

# Rough Path Approach to Non-commutative Stochastic Processes: Free Brownian Motion and $q$ -Brownian Motion

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## Section 1

# Free Brownian Motion and Its Stochastic Calculus



# Free Brownian Motion

## Definition

A **free Brownian motion** is given by a family  $(S_t)_{t \geq 0} \subset (\mathcal{A}, \varphi)$  of random variables ( $\mathcal{A}$  von Neumann algebra,  $\varphi$  faithful trace), such that

- $S_0 = 0$
- each increment  $S_t - S_s$  ( $s < t$ ) is semicircular with mean = 0 and variance =  $t - s$ , i.e.,

$$d\mu_{S_t - S_s}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi(t-s)} \sqrt{4(t-s) - x^2} dx$$

- disjoint increments are free: for  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ ,

$$S_{t_1}, \quad S_{t_2} - S_{t_1}, \quad \dots, \quad S_{t_n} - S_{t_{n-1}} \quad \text{are free}$$

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For processes

$$(A_t)_{t \geq 0}, (B_t)_{t \geq 0} \subset \mathcal{A}$$

(functions of the free Brownian motion) define

$$\int A_t dS_t B_t.$$

# Ito-Type Definition for Adapted Processes

As usual: processes must be adapted

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$(A_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is **adapted** if

$$A_t \in \mathbf{vN}(S(\tau) \mid \tau \leq t) \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

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Then define for piecewise constant processes

$$\int A_t dS_t B_t := \sum_i A_{t_i} (S_{t_{i+1}} - S_{t_i}) B_{t_i}$$

and extend by continuity

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- **free Burkholder-Gundy inequality for  $p = \infty$ :** for the operator norm we have the much deeper estimate

$$\left\| \int A_t dS_t B_t \right\|^2 \leq c \cdot \int \|A_t\|^2 \cdot \|B_t\|^2 dt$$



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... but that's not all, we also need

$$dS_t A dS_t = \varphi(A) dt$$

for  $A$  adapted

[Classically we have of course:  $dW_t A dW_t = A dt$ ]

## Section 2

# $q$ -Brownian Motion and Its Stochastic Calculus



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Definition (Bożejko, Speicher '91; Bożejko, Kümmerner, Speicher '97)

For  $0 \leq q \leq 1$  we define a  **$q$ -Brownian motion**  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  by the following  $q$ -version of a Wick formula

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Definition of Stratonovich-type stochastic integrals in  $L^\infty$ -setting via rough path approach



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formally this is a family  $(Y_{st}[A \otimes B])_{s \leq t}$  which satisfies

- some adequate  $L^\infty$ -regularity
- Chen identity

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