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**Analisi matematica.** — *Stochastic differential equations in Banach spaces, variational formulation* (\*). Nota (\*\*) di GIUSEPPE DA PRATO, MIMMO IANNELLI e LUCIANO TUBARO, presentata dal Corrisp. G. STAMPACCHIA.

RIASSUNTO. — Si danno risultati di esistenza e unicità, da un punto di vista variazionale, della soluzione per una equazione differenziale stocastica in spazi di Hilbert, in condizioni di non-lipschitzianità.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Let us recall the definition of abstract Wiener space: let  $H_0$  be a separable Hilbert space; we will denote the set of finite projections on  $H_0$  by  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach space of which  $H_0$  is a dense subspace.

DEFINITION 1.  $(H_0, X)$  is an abstract Wiener space if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a projection  $P_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{F}$  such that

$$P \perp P_\varepsilon \Rightarrow \mu(\{x : |Px|_X > \varepsilon\}) < \varepsilon$$

where  $P \in \mathcal{F}$  and

$$\mu(\{x : |Px|_X > \varepsilon\}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{\{x \in P(H_0) : |Px|_X > \varepsilon\}} e^{-\frac{|x|_{H_0}^2}{2}} dx$$

where  $n = \dim P(H_0)$ .

THEOREM 1. Let  $(H_0, X)$  an abstract Wiener space; if  $B$  is any Borel set in  $P(H_0)$ , where  $P \in \mathcal{F}$ , the measure

$$\mu_t(P^{-1}(B)) = (2\pi t)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \int_{B \cap P(H_0)} e^{-\frac{|x|_{H_0}^2}{2t}} dx \quad n = \dim P(H_0)$$

defined on all cylindrical sets <sup>(1)</sup> in  $H_0$ , as an extension to cylindrical sets of  $X$  in such a way it is countably additive.

Example. Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space,  $H_0 = \sqrt{S}X$  where  $S$  is a strictly positive trace-operator on  $X$ .

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(1) A cylindrical set is any set like  $P^{-1}(B)$  for some  $P \in \mathcal{F}$  and some  $B$ , Borel set in  $P(H_0)$ .

Let  $V$  be a separable reflexive Banach space and  $H$  a Hilbert space such that  $V \hookrightarrow H \hookrightarrow V'$  <sup>(2)</sup>. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{E}, P)$  be a probability space,  $H_0 \hookrightarrow V$  a Hilbert space such that  $(H_0, V)$  is an abstract Wiener space,  $W(t)$  a Wiener process in  $(H_0, V)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_t$  the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra such that  $W(s)$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq t$ , is measurable <sup>(3)</sup>.

Given the mappings

$$f : V \rightarrow V'$$

$$G : V \rightarrow L_\lambda^*(H_0)$$

where  $L_\lambda^*(H_0)$  is the space of all operators  $T$  of the form  $T = \lambda I + T_0$ , with  $\lambda$  fixed in  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $T_0$  variable in the space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators in  $H_0$ . Putting  $L^*(H_0) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \mathbf{R}} L_\lambda^*(H_0)$ , it is easy to see that  $L^*(H_0)$  is a Hilbert space <sup>(4)</sup>; our  $G$ 's are particular functions from  $V$  in  $L^*(H_0)$ . We will study the stochastic Cauchy problem:

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} du(t) = f(u(t)) dt + G(u(t)) dW_t \\ u(0) = u_0 \in L_0^p(V) \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

with  $p \geq 2$ . In the non-stochastic case ( $G = 0$ ), if  $-f$  is assumed to be a monotone, hemicontinuous and coercive mapping, a solution of (P) is found by the Faedo-Galerkin approximation and the same method works in the case  $G = I$  (see [1]). In the general case it is not possible to use this procedure for there is no general existence theorem for finite-dimensional stochastic equations and hence it is not possible to get approximate solutions of (P) without adding some other condition <sup>(6)</sup>.

In this paper we show existence for (P) via the Yosida approximation in  $H$  putting on  $f$  and  $G$  suitable conditions that in the non-stochastic case reduce to the classical hypothesis used in a variational framework. These conditions have been also used in [8], together with some additional assumptions which allow to use the Faedo-Galerkin approximation.

(2)  $X \hookrightarrow Y$ , where  $X, Y$  are two B-spaces, means:  $X \subset Y$  with continuous injections.

(3) More generally  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is an one-parameter family of  $\sigma$ -algebras such that  $W_s$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -measurable for  $0 \leq s \leq t$  and, for  $t \geq s$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_s$  and  $W_t - W_s$  are independent (see [4]).

(4)  $L^*(H_0)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to scalar product

$$(T, S)_* = \sum_{v=1}^{\infty} (Tf_v, Sf_v)$$

where  $\{f_v\}$  is any orthonormal basis in  $H_0$ ; the scalar product is independent from the choice of the basis.

(5)  $L_t^p(X)$  is the space of functions  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, X)$ , where  $X$  is a Banach space.

(6) Concerning existence in the finite dimensional case, see [3].

We look for a solution of (P) with the following properties:

- (1)  $u \in C(0, T; L_t^p(V))$   
 (2)  $f(u) \in L^q(0, T; L_t^q(V')) \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$   
 (3)  $G(u) \in L^2(0, T; L_t^2(L^*(H_0)))$

so that the stochastic differential in (P) makes sense.

The following lemmas will be used to get estimates, actually they precise our use of the Itô formula.

LEMMA 1. Let  $u \in C(0, T; L_t^2(H))$  have the stochastic differential

$$du = a(t) dt + B(t) dW_t$$

and suppose that  $a \in L^2(0, T; L_t^2(H))$ ,  $B \in L^2(0, T; L_t^2(L^*(H_0)))$ ; then:

$$(4) \quad \|u(t)\|_{L^2(H)}^2 = \|u_0\|_{L^2(H)}^2 + \int_0^t E \{ 2(a(s), u(s)) + \|B(s)\|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 \} ds.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi_k: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a sequence such that

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_k \in C^2(\mathbf{R}) & , \quad \varphi_k(0) = 0 & , \quad |\varphi_k(r)| \leq ck & , \quad \varphi_k(r) \rightarrow r \\ |\varphi_k'(r)| \leq c & , \quad \varphi_k'(r) \rightarrow 1 & , \quad |\varphi_k''(r)| \leq \frac{c}{k}. \end{cases}$$

Define the mapping  $\Phi_k: H \rightarrow V$  putting:

$$\Phi_k(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k \varphi_k(x_i) e_i \quad \forall x \in H$$

where  $\{e_i\} \subset V$  is a basis in  $H$  and  $x_i = (x, e_i)$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d \|\Phi_k(u(t))\|^2 &= [2(\Phi_k(u(t)), \Phi_k'(u(t)) a(t)) + \\ &\quad + \|\Phi_k'(u(t)) B(t)\|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 + \\ &\quad + (\Phi_k(u(t)), \text{TR} \{ \Phi_k''[u(t)] (B(t) \cdot, B(t) \cdot) \})] dt + \\ &\quad + 2(\Phi_k(u(t)), \Phi_k'(u(t)) B(t) dW_t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi_k(u(t))\|_{L^2(H)}^2 &= \|\Phi_k(u_0)\|_{L^2(H)}^2 + \\ &\quad + \int_0^t E \{ 2(\Phi_k(u(s)), \Phi_k'(u(s)) a(s)) + \|\Phi_k'(u(s)) B(s)\|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 + \\ &\quad + (\Phi_k(u(s)), \text{TR} \{ \Phi_k''[u(s)] (B(s) \cdot, B(s) \cdot) \}) \} ds \end{aligned}$$

and going to the limit we get (4).

LEMMA 2. *Let us suppose that*

$$u \in L^p(0, T; L_t^p(V)) \quad , \quad u(0) = u_0 \in L_0^p(V)$$

$$a \in L^q(0, T; L_t^q(V'))$$

$$A \in L^p(0, T; L_t^p(V)) \quad \text{where} \quad A(t) = \int_0^t a(s) ds$$

$$B \in L^2(0, T; L_t^2(L^*(H_0)))$$

such that

$$u(t) = u_0 + \int_0^t a(s) ds + \int_0^t B(s) dW_s$$

then

$$(4') \quad \|u(t)\|_{L^2(H)}^2 = \|u_0\|_{L^2(H)}^2 + \int_0^t E \{2 \langle a(s), u(s) \rangle + \|B(s)\|_{L^*(H_0)}^2\} ds.$$

*Proof.* We state that it is possible to find a sequence  $A_n \in \mathcal{D}([0, T]; L_t^p(V))$  such that

$$A_n \rightarrow A \quad \text{in } L^p(0, T; L_t^p(V))$$

$$A_n' \rightarrow a \quad \text{in } L^q(0, T; L_t^q(V')).$$

Then consider

$$u_n(t) = u_0 + A_n(t) + \int_0^t B(s) dW_s.$$

Clearly  $u_n \rightarrow u$  in  $L^p(0, T; L_t^p(V))$ , hence in  $L^2(0, T; L_t^2(H))$ ; besides we can apply Lemma 1 to (4'') to get

$$\|u_n(t)\|_{L^2(H)}^2 = \|u_0\|_{L^2(H)}^2 + 2 \int_0^t E \{ \langle A_n'(s), u_n(s) \rangle \} ds + \int_0^t E \{ \|B(s)\|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 \} ds$$

from which we get (4') as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . At last our statement at the beginning of the proof can be proved by adapting the proof of Theorem 2.1, Chapter I, of [7].

## 2. DISSIPATIVITY, COERCIVITY AND THE APPROXIMATE PROBLEM

Let us consider the following assumption:

$$(H_1) \quad 2 \langle f(x) - f(y), x - y \rangle + \|G(x) - G(y)\|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 \leq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in V.$$

The pair  $(f, G)$  will be said decreasing if  $(H_1)$  is verified. We remark

that if  $(H_1)$  is verified then the mapping  $-f: V \rightarrow V'$  is monotone. The first consequence of  $(H_1)$  is the following theorem:

**THEOREM 2.** *Assume that  $(H_1)$  is verified, and let  $u$  and  $v$  be solutions of (P) with initial data  $u_0$  and  $v_0$  respectively; then the following estimate is true:*

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\|_{L^2_t(H)} \leq \|u_0 - v_0\|_{L^2_0(H)}.$$

The proof of Theorem 2 is got by Lemma 2 and it means uniqueness of the solution of (P).

Our second assumption is

$$(H_2) \quad 2 \langle f(x), x \rangle + \|G(x)\|_{L^2(H_0)}^2 \leq -\omega \|x\|^p \quad \forall x \in V$$

where  $\omega > 0$ . If  $(H_2)$  is verified then the pair  $(f, G)$  will be said to be coercive; obviously  $(H_2)$  yields coercivity for the mapping  $-f$ .

To complete the picture we also consider the following assumptions on  $f$ :

$$(H_3) \quad f \text{ is hemicontinuous and } \|f(x)\|_{V'} \leq k \|x\|^{p-1}.$$

In the following we suppose that  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$  are verified to define the approximate problems and show convergence to a solution of problem (P).

First of all we consider the following mapping:

$$(5) \quad \tilde{f}: \begin{cases} D\tilde{f} = \{x \in V \mid f(x) \in H\} \\ \tilde{f}(x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in D\tilde{f}. \end{cases}$$

Owing to the assumptions  $\tilde{f}$  is a maximal dissipative operator in  $H$  so that we can define the Yosida operators

$$(6) \quad J_n = \left( I - \frac{1}{n} \tilde{f} \right)^{-1} : H \rightarrow V \quad n > 0$$

$$(7) \quad f_n = f \circ J_n = n (J_n - I) : H \rightarrow H \quad n > 0$$

with the well known properties:

$$(8) \quad \|J_n\|_L \leq 1 \quad ; \quad \|f_n\|_L \leq 2n.$$

Yet we define:

$$(9) \quad G_n = G \circ J_n : H \rightarrow L^*(H_0) \quad n > 0.$$

From  $(H_1)$  it follows that  $G_n$  is Lipschitz continuous so that the approximate problem:

$$(P_n) \quad \begin{cases} du_n(t) = f_n(u_n(t)) dt + G_n(u_n(t)) dW_t \\ u_n(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution  $u_n \in C(0, T; L_t^2(H))$ . In the next section we state some estimates on the sequence of approximate solutions, hence existence of one solution of (P).

### 3. EXISTENCE FOR (P)

Let  $\{u_n\}$  be the sequence of solutions of  $(P_n)$ . We have first:

PROPOSITION 1. *Let  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$  be verified; then:*

$$(10) \quad u_n \text{ is a bounded sequence in } C(0, T; L_t^2(H))$$

$$(11) \quad J_n u_n \text{ is a bounded sequence in } L^p(0, T; L_t^p(V))$$

$$(12) \quad f_n u_n \text{ is a bounded sequence in } L^q(0, T; L_t^q(V'))$$

$$(13) \quad G_n u_n \text{ is a bounded sequence in } L^2(0, T; L_t^2(L^*(H_0))).$$

*Proof.* It is only worth proving (10) and (11), as (12) and (13) easily follow from these. Now from  $(P_n)$  it follows (see Lemma 1):

$$(14) \quad |u_n(t)|_{L^2(H)}^2 = |u_0|_{L^2(H)}^2 + \int_0^t E \{ 2 \langle f_n(u_n(s)), u_n(s) \rangle \| G_n(u_n(s)) \|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 \} ds.$$

Let us remember that

$$\langle f_n(u_n(s)), u_n(s) \rangle = \langle f_n(u_n(s)), J_n(u_n(s)) \rangle - \frac{1}{n} |f_n(u_n(s))|^2$$

from which, because of the coercivity,

$$|u_n(t)|_{L^2(H)}^2 \leq -\omega \int_0^t \|J_n(u_n(s))\|_{L^p(V)}^p ds + |u_0|_{L^2(H)}^2.$$

We finally have:

THEOREM 3. *Let  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$  be verified; then there exists at least one solution of problem (P).*

*Proof.* Let us pick from the sequence  $\{u_n\}$  a subsequence  $\{u_{n'}\}$  such that

$$(15) \quad u_n \rightarrow u \quad \text{in } L^\infty(0, T; L_t^2(H)) \quad \text{weak}^*$$

$$(16) \quad J_n u_n \rightarrow v \quad \text{in } L^p(0, T; L_t^p(V)) \quad \text{weak}$$

$$(17) \quad f_n u_n \rightarrow \chi \quad \text{in } L^q(0, T; L_t^q(V')) \quad \text{weak}$$

$$(18) \quad G_n u_n \rightarrow \psi \quad \text{in } L^2(0, T; L_t^2(L^*(H_0))) \quad \text{weak}.$$

(7) We will denote such a subsequence  $\{u_{n'}\}$  again.

Clearly (17), (16) and (15) imply that  $u = v$  and that:

$$(19) \quad u(t) = u_0 + \int_0^t \chi(s) ds + \int_0^t \psi(s) dW_s.$$

We have to show that:

$$\chi(s) = f(u(s)) \quad , \quad \psi(s) = G(u(s))$$

which will be done adapting a classical method in abstract evolution equations (see [6]).

Let us consider

$$\begin{aligned} X_n = & \int_0^T E \{ 2 (f_n(u_n(s)) - f(v(s)), J_n(u_n(s)) - v(s)) \} ds + \\ & + \int_0^T E \{ \| G_n(u_n(s)) - G(v(s)) \|_{L^*(H_0)}^2 \} ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is  $X_n \leq 0$  because of the dissipativity, on the other side:

$$\begin{aligned} X_n = & 2 \int_0^T E \{ (f_n(u_n(s)), J_n(u_n(s))) \} ds + \int_0^T E \{ \| G_n(u_n(s)) \|_*^2 \} ds + \\ & - 2 \int_0^T E \{ (f(v(s)), J_n(u_n(s)) - v(s)) \} ds + \\ & - \int_0^T E \{ (G(v(s)), G_n(u_n(s)) - G(v(s)))_* \} ds + \\ & - 2 \int_0^T E \{ (f_n(u_n(s)), u(s)) + \frac{1}{2} (G_n(u_n(s)), G(v(s)))_* \} ds \end{aligned}$$

(14) implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \| u_n(T) \|_{L^2(H)}^2 - \| u_0 \|_{L^2(H)}^2 \leq & 2 \int_0^T E \{ (f_n(u_n(s)), J_n(u_n(s))) \} ds + \\ & + \int_0^T E \{ \| G_n(u_n(s)) \|_*^2 \} ds \end{aligned}$$



hence as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$(20) \quad \underline{\lim} X_n \geq |u(T)|_{L^2(H)}^2 - |u_0|_{L^2(H)}^2 + \\
- 2 \int_0^T E \{ \langle f(v(s)), u(s) - v(s) \rangle \} ds + \\
- \int_0^T E \{ \langle G(v(s)), \psi(s) - G(v(s))_* \rangle \} ds + \\
- 2 \int_0^T E \{ \langle \chi(s), v(s) \rangle \} ds + \int_0^T E \{ \langle \psi(s), G(v(s))_* \rangle \} ds.$$

Now from (19) it is:

$$(21) \quad |u(T)|_{L^2(H)}^2 = |u_0|_{L^2(H_0)}^2 + 2 \int_0^T E \{ \langle \chi(s), u(s) \rangle \} ds + \\
+ \int_0^T E \{ \|\psi(s)\|_*^2 \} ds$$

so that substituting in (20):

$$(22) \quad 2 \int_0^T E \{ \langle \chi(s) - f(v(s)), u(s) - v(s) \rangle \} ds + \\
+ \int_0^T E \{ \|\psi(s) - G(v(s))_*\|_*^2 \} ds \leq \underline{\lim} X_n \leq 0.$$

This latter inequality gives:

$$\int_0^T E \{ \langle \chi(s) - f(v(s)), u(s) - v(s) \rangle \} ds \leq 0$$

and the hemicontinuity yields, by a standard argument:

$$\chi = f(u).$$

On the other hand, from this, putting  $v = u$  in (22) it is:

$$\int_0^T E \{ \|\psi(s) - G(u(s))_*\|_*^2 \} ds \leq 0$$

that is  $\psi = G(u)$ .

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