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HOMOGENEOUS CHAOS REVISITED

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Homogeneous Chaos Revisited

Let (Θ, H, ω) be an abstract Wiener space. That is: Θ is a separable real Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|_{\Theta}$; H is a separable real Hilbert space with norm $\|\cdot\|_H$; $H \subseteq \Theta$, $\|h\|_{\Theta} \leq C\|h\|_H$ for some $C < \infty$ and all $h \in H$, and H is $\|\cdot\|_{\Theta}$ - dense in Θ ; and ω is the probability measure on $(\Theta, \mathcal{B}_{\Theta})$ with the property that, for each $\ell \in \Theta^*$, $\theta \in \Theta \rightarrow \langle \ell, \theta \rangle$ under ω is a Gaussian random variable with mean zero and variance $\|\ell\|_H^2 \equiv \sup\{\langle \ell, h \rangle^2 : h \in H \text{ with } \|h\|_H = 1\}$. Let $\{\ell^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} \subseteq \Theta^*$ be an orthonormal basis in H ; set $A = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{Z}^+} : |\alpha| = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \alpha_k < \infty\}$; and, for $\alpha \in A$, define

$$H_{\alpha}(\theta) = \prod_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^+} H_{\alpha_k}(\langle \ell^k, \theta \rangle), \quad \theta \in \Theta,$$

where

$$H_m(\xi) = (-1)^m e^{\xi^2/2} \frac{d^m}{d\xi^m} (e^{-\xi^2/2}), \quad m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^1.$$

Then, $\{(\alpha!)^{-1/2} H_{\alpha} : \alpha \in A\}$ is an orthonormal basis in $L^2(\omega)$.

Moreover, if, for $m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$Z^{(m)} \equiv \overline{\text{span}\{H_{\alpha} : |\alpha| = m\}} L^2(\omega),$$

then: $Z^{(m)}$ is independent of the particular choice of the orthonormal basis $\{\ell^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$; $Z^{(m)} \perp Z^{(n)}$ for $m \neq n$; and $L^2(\omega) = \bigoplus_{m=0}^{\infty} Z^{(m)}$. These facts were first proved by N. Wiener [6] and constitute the foundations on which his theory of homogeneous chaos is based.

The purpose of the present article is to explain how, for given $\phi \in L^2(\omega)$, one can compute the orthogonal projection $\Pi_{Z^{(m)}}\phi$ of ϕ onto $Z^{(m)}$. In order to describe the procedure, it will be necessary to describe the elementary Sobolev theory associated with (θ, H, ω) . To this end, let Y be a separable real Hilbert space and set $P(Y) = \text{span}\{H_\alpha y : \alpha \in A \text{ and } y \in Y\}$. Then $P(Y)$ is dense in $L^2(\omega; Y)$. Next, for $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\phi \in P(Y)$, define $\theta \rightarrow D^m \phi(\theta) \in H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (D^m \phi(\theta), h^1 \otimes \dots \otimes h^m \otimes y)_{H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y} \\ = \frac{\partial^m}{\partial t_1 \dots \partial t_m} (\phi(\theta + \sum_{j=1}^m t_j h^j), y)_Y \Big|_{t_1 = \dots = t_m = 0} \end{aligned}$$

for $h^1, \dots, h^m \in H$ and $y \in Y$. Then D^m maps $P(Y)$ into $P(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y)$ and $D^n = D^m \circ D^{n-m}$ for $0 \leq m \leq n$. Associated with the operator $D^m : P(Y) \rightarrow P(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y)$ is its adjoint operator ∂^m . Using the Cameron-Martin formula [1], one can easily prove the following lemma.

(1) Lemma: The operator ∂^m does not depend on the choice of orthonormal basis $\{\ell^k : k \in Z^+\}$, $P(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y) \subseteq \text{Dom}(\partial^m)$, and $\partial^m : P(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y) \rightarrow P(Y)$. Moreover, if $m \in Z^+$, $K = (k_1, \dots, k_m) \in (Z^+)^m$, and $\ell^K = \ell^{k_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \ell^{k_m}$, then

$$(2) \quad \partial^m \ell^K = H_\alpha(K)$$

where $\alpha(K)$ is the element of A defined by

$$(\alpha(K))_k = \text{card}\{1 \leq j \leq m : k_j = k\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

In particular, $H^{\otimes m} \subseteq \text{Dom}(\partial^m)$.

Since ∂^m is densely defined, it has a well-defined adjoint $(\partial^m)^*$. Set $W_m^2(Y) = \text{Dom}((\partial^m)^*)$ and use $\|\cdot\|_{W_m^2(Y)}$ to denote the associated graph norm on $W_m^2(Y)$. The following lemma is an easy application of inequalities proved by M. and P. Kree [3].

(2) Lemma: $W_m^2(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y) \subseteq \text{Dom}(\partial^m)$, $\|\partial^m \psi\|_{L^2(\omega; Y)} \leq C_m \|\psi\|_{W_m^2(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y)}$, and $\partial^m = ((\partial^m)^*)^*$. Moreover, $P(Y)$ is $\|\cdot\|_{W_m^2(Y)}$ -dense in $W_m^2(Y)$. Finally, $W_{m+1}^2(Y) \subseteq W_m^2(Y)$ and $\|\cdot\|_{W_{m+1}^2(Y)} \leq C_m \|\cdot\|_{W_m^2(Y)}$ for all $m \geq 0$.

Warning: In view of the proceeding, the use of D^m to denote its own closure $(\partial^m)^*$ is only a mild abuse of notation. Because it simplifies the notation, this abuse of notation will be used throughout what follows.

Now set $W_{-m}^2(Y) = W_m^2(Y)^*$, $m \geq 0$, and $W_\infty^2(Y) = \bigcap_{m=0}^\infty W_m^2(Y)$. Then, when $W_\infty^2(Y)$ is given the Fréchet topology determined by $\{\|\cdot\|_{W_m^2(Y)} : m \geq 0\}$, $(W_\infty^2(Y))^*$ is $W_{-\infty}^2(Y) \equiv \bigcap_{m=0}^\infty W_{-m}^2(Y)$. Moreover, $L^2(\omega; Y)$ becomes a subspace of $W_{-\infty}^2(Y)$ when $\phi \in L^2(\omega; Y)$ is identified with the linear functional $\psi \in W^2(Y) \rightarrow E^W[(\phi, \psi)_Y]$; and in this way $W_\infty^2(Y)$ becomes a dense subspace of $W_{-\infty}^2(Y)$. Finally, D^m has a unique continuous extension as a map from $W_{-\infty}^2(Y)$ into $W_{-\infty}^2(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y)$ given by $T \rightarrow D^m T$ where $D^m T(\psi) = T(\partial^m \psi)$ for $\psi \in W_\infty^2(H^{\otimes m} \otimes Y)$. In particular, for $T \in W_{-\infty}^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$, there is a unique $D^m T(1) \in H^{\otimes m}$ defined by:

$$(3) \quad (D^m T(1), h)_{H^{\otimes m}} = T(\partial^m h), \quad h \in H^{\otimes m}.$$

Note that when $\phi \in W_{\infty}^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$,

$$(4) \quad D^m \phi(1) = E^{\omega} [D^m \phi].$$

(5) Theorem: Let $\phi \in L^2(\omega)$ be given. Then, for each $m \geq 0$:

$$(6) \quad \Pi_{Z(m)} \phi = \frac{1}{m!} \partial^m (D^m \phi(1)).$$

Hence,

$$(7) \quad \phi = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \partial^m (D^m \phi(1)).$$

In particular, when $\phi \in W_{\infty}^2(\mathbb{R}^1)$:

$$(6') \quad \Pi_{Z(m)} \phi = \frac{1}{m!} \partial^m E^{\omega} [D^m \phi]$$

and

$$(7') \quad \phi = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \partial^m E^{\omega} [D^m \phi].$$

Proof: Simply observe that, by Lemma (1):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^m (D^m \phi(1)) &= \sum_{K \in (Z^+)^m} E^{\omega} [\phi \partial^m \ell^K] \partial^m \ell^K \\ &= \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \binom{m}{\alpha} E^{\omega} [\phi H_{\alpha}] H_{\alpha} \\ &= m! \Pi_{Z(m)} \phi \end{aligned}$$

The classic abstract Wiener space is the Wiener space associated with a Brownian motion on \mathbb{R}^1 . Namely, define $H_1(\mathbb{R}^1)$ and

$\Theta(\mathbb{R}^1)$ to be, respectively, the completion of $C_0^\infty((0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^1)$ with respect to

$$\|\psi\|_{H_1(\mathbb{R}^1)} \equiv \left(\int_0^\infty |\psi'(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}$$

and

$$\|\psi\|_{\Theta(\mathbb{R}^1)} \equiv \sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{1}{1+t} |\psi(t)| .$$

Then Wiener's famous existence theorem shows that there is a probability measure on $\Theta(\mathbb{R}^1)$ such that $(\Theta(\mathbb{R}^1), H_1(\mathbb{R}^1), \omega)$ is an abstract Wiener space. For $(\Theta(\mathbb{R}^1), H_1(\mathbb{R}^1), \omega)$, K. Itô [2] showed how to cast Wiener's theory of homogeneous chaos in a particularly appealing form. To be precise, set $\square_m = [0, \infty)^m$; and, for $f \in L^2(\square_m)$, define

$$\int_{\square_m} f d^m \theta = \sum_{\sigma \in \Pi_m} \int_0^\infty d\theta(t_m) \int_0^{t_m} d\theta(t_{m-1}) \dots \int_0^{t_2} f(t_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, t_{\sigma(m)}) d\theta(t_1)$$

where Π_m denotes the permutation group on $\{1, \dots, m\}$ and the $d\theta(t)$ -integrals are taken in the sense of Itô. What Itô discovered is that, for given $\phi \in L^2(\omega)$, there exists a unique symmetric $f_\phi^{(m)} \in L^2(\square_m)$ such that

$$(8) \quad \Pi_{Z(m)} \phi = \frac{1}{m!} \int_{\square_m} f_\phi^{(m)} d^m \theta$$

In order to interpret Itô's result in terms of Theorem (5), let $\{\psi^k : k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} \subseteq C_0^\infty((0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^1)$ be an orthonormal basis in $L^2(\square_1)$ and define $\ell^k \in \Theta(\mathbb{R}^1)^*$ by $\ell^k(dt) = \left(\int_0^\infty \psi^k(s) ds \right) dt$. Then

$\langle \ell^k, \theta \rangle = \int_{\square_1} \psi^k d^1 \theta$. Moreover, by using, on the one hand, the generating function for the Hermite polynomials and, on the other hand, the uniqueness of solutions to linear stochastic integral equations (cf. H. P. McKean [5]), one finds that for $K \in (k_1, \dots, k_m) \in (Z^+)^m$:

$$\int_{\square_m} h^k d^m \theta = H_{\alpha(K)}$$

where $\psi^K = \psi^{k_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \psi^{k_m}$ and $\alpha(K) \in A$ is defined as in Lemma (1).

Hence, by Lemma (1):

$$(9) \quad \partial^m \ell^K = \int_{\square_m} \psi^K d^m \theta, \quad K \in (Z^+)^m.$$

Finally, for $(t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \square_m$, define $h_{(t_1, \dots, t_m)}(s_1, \dots, s_m) = (s_1 \wedge t_1) \dots (s_m \wedge t_m)$. Then, for each $h \in H_1(R^1)^{\otimes m}$, there is a unique $h' \in L^2(\square_m)$ such that $(h, h_{(t_1, \dots, t_m)})_{H_1(R^1)^{\otimes m}}$

$$\int_0^{t_m} \dots \int_0^{t_1} h'(s_1, \dots, s_m) ds_1, \dots, ds_m \text{ for all } (t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \square_m$$

(10) Theorem: Given $\phi \in L^2(\omega)$ and $m \geq 1$, then $f_{\phi}^{(m)}$ in (8) is $(D^m \phi(1))'$.

Proof: By (9):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial^m (D^m \phi(1)) &= \partial^m \left(\sum_{K \in (Z^+)^m} (D^m \phi(1), \ell^K)_{H_1(R^1)^{\otimes m}} \ell^K \right) \\ &= \sum_{K \in (Z^+)^m} ((D^m \phi(1))', \psi^K)_{L^2(\square_m)} \int_{\square_m} \psi^K d^m \theta \\ &= \int_{\square_m} (D^m \phi(1))' d^m \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (6):

$$\Pi_{Z^{(m)}} \phi = \frac{1}{m!} \int_{\square_m} (D^m \phi(1))' d^m \theta .$$

Since $(D^m \phi(1))'$ is symmetric, the desired identification is now complete.

(11) Remark: It is intuitively clear that the $f_\phi^{(m)}$ in (8) must be given by $f_\phi^{(m)}(t_1, \dots, t_m) = E^W[\phi \theta'(t_1) \dots \theta'(t_m)]$. What Theorem (10) says is that a vigorous definition of $E^W[\phi \theta'(t_1) \dots \theta'(t_m)]$ is provided by $(D^m \phi(1))'(t_1, \dots, t_m)$.

(12) Remark: Given $d > 1$, define $H_1(R^d)$ and $\Theta(R^d)$ by analogy with $H_1(R^1)$ and $\Theta(R^1)$. Then $(\Theta(R^d), H_1(R^d), \omega)$ becomes an abstract Wiener space when ω is the Wiener measure associated with Brownian motion in R^d . Moreover, an analogous interpretation of $\Pi_{Z^{(m)}} \phi$ in terms of $D^m \phi(1)$ can be given in this case as well.

(13) Remark: Theorem (10) is little more than an exercise in formalism unless $\phi \in W_\infty^2(R^1)$. Fortunately, many interesting functions are in $W_\infty^2(R^1)$. For example, let $\sigma : R^1 \rightarrow R^1$ and $b : R^1 \rightarrow R^1$ be smooth functions having bounded first derivatives and slowly increasing derivatives of all orders. Define $X(\cdot, x)$, $x \in R^1$, to be the solution to

$$X(T, x) = x + \int_0^T \sigma(X(t, x)) d\theta(t) + \int_0^T b(X(t, x)) dt, \quad T \geq 0.$$

Then, for each $(T, x) \in (0, \infty) \times R^1$, $X(T, x) \in W_\infty^2(R^1)$. In fact, $DX(\cdot, x)$ satisfies:

$$DX(T,x) = \int_0^T \sigma'(X(t,x)) DX(t,x) d\theta(t) + \int_0^T b'(X(t,x)) DX(t,x) dt \\ + \int_0^{\cdot T} \sigma(X(t,x)) dt;$$

an equation which can be easily solved by the method of variation of parameters. Moreover, $D^m X(T,x)$, $m \geq 2$, can be found by iteration of the preceding.

(14) Remark: In many ways the present paper should be viewed as an outgrowth of P. Malliavin's note [4]. Indeed, it was only after reading Malliavin's note that the ideas developed here occurred to the present author.

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