

**Stochastic Differential Equations in a  
 Differentiable Manifold (2)**

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§ 1. Let  $\pi(t)$  be any Markov process in an  $r$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  with the transition probability:

$$(1.1) \quad F(t, p; s, E) = P(\pi(s) \in E / \pi(t) = p).$$

As is well-known, the generating operator  $A_t$  of this process is defined as follows:

$$(1.2) \quad (A_t f)(p) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow +0} \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_M [f(q) - f(p)] F(t, p; t + \Delta, dq).$$

We shall consider here the process whose generating operator  $A_t$  is expressible in the form:

$$(1.3) \quad (A_t f)(x) = a^i(t, x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}(x) + \frac{1}{2} B^{ij}(t, x) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^i \partial x^j}(x),$$

where  $x$  is the local coordinate and  $f$  is a bounded function of class  $C_1$ . (1.3) is equivalent to the following (1.3'):

$$(1.3') \quad \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_U (y^i - x^i) F(t, x; t + \Delta, dy) \longrightarrow a^i(t, x), \\ \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_U (y^i - x^i)(y^j - x^j) F(t, x; t + \Delta, dy) \longrightarrow B^{ij}(t, x), (\Delta \rightarrow +0) \\ \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_U F(t, x; t + \Delta, U^c) \rightarrow 0. \end{cases}$$

We can easily see that  $(B^{ij})$  is symmetric and positive-definite and that  $a^i$  and  $B^{ij}$  are transformed in the following way:

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{a}^i &= a^k \frac{\partial \bar{x}^i}{\partial x^k} + \frac{1}{2} B^{kl} \frac{\partial^2 \bar{x}^i}{\partial x^k \partial x^l} \\ \bar{B}^{ij} &= B^{kl} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^i}{\partial x^k} \frac{\partial \bar{x}^j}{\partial x^l} \end{aligned}$$