

# Itô's Calculus under Sublinear Expectations via Regularity of PDEs and Rough Path

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# Linearity in probability theory

- 1-1 correspondence between linear expectation and additive probability measure,

$$P(X \in A) = E[1_A].$$

# Sublinear Expectation $\tilde{E}$

Given  $\chi$  (e.g. all bounded measurable random variables),  $\tilde{E} : \chi \rightarrow R$  is sublinear iff

- (a) Monotonicity: If  $X \leq Y$ , then  $\tilde{E}[X] \leq \tilde{E}[Y]$
- (b) Constant preserving:  $\tilde{E}[X + c] = \tilde{E}[X] + c$
- (c) Sublinearity:  $\tilde{E}[X + Y] \leq \tilde{E}[X] + \tilde{E}[Y]$ .
- (d) Positive homogeneity:  $\tilde{E}[\lambda X] = \lambda \tilde{E}[X]$  for all  $\lambda > 0$

# No more 1-1 correspondence between $\tilde{E}$ and $\tilde{P}$

Clearly

$$\tilde{P}(A) = \tilde{E}[1_A] = \tilde{E}_f[1_A]$$

for all  $f$  continuous and strictly increasing,  $f(x) = x$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ , where  $\tilde{E}_f[X] = f^{-1}(\tilde{E}[f(X)])$ .

## Linear and sublinear expectations (Denis, Hu and Peng (2011))

There exists a weakly compact family of probability measures  $\mathcal{P}$  such that

$$\tilde{E}[X] = \max_{P \in \mathcal{P}} E^P[X],$$

where  $E^P$  is the linear expectation with respect to  $P$ , for a proper class of random process  $X$ .

## Sublinear expectation and model uncertainty

Sublinear expectation “measures” the model uncertainty, the bigger the expectation  $\tilde{E}$ , the more the uncertainty.

$$\tilde{E}_1[X] \leq \tilde{E}_2[X] \text{ iff } \mathcal{P}_1 \subset \mathcal{P}_2$$

# Sublinear expectation and risk measure

Let

$$\rho(X) = \tilde{E}[-X]$$

Then we get a coherent risk measure  $\rho : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow R$

- (a) Monotonicity: If  $X \geq Y$ , then  $\rho(X) \leq \rho(Y)$ .
- (b) Constant translatability:  $\rho(X + c) = \rho(X) - c$
- (c) Convexity:  $\rho(\alpha X + (1 - \alpha)Y) \leq \alpha\rho(X) + (1 - \alpha)\rho(Y)$ ,  
 $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .
- (d) Positive homogeneity:  $\rho(\lambda X) = \lambda\rho(X)$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ .



# G- expectation theory (Peng (2005))

- G-normal distribution  $N(0 \times [\underline{\sigma}^2, \bar{\sigma}^2])$ , characterized by the G-heat equation

$$\partial_t u - G(D^2 u) = 0, \quad u|_{t=0} = \phi.$$

Here  $G(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a monotonic, sublinear function, with

$$G(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2} \sup_{\alpha \in [\underline{\sigma}^2, \bar{\sigma}^2]} \gamma \alpha,$$

- G– Brownian Motion, via the notion of G-independence
- Itô's calculus developed under G-Itô's isometry

# Link between PDEs and probability

- Independence: probability = measure theory + notion of independence
- Regularity: the subject of PDEs/Control
- Stroock and Varadhan (1979) explored the regularity of the solution to a linear PDE for the uniqueness of the solution to a martingale problem

# Our work

- Propose and study the martingale problem in a sublinear expectation space in the spirit of Stroock and Varadhan (1979)
- Build Itô's calculus for the canonical process in this sublinear expectation space

Key ideas: Regularity of fully nonlinear PDEs and rough path theory

# Martingale problem

Find a family of operators  $\{\mathcal{E}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  on a sublinear expectation space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{H})$  such that

$$\varphi(X_t) - \int_0^t G(X_\theta, \varphi_x(X_\theta), \varphi_{xx}(X_\theta)) d\theta, t \geq 0$$

is an  $\{\mathcal{E}_t\}$ -martingale for all  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

- $G : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous with desirable properties
- $\Omega = C_{x_0}([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $X_t(\omega) = \omega(t), \omega \in \Omega$ .

# Our martingale problems vs classical martingale problems

• Classical M.P.'s	• Our M.P.'s
to find a probability measure $P$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$	to find a sublinear expectation $\mathcal{E}$ on $(\Omega, \mathcal{H})$
$X_0 = x$ $P$ -a.s.	$X_0 = x$ in $L^1_{\mathcal{E}}$ or $L^2_{\mathcal{E}}$
$\varphi(X_t) - \int_0^t L_{\theta} \varphi(X_{\theta}) d\theta$ is a $P$ -martingale for $\forall \varphi \in C_0^{\infty}$	$\varphi(X_t) - \int_0^t G(X_{\theta}, \varphi_x(X_{\theta}), \varphi_{xx}(X_{\theta})) d\theta$ is an $\mathcal{E}$ -martingale for $\forall \varphi \in C_0^{\infty}$
$L_{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \sum a^{ij}(\theta, \cdot) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \sum b^i(\theta, \cdot) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ is a linear differential operator	Nonlinear PDE associated with $G : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function with some properties

## Choice of $G$

A function  $G : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$G = G(x, p, A) = \sup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}[a(x, \gamma)A] + (b(x, \gamma), p) \right\},$$

- $\Gamma$  given compact metric space
- $a(x, \gamma) = \sigma(x, \gamma)\sigma'(x, \gamma)$  positive semidefinite
- $\sigma, b \in C(\mathbb{R}^d \times \Gamma)$ , and  $\sigma$  and  $b$  uniformly bounded and uniformly Lipschitz continuous with respect to  $x$

This function  $G : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

- A. Subadditivity  $G(x, p + \bar{p}, A + \bar{A}) \leq G(x, p, A) + G(x, \bar{p}, \bar{A})$ ;
- B. Positive Homogeneity  $G(x, \lambda p, \lambda A) = \lambda G(x, p, A)$ ;
- C. Monotonicity  $G(x, p, A) \leq G(x, p, A + \tilde{A})$ ;
- D.  $G$  is uniformly Lipschitz continuous with respect to  $x$ .

## PDEs associated with $G$

For a given  $G$ , the associated state-dependent parabolic PDE

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u(t, x) - G(x, Du(t, x), D^2 u(t, x)) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, \infty] \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ u(0, x) = \varphi(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases}$$

- $a(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv I$  and  $b(\cdot, \cdot) \equiv 0$ , this PDE (P) is the heat equation
- In general, this type of PDE (P) corresponds to the HJB equation from stochastic control



# Known results about related PDEs

## Fleming and Soner (1992)

There exists a unique viscosity solution for this PDE (P) with polynomial growth, assuming  $\varphi(x) \in C(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with a polynomial growth.

## Evans-Krylov (1982)

For a class of convex, fully nonlinear PDEs, if  $\varphi(x) \in C_b([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ , then the solution  $u$  possess the following properties:

- I)  $u \in C_b([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ ;
- II) there exists a constant  $\alpha_0 \in (0, 1)$  only depending on  $d, K, \varepsilon$  such that for each  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $\|u\|_{C^{2+\alpha_0}([\kappa, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)} < \infty$ .

Furthermore, if  $\varphi \in C^{2+\alpha_1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and bounded, then  $u \in C^{2+\alpha}([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  for  $\alpha = \alpha_0 \wedge \alpha_1 \in (0, 1)$ .

## Properties of such PDEs

By the property of  $G$ , the stability of the viscosity solution and Evans-Krylov (1982),

### Smooth approximation of viscosity solutions

If  $\varphi(x) \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  The unique solution of the PDE can be approximated by  $C^{2+\alpha}$  solutions of the same type of PDEs on compact subsets.

### Properties of solutions to the PDEs

Let  $u^\varphi \in C([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  denote the unique solutions of  $(P)$  with polynomial growth, respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned}u^{\varphi+c} &= u^\varphi + c, \\u^\varphi - u^\phi &\leq u^{\varphi-\phi}, \\u^{\lambda\varphi} &= \lambda u^\varphi, \lambda \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

with  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  a constant, and  $\varphi, \phi$  continuous with polynomial growth.

# Constructing conditional expectations

- Finite dimensional construction via backward induction, in the spirit of BSDE by using the unique solution of the PDEs
- Extend to a Banach space under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_1 = \mathcal{E}[|\cdot|]$  or  $\|\cdot\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}[|\cdot|^2]}$ .

## The finite dimensional construction

- $\Omega = C_{x_0}([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^d)$ ,  $X_t(\omega) = \omega_t \in \Omega$  is canonical
- Define an operator  $\mathcal{T}_t[\varphi(\cdot)](x) = u(t, x)$ , where  $u$  is the unique viscosity solution of the PDE
- Take  $\varphi$  in a proper function space, say  $C_{l,Lip}((\mathbb{R}^d)^N)$  where  $C_{l,Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is the space of real-valued continuous functions defined on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that for all  $\varphi \in C_{l,Lip}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \leq C(1 + |x|^m + |y|^m)|x - y|, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

for some  $C > 0$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  depending on  $\varphi$ .

- Set  $\xi(\omega) = \varphi(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_N})$ ,  $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_N \leq T$ ,
- Define  $\mathcal{E}_t$  by

$$\mathcal{E}_t[\xi] = \varphi_{N-j}(\omega_{t_1}, \dots, \omega_{t_j}), \text{ if } t = t_j, 0 \leq j \leq N,$$

Here

$$\varphi_1(x_1, \dots, x_{N-1}) = \mathcal{T}_{t_N - t_{N-1}}[\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{N-1}, \cdot)](x_{N-1}),$$

...

$$\varphi_{N-j}(x_1, \dots, x_j) = \mathcal{T}_{t_{j+1} - t_j}[\varphi_{N-j-1}(x_1, \dots, x_j, \cdot)](x_j),$$

...

$$\varphi_{N-1}(x_1) = \mathcal{T}_{t_2 - t_1}[\varphi_{N-2}(x_1, \cdot)](x_1),$$

$$\varphi_N = \mathcal{T}_{t_1}[\varphi_{N-1}(\cdot)](x_0),$$

# Sublinear expectation space $(\Omega, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E})$

- $(\Omega_T, \mathcal{H}_T, \mathcal{E})$  is a sublinear expectation space, with  
 $\Omega_T := \{\omega_{\cdot \wedge T}; \omega \in \Omega\}$  and  
 $\mathcal{H}_T := L_{ip}(\Omega_T) = \{\varphi(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_N}); \varphi \in C_{l.Lip}((\mathbb{R}^d)^N) \text{ for some } N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_N \leq T\}$
- For each  $t \in [0, T]$ , one can extend the space  
 $L_{ip}(\Omega_t) \subset L_{ip}(\Omega_T)$ ,  $t \leq T$  to a Banach space  $L_{\mathcal{E}}^i(\Omega_t)$  under the norm  
 $\|\cdot\|_1 = \mathcal{E}[|\cdot|]$  or  $\|\cdot\|_2 = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}[|\cdot|^2]}$ . Set  $\mathcal{H} = L_{\mathcal{E}}^i := \cup_{T \geq 0} L_{\mathcal{E}}^i(\Omega_T)$

## Properties of $\mathcal{E}$

Given such a sublinear expectation space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E})$ . For any  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{H}$

- (Monotonicity)

$$\mathcal{E}_t[\xi] \leq \mathcal{E}_t[\eta] \text{ if } \xi \leq \eta$$

- (Constant preserving) For  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  constant,

$$\mathcal{E}[\xi + c] = \mathcal{E}[\xi] + c$$

- (Tower property)

$$\mathcal{E}_s \circ \mathcal{E}_{s+h} = \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_s, \quad h > 0.$$

- (Subadditivity)  $\mathcal{E}_t[\xi + \eta] \leq \mathcal{E}_t[\xi] + \mathcal{E}_t[\eta]$ .

- (Positive homogeneity)

$$\mathcal{E}_s[\xi\eta] = \xi^+ \mathcal{E}_s[\eta] + \xi^- \mathcal{E}_s[-\eta].$$

In particular,

$$\mathcal{E}_t[\lambda\xi] = \lambda\mathcal{E}_t[\xi]$$

for any constant  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

For the time dependent  $G$ , the tower property becomes the semi-group property

## Martingale Problem

Let  $\Omega = C_x([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^d)$  with  $\omega_0 = x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , set  $X_t(\omega) := \omega_t$ . Given the PDE (P) with  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

$$\varphi(X_t) - \int_0^t G(X_\theta, \varphi_x(X_\theta), \varphi_{xx}(X_\theta)) d\theta = 0, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t < \infty.$$

is an  $\mathcal{E}$ -martingale. Here  $\mathcal{E} = \{\mathcal{E}_t\}$  with  $\mathcal{E}_t$  the family of conditional expectations on the sublinear expectation space generated from the PDE (P).



## $\mathcal{E}$ -Martingale

Given a sublinear expectation space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E})$ , a stochastic process  $(\xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a collection of random variables on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{H})$ , i.e., for each  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\xi_t \in L_{\mathcal{E}}^i(\Omega_t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .

A stochastic process  $(M_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is called an  $\mathcal{E}$ -martingale if for each  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $M_t \in L_{\mathcal{E}}^i(\Omega_t)$ , and for each  $s \in [0, t]$ ,

$$\mathcal{E}_s[M_t] = M_s.$$

## Key idea to solving the martingale problem

- The positive homogeneity, monotonicity, and the constant preserving of  $\mathcal{E}$  leads to

Given a sublinear expectation space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E})$ . Let  $X \in \mathcal{H}$  be given. Then for each sequence  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  satisfying  $\varphi_n \downarrow 0$ , we have  $\mathcal{E}[\varphi_n(X)] \downarrow 0$ .

- Focus on the simple process and smooth solutions of PDE.  
 Take  $\pi = \{\theta_i; \theta_0 = s < \theta_1 < \dots < \theta_K = t, K \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\|\pi\| = \max_{1 \leq k \leq K} |\Delta\theta_k|$ ,  $\Delta\theta_k = \theta_k - \theta_{k-1}$   
 $g(X_\theta) := G(X_\theta, \varphi_x(X_\theta), \varphi_{xx}(X_\theta))$ .  
 Given a smooth PDE solution in the sense of Evans-Krylov,

$$\mathcal{E}_s \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K \{\varphi(X_{\theta_k}) - \varphi(X_{\theta_{k-1}}) - g(X_{\theta_{k-1}}) \Delta\theta_k\} \right] = o(1), \text{ as } \|\pi\| \rightarrow 0.$$

The proof needs  $\partial_t u$  to be uniformly  $\frac{\alpha}{2}$ -Hölder continuous in  $t$ , because

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}_{\theta_{k-1}}[\varphi(X_{\theta_k}) - \varphi(X_{\theta_{k-1}}) - g(X_{\theta_{k-1}})\Delta\theta_k] \\ &= \mathcal{E}_{\theta_{k-1}}[\varphi(X_{\theta_k})] - \varphi(X_{\theta_{k-1}}) - g(X_{\theta_{k-1}})\Delta\theta_k \\ &= u(\Delta\theta_k, X_{\theta_{k-1}}) - u(0, X_{\theta_{k-1}}) - g(X_{\theta_{k-1}})\Delta\theta_k \\ &= \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, X_{\theta_{k-1}}) - g(X_{\theta_{k-1}}) \right] \Delta\theta_k + O((\Delta\theta_k)^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \\ &= O((\Delta\theta_k)^{1+\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

# Solution of martingale problem leads to

## Key moment estimates

Given  $T > 0$ . Let  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $h > 0$  such that  $t_i = t + ih \in [0, T], i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ . Then we have the following estimates

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{E}_t[\pm(X_t - X_s)]| &\leq L|t - s|, \\
 \mathcal{E}_t[(X_{t+h} - X_t)^{2n}] &\leq C(n, L, T)h^n, \\
 \mathcal{E}_t[\pm(X_{t+2h} - X_{t+h})(X_{t+h} - X_t)] &\leq L\sqrt{C(1, L, T)}h^{\frac{3}{2}}, \\
 \mathcal{E}_t[|(X_{t_1} - X_{t_0})(X_{t_2} - X_{t_1})(X_{t_3} - X_{t_2})|] &\leq C(1, L, T)^{\frac{3}{2}}h^{\frac{3}{2}},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $L$  is the Lipschitz constant of  $G$ ,  $C(n, L, T)$  is a constant depending only on  $n, L$  and  $T$ .

## Remark

- Our estimate is consistent with the  $G$ -framework where independent increments assumption is needed.

Take  $X_t = B_t + \langle B \rangle_t$ , then under the  $G$ -expectation  $\hat{\mathbb{E}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbb{E}}[(X_{2h} - X_h)X_h] &= \hat{\mathbb{E}}[(B_{2h} + \langle B \rangle_{2h} - B_h - \langle B \rangle_h)(B_h + \langle B \rangle_h)] \\ &\sim O(h^{\frac{3}{2}}).\end{aligned}$$

- The moment estimates are crucial for establishing Itô's calculus as the random process in the sublinear expectation space constructed from the PDE in general has no independent increment

# Moments estimates leads to

$$\langle X \rangle_t \stackrel{L^2_{\mathcal{E}}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\Pi_N} |X_{t_{k+1}} - X_{t_k}|^2,$$

$$\int_0^T \phi(X_t) dX_t \stackrel{L^2_{\mathcal{E}}}{=} \lim_{\|\Pi_N\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{t_k \in \Pi_N} \phi(X_{t_k})(X_{t_{k+1}} - X_{t_k}),$$

with  $\Pi_N = \{t_k; t_k = kt/N, k = 0, 1, \dots, N\}$

## For general $\phi(X)$ and general partition

To show the limit is independent of the partition, need “sewing lemma” for estimating error term.

To see this, assume  $\phi \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  for each  $u \in [s, t]$ , and approximate  $\phi(X_u)$  by

$$\phi(X_u) \approx \phi(X_s) + \phi'(X_s)X_{s,u}.$$

Then formally the integral

$$\int_0^T \phi(X_\theta) dX_\theta \approx \sum_{\Pi_N} \left[ \phi(X_{t_k})X_{t_k, t_{k+1}} + \phi'(X_{t_k}) \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} X_{t_k, \theta} dX_\theta \right],$$

with the error term

$$R(s, t) := \int_s^t \phi(X_\theta) dX_\theta - \left[ \phi(X_s)X_{s,t} + \phi'(X_s) \int_s^t X_{s,\theta} dX_\theta \right]$$

Establishing “Sewing Lemma” to estimate

$$\|R(s, t)\|_2 := \sqrt{\mathcal{E}[|R(s, t)|^2]} \leq C|t - s|^\beta, \quad \text{for some } \beta > 1$$

## Generalized Itô's isometry

Suppose  $\varphi \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varphi' \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then

$$\mathcal{E}_s \left[ \left( \int_s^{s+h} \varphi(X_\theta) dX_\theta \right)^2 \right] \leq C_1 h, \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_s \left[ \left( \int_s^{s+h} \varphi(X_\theta) dX_\theta \right)^4 \right] \leq C_2 h^2, \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_s \left[ \pm \left( \int_s^{s+h} \varphi(X_\theta) dX_\theta \right) \right] \leq C_3 h, \quad (3)$$

with  $h > 0, s, s + h \in [0, T]$ , and  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  depending on  $\varphi, L$ , and  $T$ ,

$\mathcal{P} = \{\varphi \in C(\mathbb{R}) : \text{there exist constants } C > 0, p \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma \in (0, 1] \text{ s.t.}$   
 $|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)| \leq C(1 + |x|^p + |y|^p)|x - y|^\gamma \text{ for any } x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}.$



## Itô's formula

Let

$$\eta_t = \eta_0 + \int_0^t \mu(X_\theta) d\theta + \int_0^t \rho(X_\theta) d\langle X \rangle_\theta + \int_0^t \varsigma(X_\theta) dX_\theta, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where  $\eta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  is a constant. Suppose  $\varsigma \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\varsigma' \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then, for any  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying  $f'' \in \mathcal{P}$ ,

$$f(\eta_t) = f(\eta_0) + \int_0^t f'(\eta_\theta) d\eta_\theta + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(\eta_\theta) \varsigma^2(X_\theta) d\langle X \rangle_\theta.$$

## Integration by parts

Let  $\phi, \psi \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , and  $\phi', \psi' \in \mathcal{P}$ , then under the  $L_{\mathcal{E}}^2$  norm

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(X_t)\psi(X_t) - \phi(X_s)\psi(X_s) &= \int_s^t \phi(X_\theta) d\psi(X_\theta) \\ &\quad + \int_s^t \psi(X_\theta) d\phi(X_\theta) + \langle \phi(X), \psi(X) \rangle_{s,t} \end{aligned}$$

Here the cross variation process  $\langle \phi(X), \psi(X) \rangle$  is defined by

$$\langle \phi(X), \psi(X) \rangle = \frac{1}{4} [\langle \phi(X) + \psi(X) \rangle - \langle \phi(X) - \psi(X) \rangle]$$

and the quadratic variation  $\langle \phi(X) \rangle_t$  defined as

$$\langle \phi(X) \rangle_t = \phi(X_t)^2 - \phi(X_0)^2 - 2 \int_0^t \phi(X_\theta) d\phi(X_\theta) \quad \text{in } L_{\mathcal{E}}^2.$$

# Summary

- A martingale problem under sub-linear expectation is proposed and studied, and associated Itô's calculus is developed
- The analytical properties of PDE, especially the semi-group property and the regularity of the solution, replace the dependence structure of the random process  $X$ , and leads to generalized Itô's isometry.
- Extension to path dependent PDEs or jump processes?

## More related works

- Construction of stochastic integrals with respect to semi-martingale: Bichleter (1981), Nutz (2012),
- G-SDEs with rough paths: Geng, Qian, and Yang (2014), Peng and Zhang (2015)
- Rough path: Lyons (1998), Friz and Hairer (2014)

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- $u \in C^\alpha(Q), \alpha \in (0, 1]$ , if

$$\|u\|_{C^\alpha(Q)} := \sup_{\substack{x \neq y, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ s \neq t, s, t \in [0, T]}} \frac{|u(t, x) - u(s, y)|}{(|t - s|^{\frac{1}{2}} + |x - y|)^\alpha} < \infty.$$

- $u \in C^{2+\alpha}(Q), \alpha \in (0, 1]$ , if

$$\|u\|_{C(Q)} + \|\partial_t u\|_{C(Q)} + \|Du\|_{C(Q)} + \|D^2u\|_{C(Q)} + \|\partial_t u\|_{C^\alpha(Q)} + \|D^2u\|_{C^\alpha(Q)} < \infty.$$

- $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is the space of  $C^\infty$  functions having compact support on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

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