

Stochastic Evolutions Driven by Nonlinear Quantum Noise. II

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Abstract. We consider the renormalized Itô table for higher powers of white noise and, assuming that there exists a Hilbert space in which these powers have an operator realization, we prove existence, uniqueness, and unitarity for stochastic equations driven by these powers.

1. INTRODUCTION

A general class of quantum stochastic differential processes was defined in [3], [4], and [5] by the relation

$$dB_{(m,n)}(t) = b^+(t)^m b(t)^n dt, \quad (1.1)$$

where $t \geq 0$, $m, n \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$, and the noise functionals b^+ and b are defined as follows.

Let $L^2_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ be the space of square-integrable functions on \mathbb{R}^n that are symmetric under the permutations of their arguments, and let

$$F = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} L^2_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}^n),$$

where, if $\psi = \{\psi^{(n)}\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \in F$, then $\psi^{(0)} \in \mathbb{C}$, $\psi^{(n)} \in L^2_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ for $n \geq 1$, and

$$\|\psi\|^2 = |\psi^{(0)}|^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\psi^{(n)}(s_1, \dots, s_n)|^2 ds_1 \dots ds_n.$$

Denote by $S \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ the Schwartz space of smooth functions rapidly decreasing at infinity (faster than any polynomial) and let

$$D = \left\{ \psi \in F \mid \psi^{(n)} \in S, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \|\psi^{(n)}\|^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

For each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the linear operator $b(t): D \rightarrow F$ by

$$(b(t)\psi)^{(n)}(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \sqrt{n+1} \psi^{(n+1)}(t, s_1, \dots, s_n),$$

and the operator-valued distribution $b^+(t)$ by

$$(b^+(t)\psi)^{(n)}(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(t - s_i) \psi^{(n-1)}(s_1, \dots, \hat{s}_i, \dots, s_n).$$

Since $L^2_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = L^2_{\text{sym}}(\mathbb{R})^{\otimes n}$, we can identify F with the symmetric (boson) Fock space over S . For the case in which the elements of S are defined on $[0, +\infty)$, we denote the Fock space by $\Gamma(S_+)$.

For $\psi = \{(n!)^{-1/2} f^{\otimes n}\}$, we denote ψ by $\psi(f)$. For any $m, n \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ we have

$$\langle \psi(g), b_t^{+m} \psi(f) \rangle = \overline{g(t)^m} f(t)^n \langle \psi(g), \psi(f) \rangle, \tag{1.2}$$

where it is assumed that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is linear in the second argument and antilinear in the first.

We couple $\Gamma(S_+)$ with an *initial* Hilbert space H_0 and define an *adapted process* $A = \{A(t) \mid t \geq 0\}$ to be a family of operators on $H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+)$ such that $A(t) = A_t \otimes I$ for any t , where A_t acts on $H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+^{[t]})$ and I is the identity operator on $\Gamma(S_+^{(t)})$, and $S_+^{[t]}$ and $S_+^{(t)}$ are defined by

$$S_+^{[t]} = \{f \cdot \chi_{[0,t]} \mid f \in S\} \quad \text{and} \quad S_+^{(t)} = \{f \cdot \chi_{(t,+\infty)} \mid f \in S\},$$

respectively. If $A(t) = A \otimes I$ for each t , where A is an operator on H_0 and I is the identity operator on $\Gamma(S_+)$, then A is said to be a *constant process*. If $A(t)$ is a bounded operator for each t , then A is said to be a *bounded process* and, if $A^*(t)A(t) = A(t)A^*(t) = I$, then A is said to be a *unitary process*.

If $T \geq 0$ and the mapping $t \in [0, T] \rightarrow A(t)u \otimes \psi(f)$ is continuous for each $u \in H_0$ and $f \in S_+$, then A is said to be a *strongly continuous process* on $[0, T]$. If A is strongly continuous and the mapping $(u, f) \in H_0 \otimes S_+ \rightarrow A(t)u \otimes \psi(f)$ is continuous for all $t \in [0, T]$, then A is said to be *doubly continuous*.

In what follows we identify $B_{(m,n)}(t)$ with $I \otimes B_{(m,n)}(t)$, where I is the identity on H_0 . For a constant adapted process $A = \{A(t) \mid t \geq 0\}$, we simply write A instead of $A(t)$.

Stochastic integrals with respect to time and to $B_{(m,n)}$ are defined in Lemma 2.1.

In [1, 2] we studied the existence and uniqueness problem for solutions of quantum stochastic evolutions of the form

$$dU(t) = \left[\sum_{\substack{m,n=0 \\ m+n \leq 2}}^2 A_{(m,n)}(t) dB_{(m,n)}(t) \right] U(t), \quad U(0) = U_0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty, \tag{1.3}$$

where $dB_{(0,0)}(t) = dt$, $dB_{(1,0)}(t) = dA^+(t)$, $dB_{(0,1)}(t) = dA(t)$, and A and A^+ are the annihilation and creation processes (see [7]). It was shown that, if the coefficient processes $A_{(m,n)}$ are adapted and such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq s \leq T} \|A_{(m,n)}(s)\|_{H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+)} < +\infty$$

for all m and n , and if U_0 is a bounded operator on $H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+)$, then (1.3) admits a unique adapted strongly continuous solution $U = \{U(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty\}$ defined on the *span of the set* $\{u \otimes \psi(f)\}$, where $|f(s)| \leq 1$ for all $s \in [0, T]$ (cf. [6]).

Moreover, U is a unitary process if and only if $U_0 = I$ and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{(0,0)} + A_{(0,0)}^* + \gamma A_{(0,1)} A_{(0,1)}^* &= 0, & A_{(0,1)} + A_{(1,0)}^* + 2\gamma A_{(0,2)} A_{(0,1)}^* + \gamma A_{(0,1)} A_{(1,1)}^* &= 0, \\ A_{(0,2)} + A_{(2,0)}^* + 2\gamma A_{(0,2)} A_{(1,1)}^* &= 0, & A_{(1,1)} + A_{(1,1)}^* + 4\gamma A_{(0,2)} A_{(0,2)}^* + \gamma A_{(1,1)} A_{(1,1)}^* &= 0, \\ A_{(0,0)}^* + A_{(0,0)} + \gamma A_{(1,0)}^* A_{(1,0)} &= 0, & A_{(1,0)}^* + A_{(0,1)} + \gamma A_{(1,0)}^* A_{(1,1)} + 2\gamma A_{(2,0)}^* A_{(1,0)} &= 0, \\ A_{(2,0)}^* + A_{(0,2)} + 2\gamma A_{(2,0)}^* A_{(1,1)} &= 0, & & \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

where the quantity $\gamma > 0$ defined by

$$[b(t), b^+(s)] = \gamma \cdot \delta(t - s) \tag{1.5}$$

is the *variance of the quantum Brownian motion* defined by $B_{(0,1)}$ and $B_{(1,0)}$, δ is the delta function (cf. [3, 4]), and $*$ denotes the dual operator. These results extended those in [7] referred to stochastic evolutions driven by *linear quantum noise* $B_{(1,0)}$ and $B_{(0,1)}$.

The proof made use of Itô's table

	dt	$dB_{(0,1)}$	$dB_{(1,0)}$	$dB_{(0,2)}$	$dB_{(2,0)}$	$dB_{(1,1)}$
dt	0	0	0	0	0	0
$dB_{(0,1)}$	0	0	γdt	0	$2\gamma dB_{(1,0)}$	$\gamma dB_{(0,1)}$
$dB_{(1,0)}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$dB_{(0,2)}$	0	0	$2\gamma dB_{(0,1)}$	0	$4\gamma dB_{(1,1)}$	$2\gamma dB_{(0,2)}$
$dB_{(2,0)}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$dB_{(1,1)}$	0	0	$\gamma dB_{(1,0)}$	0	$2\gamma dB_{(2,0)}$	$\gamma dB_{(1,1)}$

(1.6)

It was also shown in [1] that the stochastic differentials $dt, dB_{(0,1)}, dB_{(1,0)}, dB_{(0,2)}, dB_{(2,0)}$, and $dB_{(1,1)}$ are *linearly independent*, which means that

$$\sum_{\substack{m,n=0 \\ m+n \leq 2}}^2 A_{(m,n)}(t) dB_{(m,n)}(t) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T] \implies A_{(m,n)} \equiv 0 \quad \text{for all } m, n. \quad (1.7)$$

In what follows we take $\gamma = 1$ and use the generalized Itô table

$$dB_{(m,n)} dB_{(k,l)} = nk dB_{(m+k-1, n+l-1)}, \quad (1.8)$$

where m, n, k , and l are any natural numbers such that $m + k - 1 \geq 0$ and $n + l - 1 \geq 0$ (cf. [4]) to extend the results of [1] and [2] to quantum stochastic evolutions of the form

$$dU(t) = \left[\sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} A_{(m,n)}(t) dB_{(m,n)}(t) \right] U(t), \quad U(0) = U_0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty. \quad (1.9)$$

For an adapted process $X = \{X(t) \mid t \geq 0\}$, its stochastic differential $dX = \{dX(t) \mid t \geq 0\}$ is defined by

$$dX(t) = X(t + dt) - X(t). \quad (1.10)$$

For two adapted processes X and Y , we have

$$d(X \cdot Y)(t) = dX(t) \cdot Y(t) + X(t) \cdot dY(t) + dX(t) \cdot dY(t). \quad (1.11)$$

We also note that adapted processes commute with the stochastic differentials $dB_{(m,n)}$.

2. EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS OF STOCHASTIC EVOLUTIONS DRIVEN BY NONLINEAR QUANTUM NOISE

Definition 2.1. Let $\tau \geq 0$. We say that a family $\{A_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ of adapted processes is of $L^2[0, T]$ -type if

$$\|A_{(n,k)}\|_{u,f}^{2,T} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} < +\infty \quad (2.1)$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$, $u \in H_0$, and $f \in S_+$ with $|f(s)| \leq 1$ for $s \in [0, t]$.

Lemma 2.1. Let $t \geq 0$, $u, \nu \in H_0$, $f, g \in S_+$ with $|f(s)| \leq 1$, $|g(s)| \leq 1$ for all $s \in [0, t]$, let $\{A_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ and $\{C_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ be families of adapted processes of $L^2[0, t]$ -type and let

$$\Pi_1(t) = \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\Pi_2(t) = \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t C_{(n,k)}(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s). \quad (2.3)$$

Then:

$$(i) \quad \langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t g(s)^n \overline{f(s)^k} \langle A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle ds, \quad (2.4)$$

$$(ii) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes (g) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,k,N,K=0}^{\infty} \left[\int_0^t \overline{g(s)^n f(s)^k} \int_0^s f(z)^N \overline{g(z)^K} \langle A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(z)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle dz ds \right. \\ & \quad + \int_0^t f(s)^N \overline{g(s)^K} \int_0^s f(z)^k \overline{g(z)^n} \langle A_{(n,k)}(z)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle dz ds \\ & \quad \left. + nN \int_0^t f(s)^{N+k-1} \overline{g(s)^{K+n-1}} \langle A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle ds \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$$(iii) \quad |\langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle| \leq t^{1/2} \|A_{(n,k)}\|_{u,f}^{2,t} \|\nu \otimes \psi(g)\|, \quad (2.6)$$

$$(iv) \quad \|\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 \leq (2t+1) [\|A_{(n,k)}\|_{u,f}^{2,t}]^2. \quad (2.7)$$

Proof. (i) The proof immediately follows from (1.1) and (1.2). (ii) By (1.11), if n, k, N , and $K \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & d \left[\left\langle \int_0^\tau A_{(n,k)}(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f), \int_0^\tau C_{(N,K)}(s) dB_{(N,K)}(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle \right] \\ &= \left\langle A_{(n,k)}(\tau) u \otimes \psi(f), \int_0^\tau C_{(N,K)}(s) dB_{(N,K)}(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle \\ & \quad + \left\langle \int_0^\tau A_{(n,k)}(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(\tau) dB_{(N,K)}(\tau) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle \\ & \quad + \left\langle A_{(n,k)}(\tau) dB_{(n,k)}(\tau) u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(\tau) dB_{(N,K)}(\tau) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By (1.1), (1.2), $dB_{(N,K)}^* dB_{(n,k)} = dB_{(K,N)} dB_{(n,k)}$, and (1.8), the right-hand side is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{g(\tau)^n f(\tau)^k} \int_0^\tau f(s)^N \overline{g(s)^K} \langle A_{(n,k)}(\tau) u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle ds d\tau \\ & \quad + f(\tau)^N \overline{g(\tau)^K} \int_0^\tau f(s)^k \overline{g(s)^n} \langle A_{(n,k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(\tau) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle ds d\tau \\ & \quad + nN f(\tau)^{N+k-1} \overline{g(\tau)^{K+n-1}} \langle A_{(n,k)}(\tau) u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(\tau) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle d\tau \end{aligned}$$

from which the result follows by integrating from 0 to t and by summing over n, k, N , and K .

(iii) The proof immediately follows from (2.4) and (2.1), and from Hölder's inequality.

(iv) By (2.5), for $u = \nu$, $f = g$, and $A_{(n,k)} = C_{(n,k)}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 &\leq \sum_{n,k,N,K=0}^{\infty} \left[\int_0^t \int_0^s \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| \cdot \|A_{(N,K)}(z)u \otimes \psi(f)\| dz ds \right] \\
 &+ \int_0^t \int_0^s \|A_{(n,k)}(z)u \otimes \psi(f)\| \cdot \|A_{(N,K)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| dz ds \\
 &+ nN \int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| \cdot \|A_{(N,K)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| ds \\
 &\leq 2 \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| ds \sum_{N,K=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t \|A_{(N,K)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| ds \\
 &+ \sum_{n,k,N,K=0}^{\infty} nN \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(N,K)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \\
 &\leq 2 \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| ds \right]^2 + \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 \\
 &\leq 2 \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} t^{1/2} \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 + \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 \\
 &\leq 2t \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 + \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 \\
 &\leq (2t+1) \left[\|A_{(n,k)}\|_{u,f}^{2,t} \right]^2. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.2. Let $T \geq 0$. We say that a family $\{A_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ of bounded adapted processes is of $L_\infty[0, T]$ -type if

$$\|A_{(n,k)}\|^{\infty, T} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \sup_{s \in [0, T]} \|A_{(n,k)}(s)\| < +\infty. \quad (2.8)$$

Remark. An $L_\infty[0, T]$ -type family is also of $L^2[0, T]$ -type.

Lemma 2.2. In the notation of Lemma 2.1, suppose that $A_{(n,k)}(s) = \alpha_{(n,k)}(s)\beta(s)$, where $\{\alpha_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ is a family of bounded adapted processes of $L_\infty[0, t]$ -type, and

$$\sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| < +\infty.$$

Then

$$\|\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 \leq t(2t+1) \left[\|\alpha_{(n,k)}\|^{\infty, t} \sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| \right]^2. \quad (2.9)$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.1 (iv) we have

$$\|\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 \leq (2t+1) \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq (2t + 1) \left[t^{1/2} \sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\| \sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} n \sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|\alpha_{(n, k)}(s)\| \right]^2 \\ &\leq (2t + 1)t \sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 [\|\alpha_{(n, k)}\|^\infty]^{2t}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.3. *In the notation of Lemma 2.1, suppose that $A_{(n, k)}(s) = \alpha_{(n, k)}(s)\beta(s)$, where $\{\alpha_{(n, k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ is a family of bounded adapted processes of $L_\infty[0, t]$ -type and*

$$\int_0^t \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds < +\infty.$$

Then

$$\|\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 \leq (2t + 1) [\|\alpha_{(n, k)}\|^\infty]^{2t} \int_0^t \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds.$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.1 (iv),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 &\leq (2t + 1) \left[\sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} n \left[\int_0^t \|\alpha_{(n, k)}(s)\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 \\ &\leq (2t + 1) \left[\sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} n \sup_{s \in [0, t]} \|\alpha_{(n, k)}(s)\| \left[\int_0^t \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds \right]^{1/2} \right]^2 \\ &\leq (2t + 1) [\|\alpha_{(n, k)}\|^\infty]^{2t} \int_0^t \|\beta(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.1. *Let $T \geq 0$, and let $\{A_{(n, k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ be a family of bounded adapted processes of $L_\infty[0, T]$ -type. If U_0 is a bounded operator on $H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+)$, then the quantum stochastic differential equation*

$$dU(t) = \left[\sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n, k)}(t) dB_{(n, k)}(t) \right] U(t), \quad U(0) = U_0, \tag{2.10}$$

or, in integral form,

$$U(t) = U_0 + \sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n, k)}(s) U(s) dB_{(n, k)}(s), \tag{2.11}$$

admits a unique adapted strongly continuous solution $U = \{U(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty\}$ defined on the span of the set $\{u \otimes \psi(f)\}$, where $|f(s)| \leq 1$ for all $s \in [0, T]$.

Proof. Define a sequence $\{U_N\}_{N=0}^\infty$ of adapted processes by setting $U_0(t) = U_0$ and

$$U_N(t) = U_0 + \sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n, k)}(s) U_{N-1}(s) dB_{(n, k)}(s) \tag{2.12}$$

for $N \geq 1$. Then, for $0 \leq t \leq t' \leq T < +\infty$, it follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|[U_N(t) - U_N(t')]u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_{n, k=0}^{\infty} \int_{t'}^t A_{(n, k)}(s) U_{N-1}(s) dB_{(n, k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq (2(t' - t)^2 + (t' - t)) [\|A_{(n, k)}\|^\infty]^{2t'} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq T} \|U_{N-1}(s)u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that $\{U_N\}_{N=0}^\infty$ is a sequence of strongly continuous adapted processes. Moreover, using Lemma 2.3 repeatedly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \| [U_N(t) - U_{N-1}(t)]u \otimes \psi(f) \|^2 \\ &= \left\| \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) [U_{N-1}(t_1) - U_{N-2}(t_1)] dB_{(n,k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq (2T + 1) \| [A_{(n,k)}]^\infty \|^2 \int_0^t \| [U_{N-1}(t_1) - U_{N-2}(t_1)]u \otimes \psi(f) \|^2 dt_1 \\ &\leq (2T + 1)^2 \| [A_{(n,k)}]^\infty \|^4 \int_0^t \int_0^{t_1} \| [U_{N-2}(t_2) - U_{N-3}(t_2)]u \otimes \psi(f) \|^2 dt_2 dt_1 \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq (2T + 1)^{N-1} \| [A_{(n,k)}]^\infty \|^2 \int_0^t \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_{N-1}} \left\| \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^{t_{N-1}} A_{(n,k)}(s) U_0 dB_{(n,k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f) \right\|^2 dt_{N-1} \dots dt_1 \\ &\leq (2T + 1)^N \| [A_{(n,k)}]^\infty \|^2 \| U_0 \|^2 \| u \otimes \psi(f) \|^2 \int_0^t \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_{N-1}} ds dt_{N-1} \dots dt_1 \\ &\leq (2T + 1)^N \| [A_{(n,k)}]^\infty \|^2 \| U_0 \|^2 \| u \otimes \psi(f) \|^2 \frac{t^N}{n!}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\sum_{N=1}^\infty \| [U_N(t) - U_{N-1}(t)]u \otimes \psi(f) \| \leq +\infty,$$

and thus we can define a process $U = \{U(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty\}$ by

$$U(t)u \otimes \psi(f) = \lim_N U_N(t)u \otimes \psi(f). \tag{2.13}$$

As a uniform limit of adapted processes, U is a strongly continuous adapted process. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \left[U(t) - U_0 - \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) \right] u \otimes \psi(f) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \left[U(t) - U_{N+1}(t) + U_{N+1}(t) - U_0 - \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) U_N(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) U_N(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) - \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) \right] u \otimes \psi(f) \right\| \\ &\leq \| [U(t) - U_{N+1}(t)]u \otimes \psi(f) \| + \left\| \left[U_{N+1} - U_0 - \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) U_N(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s) \right] u \otimes \psi(f) \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \sum_{n,k=0}^\infty \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) [U_N(s) - U(s)] dB_{(n,k)}(s) u \otimes \psi(f) \right\|. \tag{2.14} \end{aligned}$$

The first term of (2.14) tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ by (2.13).

The second term of (2.14) is equal to zero by (2.12).

By Lemma 2.2, the third term of (2.14) can be estimated, namely, it is

$$\leq [T(2T+1)]^{1/2} \|A_{(n,k)}\|^{\infty, T} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq T} \|[U_n(s) - U(s)]u \otimes \psi(f)\|,$$

which tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ because the convergence in (2.13) is uniform.

Thus,

$$U(t) = U_0 + \sum_{n,k=0}^6 \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s)U(s)dB_{(n,k)}(s), \quad (2.15)$$

i.e., U is a solution of (2.11).

If $\{V(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ is another process such that

$$V(t) = U_0 + \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s)V(s)dB_{(n,k)}(s), \quad (2.16)$$

then

$$\|[U(t) - V(t)]u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 \leq (2T+1) \|A_{(n,k)}\|^{\infty, T} \int_0^t \|[U(s) - V(s)]u \otimes \psi(f)\|^2 ds$$

by Lemma 2.3, and we conclude by Gronwall's inequality that

$$\|[U(t) - V(t)]u \otimes \psi(f)\| = 0.$$

Hence, $U = V$ on the span of $\{u \otimes \psi(f)\}$, which proves uniqueness. \square

3. LINEAR INDEPENDENCE OF STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIALS

Proposition 3.1. *Let $T \geq 0$, let N and K be any two nonnegative integers, and let*

$$\{A_{(n,k)} \mid n = 0, 1, \dots, N, k = 0, 1, \dots, K\}$$

be a family of doubly continuous adapted processes on $[0, T]$ such that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{k=0}^K A_{(n,k)}(t)dB_{(n,k)}(t) = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

weakly on the linear span of

$$\{u \otimes \psi(f) \mid u \in H_0, \text{ where } f \in S_+ \text{ and } |f(t)| \leq 1 \text{ on } [0, T]\}.$$

Then

$$A_{(n,k)}(t) = 0 \text{ for all } n = 0, 1, \dots, N, k = 0, 1, \dots, K, \text{ and } t \in [0, T].$$

Proof. We use mathematical induction on N and K . For $N = 0, 1$ and $K = 0, 1$, the claim is true (cf. [1]).

Suppose that the assertion is true for some N and K . Let us prove that it is true for $N+1$ and $K+1$. Thus, assume that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{K+1} A_{(n,k)}(t)dB_{(n,k)}(t) = 0 \quad (3.2)$$

for any $t \in [0, T]$. Then it follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N+1} \sum_{k=0}^{K+1} \overline{f(t)^n} g(t)^k \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,k)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

for any $u, \nu \in H_0$ and $f, g \in S^+$ such that $|f(t)| \leq 1$ and $|g(t)| \leq 1$ on $[0, T]$.

Allowing f and g to vary over the compactly supported continuous functions on $[0, t]$, we see from (3.3) that $\langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(0,0)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0$. Since $A_{(0,0)}$ is adapted and the set

$$\{u \otimes \psi(f) \mid f \text{ is continuous with compact support in } [0, t]\}$$

is total, it follows that $A_{(0,0)} \equiv 0$ on $[0, T]$.

Letting f and g vary over continuous functions with $f(t) \neq 0$ and $\text{supp } pg \subset [0, t]$, we get from (3.3) that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \overline{f(t)^n} \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,0)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0, \quad (3.4)$$

which implies the relation

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \overline{f(t)^n} \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,0)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

because $f(t) \neq 0$, and hence

$$\left\langle u \otimes \psi(f), \sum_{n=0}^N A_{(n,0)}(t) dB_{(n,0)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle = 0. \quad (3.6)$$

Since the value t is arbitrary, it now follows from the totality argument that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N A_{(n,0)}(t) dB_{(n,0)}(t) = 0 \quad (3.7)$$

and thus $A_{(n,0)} \equiv 0$ on $[0, T]$ for all $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$ by the induction hypothesis. Similarly, $A_{(0,k)} \equiv 0$ on $[0, T]$ for any $k = 0, 1, \dots, K$.

Thus, (3.3) reduces to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \sum_{k=1}^{K+1} \overline{f(t)^n} g(t)^k \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,k)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0. \quad (3.8)$$

Considering, as before, f and g such that $\overline{f(t)}g(t) \neq 0$, we conclude that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{k=0}^K \overline{f(t)^n} g(t)^k \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,k)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0, \quad (3.9)$$

i.e.,

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{k=0}^K A_{(n,k)}(t) dB_{(n,k)}(t) = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

from which it follows by the induction assumption that $A_{(n,k)} \equiv 0$ on $[0, T]$ for any $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$ and $k = 0, 1, \dots, K$ with $n + k \geq 1$. Thus, by (3.3) we have

$$f(t)^{N+1} g(t)^{K+1} \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(N+1,K+1)}(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0, \quad (3.11)$$

and, since f, g, u , and ν are arbitrary, it follows that $A_{(N+1,K+1)} \equiv 0$ on $[0, T]$. \square

Proposition 3.2. *Let $T \geq 0$ and let $\{A_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ be a family of constant adapted processes on $[0, T]$ such that*

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)} dB_{(n,k)}(t) = 0 \tag{3.12}$$

weakly on the span of

$$\{u \otimes \psi(f) \mid u \in H_0, f \in S_+, |f(t)| \leq 1 \text{ on } [0, T]\}.$$

Then

$$A_{(n,k)} = 0 \text{ for all } n, k = 0, 1, \dots \tag{3.13}$$

Proof. By (3.12), (1.1), and (1.2) we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(t)^n} g(t)^k \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,k)} \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0 \tag{3.14}$$

for all $u, \nu \in H_0$, and $f, g \in S_+$ with $|f(t)| \leq 1$ and $|g(t)| \leq 1$ on $[0, T]$.

Since $A_{(n,k)} = \tilde{A}_{(n,k)} \otimes I$, where $\tilde{A}_{(n,k)}$ acts on H_0 and I is the identity operator on $\Gamma(S_+)$, relation (3.14) implies that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(t)^n} g(t)^k \langle u, \tilde{A}_{(n,k)} \nu \rangle \langle \psi(f), \psi(g) \rangle = 0 \tag{3.15}$$

on $[0, T]$, and, since the inner product of two exponential vectors is never zero, it follows that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(t)^n} g(t)^k \langle u, \tilde{A}_{(n,k)} \nu \rangle = 0 \tag{3.16}$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$. Fix some $t \in [0, T]$. Then, as f, g vary, the left-hand side of (3.16) is a double power series in $\overline{f(t)}$ and $g(t)$ which is identically equal to zero. Thus, $\langle u, \tilde{A}_{(n,k)} \nu \rangle = 0$, and hence $\tilde{A}_{(n,k)} = 0$ because u and ν are arbitrary, and thus $A_{(n,k)} = 0$ for any $n, k = 0, 1, \dots$ \square

4. UNITARITY OF SOLUTIONS OF STOCHASTIC EVOLUTIONS DRIVEN BY NONLINEAR QUANTUM NOISE

Theorem 4.1 (Necessary unitarity conditions). *If a unique solution of the evolution*

$$dU(t) = \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)} dB_{(n,k)}(t) \right] U(t), \tag{4.1}$$

$$U(0) = I, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty,$$

is unitary, then

$$A_{(k,n)}^* + A_{(n,k)} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu \\ \alpha + \mu = n + 1 \\ \beta + \lambda = k + 1}} \beta \mu A_{(\alpha, \beta)} A_{(\lambda, \mu)}^* = 0 \tag{4.2}$$

for any $n, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, and

$$A_{(k,n)}^* + A_{(n,k)} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu \\ \alpha + \mu = k + 1 \\ \beta + \lambda = n + 1}} \alpha \lambda A_{(\alpha, \beta)}^* A_{(\lambda, \mu)} = 0, \tag{4.3}$$

where $\alpha, \beta, \lambda, \mu = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Proof. Since U is unitary, it follows that

$$U(t)U(t)^* = I, \tag{4.4}$$

$$U(t)^*U(t) = I \tag{4.5}$$

for each $t \in [0, T]$. By (1.10) and (1.11), it follows from relation (4.4) upon taking the differential that

$$dU(t)U(t)^* + U(t)dU(t)^* + dU(t)dU(t)^* = 0. \tag{4.6}$$

Since $dB_{(n,k)}^* = dB_{(k,n)}$, it follows from (4.1) that

$$dU(t)^* = U(t)^* \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)}^* dB_{(k,n)}(t) \right] \tag{4.7}$$

$$U(0)^* = I, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty,$$

and hence, by Itô's table (1.8), relation (4.6) yields

$$\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)}^* dB_{(k,n)}(t) + \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)} dB_{(n,k)}(t) + \sum_{n,k,N,K=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)} A_{(N,K)}^* dB_{(n+K,k+N-1)}(t) = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} [A_{(k,n)}^* + A_{(n,k)}] dB_{(n,k)}(t) + \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu=0}^{\infty} \beta \mu A_{(\alpha\beta)} A_{(\lambda,\mu)}^* dB_{(\alpha+\mu-1,\beta+\lambda-1)}(t) = 0.$$

This, together with Proposition 3.2, implies (4.2).

Similarly, (4.5) implies (4.3). \square

Lemma 4.1. *Let $t \geq 0$, $u, \nu \in H_0$, $f, g \in S_+$ with $|f(s)| \leq 1$, $|g(s)| \leq 1$ for all $s \in [0, t]$, let $\{A_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ and $\{C_{(n,k)} \mid n, k = 0, 1, \dots\}$ be families of adapted processes of $L^2[0, t]$ -type, and let*

$$\Pi_1(t) = \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s), \quad \Pi_2(t) = \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t C_{(n,k)}(s) dB_{(n,k)}(s).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle &= \int_0^t \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^k g(s)^n \langle A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), \Pi_2(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \right. \\ &+ \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^n g(s)^k \langle \Pi_1(s)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(n,k)}(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \\ &\left. + \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N,K=0}^{\infty} nN \overline{f(s)}^{k+N+1} g(s)^{n+K-1} \langle A_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \right] ds. \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Proof. As in the proof of Lemma 2.1 (ii), it follows from (1.2), (1.8), and (1.11) that

$$\begin{aligned} d\langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle &= \langle d\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \\ &+ \langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), d\Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle + \langle d\Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), d\Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(k)}^k g(t)^n \langle A_{(n,k)}(t)u \otimes \psi(f), \Pi_2(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle dt \\ &+ \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(t)}^n g(t)^k \langle \Pi_1(t)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(n,k)}(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle dt \\ &+ \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N,K=0}^{\infty} nN \overline{f(t)}^{k+N+1} g(t)^{n+K+1} \langle A_{(n,k)}(t)u \otimes \psi(f), C_{(N,K)}(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle dt \end{aligned}$$

from which the result follows by integrating from 0 to t and making use of the relations $\Pi_1(0) = \Pi_2(0) = 0$. \square

Theorem 4.2 (Sufficient unitarity conditions). *Suppose that the coefficient processes $A_{(n,k)}$, $n, k = 0, 1, \dots$, are such that the evolution*

$$dU(t) = \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} A_{(n,k)}(t)dB_{(n,k)}(t) \right] U(t), \quad U(0) = I, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty, \quad (4.9)$$

admits a unique solution $U = \{U(t) \mid 0 \leq t \leq T < +\infty\}$ and satisfies the identities

$$A_{(k,n)}^*(t) + A_{(n,k)}(t) + \sum_{\substack{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu \\ \alpha+\mu=n+1 \\ \beta+\lambda=k+1}} \beta\mu A_{(\alpha,\beta)}(t)A_{(\lambda,\mu)}^*(t) = 0, \quad (4.10)$$

$$A_{(k,n)}^*(t) + A_{(n,k)}(t) + \sum_{\substack{\alpha,\beta,\lambda,\mu \\ \alpha+\mu=k+1 \\ \beta+\lambda=n+1}} \alpha\lambda A_{(\alpha,\beta)}^*(t)A_{(\lambda,\mu)}(t) = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

for any $t \in [0, T]$, where $\alpha, \beta, \mu = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Then U is a unitary process.

Proof. For $u, \nu \in H_0$ and for $f, g \in S_+$ such that $|f(s)| \leq 1$ and $|g(s)| \leq 1$ on $[0, T]$, it follows from the integral form of (4.9) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle U(t)u \otimes \psi(f), U(t)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle - \langle u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \\ &= \left\langle u \otimes \psi(f), \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s)U(s)dB_{(n,k)}(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle \\ &+ \left\langle \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s)U(s)dB_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle \\ &+ \left\langle \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(n,k)}(s)U(s)dB_{(n,k)}(s)u \otimes \psi(f), \sum_{N,K=0}^{\infty} \int_0^t A_{(N,K)}(s)U(s)dB_{(N,K)}(s)\nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

which, by Lemma 2.1 (i) and Lemma 4.1, is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^n g(s)^k \langle u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle ds \\
& + \int_0^t \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^k g(s)^n \langle A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle ds \\
& + \int_0^t \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^k g(s)^n \langle A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) u \otimes \psi(f), (U(s) - I) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \right. \\
& + \left. \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^n g(s)^k \langle (U(s) - I) u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \right. \\
& + \left. \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N,K=0}^{\infty} nN \overline{f(s)}^{k+N-1} g(s)^{n+K-1} \langle A_{(n,k)}(s) U(s) u \otimes \psi(f), A_{(N,K)}(s) U(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle \right] ds \\
& = \int_0^t \left\langle U(s) u \otimes \psi(f), \left[\sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^k g(s)^n A_{(n,k)}^*(s) + \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \overline{f(s)}^n g(s)^k A_{(n,k)}(s) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \sum_{n,k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{N,K=0}^{\infty} nN \overline{f(s)}^{k+N-1} g(s)^{n+K-1} A_{(n,k)}^*(s) A_{(N,K)}(s) \right] U(s) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \right\rangle ds. \quad (4.12)
\end{aligned}$$

By (4.11), the coefficient of $\overline{f(s)}^n g(s)^k$ in (4.12) is equal to zero. Thus,

$$\langle U(t) u \otimes \psi(f), U(t) \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle - \langle u \otimes \psi(f), \nu \otimes \psi(g) \rangle = 0,$$

and hence, by Proposition 7.2 of [8], the operator $U(t)$ extends to a unique linear isometry on $H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+)$.

Similarly, by considering the dual equation of (4.9) and using (4.10), we can conclude that $U(t)$ extends to a coisometry in $H_0 \otimes \Gamma(S_+)$. Thus, U is a unitary process. \square

Remark. We can readily see that the unitarity conditions (1.4) are contained in (4.10) and (4.11). For example, if $n = 0$ and $k = 1$, then (4.10) implies $\alpha = 0$, $\mu = 1$ and either $\beta = 1$, $\lambda = 1$ or $\beta = 2$, $\lambda = 0$, thus yielding the second condition of (1.4), etc.

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