

A NOTE ON GENERALIZED MALLIAVIN CALCULUS

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ABSTRACT. The Malliavin derivative, divergence operator, and the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator are extended from the traditional Gaussian setting to generalized processes from the higher-order chaos spaces.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Stochastic integration started with the construction of integrals with respect to the Wiener process [5] and then extended to a much larger class of processes [17]. The Wiener process was also in the core of the early development of Malliavin calculus [10], but generalizations so far have not been nearly as sweeping as in the theory of stochastic integration. Currently, the *driving random source* in Malliavin calculus is an isonormal Gaussian process on a separable Hilbert space [11, 13]. This process, similar to the standard Wiener process, is in effect a *linear* combination of a countable collection $\xi := \{\xi_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ of independent standard Gaussian random variables.

A natural question to ask is whether one can extend Malliavin calculus to *nonlinear* functionals of isonormal Gaussian process as the driving random source, and still enjoy all the benefits of the Gaussian setting. Natural candidates for this role are elements of the Hilbert space of square integrable functionals of the isonormal Gaussian process. This space is often referred to as Wiener Chaos space.

In this paper we extend the main operators of Malliavin calculus to the space of generalized random elements $\sum_{|\alpha| < \infty} f_\alpha \xi_\alpha$, where $\{\xi_\alpha, |\alpha| < \infty\}$ is the Cameron-Martin basis in the Wiener Chaos space, α is a multiindex and f_α belong to a certain Hilbert space X (for detail see Section 2). To cover some emerging applications, we allow formal linear combinations with infinite variance, that is $\sum_{|\alpha| < \infty} \|f_\alpha\|_X^2 = \infty$.

Looking for solutions that are generalized random elements is quite reasonable: after all, the Gaussian white noise that often drives the equation of interest is itself a generalized random element. Our interest in this subject was prompted by some recent and not so recent developments in the stochastic partial differential equations

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(SPDEs). These developments indicate that large classes of solutions of linear and nonlinear SPDEs driven by Gaussian sources are generalized random elements.

One example is the heat equation driven by multiplicative space-time white noise $\dot{W}(t, x)$ with dimension of x two or higher [14]:

$$u_t = \Delta u + u\dot{W}, \quad u(0, x) = e^{-|x|^2}. \quad (1.1)$$

Examples in one space dimension also exist: a stochastic parabolic equation violating the parabolicity condition [7]:

$$du = u_{xx}dt + \sigma u_x dw(t), \quad \sigma^2 > 2, \quad u(0, x) = e^{-x^2}, \quad (1.2)$$

or a stochastic parabolic equation of full second order [8]:

$$du = u_{xx}dt + u_{xx}dw(t), \quad u(0, x) = e^{-x^2}. \quad (1.3)$$

In all three examples, $\mathbb{E}\|u(t, \cdot)\|_X^2 = \sum_{|\alpha| < \infty} \|u_\alpha(t, \cdot)\|_X^2 = \infty$ for all $t > 0$ and all typical function spaces X , such as Sobolev spaces.

As a different example, consider equation

$$-(a(x)u_x(x))_x = f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1), \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0, \quad (1.4)$$

with $a(x) = \bar{a}(x) + \epsilon(x)$, where $\bar{a}(x)$ is non-random and $\epsilon(x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sigma_k(x)\xi_k$ is a Gaussian noise term; $\sum_{k \geq 1} \sup_x \sigma_k^2(x) < \infty$. Recently, this equation was investigated in the context of uncertainty quantification for mathematical and computational models [19]. As problem (1.4) is ill posed, one could modify it as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} -(\bar{a}(x)v_x(x))_x + (\delta_{\epsilon(x)}(v_x(x)))_x &= f(x), \\ x \in (0, 1), \quad v(0) = v(1) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where $\delta_{\epsilon(x)}$ stands for Malliavin divergence operator (Skorokhod integral) with respect to Gaussian noise $\epsilon(x)$. In contrast to (1.4), equation (1.5) is well posed and uniquely solvable, and similar to equations (1.1)–(1.3), $\mathbb{E}\|v\|_X^2 = \infty$ for all traditional spaces X of functions on $(0, 1)$. Technically, the above modification of problem (1.4) amounts to replacement of products of random elements by stochastic convolutions, such as Wick products [3, 4, 20]. In the literature on quantum physics, procedures of this type are often called *stochastic quantization* [2, 18]. Equations subjected to the stochastic quantization procedure are usually referred to as *quantized*.

We remark that the replacement of equation (1.4) by equation (1.5) also mimics the idea of Itô [5] of replacing the singular equation

$$\dot{x}(t) = a(x(t)) + \sigma(x(t))\dot{w}(t)$$

by the well posed stochastic differential equation

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t a(x(s))ds + \int_0^t \sigma(x(s))dw(s).$$

Because there is no natural filtration associated with elliptic equation (1.5), the Itô integral has to be replaced by the Skorokhod integral.

Equation (1.5) differs from (1.4) quite drastically. While both equations are stochastic perturbations to the solution of the deterministic equation

$$-(\bar{a}(x)\bar{v}_x(x))_x = f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1), \quad \bar{v}(0) = \bar{v}(1), = 0 \quad (1.6)$$

only the solution to the quantized equation (1.5) is an *unbiased* perturbation of the solution of equation (1.6) in that $\mathbb{E}v(x) = \bar{v}(x)$ is a solution of equation (1.6); the solution of equation (1.4), even if existed, would not enjoy this property.

Two other examples of stochastic quantization are currently under investigation: randomly forced Burgers equation [6] and Navier-Stokes equation [12]. Let us consider Burgers equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} + uu_x + e^{-x^2}\xi, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.7)$$

with a deterministic initial condition, where ξ is a standard Gaussian random variable. The stochastic quantization of this equation is

$$v_t = v_{xx} + \delta_v(v_x) + e^{-x^2}\xi, \quad (1.8)$$

where $\delta_v(v_x)$ is the Malliavin divergence operator (Skorokhod integral) of v_x with respect to the solution v of (1.8) (and v is not a Gaussian process). It is shown [6] that $\bar{v}(t, x) := \mathbb{E}v(t, x)$, with a suitable interpretation of the expectation, is the solution of the deterministic Burgers

$$\bar{v}_t(t, x) = \bar{v}_{xx}(t, x) + \bar{v}(t, x)\bar{v}_x(t, x).$$

Thus, as in the linear example (1.4), the quantized version of stochastic Burgers equation (1.8) is an unbiased perturbation of the deterministic Burgers equation with the same initial condition. The standard stochastic Burgers equation does not have this convenient property. Similar effect holds for quantized Navier-Stokes equation [12].

We emphasize that, in all examples we have discussed, the variance of a generalized random element u is infinite and is given by the diverging sum $\sum_{\alpha} \|u_{\alpha}\|_X^2 = \infty$. However, the rate of divergence differs substantially from case to case. To study this rate of divergence, we introduce a rescaling, or weighting, operator \mathfrak{R} defined by $\mathfrak{R}\xi_{\alpha} = r_{\alpha}\xi_{\alpha}$, where *weights* r_{α} are positive numbers selected in such a way that the weighted sum $\sum_{\alpha} r_{\alpha}^2 \|u_{\alpha}\|_X^2$ becomes finite. Of course, the choice of r_{α} is not unique and depends on the specifics of the problem, for example on the type of the stochastic PDE in question. A special case of this rescaling procedure originates in quantum physics and is related to *second quantization* [18].

Quantum physics has brought about a number of important precursors to Malliavin calculus. For example, *creation* and *annihilation* operators correspond to Malliavin divergence and derivative operators, respectively, with respect to a single Gaussian random variable. The original definition of Wick product [20] is not related to the Malliavin divergence operator or Skorokhod integral but remarkably these notions coincide in some situations. In fact, standard Wick product could be interpreted as Skorokhod integral with respect to square integrable processes generated by Gaussian white noise, while the classic Malliavin divergence operator integrates only with respect to isonormal Gaussian process. In Section 3, we demonstrate that Malliavin divergence operator can be extended to the setting where both the integrand and the

integrator are generalized random elements in a Hilbert space, although we did not try to extend Wick product in a similar way.

In this paper, we restrict ourselves to the basic study of the three main operators in the Malliavin calculus: the derivative operator \mathbf{D} , the divergence operator δ and the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator $\mathcal{L} = \delta \circ \mathbf{D}$. We present constructions of $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$, $\delta_u(f)$, and $\mathcal{L}_u(v)$ when u, v, f are Hilbert space-valued generalized random elements. Section 2 reviews the main constructions of the Malliavin calculus in the form suitable for generalizations. Section 3 presents the definitions of the Malliavin derivative, Skorokhod integral, and Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator in the most general setting of weighted chaos spaces. Section 4 presents a more detailed analysis of the operators on some special classes of spaces.

To illustrate some of the main results, let us consider the one-dimensional setting. Let ξ be a standard normal random variable and define

$$\xi_{(n)} = \frac{H_n(\xi)}{\sqrt{n!}}, \quad n \geq 0,$$

where H_n is n th Hermite polynomial. If f is a square-integrable functional of ξ , then

$$f = \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{E}(f \xi_{(n)}) \xi_{(n)}.$$

The space of square-integrable functionals of ξ can thus be identified with ℓ_2 :

$$\{f_n, n \geq 0 : \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n^2 < \infty\}.$$

We define a generalized random functional f of ξ as a collection of numbers $\{f_n, n \geq 0\}$ without any restrictions on f_n and a formal representation

$$f = \sum_{k \geq 0} f_k \xi_{(k)}.$$

Let u, f, v be generalized functionals of ξ and let p, q, r be positive real numbers such that

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r},$$

We show in the paper that if

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^n u_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{v_n^2}{r^n} < \infty,$$

then $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is a generalized functional of ξ such that

$$(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(n+k)!}{n!k!} \right)^{1/2} v_{n+k} u_k,$$

and

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_n^2}{q^n} < \infty,$$

Similarly, if

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^n u_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} q^n f_n^2 < \infty,$$

then $\delta_u(f)$ is a generalized functional of ξ such that $\delta_u(f) = u \diamond f$, where operator \diamond stands for the Wick product,

$$(\delta_u(v))_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \right)^{1/2} f_k u_{n-k},$$

and

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} r^n (\delta_u(f))_n^2 < \infty.$$

Finally, if p, q, r are positive real numbers such that

$$\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{p} \right) \left(q - \frac{1}{p} \right) = 1$$

(for example, $p = 1, q = 2, r = 1/2$) and

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^n u_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} q^n v_n^2 < \infty,$$

then $\mathcal{L}_u(v)$ is a generalized functional of ξ such that

$$(\mathcal{L}_u(v))_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} v_{k+m} u_{n-k} u_m$$

and

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} r^n (\mathcal{L}_u(v))_n^2 < \infty.$$

2. REVIEW OF THE TRADITIONAL MALLIAVIN CALCULUS

The starting point in the development of Malliavin calculus is the *isonormal Gaussian process* (also known as Gaussian white noise) \dot{W} : a Gaussian system $\{\dot{W}(u), u \in \mathcal{U}\}$ indexed by a separable Hilbert space \mathcal{U} and such that $\mathbb{E}\dot{W}(u) = 0, \mathbb{E}(\dot{W}(u)\dot{W}(v)) = (u, v)_{\mathcal{U}}$. The objective of this section is to outline a different but equivalent construction.

Let $\mathbb{F} := (\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space, where \mathcal{F} is the σ -algebra generated by a collection of independent standard Gaussian random variables $\{\xi_i\}_{i \geq 1}$. Given a real separable Hilbert space X , we denote by $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ the Hilbert space of square-integrable \mathcal{F} -measurable X -valued random elements f . When $X = \mathbb{R}$, we often write $L_2(\mathbb{F})$ instead of $L_2(\mathbb{F}; \mathbb{R})$. Finally, we fix a real separable Hilbert space \mathcal{U} with an orthonormal basis $\mathcal{U} = \{\mathbf{u}_k, k \geq 1\}$.

Definition 2.1. *A Gaussian white noise \dot{W} on \mathcal{U} is a formal series*

$$\dot{W} = \sum_{k \geq 1} \xi_k \mathbf{u}_k. \quad (2.1)$$

Given an isonormal Gaussian process \dot{W} and an orthonormal basis \mathfrak{U} in \mathcal{U} , representation (2.1) follows with $\xi_k = \dot{W}(\mathbf{u}_k)$. Conversely, (2.1) defines an isonormal Gaussian process on \mathcal{U} by

$$\dot{W}(u) = \sum_{k \geq 1} (u, \mathbf{u}_k)_{\mathcal{U}} \xi_k.$$

To proceed, we need to review several definitions related to *multi-indices*. Let \mathcal{J} be the collection of multi-indices $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$ such that $\alpha_k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and $\sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k < \infty$. For $\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta} \in \mathcal{J}$, we define

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{\beta} = (\alpha_1 + \beta_1, \alpha_2 + \beta_2, \dots), \quad |\boldsymbol{\alpha}| = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k, \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha}! = \prod_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k!.$$

By definition, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} > 0$ if $|\boldsymbol{\alpha}| > 0$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta} \leq \boldsymbol{\alpha}$ if $\beta_k \leq \alpha_k$ for all $k \geq 1$. If $\boldsymbol{\beta} \leq \boldsymbol{\alpha}$, then

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\beta} = (\alpha_1 - \beta_1, \alpha_2 - \beta_2, \dots).$$

Similar to the convention for the usual binomial coefficients,

$$\binom{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\boldsymbol{\alpha}!}{(\boldsymbol{\alpha} - \boldsymbol{\beta})! \boldsymbol{\beta}!}, & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\beta} \leq \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We use the following notation for the special multi-indices:

- (1) $\mathbf{0}$ is the multi-index with all zero entries: $(\mathbf{0})_k = 0$ for all k ;
- (2) $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(i)$ is the multi-index of length 1 and with the single non-zero entry at position i : i.e. $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(i)_k = 1$ if $k = i$ and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(i)_k = 0$ if $k \neq i$. We also use convention $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(0) = \mathbf{0}$.

Given a sequence of positive numbers $\mathfrak{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots)$ and a real number ℓ , we define the sequence $\mathfrak{q}^{\ell \boldsymbol{\alpha}}$, $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathcal{J}$, by

$$\mathfrak{q}^{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \prod_k q_k^{\ell \alpha_k}.$$

In particular,

$$(2\mathbb{N})^{\ell \boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \prod_{k \geq 1} (2k)^{\ell \alpha_k}.$$

Next, we recall the construction of an orthonormal basis in $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$. Define the collection of random variables

$$\Xi = \{\xi_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}, \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathcal{J}\}$$

as follows:

$$\xi_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{H_{\alpha_k}(\xi_k)}{\sqrt{\alpha_k!}},$$

where H_n is the Hermite polynomial of order n :

$$H_n(t) = (-1)^n e^{t^2/2} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} e^{-t^2/2}.$$

Sometimes it is convenient to work with unnormalized basis elements $H_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}$, defined by

$$H_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\alpha}!} \xi_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}. \quad (2.2)$$

Theorem 2.2 (Cameron-Martin [1]). *The set Ξ is an orthonormal basis in $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$: if $v \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and $v_\alpha = \mathbb{E}(v \xi_\alpha)$, then $v = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} v_\alpha \xi_\alpha$ and $\mathbb{E}\|v\|_X^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|v_\alpha\|_X^2$.*

If the space \mathcal{U} is finite-dimensional, then the multi-indices are restricted to the set

$$\mathcal{J}_n = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{J} : \alpha_k = 0, k > n\}.$$

The three main operators of the Malliavin calculus are

- (1) The (Malliavin) derivative $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$;
- (2) The divergence operator $\delta_{\dot{W}}$, also known as the Skorokhod integral;
- (3) The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator $\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}} = \delta_{\dot{W}} \mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$.

For reader's convenience, we summarize the main properties of $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$ and $\delta_{\dot{W}}$; all the details are in [13, Chapter 1].

- (1) $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$ is a closed unbounded linear operator from $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ to $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})$; the domain of $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$ is denoted by $\mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbb{F}; X)$;
- (2) If $v = F(\dot{W}(h_1), \dots, \dot{W}(h_n))$ for a polynomial $F = F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $h_1, \dots, h_n \in X$, then

$$\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(v) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_k}(\dot{W}(h_1), \dots, \dot{W}(h_n)) h_k. \quad (2.3)$$

- (3) $\delta_{\dot{W}}$ is the adjoint of $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$ and is a closed unbounded linear operator from $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})$ to $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}(\varphi \delta_{\dot{W}}(f)) = \mathbb{E}(f, \mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(\varphi))_{\mathcal{U}} \quad (2.4)$$

for all $\varphi \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbb{F}; \mathbb{R})$ and $f \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})$. Equivalently,

$$(v, \delta_{\dot{W}}(f))_{L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)} = (f, \mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(v))_{L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})} \quad (2.5)$$

for all $v \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and $f \in \mathbb{D}^{1,2}(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})$.

We will need representations of the operators $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$, $\delta_{\dot{W}}$, and $\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}}$ in the basis Ξ .

Theorem 2.3. (1) *If $v \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and*

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} |\alpha| \|v_\alpha\|_X^2 < \infty, \quad (2.6)$$

then $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(v) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})$ and

$$\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(v) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{\alpha_k} \xi_{\alpha - \varepsilon(k)} v_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{u}_k. \quad (2.7)$$

(2) *If*

$$f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}, k \geq 1} f_{k, \alpha} \otimes \mathbf{u}_k \xi_\alpha,$$

and

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}, k \geq 1} |\alpha| \|f_{k, \alpha}\|_X^2 < \infty, \quad (2.8)$$

then $\delta_{\dot{W}}(f) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and

$$\delta_{\dot{W}}(f) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{\alpha_k} f_{k, \alpha - \varepsilon(k)} \right) \xi_\alpha. \quad (2.9)$$

(3) If $v \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} |\alpha|^2 \|v_\alpha\|_X^2 < \infty, \quad (2.10)$$

then $\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}}(v) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and

$$\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}}(v) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} |\alpha| v_\alpha \xi_\alpha. \quad (2.11)$$

Proof. Linearity of the operators implies that, in each case, it is enough to find the image of ξ_α .

(1) Using (2.3) and properties of the Hermite polynomials, for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$,

$$\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(\xi_\alpha) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{\alpha_k} \xi_{\alpha - \varepsilon(k)} \mathbf{u}_k. \quad (2.12)$$

Orthonormality of $\{\xi_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathcal{J}\}$ and $\{\mathbf{u}_k, k \geq 1\}$ then implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(v)\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 &= \sum_{\alpha, \beta, k, n} \sqrt{\alpha_k \beta_n} \mathbb{E}(\xi_{\alpha - \varepsilon(k)} \xi_{\beta - \varepsilon(n)}) (v_\alpha, v_\beta)_X (\mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{u}_n)_\mathcal{U} \\ &= \sum_{\alpha, k} \alpha_k \|v_\alpha\|_X^2 = \sum_{\alpha} |\alpha| \|v_\alpha\|_X^2. \end{aligned}$$

(2) By (2.12) and (2.4), for every $\xi_\alpha \in \Xi$, $h \in X$, and $\mathbf{u}_k \in \mathcal{U}$,

$$\delta_{\dot{W}}(h \otimes \mathbf{u}_k \xi_\alpha) = h \sqrt{\alpha_k + 1} \xi_{\alpha + \varepsilon_k}. \quad (2.13)$$

(3) By (2.12) and (2.13), for every ξ_α ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}}(\xi_\alpha) = \delta_{\dot{W}}(\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(\xi_\alpha)) = |\alpha| \xi_\alpha. \quad (2.14)$$

□

Remark 2.4. Here is an important technical difference between the derivative and the divergence operators:

- For the operator $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}$,

$$(\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(v))_\alpha = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{\alpha_k + 1} v_{\alpha + \varepsilon(k)} \otimes \mathbf{u}_k; \quad (2.15)$$

in general, the sum on the right-hand side contains infinitely many terms and will diverge without additional conditions on v , such as (2.6).

- For the operator $\delta_{\dot{W}}$,

$$(\delta_{\dot{W}}(f))_\alpha = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{\alpha_k} f_{k, \alpha - \varepsilon(k)}; \quad (2.16)$$

the sum on the right-hand side always contains finitely many terms, because only finitely many of α_k are not equal to zero. Thus, for *fixed* α , $(\delta_{\dot{W}}(f))_\alpha$ is defined without any additional conditions on f .

3. GENERALIZATIONS TO WEIGHTED CHAOS SPACES

Recall that \dot{W} , as defined by (2.1), is not a \mathcal{U} -valued random element, but a *generalized* random element on \mathcal{U} :

$$\dot{W}(h) = \sum_{k \geq 1} (h, \mathbf{u}_k)_{\mathcal{U}} \xi_k, \quad (3.1)$$

where the series on the right-hand side converges with probability one for every $h \in \mathcal{U}$. The objective of this section is to find similar interpretations of the series in (2.7), (2.9), and (2.11) if the corresponding conditions (2.6), (2.8), (2.10) fail. Along the way, it also becomes natural to allow other generalized random elements to replace \dot{W} .

We start with the construction of *weighted chaos spaces*. Let \mathcal{R} be a bounded linear operator on $L_2(\mathbb{F})$ defined by $\mathcal{R}\xi_\alpha = r_\alpha \xi_\alpha$ for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$, where the *weights* $\{r_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathcal{J}\}$ are positive numbers.

Given a Hilbert space X , we extend \mathcal{R} to an operator on $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ by defining $\mathcal{R}f$ as the unique element of $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ so that, for all $g \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$,

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathcal{R}f, g)_X = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} r_\alpha \mathbb{E}((f, g)_X \xi_\alpha).$$

Denote by $\mathcal{R}L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ the closure of $L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ with respect to the norm

$$\|f\|_{\mathcal{R}L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)}^2 := \|\mathcal{R}f\|_{L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)}^2.$$

In what follows, we will identify the operator \mathcal{R} with the corresponding collection $(r_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathcal{J})$. Note that if $u \in \mathcal{R}_1 L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ and $v \in \mathcal{R}_2 L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$, then both u and v belong to $\mathcal{R}L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$, where $r_\alpha = \min(r_{1,\alpha}, r_{2,\alpha})$. As usual, the argument X will be omitted if $X = \mathbb{R}$.

Important particular cases of $\mathcal{R}L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ are

- (1) The **sequence spaces** $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}(\mathbb{F}; X)$, corresponding to the weights

$$r_\alpha = \mathbf{q}^\alpha,$$

where $\mathbf{q} = \{q_k, k \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers; see [9, 7, 14]. Given a real number p , one can also consider the spaces

$$L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^p(\mathbb{F}; X) = L_{2,\mathbf{q}^p}(\mathbb{F}; X), \quad (3.2)$$

where $\mathbf{q}^p = \{q_k^p, k \geq 1\}$. In particular, $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^1 = L_{2,\mathbf{q}}$; $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1} = L_{2,1/\mathbf{q}}$. Under the additional assumption $q_k \geq 1$ we have, similar to the usual Sobolev spaces,

$$L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^p(\mathbb{F}; X) \subset L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^r(\mathbb{F}; X), \quad p > r.$$

(2) The Kondratiev spaces $(\mathcal{S})_{\rho,\ell}(X)$, corresponding to the weights

$$r_{\alpha} = (\alpha!)^{\rho/2} (2\mathbb{N})^{\ell\alpha}, \quad \rho \in [-1, 1], \quad \ell \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.3)$$

see [4].

There is a natural duality between $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}(X)$ and $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X)$:

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\mathbf{q}} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (u_{\alpha}, v_{\alpha})_X; \quad (3.4)$$

there is a natural duality between $(\mathcal{S})_{\rho,\ell}(X)$ and $(\mathcal{S})_{-\rho,-\ell}(X)$:

$$\langle u, v \rangle_{\rho,\ell} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (u_{\alpha}, v_{\alpha})_X. \quad (3.5)$$

Both (3.4) and (3.5) extend the notion of $\mathbb{E}(u, v)_X$ to generalized X -valued random elements.

Taking projective and inductive limits of weighted spaces leads to constructions similar to the Schwartz spaces $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Of special interest are

(1) The power sequence spaces

$$L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^+(\mathbb{F}; X) = \bigcap_{p \in \mathbb{R}} L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^p(\mathbb{F}; X), \quad L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^-(\mathbb{F}; X) = \bigcup_{p \in \mathbb{R}} L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^p(\mathbb{F}; X), \quad (3.6)$$

where $\mathbf{q} = \{q_k, k \geq 1\}$ is a sequence with $q_k \geq 1$ (see (3.2)).

(2) The spaces $\mathcal{S}^{\rho}(X)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{-\rho}(X)$, $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ of Kondratiev test functions and distributions:

$$\mathcal{S}^{\rho}(X) = \bigcap_{\ell \in \mathbb{R}} (\mathcal{S})_{\rho,\ell}(X), \quad \mathcal{S}_{-\rho}(X) = \bigcup_{\ell \in \mathbb{R}} (\mathcal{S})_{-\rho,\ell}(X). \quad (3.7)$$

In this regard we mention that, in the traditional white noise setting, $X = \mathbb{R}^d$, $\rho = 0$ corresponds to the Hida spaces, and the term *Kondratiev spaces* is usually reserved for $\mathcal{S}^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\mathcal{S}_{-1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

If the space \mathcal{U} is finite-dimensional, then the sequence \mathbf{q} can be taken finite, with as many elements as the dimension of \mathcal{U} . In this case, certain Kondratiev spaces are bigger than any sequence space.

Proposition 3.1. *If \mathcal{U} is finite-dimensional, then*

$$L_{2,\mathbf{q}}(X) \subset (\mathcal{S})_{-\rho,-\ell}(X) \quad (3.8)$$

for every $\rho > 0$, $\ell \geq \rho$ and every \mathbf{q} .

Proof. Let n be the dimension of \mathcal{U} and $r = \min\{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$. Define $\mathbf{r} = \{r, \dots, r\}$. Then $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}(X) \subset L_{2,\mathbf{r}}(X)$. On the other hand, for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$, $(2\mathbb{N})^{2\alpha} \geq |\alpha|!$,

$$(r^{2|\alpha|} (\alpha!)^{\rho} (2\mathbb{N})^{2\rho})^{-1} \leq (r^{2|\alpha|} (|\alpha|!)^{\rho})^{-1} \leq C(r)$$

and therefore $L_{2,\mathbf{r}}(X) \subset (\mathcal{S})_{-\rho,-\ell}(X)$. \square

Analysis of the proof shows that, in general, an inclusion of the type (3.8) is possible if and only if there is a uniform in α bound of the type $(q^{2\alpha}(|\alpha|!)^\rho)^{-1} \leq C(2\mathbb{N})^{p\alpha}$; the constants C and p can depend on the sequence \mathfrak{q} . If the space \mathcal{U} is infinite-dimensional, then such a bound may exist for certain sequences \mathfrak{q} (such as $\mathfrak{q} = \mathbb{N}$), and may fail to exist for other sequences (such as $\mathfrak{q} = \exp(\mathbb{N})$). Thus, both $L_{2,\mathfrak{q}}(X)$ and $(\mathcal{S})_{-\rho,\ell}(X)$ can be of interest in the study of stochastic differential equations.

Definition 3.2. *A generalized X -valued random element is an element of the set $\bigcup \mathcal{RL}_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$, with the union taken over all weight sequences \mathcal{R} .*

To complete the discussion of weighted spaces, we need the following results about multi-indexed series.

Proposition 3.3. *Let $\mathfrak{r} = \{r_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers.*

(1) *If $\sum_{k \geq 1} r_k < \infty$, then*

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \frac{\mathfrak{r}^\alpha}{\alpha!} = \exp\left(\sum_{k \geq 1} r_k\right). \quad (3.9)$$

(2) *If $\sum_{k \geq 1} r_k < \infty$ and $r_k < 1$ for all k , then, for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$,*

$$\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \binom{\alpha + \beta}{\beta} \mathfrak{r}^\beta = \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - r_k}\right) (1 - \mathfrak{r})^{-\alpha}, \quad (3.10)$$

where $1 - \mathfrak{r}$ is the sequence $\{1 - r_k, k \geq 1\}$. In particular,

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (2\mathbb{N})^{-\ell\alpha} < \infty \quad (3.11)$$

for all $\ell > 1$; cf. [4, Proposition 2.3.3].

(3) *For every $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$,*

$$\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \mathfrak{r}^\beta = (1 + \mathfrak{r})^\alpha, \quad (3.12)$$

where $1 + \mathfrak{r}$ is the sequence $\{1 + r_k, k \geq 1\}$.

Proof. Note that

$$\exp\left(\sum_{k \geq 1} r_k\right) = \prod_{k \geq 1} \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{r_k^n}{n!}, \quad \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - r_k} = \prod_{k \geq 1} \sum_{n \geq 1} r_k^n.$$

By assumption, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r_k = 0$, and therefore

$$\prod_{k \geq 1} r_k^{n_k} = 0$$

unless only finitely many of n_k are not equal to zero. Then both (3.9) and (3.10) with $\alpha = (\mathbf{0})$ follow. For general α , (3.10) follows from

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n+k}{k} x^k = \frac{1}{(1-x)^{n+1}}, \quad |x| < 1,$$

which, in turn, follows by differentiating n times the equality $\sum_k x^k = (1-x)^{-1}$. Recall that

$$\sum_k r_k < \infty, \quad 0 < r_k < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0 < \prod_k \frac{1}{1-r_k} < \infty.$$

Equality (3.12) follows from the usual binomial formula. \square

Corollary 3.4. (a) For every collection f_α , $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ of elements from X there exists a weight sequence r_α , $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|f_\alpha\|_X^2 r_\alpha^2 < \infty$.

(b) If $q_k > 1$ and $\sum_{k \geq 1} 1/q_k < \infty$, then the space $L_{2,q}^+(X)$ is nuclear.

(c) The space $\mathcal{S}^\rho(X)$ is nuclear for every $\rho \in [0, 1]$.

Proof. (a) In view of (3.11), one can take, for example,

$$r_\alpha = \frac{(2\mathbb{N})^{-\alpha}}{1 + \|f_\alpha\|_X}.$$

(b) By (3.10), the embedding $L_{2,q}^{p+1}(X) \subset L_{2,q}^p(X)$ is Hilbert-Schmidt for every $p \in \mathbb{R}$.

(c) Note that $\sum_{k \geq 1} (2k)^{-2} < \infty$. Therefore, by (3.10), the embedding $(\mathcal{S})_{\rho, \ell+1}(X) \subset (\mathcal{S})_{\rho, \ell}(X)$ is Hilbert-Schmidt for every $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$. \square

To summarize, an element f of $\mathcal{R}L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$ can be identified with a formal series $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} f_\alpha \xi_\alpha$, where $f_\alpha \in X$ and $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|f_\alpha\|_X^2 r_\alpha^2 < \infty$. Conversely, every formal series $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} f_\alpha \xi_\alpha$, $f_\alpha \in X$, is a generalized X -valued random element. Using (2.2), we get an alternative representation of generalized X -valued random elements:

$$f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \bar{f}_\alpha H_\alpha, \quad (3.13)$$

with $\bar{f}_\alpha \in X$.

The following definition extends the three operators of the Malliavin calculus to generalized random elements.

Definition 3.5. Let $u = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} u_\alpha \xi_\alpha$ be a generalized \mathcal{U} -valued random element, $v = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} v_\alpha \xi_\alpha$, a generalized X -valued random element, and $f = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} f_\alpha \xi_\alpha$, a generalized $X \otimes \mathcal{U}$ -valued random element.

(1) The Malliavin derivative of v with respect to u is the generalized $X \otimes \mathcal{U}$ -valued random element

$$\mathbf{D}_u(v) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha + \beta}{\beta}} v_{\alpha + \beta} \otimes u_\beta \right) \xi_\alpha \quad (3.14)$$

provided the inner sum is well-defined.

(2) The Skorokhod integral of f with respect to u is a generalized X -valued random element

$$\delta_u(f) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha}{\beta}} (f_\beta, u_{\alpha - \beta}) u \right) \xi_\alpha. \quad (3.15)$$

(3) The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator with respect to u , when applied to v , is a generalized X -valued random element

$$\mathcal{L}_u(v) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha}{\beta} \binom{\beta + \gamma}{\beta}} v_{\beta + \gamma}(u_\gamma, u_{\alpha - \beta}) u \right) \xi_\alpha, \quad (3.16)$$

provided the inner sum is well-defined.

The definitions imply that both \mathbf{D} and δ are bi-linear operators:

$$\mathcal{A}_{au+bv}(w) = a\mathcal{A}_u(w) + b\mathcal{A}_v(w), \quad \mathcal{A}_u(av + bw) = a\mathcal{A}_u(v) + b\mathcal{A}_u(w), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R},$$

for all suitable u, v, w ; \mathcal{A} is either \mathbf{D} or δ . The operation $\mathcal{L}_u(v)$ is linear in v for fixed u , but is not linear in u . The equality

$$\mathbf{D}_{\xi_\beta}(\xi_\alpha) = \sqrt{\binom{\alpha}{\beta}} \xi_{\alpha - \beta}$$

shows that, in general $\mathbf{D}_u(v) \neq \mathbf{D}_v(u)$. The definition of the Skorokhod integral $\delta_u(f)$ has a built-in non-symmetry between the integrator u and the integrand f : they have to belong to different spaces. This is necessary to keep the definition consistent with (2.9). Similar non-symmetry holds for the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator $\mathcal{L}_u(v)$. Still, we will see later that $\delta_u(f) = \delta_f(u)$ if both f and u are real-valued. If $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is defined, then $\mathcal{L}_u(v) = \delta_u(\mathbf{D}_u(v))$, but $\mathcal{L}_u(v)$ can exist even when $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is not defined.

Next, note that $\delta_u(f)$ is a well-defined generalized random element for all u and f , while definitions of $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ and $\mathcal{L}_u(f)$ require additional assumptions. Indeed, $\binom{\alpha}{\beta} = 0$ unless $\beta \leq \alpha$, and therefore the inner sum on the right-hand side of (3.15) always contains finitely many non-zero terms. By the same reason, the inner sums on the right-hand sides of (3.14) and (3.16) usually contain infinitely many non-zero terms and the convergence must be verified. This observation is an extension of Remark 2.4, and we illustrate it on a concrete example. The example also shows that $\mathcal{L}_u(v)$ can be defined even when $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is not.

Example 3.6. Consider $u = v = \dot{W}$. Then $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is not defined. Indeed,

$$u_\alpha = v_\alpha = \begin{cases} \mathbf{u}_k, & \text{if } \alpha = \varepsilon(k), \quad k \geq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3.17)$$

Thus, $(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha = 0$ if $|\alpha| > 0$, and

$$(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_{(\mathbf{0})} = \sum_{k \geq 1} \mathbf{u}_k \otimes \mathbf{u}_k,$$

which is not a convergent series.

On the other hand, interpreting v as an $\mathbb{R} \otimes \mathcal{U}$ -valued generalized random element, we find

$$(\delta_u(v))_\alpha = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2}, \alpha = 2\varepsilon(k), \quad k \geq 1, \\ 0, \end{cases}$$

or, keeping in mind that $\sqrt{2}\xi_{2^\varepsilon(k)} = H_2(\xi_k)$,

$$\delta_{\dot{W}}(\dot{W}) = \sum_{k \geq 1} H_2(\xi_k).$$

Note that $\sum_{k \geq 1} H_2(\xi_k) \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1, \ell}(\mathbb{R})$ for every $\ell < -1/2$.

We conclude the example with an observation that, although $\mathbf{D}_{\dot{W}}(\dot{W})$ is not defined, $\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}}(\dot{W})$ is. In fact, (3.16) implies that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\dot{W}}(\dot{W}) = \dot{W},$$

which is consistent with (2.14) and (3.17).

If either u or v is a finite linear combination of ξ_α , then $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is defined. The following proposition gives two more sufficient conditions for $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ to be defined.

Proposition 3.7. (1) *Assume that there exist weights r_α , $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ such that*

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} 2^{|\alpha|} r_\alpha^{-2} \|v_\alpha\|_X^2 < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} r_\alpha^2 \|u_\alpha\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 < \infty. \quad (3.18)$$

If

$$\sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \frac{r_{\alpha+\beta}}{r_\beta} := b_\alpha < \infty \quad (3.19)$$

for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$, then $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is well-defined and

$$\|(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 \leq 2^{|\alpha|} b_\alpha^2 \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} 2^{|\beta|} r_\beta^{-2} \|v_\beta\|_X^2 \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} r_\beta^2 \|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2. \quad (3.20)$$

(2) *Assume that there exist weights r_α , $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ such that*

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} r_\alpha^2 \|v_\alpha\|_X^2 < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} 2^{|\alpha|} r_\alpha^{-2} \|u_\alpha\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 < \infty. \quad (3.21)$$

If

$$\sup_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \frac{r_\beta}{r_{\alpha+\beta}} := c_\alpha < \infty \quad (3.22)$$

for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$, then $\mathbf{D}_u(v)$ is well-defined and

$$\|(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 \leq 2^{|\alpha|} c_\alpha^2 \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} r_\beta^2 \|v_\beta\|_X^2 \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} 2^{|\beta|} r_\beta^{-2} \|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2. \quad (3.23)$$

Proof. Using

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

we conclude that $\binom{n}{k} \leq 2^n$ for all $k \geq 0$ and therefore

$$\binom{\alpha}{\beta} = \prod_k \binom{\alpha_k}{\beta_k} \leq 2^{|\alpha|} \quad (3.24)$$

for all $\beta \in \mathcal{J}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}} &= \left\| \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha + \beta}{\beta}} v_{\alpha + \beta} \otimes u_\beta \right\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}} \\ &\leq \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} 2^{|\alpha + \beta|/2} \|v_{\alpha + \beta}\|_X \|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

and the result follows by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality. \square

Remark 3.8. (a) If $r_\alpha = \mathbf{q}^\alpha$ for some sequence \mathbf{q} , then both (3.19) and (3.22) hold. (b) More information about the structure of u and/or v can lead to weaker sufficient conditions. For example, if $(u_\alpha, u_\beta)_{\mathcal{U}} = 0$ for $\alpha \neq \beta$, and $\|u_\alpha\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq 1$, then $\|(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 < \infty$ if and only if

$$\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \binom{\alpha + \beta}{\beta} \|v_{\alpha + \beta}\|_X^2 < \infty,$$

which is a generalization of (2.6). Similarly, if $(u_\alpha, u_\beta)_{\mathcal{U}} = 0$ for $\alpha \neq \beta$, then $(\mathcal{L}_u(v))_\alpha$ exists for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{J}$ and

$$(\mathcal{L}_u(v))_\alpha = \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \binom{\alpha}{\beta} v_\beta \|u_{\alpha - \beta}\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2.$$

The reader is encouraged to verify that

- (1) If $u = \dot{W}$, with $u_{\varepsilon(k)} = \mathbf{u}_k$ and $u_\alpha = 0$ otherwise, then (3.14), (3.15), and (3.16) become, respectively, (2.7), (2.9), and (2.11).
- (2) The operators δ_{ξ_k} and \mathbf{D}_{ξ_k} are the *creation* and *annihilation* operators from quantum physics [2]:

$$\mathbf{D}_{\xi_k}(\xi_\alpha) = \sqrt{\alpha_k} \xi_{\alpha - \varepsilon(k)}, \quad \delta_{\xi_k}(\xi_\alpha) = \sqrt{\alpha_k + 1} \xi_{\alpha + \varepsilon(k)}. \quad (3.26)$$

More generally,

$$\mathbf{D}_{\xi_\beta}(\xi_\alpha) = \sqrt{\binom{\alpha}{\beta}} \xi_{\alpha - \beta}, \quad \delta_{\xi_\beta}(\xi_\alpha) = \sqrt{\binom{\alpha + \beta}{\beta}} \xi_{\alpha + \beta}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{\xi_\beta}(\xi_\alpha) = \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \xi_\alpha. \quad (3.27)$$

- (3) If

$$v \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X), \quad f \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U}), \quad \mathbf{D}_u(v) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U}), \quad \delta_u(f) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X), \quad (3.28)$$

then a simple rearrangement of terms shows that the following analogue of (2.5) holds:

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{D}_u(v), f)_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}} = \mathbb{E}(v, \delta_u(f))_X. \quad (3.29)$$

For example,

$$\mathbf{D}_u(\xi_\gamma) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\gamma}{\alpha}} u_{\gamma - \alpha} \xi_\alpha,$$

and, if we assume that u and f are such that $\delta_u(f) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X)$, then

$$\mathbb{E}(\xi_\gamma \delta_u(f)) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\gamma}{\alpha}} (u_{\gamma-\alpha}, f_\alpha)_U = \mathbb{E}(f, \mathbf{D}_u(\xi_\gamma))_U.$$

(4) With the notation $H_\alpha = \sqrt{\alpha!} \xi_\alpha$,

$$\mathbf{D}_{\xi_k}(H_\alpha) = \alpha_k H_{\alpha-\varepsilon(k)}, \quad \delta_{\xi_k}(H_\alpha) = H_{\alpha+\varepsilon(k)},$$

and

$$\delta_{H_\alpha}(H_\beta) = H_{\alpha+\beta}. \quad (3.30)$$

To conclude the section, we use (3.30) to establish a connection between the Skorokhod integral δ and the *Wick product*.

Definition 3.9. *Let f be a generalized X -valued random element and η , a generalized real-valued random element. The Wick product $f \diamond \eta$ is a generalized X -valued random element defined by*

$$f \diamond \eta = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha}{\beta}} f_{\alpha-\beta} \eta_\beta \right) \xi_\alpha. \quad (3.31)$$

The definition implies that $f \diamond \eta = \eta \diamond f$,

$$\xi_\alpha \diamond \xi_\beta = \sqrt{\binom{\alpha+\beta}{\alpha}} \xi_{\alpha+\beta}, \quad H_\alpha \diamond H_\beta = H_{\alpha+\beta}. \quad (3.32)$$

In other words, (3.31) extends by linearity relation (3.30) to generalized random elements. Comparing (3.31) and (3.15), we get the connection between the Wick product and the Skorokhod integral.

Theorem 3.10. *If f is a generalized X -valued random element and η , a generalized real-valued random element, then $\delta_\eta(f) = f \diamond \eta$. In particular, if η and θ are generalized real-valued random elements, then*

$$\delta_\eta(\theta) = \delta_\theta(\eta) = \eta \diamond \theta.$$

The original definition of Wick product [20] is not related to the Skorokhod integral, and is it remarkable that the two coincide in some situations. The important feature of (3.31) is the presence of point-wise multiplication, which does not admit a straightforward extension to general spaces.

A natural definition of the multiple Wiener-Itô integral in the one-dimensional setting, that is, with respect to a single standard Gaussian random variable ξ , is as follows. With only scalar as possible integrands, set

$$I_n(1) = H_n(\xi).$$

As expected,

$$\mathbf{D}_\xi(I_n(1)) = nI_{n-1}(1), \quad \delta_\xi(I_n(1)) = I_{n+1}(1).$$

This is consistent with the general definition as long as the Wick product is used throughout: $I_n(1) = \xi^{\diamond n}$. An interested reader can easily extend this construction to finitely many iid standard Gaussian random variables.

Definition 3.9 and Theorem 3.10 raise the following questions:

- (1) Is it possible to extend the operation \diamond by replacing the point-wise product on the right-hand side of (3.31) with something else and still preserve the connection with the operator δ ? Clearly, simply setting $f \diamond u = \delta_u(f)$ is not acceptable, as we expect the \diamond operation to be fully symmetric.
- (2) Under what conditions will the operator $v \mapsto u \diamond v$ be (a Hilbert space) adjoint or (a topological space) dual of \mathbf{D}_u ?
- (3) What is the most general construction of the multiple Wiener-Itô integral?

We will not address these questions in this paper and leave them for future investigation (see references [15, 16] for some particular cases).

4. ELEMENTS OF MALLIAVIN CALCULUS ON SPECIAL SPACES

The objectives of this section are

- to establish results of the type

$$\|\mathcal{A}_u(v)\|_a \leq C(\|u\|_b) \|v\|_c,$$

where $\|\cdot\|_i$, $i = a, b, c$ are norms in the suitable sequence or Kondratiev spaces, the function C is independent of v , and \mathcal{A} is one of the operators \mathbf{D} , δ , \mathcal{L} .

- to look closer at \mathbf{D} and δ as adjoints of each other when (3.28) does not hold.

To simplify the notations, we will write $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^p(X)$ for $L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^p(\mathbb{F}; X)$.

We start with the “path of the least resistance” approach and see what one can obtain with a straightforward application of the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality. The first collection of results is for the sequence spaces.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $\mathbf{q} = \{q_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence such that $q_k > 1$ for all k and $\sum_{k \geq 1} 1/q_k^2 < \infty$. Denote by $\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}$ the sequence $\{\sqrt{2}q_k, k \geq 1\}$.*

(a) *If $u \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})$ and $v \in L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}(X)$, then $\mathbf{D}_u(v) \in L_2(\mathbb{F}; X \otimes \mathcal{U})$ and*

$$\left(\mathbb{E}\|\mathbf{D}_u(v)\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2\right)^{1/2} \leq \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{q_k^2}{q_k^2 - 1}\right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})} \|v\|_{L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}(X)}.$$

(b) *If $u \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})$, $f \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$, and $\sum_{k \geq 1} 2^k/q_k^2 < \infty$, then $\delta_u(f) \in L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X)$ and*

$$\|\delta_u(f)\|_{L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X)} \leq \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2^k}{q_k^2}\right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})} \|f\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})}.$$

In particular, if $u \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-}(\mathcal{U})$ and $f \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$, then $\delta_u(f) \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-}(X)$.

(c) *If $u \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})$, $v \in L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}(X)$, and $\sum_{k \geq 1} 2^k/q_k^2 < \infty$, then $\mathcal{L}_u(v) \in L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X)$ and*

$$\|\mathcal{L}_u(v)\|_{L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X)} \leq \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{q_k^2}{q_k^2 - 1}\right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{2^k}{q_k^2}\right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})}^2 \|v\|_{L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathbf{q}}(X)}.$$

Proof. (a) By (3.20) with $r_\alpha = b_\alpha = \mathfrak{q}^{-\alpha}$,

$$\|(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 \leq \mathfrak{q}^{-2\alpha} \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{q}}^{-1}(\mathcal{U})}^2 \|v\|_{L_{2,\sqrt{2}\mathfrak{q}}(X)}^2$$

The result then follows from (3.10).

(b) By (3.15), (3.24), and the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\|(\delta_u(f))_\alpha\|_X^2 \leq 2^{|\alpha|} \mathfrak{q}^{2\alpha} \sum_{\beta} \mathfrak{q}^{-2\beta} \|f_\beta\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \mathfrak{q}^{-2(\alpha-\beta)} \|u_{\alpha-\beta}\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2,$$

and the result follows.

(c) This follows by combining the results of (a) and (b). \square

Analysis of the proof shows that alternative results are possible by avoiding inequality (3.24); see Theorem 4.3 below. The next collection of results, this time for the Kondratiev spaces, is again in the spirit of the “path of the least resistance.”

Theorem 4.2. (a) If $u \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,-\ell}(\mathcal{U})$ and $v \in (\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell}(X)$ for some $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\mathbf{D}_u(v) \in (\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell-p}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$ for all $p > 1/2$, and

$$\|\mathbf{D}_u(v)\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell-p}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})}^{1/2} \leq \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - (2k)^{-2p}} \right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{-1,-\ell}(\mathcal{U})} \|v\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell}(X)}.$$

(b) If $u \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell}(\mathcal{U})$ and $f \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$ for some $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\delta_u(f) \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell-p}(X)$ for every $p > 1/2$, and

$$\|\delta_u(f)\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell-p}(X)} \leq \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (2\mathbb{N})^{-2p\alpha} \right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell}(\mathcal{U})} \|f\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})}.$$

In particular, if $u \in \mathcal{S}_{-1}(\mathcal{U})$ and $f \in \mathcal{S}_{-1}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$, then $\delta_u(f) \in \mathcal{S}_{-1}(X)$.

(c) If $u \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,-\ell}(\mathcal{U})$ and $v \in (\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell+p}(X)$ for some $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p > 1/2$, then $\mathcal{L}_u(v) \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell-p}(X)$

$$\|\mathcal{L}_u(v)\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell-p}(X)} \leq \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - (2k)^{-2p}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} (2\mathbb{N})^{-2p\alpha} \right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{-1,-\ell}(\mathcal{U})}^2 \|v\|_{(\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})}.$$

Proof. To simplify the notations, we write $r_\alpha = (2\mathbb{N})^{\ell\alpha}$.

(a) By (3.14),

$$(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_\alpha = \sum_{\beta} \left(\frac{r_{\alpha+\beta}^2 (\alpha + \beta)!}{r_\alpha^2 r_\beta^2 \alpha! \beta!} \right)^{1/2} v_{\alpha+\beta} \otimes u_\beta.$$

To get the result, use triangle inequality, followed by the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and (3.9).

(b) By (3.15) and the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\|(\delta_u(f))_\alpha\|_X^2 \leq r_\alpha^{-2} \alpha! \sum_{\beta} \frac{r_\beta^2}{\beta!} \|f_\beta\|_{X \otimes \mathcal{U}}^2 \sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \frac{r_{\alpha-\beta}^2}{(\alpha-\beta)!} \|u_{\alpha-\beta}\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2,$$

and the result follows.

(c) This follows by combining the results of (a) and (b), because

$$(\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell}(X) \subset (\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell}(X).$$

□

Let us now discuss the duality relation between δ_u and \mathcal{D}_u . Recall that (3.29) is just a consequence of the definitions, once the terms in the corresponding sums are rearranged, *as long as the sums converge*. Condition (3.28) is one way to ensure the convergence, but is not the only possibility: one can also use duality relations between various weighted chaos spaces.

In particular, duality relation (3.5) and Theorem 4.2 lead to the following version of (3.29): if, for some $\ell \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p > 1/2$, we have $u \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,-\ell-p}(\mathcal{U})$, $v \in (\mathcal{S})_{1,\ell+p}(X)$, and $f \in (\mathcal{S})_{-1,\ell}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$, then

$$\langle \delta_u(f), v \rangle_{1,\ell+p} = \langle f, \mathbf{D}_u(v) \rangle_{1,\ell}. \quad (4.1)$$

To derive a similar result in the sequence spaces, we need a different version of Theorem 4.1.

Theorem 4.3. *Let \mathbf{p} , \mathbf{q} , and \mathbf{r} be sequences of positive numbers such that*

$$\frac{1}{p_k^2} + \frac{1}{q_k^2} = \frac{1}{r_k^2}, \quad k \geq 1. \quad (4.2)$$

(a) *If $u \in L_{2,\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{U})$ and $f \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$, then $\delta_u(f) \in L_{2,\mathbf{r}}(X)$ and*

$$\|\delta_u(f)\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{r}}(X)} \leq \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{U})} \|f\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})}.$$

(b) *In addition to (4.2) assume that*

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{r_k^2}{p_k^2} < \infty. \quad (4.3)$$

Define

$$\bar{C} = \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{p_k^2}{p_k^2 - r_k^2} \right)^{1/2}.$$

If $u \in L_{2,\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{U})$ and $v \in L_{2,\mathbf{r}}^{-1}(X)$, then $\mathbf{D}_u(v) \in L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$ and

$$\|\mathbf{D}_u(v)\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})} \leq \bar{C} \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{U})} \|v\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{r}}^{-1}(X)}.$$

Proof. (a) By (3.15),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta_u(f)\|_{L_{2,\tau}(X)}^2 &= \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \left\| \sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} \sqrt{\binom{\gamma}{\alpha}} (f_\alpha, u_\beta) u \right\|_X^2 \tau^{2\gamma} \\ &\leq \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \left\| \sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} \sqrt{\binom{\gamma}{\alpha}} |(f_\alpha, u_\beta) u| \tau^\alpha \tau^\beta \right\|_X^2. \end{aligned}$$

Define the sequence $\mathbf{c} = \{c_k, k \geq 1\}$ by $c_k = p_k^2/q_k^2$, so that

$$(1 + \mathbf{c}^{-1})^\alpha \tau^{2\alpha} = \mathbf{q}^{2\alpha}, \quad (1 + \mathbf{c})^\alpha \tau^{2\alpha} = \mathbf{p}^{2\alpha}. \quad (4.4)$$

Then

$$\|\delta_u(f)\|_{L_{2,\tau}(X)}^2 \leq \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} \sqrt{\binom{\gamma}{\alpha}} \mathbf{c}^{\alpha/2} \mathbf{c}^{-\alpha/2} \|f_\alpha\|_{U \otimes X} \|u_\beta\|_U \tau^\alpha \tau^\beta \right)^2.$$

By the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and (3.12),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\delta_u(f)\|_{L_{2,\tau}(X)}^2 &\leq \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \binom{\gamma}{\alpha} \mathbf{c}^\alpha \right) \left(\sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} \mathbf{c}^{-\alpha} \|f_\alpha\|_{U \otimes X}^2 \|u_\beta\|_U^2 \tau^{2\alpha} \tau^{2\beta} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \left((1 + \mathbf{c})^\gamma \left(\sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} \mathbf{c}^{-\alpha} \|f_\alpha\|_{U \otimes X}^2 \|u_\beta\|_U^2 \tau^{2\alpha} \tau^{2\beta} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{\alpha+\beta=\gamma} (1 + \mathbf{c}^{-1})^\alpha (1 + \mathbf{c})^\beta \|f_\alpha\|_{U \otimes X}^2 \|u_\beta\|_U^2 \tau^{2\alpha} \tau^{2\beta} \\ &= \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|f_\alpha\|_{U \otimes X}^2 (1 + \mathbf{c}^{-1})^\alpha \tau^{2\alpha} \right) \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \|u_\beta\|_U^2 (1 + \mathbf{c})^\beta \tau^{2\beta} \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|f_\alpha\|_{U \otimes X}^2 \mathbf{p}^{2\alpha} \right) \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \|u_\beta\|_U^2 \mathbf{q}^{2\beta} \right) = \|f\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{p}}(X \otimes U)}^2 \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{p}}(U)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) By (3.14),

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{D}_u(v)\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes U)}^2 &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left\| \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha+\beta}{\beta}} v_{\alpha+\beta} \otimes u_\beta \right\|_{X \otimes U}^2 \mathbf{q}^{-2\alpha} \\ &\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha+\beta}{\beta}} \|v_{\alpha+\beta}\|_X \|u_\beta\|_U \right)^2 \mathbf{q}^{-2\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Define the sequence $\mathbf{c} = \{c_k, k \geq 1\}$ by $c_k = r_k^2/p_k^2 < 1$, so that

$$(\mathbf{c}^{-1} - 1)^\alpha \mathbf{q}^{2\alpha} = \mathbf{p}^{2\alpha}, \quad (1 - \mathbf{c})^\alpha \mathbf{q}^{2\alpha} = \tau^{2\alpha}. \quad (4.5)$$

Then

$$\|\mathbf{D}_u(v)\|_{L_{2,\mathbf{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes U)}^2 \leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \sqrt{\binom{\alpha+\beta}{\beta}} \mathbf{c}^{\beta/2} \mathbf{q}^{-(\alpha+\beta)} \mathbf{c}^{-\beta/2} \|v_{\alpha+\beta}\|_X \mathbf{q}^\beta \|u_\beta\|_U \right)^2.$$

By the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality and (3.10),

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathbf{D}_u(v)\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{q}}^{-1}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})}^2 &\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \binom{\alpha + \beta}{\beta} \mathfrak{c}^\beta \right) \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \mathfrak{q}^{-2(\alpha+\beta)} \mathfrak{c}^{-\beta} \|v_{\alpha+\beta}\|_X^2 \mathfrak{q}^{2\beta} \|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \right) \\
&= \bar{C}^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\left((1 - \mathfrak{c})^{-\alpha} \right) \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \|v_{\alpha+\beta}\|_X^2 \mathfrak{c}^{-\beta} \mathfrak{q}^{-2(\alpha+\beta)} \mathfrak{q}^{2\beta} \|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \right) \\
&= \bar{C}^2 \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \left(\|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 \mathfrak{c}^{-\beta} (1 - \mathfrak{c})^\beta \mathfrak{q}^{2\beta} \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|v_{\alpha+\beta}\|_X^2 \mathfrak{q}^{-2(\alpha+\beta)} (1 - \mathfrak{c})^{-(\alpha+\beta)} \right) \right) \\
&\leq \bar{C}^2 \left(\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \|u_\beta\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 (\mathfrak{c}^{-1} - 1)^\beta \mathfrak{q}^{2\beta} \right) \left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|v_\alpha\|_X^2 (1 - \mathfrak{c})^{-\alpha} \mathfrak{q}^{-2\alpha} \right) \\
&= \bar{C}^2 \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{p}}(\mathcal{U})}^2 \|v\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{r}}^{-1}(X)}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows from (4.5). Note also that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \|v_{\alpha+\beta}\|_X^2 \mathfrak{r}^{-2(\alpha+\beta)} \leq \|v\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{r}}^{-1}(X)}^2$$

and the equality holds if and only if $\beta = (\mathbf{0})$. \square

Together with duality relation (3.4), Theorem 4.3 leads to the following version of (3.28): if $u \in L_{2,\mathfrak{p}}(\mathcal{U})$, $f \in L_{2,\mathfrak{q}}(X \otimes \mathcal{U})$, and $v \in L_{2,\mathfrak{r}}^{-1}(X)$, if the sequences $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{r}$ are related by (4.2), and if (4.3) holds, then

$$\langle \delta_u(f), v \rangle_{\mathfrak{r}} = \langle f, \mathbf{D}_u(v) \rangle_{\mathfrak{q}}. \quad (4.6)$$

Here is a general procedure to construct sequences $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{r}$ satisfying (4.2) and (4.3). Start with an arbitrary sequence of positive numbers \mathfrak{p} and a sequence \mathfrak{c} such that $0 < c_k < 1$ and $\sum_{k \geq 1} c_k < \infty$. Then set $r_k^2 = c_k p_k^2$ and $q_k^2 = p_k^2 / (c_k^{-1} - 1)$. If the space \mathcal{U} is n -dimensional, then condition (4.3) is not necessary because sequences $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}, \mathfrak{r}$ are finite.

Theorem 4.4. *Let $\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}$, and \mathfrak{r} be sequences of positive numbers such that*

$$\left(\frac{1}{r_k^2} - \frac{1}{p_k^2} \right) \left(q_k^2 - \frac{1}{p_k^2} \right) = 1, \quad k \geq 1; \quad (4.7)$$

$$p_k^2 q_k^2 > 1, \quad k \geq 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{p_k^2 q_k^2} < \infty. \quad (4.8)$$

If $u \in L_{2,\mathfrak{p}}(\mathcal{U})$ and $v \in L_{2,\mathfrak{q}}(X)$, then $\mathcal{L}_u(v) \in L_{2,\mathfrak{r}}(X)$ and

$$\|\mathcal{L}_u(v)\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{r}}(X)} \leq \left(\prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{p_k^2 q_k^2}{p_k^2 q_k^2 - 1} \right)^{1/2} \|u\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{p}}(\mathcal{U})} \|v\|_{L_{2,\mathfrak{q}}(X)}. \quad (4.9)$$

Proof. It follows from (3.16) that

$$\|(\mathcal{L}_u(v))_\alpha\|_X^2 \leq \left(\sum_{\beta, \gamma} \sqrt{\binom{\beta + \gamma}{\gamma} \binom{\alpha}{\beta}} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X \|u_{\alpha - \beta}\|_U \|u_\gamma\|_U \right)^2.$$

Let $\mathfrak{h} = \{h_k, k \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that that

$$h_k < 1, \quad k \geq 1, \quad \sum_k h_k < \infty.$$

Define

$$C_h = \left(\prod_k \frac{1}{1 - h_k} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_\gamma \sqrt{\binom{\beta + \gamma}{\gamma}} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X \|u_\gamma\|_U &\leq \left(\sum_\gamma \binom{\beta + \gamma}{\gamma} \mathfrak{h}^\gamma \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_\gamma \mathfrak{h}^{-\gamma} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X^2 \|u_\gamma\|_U^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &= C_h \left(\frac{1}{(1 - \mathfrak{h})^\beta} \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_\gamma \mathfrak{h}^{-\gamma} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X^2 \|u_\gamma\|_U^2 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Next, take another sequence $\mathfrak{w} = \{w_k, k \geq 1\}$ of positive numbers and define the sequence $\mathfrak{c} = \{c_k, k \geq 1\}$ by

$$c_k = \frac{w_k}{1 - h_k}. \quad (4.10)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\sum_{\beta, \gamma} \sqrt{\binom{\beta + \gamma}{\gamma} \binom{\alpha}{\beta}} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X \|u_{\alpha - \beta}\|_U \|u_\gamma\|_U \right)^2 \\ &\leq C_h^2 \left(\sum_\beta \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \mathfrak{c}^\beta \right) \left(\sum_{\beta \leq \alpha} \|u_{\alpha - \beta}\|_U^2 \mathfrak{w}^{-\beta} \left(\sum_\gamma \mathfrak{h}^{-\gamma} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X^2 \|u_\gamma\|_U^2 \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

As a result,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_\alpha \|(\mathcal{L}_u(v))_\alpha\|_X^2 \mathfrak{r}^{2\alpha} &\leq C_h^2 \sum_\gamma \mathfrak{r}^{-2\gamma} (1 + \mathfrak{c})^{-\gamma} \mathfrak{w}^\gamma \mathfrak{h}^{-\gamma} \|u_\gamma\|_U^2 \\ &\quad \sum_\beta \mathfrak{r}^{2(\beta + \gamma)} (1 + \mathfrak{c})^{\beta + \gamma} \mathfrak{w}^{-(\beta + \gamma)} \|v_{\beta + \gamma}\|_X^2 \\ &\quad \sum_\alpha \mathfrak{r}^{2(\alpha - \beta)} (1 + \mathfrak{c})^{\alpha - \beta} \|u_{\alpha - \beta}\|_U^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then (4.9) holds if

$$r_k^2(1 + c_k) = \frac{w_k}{r_k(1 + c_k)h_k} = p_k^2, \quad \frac{r_k^2(1 + c)}{w_k} = q_k^2. \quad (4.11)$$

The three equations in (4.11) imply

$$(1 + c_k) = \frac{p_k^2}{r_k^2}, \quad w_k = \frac{p_k^2}{q_k^2}, \quad h_k = \frac{1}{p_k^2 q_k^2},$$

and then (4.7) follows from (4.10). Note that a particular case of (4.7) is $q_k = 1/r_k$, $p_k^{-2} + 1 = r_k^{-2}$, which is consistent with Theorem 4.3 if we require the range of \mathbf{D}_u to be in the domain of δ_u .

□

Example 4.5. Let $\mathcal{U} = X = \mathbb{R}$. Then $\alpha = n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$,

$$\xi_\alpha := \xi_{(n)} = \frac{H_n(\xi)}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad \xi := \xi_{(1)},$$

$$u = \sum_{n \geq 0} u_n \xi_{(n)}, \quad v = \sum_{n \geq 0} v_n \xi_{(n)}, \quad f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n \xi_{(n)}, \quad u_n, v_n, f_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

To begin, take $u = \xi$. Then

$$\mathbf{D}_\xi(v) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \sqrt{n} v_n \xi_{(n-1)}, \quad \delta_\xi(f) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \sqrt{n+1} f_{n+1} \xi_{(n)},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_u(v) = \sum_{n \geq 1} n v_n \xi_{(n)}.$$

Next, let us illustrate the results of Theorems 4.3 and 4.4. Let p, q, r be positive real numbers such that

$$\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r},$$

for example, $p = q = 1$, $r = 1/2$. By Theorem 4.3, if

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^n u_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{v_n^2}{r^n} < \infty,$$

then

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(\mathbf{D}_u(v))_n^2}{q^n} < \infty,$$

and if

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^n u_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} q^n f_n^2 < \infty,$$

then

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} r^n (\delta_u(f))_n^2 < \infty.$$

If p, q, r are positive real numbers such that

$$\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(q - \frac{1}{p}\right) = 1$$

(for example, $p = 1$, $q = 2$, $r = 1/2$) and

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} p^n u_n^2 < \infty, \quad \sum_{n \geq 0} q^n v_n^2 < \infty,$$

then, by Theorem 4.4,

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} r^n (\mathcal{L}_u(v))_n^2 < \infty.$$

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