

# Estimates for the Probability Itô Processes Remain Near a Curve, and Applications

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# Objects under Study

- A stochastic process:  $X_t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  $X_t \in R^n$ ,
- A deterministic differentiable curve:  $x_t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,
- A time depending radius  $R_t > 0$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .
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$$\tau_R = \inf\{t : |X_t - x_t| \geq R_t\}$$

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$$X_t = x + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{t \wedge \tau_R} \sigma_j(s, \omega, X_s) dW_s^j + \int_0^{t \wedge \tau_R} b(s, \omega, X_s) ds \quad (1)$$

# Contents

- Lower bounds for

$$P(\tau_R \geq T) = P(|X_t - x_t| \leq R_t, \text{ for all } t \leq T).$$

- Lower Bounds for expectations:

$$E(f(X_T^x) \mathbf{1}_{B_\varepsilon(y_0)}(X_T^x))$$

- Lower Bounds for Distribution Functions:

$$P(X_T^{x,i} > y_0^i, i = 1, \dots, n)$$

- Two main cases Elliptic and Log-Normal
- Lower Bounds for Option Pricing

① Call on a basket:  $Y_t = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i X_t^{x,i}$ .

② Asian Options.  $Y_t = \int_0^T \sum_{i=1}^n q_i X_t^{x,i} dt$ .

# General Hypotheses

- Adapted:  $t \rightarrow \sigma_j(t, \omega, X_t)$ ,  $t \rightarrow b(t, \omega, X_t)$  are adapted to the filtration of  $W$ .
- Locally Bounded:

$$|b(t \wedge \tau_R, \omega, X_{t \wedge \tau_R})| + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\sigma_j(t \wedge \tau_R, \omega, X_{t \wedge \tau_R})| \leq c_t.$$

- Locally Lipschitz continuous: for every  $t < s < \tau_R$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_t(|\sigma_j(s, \omega, X_s) - \sigma_j(t, \omega, X_t)|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_R < s\}}) \leq L_t^2(s - t).$$

- Locally Elliptic:

$$\lambda_t \leq \sigma \sigma^*(t, \omega, X_t) \leq \gamma_t$$

# Growth Conditions

- Growth condition: The functions  $c_t, L_t, \lambda_t$  and  $\gamma_t$  belong to some  $L(\mu, h)$ , where
  - For  $h > 0, \mu \geq 1$  we define  $L(\mu, h)$  to be the class of non negative functions such that

$$f(t) \leq \mu f(s) \quad \text{if} \quad |s - t| \leq h.$$

If  $f(s) = 0$  for some  $s$  then  $\mu = \infty$ !

# Main Result

## Theorem

*Under the General Hypotheses*

$$P(\tau_R \geq T) \geq \exp(-Q_n(1 + \int_0^T F_x(t)dt))$$

with  $Q_n = 8^{4n+4} \pi^n e^{2n^2+20n+25}$  and

$$F_x(t) = \frac{1}{h} + c_t^2 L_t^2 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_t} + \frac{1}{R_t} \right) + \frac{|\partial_t x_t|^2}{\lambda_t}.$$

- Osanger-Machlup function (see Ikeda-Watanabe): for an elliptic diffusion process one may compute:

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} R^2 \ln P\left(\sup_{t \leq T} |X_t^x - x_t^y| \leq R\right) = c_T(x, y).$$

- Our result is not assymptotic.

## Related Topics Cont.

- Lower bounds for the density of the law [2, 10, 11] (between others):

$$p_T(x, y) = P(X_t^x \in dy) \geq q_T(x, y).$$

In fact we are not interested in the problem of existence of a density.

- Estimations of the Law of the Supremum. See, for example [7] (One dimensional case)

$$P[\sup_{s \leq T} X_s > z].$$

Step 1. Decomposition For  $t, h > 0$

$$X_{t+h} = X_t + G_{t,h} + U_{t,h}$$

$$G_{t,h} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_j(t, \omega, X_t) (W_{t+h}^j - W_t^j) \quad \text{Gaussian}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{t,h} &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_t^{t+h} (\sigma_j(s, \omega, X_s) - \sigma_j(t, \omega, X_t)) dW^j \\ &\quad + \int_t^{t+h} b(s, \omega, X_s) ds \quad \sim \quad h. \end{aligned}$$

Conditionally with respect to  $F_t$ ,  $G_{t,h}$  is Gaussian,  $G_{t,h}$  is (roughly speaking) of size  $\sqrt{h}$ . For  $h$  sufficiently small  $G_{t,h}$  is the principal term and  $U_{t,h}$  is a reminder which may be *ignored*.

Problem:

How small  $h$  has to be in order to be able to ignore  $U_{t,h}$ .

If  $h$  tends to 0 our lower bound is of the form  $P(\tau_R \geq T) \geq c^{-T/h}$ . If we do so we obtain  $P(\tau_R \geq T) \geq 0$  – just nothing.

Step 2. Short time behavior. For each  $t \in (0, T)$ , there exist  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 > 0$  depending on the parameters  $c_t, L_t, \lambda_t, \gamma_t$  such that, if

- (i)  $\sqrt{h} \leq \alpha_1,$
- (ii)  $\int_t^{t+h} |\partial x_s|^2 ds \leq \alpha_2$

then, for  $z \in R^n$  such that  $|z - x_t| \leq \alpha_3$  then

$$P_t[|X_{t+h} - z| \leq \eta, \tau_R > t + h] \geq K_t h^{n/2},$$

As in Bally [2], Kohatsu [12] we work with an evolution sequence in the following sense

### Lemma

- There exists a time grid  $\{t_k\}$  an  $h_k, \alpha_{k,1}, \alpha_{k,2}, \alpha_{k,3}$  such that for each  $k$  the conditions on Step 2 are satisfied.
- Let

$$A_k = \{\omega \mid |X_{t_{i-1}} - x_{t_i}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\lambda_{t_i} h_i}, i = 1, \dots, k\} \cap \{\tau_R > t_{k-1}\}$$

Then

$$P(A_K) \geq \rho^{n/2} P(A_{k-1}),$$



$$|b(t \wedge \tau_R, \omega, X_{t \wedge \tau_R})| + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\sigma_j(t \wedge \tau_R, \omega, X_{t \wedge \tau_R})| \leq c.$$

- Locally Lipschitz continuous, for every  $s < t < \tau_R$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_t(|\sigma_j(t, \omega, X_t) - \sigma_j(s, \omega, X_s)|^2 \mathbf{1}_{\{\tau_R < t\}}) \leq L^2(t-s).$$

- Locally Elliptic

$$\lambda \leq \sigma \sigma^*(t, \omega, X_t) \leq \gamma.$$

The bounds do not depend on time

## Theorem

In the *Elliptic case* we have

$$P\left(\sup_{t \leq T} |X_t - x_t| \leq R\right) \geq \exp\left(-C_T(K + \frac{|y-x|^2}{\lambda T})\right).$$

In particular:

$$P(|X_T - y| \leq R) \geq \exp\left(-C_T(K + \frac{|y-x|^2}{\lambda T})\right).$$

where, we take  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and the straight line

$$x_t = x + \frac{t}{T}(y - x),$$

## Proof

For the straight line, we have  $|\partial_t x_t| = \frac{1}{T} |y - x|$  so

$$F_x(t) = \frac{1}{h} + c^2 L^2 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{R} \right) + \frac{|y - x|^2}{\lambda T^2}$$

and

$$\int_0^T F_x(t) dt = T \left( \frac{1}{h} + c^2 L^2 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{R} \right) \right) + \frac{|y - x|^2}{\lambda T}.$$



$$|b(t, \omega, X_t)|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\sigma_j(\omega, X_t)|^2 \leq c |X_t|^2$$



$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} E_s(|\sigma_j(s, \omega, X_s) - \sigma_j(t, \omega, X_t)|^2) \leq L^2(t-s) E_t(\sup_{s \leq u \leq t} |X_u|^2)$$

- For some  $0 < \lambda \leq 1 \leq \gamma$

$$\lambda \left[ \frac{\max_{i=1,n} |X_t^i|}{\min_{i=1,n} |X_t^i|} \right]^2 \leq \sigma \sigma^*(t, \omega, X_t) \leq \gamma |X_t|^2$$

## Theorem

*In the Log-normal case we have*

$$P(|X_t - x_t| \leq Rm(x_t), \text{ for all } t \leq T)$$

$$\geq \exp \left\{ -C_T(\theta(x) + \theta(y))^2 \left( 1 + \frac{d^2(x, y)}{T\lambda} \right) \right\}$$

where

$$x_i(t) = x_i^{1-t/T} y_i^{t/T}, \quad m(x_t) = \min_{i=1,\dots,n} |x_i(t)|,$$

$$d(x, y) = \max_{i=1,n} \left| \ln y^i - \ln x^i \right|, \quad \theta(x) = \max_{i,j} \frac{x^i}{x^j}.$$

- The bound in the Elliptic case

$$\exp \left\{ -C_T \left( K + \frac{|y-x|^2}{\lambda T} \right) \right\}.$$

- The bound in the Log-normal case

$$\exp \left\{ -C_T (\theta(x) + \theta(y))^2 \left( 1 + \frac{d^2(x, y)}{\lambda T} \right) \right\}$$

$$d(x, y) = \max_{i=1, n} \left| \ln y^i - \ln x^i \right|, \quad \theta(x) = \max_{i, j} \frac{x^i}{x^j}.$$

The *good* distance is the Logarithmic one

$$d(x, y) = \max_{i=1, n} \left| \ln y^i - \ln x^i \right|, \quad \theta(x) = \max_{i,j} \frac{x^i}{x^j}.$$

### Corollary

*In the Log-normal case, we obtain:*

$$P\left(\sup_{t \leq T} d(X_t, x_t) \leq R\right) \geq \exp(-C_T(\theta(x) + \theta(y))^2(1 + \frac{d^2(x, y)}{T\lambda})).$$

- Let  $y \in R^n$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\mu \geq 1$ . We define  $L_y^d(\mu, \varepsilon)$  to be the class of positive functions such that

$$f(y) \leq \mu f(x) \quad \forall x \in B_\varepsilon^d(y).$$

### Theorem

For every  $f \in L_{y_0}^d(\mu, \varepsilon)$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} E(f(X_T^x)1_{B_\varepsilon(y_0)}(X_T^x)) \\ \geq \frac{1}{\mu^2} \int_{B_\varepsilon(y_0)} f(z) \exp \left\{ -\frac{C'_T K(x, z)}{d(x, y_0)^2 \varepsilon^2} \left( K + \frac{d(x, z)^2}{\lambda T} \right) \right\} dz. \end{aligned}$$

where  $d(x, y)$  is a good distance.

## Theorem

### *Estimations of the Distribution Functions*

$$P[X_T^i > y_0^i, i = 1, \dots, n]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{\mu^2} \int_{\{z^i > y_0^i, i=1, \dots, n\}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{C'_T K(x, z)}{d(x, y_0)^2 \varepsilon^2} \left( K + \frac{d(x, z)^2}{\lambda T} \right) \right\} dz.$$

where  $d(x, y)$  is a good distance.

- Log-normal diffusion

$$\frac{dX_t^i}{X_t^i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma_j^i(t, \omega) dW_t^j + b^i(t, \omega) dt, \quad i = 1, n. \quad (2)$$



$$Y_t = \sum_{j=1}^n X_t^j.$$



$$Z_t = \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^n X_s^j ds.$$

## Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} E[(Y_T - K)_+] \\ \geq \int_0^\infty (z - K)_+ \exp \left\{ -C_t(1 + K(x, z)) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(z - K)_+} \right) \right\} dz, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$K(x, z) = \left| \ln \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{z} \right|^2$$

## Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} E[(Z_T - K)_+] \\ \geq \int_0^\infty (z - K)_+ \exp \left\{ -C_t (1 + K'(x, z)) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{(z - K)_+} \right) \right\} dz, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K'(x, z)$  is rather complicated!!!!!!

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