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# Mean square Hyers-Ulam stability of stochastic differential equations driven by Brownian motion

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## Abstract

In this paper, the Hyers-Ulam stability for a class of first order stochastic differential equations is studied by using the Ito formula. Furthermore, the research results are applied to a class of second order stochastic differential equations with constant coefficients by the substitution method. In the end, the Hyers-Ulam stability of general second order stochastic differential equations is considered by the solutions of two deterministic second order differential equation boundary value problems.

**Keywords:** Hyers-Ulam stability; stochastic differential equations; Brownian motion; substitution method

## 1 Introduction

The Hyers-Ulam stability of functional equations was introduced with the motivation of studying the stability of approximate solutions [1, 2]. Since then, much attention was given to the stability studies of functional equations; see [3–6] and the references therein. In 1993, Obloza introduced the notion of Hyers-Ulam stability for the studies of differential equations [7, 8]. Furthermore, the stability studies of differential equations have been considered in the recent decade; see [9–20] and the references therein. To the best of the author's knowledge, after the success of the investigations of the Hyers-Ulam stability for deterministic differential equations, there are a few arguments about the Hyers-Ulam stability of stochastic differential equations in the literature. However, uncertainty is involved in all kinds of natural phenomena, and stochastic differential equations are the suitable mathematical models for the natural phenomena. Therefore, it is important to generalize the research results of deterministic differential equations to stochastic differential equations. In the paper, we will consider the Hyers-Ulam stability of the following stochastic differential equations in the mean square which are perturbed by the Brownian motion:

$$dX_t = (a_t X_t + f_t) dt + h_t dB_t, \quad (1.1)$$

and

$$dX'_t = (b_t X'_t + c_t X_t + r_t) dt + k_t dB_t, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $t \geq 0, a, b, c, f, h, r, k : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous,  $B_t$  is a standard one-dimensional Brownian motion,  $X_t$  is a stochastic process which is adapted to the same filtration as  $B_t$ . If  $h_t \equiv 0, k_t \equiv 0$ , equations (1.1) and (1.2) are deterministic equations, which had been considered by the method of integral factors in [13–15].

## 2 Preliminary

Now we introduce the fundamental definitions and a lemma, which are used later in the article. Throughout this paper, we consider a filtered probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  with filtration  $\mathcal{F}_t, t \geq 0$  satisfying the usual conditions, that is, it is right continuous and increasing, while  $\mathcal{F}_0$  contains all  $P$ -null sets.

**Definition 2.1** Assume that for any  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  and any stochastic process

$$Y_t \in \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$$

satisfies

$$E \left( Y_t - \int_0^t (aY_s + f_s) ds - \int_0^t h_s dB_s \right)^2 < \varepsilon, \quad t \in (0, T),$$

where  $E$  is the expectation operator, then there exists a solution  $X_t$  of equation (1.1) such that  $|Y_t - X_t| \leq K\varepsilon, t \in (0, T)$  with  $K$  is a positive real constant. We say that equation (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable on  $(0, T)$  in the mean square.

**Definition 2.2** Assume that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any stochastic process

$$Y_t \in \mathcal{L}_2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t), P)$$

satisfies the following inequality:

$$E \left( Y_t - \int_0^t (b_s Y'_s + c_s Y_s + r_s) ds - \int_0^t k_s dB_s \right)^2 < \varepsilon, \quad t \in (0, T),$$

where  $E$  is the expectation operator, then there exists a solution  $X_t$  of equation (1.2) such that  $|Y_t - X_t| \leq K\varepsilon, t \in (0, T)$  with  $K$  a positive real constant. We say that equation (1.2) is Hyers-Ulam stable on  $(0, T)$  in the mean square.

To consider the integration of the stochastic process, we use the Ito formula as follows.

**Lemma 2.1** ([21]) Suppose  $dX_t = U_t dt + V_t dB_t$ , where the vector  $U = (U_1, \dots, U_m)$  and the matrix  $V = (V_1, \dots, V_m)$  have  $\mathcal{L}_2$  components and  $B$  is the vector of  $m$  independent Brownian motions. Let  $F$  be a twice continuously differentiable function from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $Y_t = F(X_t)$  is also an Ito process and

$$dY_t = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i}(X_t) dX_{i,t} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^m \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(X_t) dX_{i,t} \cdot dX_{j,t},$$

where  $dX_{i,t} \cdot dX_{j,t}$  is computed by using the rules  $dt dt = dt dB_{i,t} = dB_{i,t} dt = 0, dB_{i,t} dB_{j,t} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $(dB_{i,t})^2 = dt$ .

Let  $m = 2, F(X_t) = X_{1,t}X_{2,t}$ , then from Lemma 2.1, we see

$$dF(X_t) = dX_{1,t}X_{2,t} = X_{2,t} dX_{1,t} + X_{1,t} dX_{2,t} + dX_{1,t} dX_{2,t}$$

and

$$X_{1,t}X_{2,t} = X_{1,0}X_{2,0} + \int_0^t (X_{2,s} dX_{1,s} + X_{1,s} dX_{2,s} + dX_{1,s} dX_{2,s}).$$

### 3 Hyers-Ulam stability of (1.1)

In this section, we establish some criteria of the Hyers-Ulam stability of equation (1.1), by using the Ito formula.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $Y_t$  be an Ito process,  $a, f, h \in \mathcal{L}^2[0, T]$ ,*

$$dg(t, Y_t) = dY_t - (a_t Y_t + f_t) dt - h_t dB_t, \tag{3.1}$$

*assume that  $Y_t$  satisfies  $E(g(t, Y_t))^2 \leq \varepsilon$ , for  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ . Then there exists a solution  $X_t$  of equation (1.1) such that  $X_0 = Y_0, E(X_t - Y_t)^2 \leq M\varepsilon$  with*

$$M_1 = 4 \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} (1 + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds})^2.$$

*That means equation (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable in the mean square on the interval  $(0, T)$ .*

*Proof* Multiplying two sides of (3.1) by the function  $e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds}$ , we obtain

$$e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} (dg(t, Y_t) + f_t dt + h_t dB_t) = e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} (dY_t - a_t Y_t dt). \tag{3.2}$$

Applying Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} Y_t) &= Y_t de^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} + e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} dY_t + de^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} dY_t \\ &= e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} (dY_t - a_t Y_t dt). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2), we have

$$e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} (dg(t, Y_t) + f_t dt + h_t dB_t) = e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} (dY_t - a_t Y_t dt) = d(e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} Y_t). \tag{3.3}$$

Integrating the two sides of (3.3) from 0 to  $t$  and multiplying the two sides of (3.3) by the function  $e^{\int_0^t a_s ds}$ , we get

$$e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} Y_0 + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} (f_s ds + h_s dB_s) + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} dg(s, Y_s) = Y_t. \tag{3.4}$$

Define

$$X_t := e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} Y_0 + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} (f_s ds + h_s dB_s),$$

then we have  $X_0 = Y_0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= Y_0 a_t e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} dt + \left( \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} (f_s ds + h_s dB_s) \right) d e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} \\ &\quad + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} d \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} (f_s ds + h_s dB_s) \\ &\quad + d e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} d \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} (f_s ds + h_s dB_s) \\ &= (a_t X_t + f_t) dt + h_t dB_t. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $X_t$  is a solution of equation (1.1). We rewrite (3.4) as

$$X_t - Y_t = -e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} \int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} dg(s, Y_s). \tag{3.5}$$

Applying Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\int_0^t e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} dg(s, Y_s) = e^{-\int_0^t a_s ds} g(t, Y_t) - g(0, Y_0) + \int_0^t g(s, Y_s) d e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau}, \tag{3.6}$$

where  $\int_0^t g(s, Y_s) d e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau}$  is a Stieltjes integral. Taking expectations on the two sides of (3.5), we see

$$E(X_t - Y_t)^2 \leq \left( 1 + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} + \left| e^{\int_0^t a_s ds} \int_0^t a_s e^{-\int_0^s a_\tau d\tau} ds \right| \right)^2 \varepsilon \leq 4(1 + e^{\int_0^t a_s ds})^2 \varepsilon \leq M_1 \varepsilon$$

on the interval  $[0, T]$  by (3.6). Hence equation (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable in the mean square on the interval  $[0, T]$ . The proof is completed. □

#### 4 Hyers-Ulam stability of (1.2)

First of all, we consider the Hyers-Ulam stability of equation (1.2) by using the substitution method for a special case. We assume that  $b_t$  and  $c_t$  are both constant functions and write  $b$  and  $c$  instead of  $b_t$  and  $c_t$ .

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $Y'_t$  be an Ito process,*

$$dG(t, Y_t) = dY'_t - (bY'_t + cY_t + r_t) dt - k_t dB_t. \tag{4.1}$$

*Assume that  $E(G(t, Y_t))^2 \leq \varepsilon$  for  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ . Then there exists a solution  $X_t$  of equation (1.2) such that*

$$E(X_t - Y_t)^2 \leq M_2 \varepsilon, \quad t \in (0, T),$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= Y_0, \quad X'_0 = Y'_0, \\ M_2 &= (1 + (1 + |b|)\theta + |c|(1 + |b|)T\theta^2 + (1 + |b|)(b^2 + c + |b|)T\theta^2)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{e^{\frac{T(|b|+\sqrt{b^2+4c})}{2}}}{\sqrt{b^2+4c}} \max\{1, |b| + \sqrt{b^2+4c}\} \quad \text{when } b^2+4c > 0; \\ \theta &= \frac{2e^{\frac{T|b|}{2}}}{\sqrt{b^2+4c}} \max\{1, \sqrt{-c}\} \quad \text{when } b^2+4c < 0; \\ \theta &= e^{\frac{T|b|}{2}} \max\left\{\frac{|b|}{2}, \left|1 - \frac{b^2}{4}\right|\right\} \quad \text{when } b^2+4c = 0. \end{aligned}$$

That means equation (1.2) is Hyers-Ullam stable in the mean square on the interval  $[0, T]$ .

*Proof* Let

$$Z_t = \begin{pmatrix} X_t \\ \dot{X}_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_t = \begin{pmatrix} Y_t \\ \dot{Y}_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ c & b \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

then (1.2) can be rewritten as

$$dZ_t = (AZ_t + Br_t) dt + Bk_t dB_t. \tag{4.2}$$

We write

$$B dG(t, Y_t) = dU_t - (AU_t + Br_t) dt - Bk_t dB_t \tag{4.3}$$

instead of (4.1). Multiplying two sides of (4.3) by the matrix function  $e^{-At}$ , we get

$$e^{-At} B dG(t, Y_t) = e^{-At} (dU_t - AU_t) - e^{-At} (Br_t dt + Bk_t dB_t). \tag{4.4}$$

Since  $Y'_t$  is an Ito process, without loss of generality, we can define

$$dY'_t := U'_t dt + V'_t dB_t.$$

By computing, we have

$$dY_t = \left( \int_0^t U'_s ds \right) dt + \left( \int_0^t V'_s dB_s \right) dt.$$

By Lemma 2.1, we see  $dt dU_t = dt(dY'_t, dY_t) = 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} de^{-At} U_t &= (de^{-At}) U_t + e^{-At} (dU_t) + de^{-At} dU_t \\ &= e^{-At} (dU_t - AU_t dt). \end{aligned}$$

From (4.4), we have

$$e^{-At} B dG(t, Y_t) = de^{-At} U_t - e^{-At} (Br_t dt + Bk_t dB_t). \tag{4.5}$$

Integrating two sides of (4.5) from 0 to  $t$  and multiplying (4.5) by the matrix function  $e^{At}$ , we see

$$e^{At} U_0 + e^{At} \int_0^t e^{-As} (Br_s ds + Bk_s dB_s) = U_t - e^{At} \int_0^t e^{-As} B dG(s, Y_s). \tag{4.6}$$

Define

$$Z_t := e^{At}U_0 + e^{At} \int_0^t e^{-As}(Br_s ds + Bk_s dB_s).$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} dZ_t &= Ae^{At}U_0 dt + Br_t dt + Bk_t dB_t + Ae^{At} dt \int_0^t e^{-As}(Br_s ds + Bk_s dB_s) \\ &\quad + de^{At} d \int_0^t e^{-As}(Br_s ds + Bk_s dB_s) \\ &= (AZ_t + Br_t) dt + Bk_t dB_t. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $Z_t = (X_t, X'_t)^T$  is a solution of (4.2), that is,  $X_t$  is a solution of (1.2) with  $X_0 = Y_0$ ,  $X'_0 = Y'_0$ . We rewrite (4.6) as

$$Z_t - U_t = -e^{At} \int_0^t e^{-As} B dG(s, Y_s). \tag{4.7}$$

Similar to Theorem 3.1, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\int_0^t e^{-As} B dG(s, Y_s) = e^{-At} BG(t, Y_t) - BG(0, Y_0) + \int_0^t Ae^{-As} BG(s, Y_s) ds. \tag{4.8}$$

By (4.7) and (4.8), we have

$$Z_t - U_t = -BG(t, U_t) + e^{At} BG(0, Y_0) - e^{At} \int_0^t Ae^{-As} BG(s, Y_s) ds. \tag{4.9}$$

Assume

$$e^{At} = \alpha(t)A + \beta(t)E \tag{4.10}$$

with  $E$  the identity matrix. Hence

$$e^{At} = \alpha(t)A + \beta(t)E = \begin{pmatrix} \beta(t) & \alpha(t) \\ \alpha(t)c & \alpha(t)b + \beta(t) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{4.11}$$

$$e^{At}B = (\alpha(t)A + \beta(t)E)B = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha(t) \\ \alpha(t)b + \beta(t) \end{pmatrix}, \tag{4.12}$$

$$\int_0^t Ae^{-As}BG(s, Y_s) ds = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^t (\alpha(-s)b + \beta(-s))G(s, Y_s) ds \\ \int_0^t (\alpha(-s)(b^2 + c) + \beta(-s)b)G(s, Y_s) ds \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.13}$$

By (4.8), (4.9), (4.10), (4.11), (4.12), (4.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (X_t - Y_t)^2 &= \left( -G(t, Y_t) + (\alpha(t)b + \beta(t))G(0, Y_0) + \alpha(t)c \int_0^t (\alpha(-s)b + \beta(-s))G(s, Y_s) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\alpha(t)b + \beta(t)) \int_0^t (\alpha(-s)(b^2 + c) + \beta(-s)b)G(s, Y_s) ds \right)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

We consider three possibilities for computing  $\alpha(t), \beta(t)$ .

(i) If  $b^2 + 4c > 0$ , we see that

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 + 4c}}{2}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{b - \sqrt{b^2 + 4c}}{2}$$

are different real eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ . By (4.10), we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha(t)\lambda_1 + \beta(t), \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} = \alpha(t)\lambda_2 + \beta(t). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{e^{\frac{b}{2}t}(e^{\frac{t\sqrt{b^2+4c}}{2}} - e^{-\frac{t\sqrt{b^2+4c}}{2}})}{\sqrt{b^2 + 4c}},$$

$$\beta(t) = \frac{(\frac{b+\sqrt{b^2+4c}}{2})e^{(\frac{b-\sqrt{b^2+4c}}{2})t} - (\frac{b-\sqrt{b^2+4c}}{2})e^{(\frac{b+\sqrt{b^2+4c}}{2})t}}{\sqrt{b^2 + 4c}}.$$

(ii) If  $b^2 + 4c < 0$ , we see that

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{b + i\sqrt{|b^2 + 4c|}}{2}, \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{b - i\sqrt{|b^2 + 4c|}}{2},$$

are two different complex eigenvalues. By (4.10), we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{\lambda_1 t} = e^{\frac{b}{2}t}(\cos \frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2} + i \sin \frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2}) = \alpha(t)\lambda_1 + \beta(t), \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} = e^{\frac{b}{2}t}(\cos \frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2} - i \sin \frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2}) = \alpha(t)\lambda_2 + \beta(t). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{2e^{\frac{b}{2}t} \sin(\frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2})}{\sqrt{|b^2 + 4c|}},$$

$$\beta(t) = \frac{2e^{\frac{b}{2}t}(\frac{\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2} \cos \frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2} - \frac{b}{2} \sin \frac{t\sqrt{|b^2+4c|}}{2})}{\sqrt{|b^2 + 4c|}}.$$

(iii) If  $b^2 + 4c = 0$ , we see that  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{b}{2}$ . By (4.10), we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha(t)\lambda_1 + \beta(t), \\ \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha(t). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{b}{2}e^{\frac{b}{2}t}, \quad \beta(t) = \left(1 - \frac{b^2}{4}\right)e^{\frac{b}{2}t}.$$

Taking expectations on the two sides of (4.14), we have

$$E(X_t - Y_t)^2 \leq (1 + (1 + |b|)\theta + |c|(1 + |b|)T\theta^2 + (1 + |b|)(b^2 + c + |b|)T\theta^2)^2 \varepsilon = M_2\varepsilon$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \frac{e^{\frac{T(|b|+\sqrt{b^2+4c})}{2}}}{\sqrt{b^2+4c}} \max\{1, |b| + \sqrt{b^2+4c}\} \quad \text{when } b^2+4c > 0; \\ \theta &= \frac{2e^{\frac{T|b|}{2}}}{\sqrt{b^2+4c}} \max\{1, \sqrt{-c}\} \quad \text{when } b^2+4c > 0; \\ \theta &= e^{\frac{T|b|}{2}} \max\left\{\frac{|b|}{2}, \left|1 - \frac{b^2}{4}\right|\right\} \quad \text{when } b^2+4c = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence equation (1.2) is Hyers-Ulam stable in the mean square on the interval  $[0, T]$ . The proof is completed. □

Since matrix multiplication is, in general, not commutative, Theorem 4.1 is not suitable for equation (1.2), when  $b_t$  is not a constant function or  $c_t$  is not a constant function. Now, we consider equation (1.2) by the solutions of two deterministic boundary value problems.

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be the solutions of the boundary value problems

$$\begin{cases} x_t'' - b_t x_t' - c_t x_t = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ u_0 = 0, \quad u_T = 1, \end{cases} \tag{4.15}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} x_t'' - b_t x_t' - c_t x_t = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ u_0 = 1, \quad u_T = 0, \end{cases} \tag{4.16}$$

respectively. Define

$$\begin{aligned} p &:= e^{-\int_0^t b_s ds}, \quad \rho := u_0', \\ \Lambda_{t,s} &= \begin{cases} u_s' v_t, & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T, \\ u_t v_s', & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq T. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $X_t'$  be an Ito process,  $B_t$  is a standard one-dimensional Brownian motion. Assume that  $p, b, c \in L^2[0, T]$ , then*

$$X_t = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^t \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_\tau (dX'_\tau - (b_\tau X'_\tau + c_\tau X_\tau) d\tau) \right) ds + v_t X_0 + u_t X_T.$$

*Proof* Let

$$Y_s = \int_0^s p_\tau (dX'_\tau - (b_\tau X'_\tau + c_\tau X_\tau) d\tau).$$

By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$Y_s = \int_0^s (p_\tau dX'_\tau + X'_\tau dp_\tau + dX'_\tau dp_\tau) - \int_0^s p_\tau c_\tau X_\tau d\tau = p_s X'_s - X'_0 - \int_0^s p_\tau c_\tau X_\tau d\tau. \tag{4.18}$$



Multiplying by the function  $u'_s$ , integrating two sides of (4.18) from 0 to  $t$ , we see

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t u'_s Y_s ds &= u'_t p_t X_t - u'_0 X'_0 - \int_0^t p_s (u''_s - b_s u'_s) X_s ds - \int_0^t d(u'_s p_s) dX'_s - u_t X'_0 \\ &\quad - u_t \int_0^t p_s c_s X_s ds + \int_0^t u_s p_s c_s X_s ds + \int_0^t du'_s d \int_0^s p_\tau c_\tau X_\tau d\tau \\ &= u'_t p_t X_t - u'_0 X_0 - u_t X'_0 - u_t \int_0^t p_s c_s X_s ds. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, multiplying by the function  $v'_s$ , integrating two sides of (4.18) from  $t$  to  $T$ , we see

$$\int_t^T v'_s Y_s ds = -v'_t p_t X_t + v'_T p_T X_T + v_t X'_0 + v_t \int_0^t p_s c_s Y_s ds.$$

Therefore, by Abel's differential equation identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \Lambda_{t,s} Y_s ds &= \frac{1}{u'_0} (u'_t v_t - u_t v'_t) p_t X_t - \frac{1}{u'_0} (v_t u'_0 X_0 - u_t v'_T p_T X_T) \\ &= -\frac{1}{u'_0} \begin{vmatrix} u_t & v_t \\ u'_t & v'_t \end{vmatrix} p_t X_t - v_t X_0 - u_t X_T = -\frac{1}{u'_0} \begin{vmatrix} u_0 & v_0 \\ u'_0 & v'_0 \end{vmatrix} X_t - v_t X_0 - u_t X_T \\ &= X_t - v_t X_0 - u_t X_T. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$X_t = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_\tau (dX'_\tau - (b_\tau X'_\tau + c_\tau X_\tau) d\tau) \right) ds + v_t X_0 + u_t X_T.$$

The proof is completed. □

**Lemma 4.3** *Let  $B_t$  is a standard one-dimensional Brownian motion.  $C, D$  are two stochastic variables. Assume that  $p, r, k \in L^2[0, T]$ , then the stochastic process*

$$X_t = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_s (r_s dt + k_s dB_s) \right) ds + v_t C + u_t D, \quad 0 < t < T \tag{4.19}$$

*is a solution of equation (1.2) such that  $X_0 = C, X(T) = D$ .*

*Proof* By Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &d \int_0^t \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_s (r_s dt + k_s dB_s) \right) ds \\ &= v'_t dt \int_0^t \left( u'_s \int_0^s p_\tau (g_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds + u'_t v_t \left( \int_0^t p_s (r_s d\tau + k_s dB_s) \right) dt \\ &\quad + dv_t d \int_0^t \left( u'_s \int_0^s p_\tau (g_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) ds \right) \\ &= v'_t dt \int_0^t \left( u'_s \int_0^s p_\tau (g_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds + u'_t v_t \left( \int_0^t p_s (r_s ds + k_s dB_s) \right) dt, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d \int_0^t \Lambda_{t,s} \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s dt + k_s dB_s) \right)' \\
 &= v_t' dt \int_0^t \left( u_s' \int_0^s p_\tau(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds + u_t' v_t' \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s d\tau + k_s dB_s) \right) dt \\
 &+ dv_t' d \int_0^t \left( u_s' \int_0^s p_\tau(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds + (u_t' v_t' + u_t'' v_t) dt \int_0^t p_s(r_s ds + k_s dB_s) \\
 &+ u_t' v_t p_t(\alpha(t) dt + k_t dB_t) + d(u_t' v_t) d \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s ds + k_s dB_s) \right) \\
 &= v_t' dt \int_0^t \left( u_s' \int_0^s p_\tau(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds + u_t' v_t' \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s d\tau + k_s dB_s) \right) dt \\
 &+ (u_t' v_t' + u_t'' v_t) dt \int_0^t p_s(r_s ds + k_s dB_s) + u_t' v_t p_t(\alpha(t) dt + h_t dB_t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d \int_t^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^t p_s(r_s dt + k_s dB_s) \right) ds \\
 &= u_t' dt \int_t^T \left( v_s' \int_0^s p_\tau(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds - u_t' v_t' \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s ds + k_s dB_s) \right) dt, \\
 & d \int_t^T \Lambda_{t,s} \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s dt + k_s dB_s) \right)' \\
 &= u_t'' dt \int_t^T \left( v_s' \int_0^s p_\tau(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds - u_t' v_t' \left( \int_0^t p_s(r_s d\tau + k_s dB_s) \right) dt \\
 &- (u_t' v_t' + u_t v_t'') dt \int_0^t p_s(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) - u_t v_t' p_t(\alpha(t) dt + k_t dB_t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Abel's differential equation identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 dX_t' - (b_t X_t' + c_t X_t) dt &= \frac{1}{\rho} (u_t' v_t - u_t v_t') p_t(r_t dt + k_t dB_t) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\rho} (v_t (u_t'' - b_t u_t') - u_t (v_t'' - b_t v_t')) dt \int_0^t p_s(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \\
 &+ C(u_t'' - b_t u_t' - c_t u_t) dt \\
 &+ D(v_t'' - b_t v_t' - c_t v_t) dt \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \begin{vmatrix} u_t & v_t \\ u_t' & v_t' \end{vmatrix} p_t(r_t dt + k_t dB_t) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\rho} (c_t u_t v_t - c_t u_t v_t) dt \int_0^t p_s(r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \begin{vmatrix} u_0 & v_0 \\ u_0' & v_0' \end{vmatrix} e^{\int_0^t b_s ds} p_t(r_t dt + k_t dB_t) \\
 &= r_t dt + k_t dB_t.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (4.19) is a solution of equation (1.2). □

**Theorem 4.4** *Let  $Y'_t$  be an Ito process,*

$$dG(t, Y_t) = dY'_t - (b_t Y'_t + c_t Y_t + r_t) dt - k_t dB_t. \tag{4.20}$$

*Assume that  $E(G(t, Y_t))^2 \leq \varepsilon$  for  $t \in (0, T)$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  $b, c, r, k \in \mathcal{L}^2(0, T)$ . Then there exists a solution  $X_t$  of equation (1.2) such that*

$$E(X_t - Y_t)^2 \leq M_3 \varepsilon, \quad t \in (0, T),$$

with

$$X_0 = Y_0, \quad X_T = Y_T,$$

$$M_3 = \frac{4}{\rho^2} \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left\{ \left( \int_0^T |\Lambda_{t,s}| (p_s + 1) ds \right)^2 \right\}.$$

*That means equation (1.2) is Hyers-Ulam stable in the mean square on the interval  $(0, T)$ .*

*Proof* By Lemma 4.2, we have

$$Y_t = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_\tau (dY'_\tau - (b_\tau Y'_\tau dt + c_\tau Y_t dt)) \right) ds - v_t Y_0 - u_t Y_T. \tag{4.21}$$

Let

$$X_t = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_\tau (r_\tau d\tau + k_\tau dB_\tau) \right) ds + v_t Y_0 + u_t Y_T, \tag{4.22}$$

by Lemma 4.3, we obtain  $X_t$  as a solution of equation (1.2) such that  $X_0 = Y_0, X_T = Y_T$ . By (4.20), (4.21), (4.22), we get

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \int_0^s p_\tau dG(\tau, Y_\tau) \right) ds = Y_t - X_t. \tag{4.23}$$

By computing, we have

$$\int_0^s p_\tau dG(\tau, Y_\tau) = p_s G(s, Y_s) - G(0, Y_0) - \int_0^s p_\tau b_\tau G(\tau, Y_\tau) d\tau. \tag{4.24}$$

Taking expectations on the two sides of (4.23), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_t - Y_t)^2 &= E \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \int_0^T \left( \Lambda_{t,s} \left( p_s G(s, Y_s) - G(0, Y_0) - \int_0^s p_\tau b_\tau G(\tau, Y_\tau) d\tau \right) \right) ds \right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left( \int_0^T |\Lambda_{t,s}| \left( p_s + 1 + \left| \int_0^s p_\tau b_\tau d\tau \right| \right) ds \right)^2 \varepsilon \\ &\leq \frac{4}{\rho^2} \left( \int_0^T |\Lambda_{t,s}| (p_s + 1) ds \right)^2 \varepsilon \\ &\leq M_3 \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

by (4.23). Hence equation (1.2) is Hyers-Ulam stable in the mean square on the interval  $[0, T]$ . The proof is completed. □

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