_{\substack{d < d' \in \mathbb{D} \\ d \rightarrow d'}} \left(\frac{|A_{dd'}|}{(d'-d)^{\gamma}} \right)^p$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \frac{|A_{\frac{i}{2^k}, \frac{i+1}{2^k}}|^p}{\left(\frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{\gamma p}}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathbb{E}[|Q_{\gamma}(A)|^p] \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{2^k-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{p \gamma_0}}{\left(\frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{\gamma p}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^k}\right)^{p(\gamma_0 - \gamma)} < \infty$$

$$\text{as long as } p(\gamma_0 - \gamma) - 1 > 0 \Leftrightarrow \gamma_0 - \gamma > \frac{1}{p} \Leftrightarrow \gamma < \gamma_0 - \frac{1}{p}$$

We finally apply this refined Kolmogorov criterion to prove Theorem (3) -

Proof of Theorem (3) -

$$(a) \quad I_t - I_s = \int_s^t h_u dB_u$$

$$\text{Consider } A_{st} := I_t - I_s = \delta I_{st}$$

Plainly $\delta A \equiv 0$ hence $K_{p,\gamma}(A) = 0$ thus

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{by Kol(1)} \\ \text{with } \gamma = \alpha \end{array} \right] \quad |I_t - I_s| = |A_{st}| \lesssim Q_\alpha(A) \cdot (t-s)^\alpha$$

It remains to show that $Q_\alpha(A) < \infty$ a.s., which we deduce by Kol(2).

We may assume that $|h_u(\omega)| \leq G < \infty$ -
(Indeed, in the general case we argue by localisation, defining the stopping times

$$\tau_n := \inf \{ u \in [0, \pi] : |h_u| > n \}$$

and working with the bounded process $h_u^{\tau_n} := h_u \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\{0 \leq u \leq \tau_n\}}$

Assuming $|h_u(\omega)| \leq C < \infty$, we apply Kol(2):

$$\mathbb{E}[|Q_\gamma(A)|^p] < \infty \quad \text{if} \quad \mathbb{E}[|A_{st}|^p] \leq (t-s)^{p\gamma_0}$$

for $\gamma < \gamma_0 - \frac{1}{p}$

To estimate $\mathbb{E}[|A_{st}|^p] = \mathbb{E}[|\delta I_{st}|^p] = \mathbb{E}[|\int_s^t h_u dB_u|^p]$

we apply the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[|\int_s^t h_u dB_u|^p] &\lesssim \mathbb{E}[|\int_s^t h_u dB_u|^2]^{p/2} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\int_s^t h_u^2 du\right]^{p/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [|h_u| \leq C] \quad &\lesssim C^p \cdot \underbrace{(t-s)^{p/2}}_{(t-s)^{p\gamma_0}} \quad \forall p \in [2, \infty) \\ &\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We then have $Q_\gamma(A) < \infty$ a.s., $\forall \gamma < \gamma_0 - \frac{1}{p}$
 $\quad \quad \quad = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}$

Taking p large, we get $Q_\alpha(A) < \infty$ a.s. $\forall \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$.