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Let $C_w \equiv C[0, T]$ denote the Wiener space on [0, T]. The Wiener integrals of various functionals F[x] over the space C_w are well-known. In this paper we establish formulas for the Wiener integrals of F[x] over the subsets of C_w bounded by sectionally continuous functions.

1. Introduction. Let $C_w \equiv C[0, T]$ be the Wiener space on [0, T], i.e., the space of all real-valued continuous functions on [0, T] vanishing at the origin. The standard Wiener process $\{X(t) \equiv X(t, \cdot): 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ and C_w are related by X(t, x) = x(t) for each x in C_w . Evaluation formulas for the Wiener integral

$$\int_{C_w} F[x] d_w x \equiv E\{F[x]\}$$

of various functionals F[x] are of course well-known (for example see [7] for some of these formulas). Now, consider sets of the type

$$\Gamma_{f} \equiv \left\{ \sup_{0 \le t \le T} X(t) - f(t) < 0 \right\}$$
$$= \left\{ x \in C_{W} : \sup_{0 \le t \le T} x(t) - f(t) < 0 \right\}$$

where f(t) is sectionally continuous on [0, T] and $f(0) \ge 0$.

It is well-known that for $b \ge 0$

$$P[\Gamma_b] = 2\Phi(bT^{-1/2}) - 1$$

and

$$P[\Gamma_{at+b}] = \Phi[(aT+b)T^{-1/2}] - e^{-2ab}\Phi[(aT-b)T^{-1/2}]$$

where Φ is the standard normal distribution function. In [3], [5], and [6] more general functions f(t) are considered and formulas given for the probabilities of the sets Γ_{f} .

The main purpose of this paper is to derive formulas for Wiener integrals over the sets Γ_{f} . In §2 we state and prove the main results, while in §3 we discuss some applications and examples.

2. Integration formulas. Our first theorem is preliminary; it plays a key role in the proof of Theorem 2.

THEOREM 1. Let $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n = T$ be a partition of [0, T]. For $j = 1, 2, \cdots, n$ let $f_j(t)$ be continuous on $[t_{j-1}, t_j]$. Then the conditional probability

$$P\left[\sup_{t_{j-1} \leq t \leq t_{j}} X(t) - f_{j}(t) < 0, \ 1 \leq j \leq n \ | \ X(t_{j}) = u_{j}, \ 1 \leq j \leq n \right]$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^{n} P\left[\sup_{0 \leq t \leq \Delta t_{j}} X(t) - \{f_{j}(t+t_{j-1}) - u_{j-1}\} < 0 \ | \ X(\Delta t_{j}) = \Delta u_{j} \right]$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^{n} P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t < \infty} X(t) - \left\{\frac{t+t\Delta t_{j}}{\Delta t_{j}} \left[f_{j}\left(\frac{\Delta t_{j}}{1+t\Delta t_{j}} + t_{j-1}\right) - u_{j-1}\right] - \frac{\Delta u_{j}}{\Delta t_{j}}\right\} < 0 \right)$$

where $\Delta t_{j} = t_{j} - t_{j-1}$ and $\Delta u_{j} = u_{j} - u_{j-1}$ with $u_{0} = 0$.

Proof. First we note that

$$P\left[\sup_{t_{j-1}\leq t\leq t_{j}} X(t) - f_{j}(t) < 0, 1 \leq j \leq n \mid X(t_{j}) = u_{j}, 1 \leq j \leq n\right]$$
$$= P\left\{\sup_{t_{j-1}\leq t\leq t_{j}} X(t) - X(t_{j-1}) - [f_{j}(t) - u_{j-1}] < 0, \\1 \leq j \leq n \mid X(t_{j}) - X(t_{j-1}) = \Delta u_{j}, 1 \leq j \leq n\right\}.$$

Now since the Wiener process has independent increments, the above expression equals

$$\prod_{j=1}^{n} P\bigg\{ \sup_{t_{j-1} \leq t \leq t_{j}} X(t) - X(t_{j-1}) - [f_{j}(t) - u_{j-1}] < 0 | X(t_{j}) - X(t_{j-1}) = \Delta u_{j} \bigg\}.$$

Hence the first equality in the theorem follows from the fact that stationarity implies that $X(t) - X(t_{j-1})$ is the same process as $X(t - t_{j-1})$. To prove the second equality in the theorem, we note that X(t) and tX(1/t) are identical Wiener processes for t > 0 by checking the covariance function. Thus

$$P\left\{\sup_{0 \le t \le \Delta t_{j}} X(t) - [f_{j}(t+t_{j-1}) - u_{j-1}] < 0 | X(\Delta t_{j}) = \Delta u_{j}\right\}$$

= $P\left\{\sup_{0 < t \le \Delta t_{j}} X\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) - \frac{1}{t} [f_{j}(t+t_{j-1}) - u_{j-1}] < 0 | X\left(\frac{1}{\Delta t_{j}}\right) = \frac{\Delta u_{j}}{\Delta t_{j}}\right\}$
= $P\left\{\sup_{0 < t \le \Delta t_{j}} X\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) - X\left(\frac{1}{\Delta t_{j}}\right) - \frac{1}{t} [f_{j}(t+t_{j-1}) - u_{j-1}] + \frac{\Delta u_{j}}{\Delta t_{j}} < 0\right\}.$

The result now follows by the transformation

$$t^{-1} - (\Delta t_j)^{-1} \rightarrow t.$$

THEOREM 2. Let $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_n = T$ be a partition of [0, T]. Let $g(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ be a Lebesgue measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n and for $x \in C_w$ let $G[x] = g(x(t_1), \dots, x(t_n))$. For $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ let $f_j(t)$ be a continuous function on $[t_{j-1}, t_j]$. Then the Wiener integral of G[x] over the set

$$\Gamma_{f} \equiv \left\{ x \in C_{w} : \sup_{t_{j-1} \leq t \leq t_{j}} x(t) - f_{j}(t) < 0, \ j = 1, 2, \cdots, n \right\}$$

is given by

$$\int_{\Gamma_f} G[x] d_w x = \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_1} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_n} g(u_1, \cdots, u_n) H(u_1, \cdots, u_n) du_n \cdots du_1$$

in the sense the existence of either side implies that of their equality, where

$$\lambda_{j} = \begin{cases} \min \{f_{j}(t_{j}), f_{j+1}(t_{j})\}, & j = 1, 2, \cdots, n-1 \\ \\ f_{n}(T), & j = n \end{cases}$$
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} f_{j}(t), & t_{j-1} < t < t_{j}, & j = 1, 2, \cdots, n \\ \\ f_{1}(0), & t = 0 \\ \\ \lambda_{j} & , & t = t_{j}, & j = 1, 2, \cdots, n \end{cases}$$

and

$$H(u_1, \cdots, u_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n (2\pi\Delta t_j)^{-1/2} \exp\{-(\Delta u_j)^2/(2\Delta t_j)\}$$
$$P\bigg[\sup_{0 \le t \le \Delta t_j} X(t) - \{f_j(t+t_{j-1}) - u_{j-1}\} < 0 \,|\, X(\Delta t_j) = \Delta u_j\bigg].$$

Proof. First consider the case where G[x] is the characteristic function of a Wiener interval I. That is to say I has the form

$$I = \{x \in C_w | [x(t_1), \cdots, x(t_n)] \in E\}$$

for some Lebesgue measurable set E in \mathbb{R}^n . Then $G[x] = \chi_I(x) = \chi_E[x(t_1), \dots, x(t_n)]$ and so in this case

$$\int_{\Gamma_f} G[x] d_w x = \int_{\Gamma_f} \chi_I(x) d_w x = P[\Gamma_f \cap I]$$

= $\int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_1} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_n} P\left\{ \sup_{\substack{t_j - 1 \leq t \leq t_j \\ t_j - 1 \leq t \leq t_j \\ x_j = x_j} X(t) - f_j(t) < 0, \ 1 \leq j \leq n,$
[$x(t_1), \cdots, x(t_n)$] $\in E | x(t_j) = u_j, \ 1 \leq j \leq n \right\} K(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) du_n \cdots du_1$

where

$$K(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{n} (2\pi\Delta t_j)^{-1/2} \exp\{-(\Delta u_j)^2/(2\Delta t_j)\}.$$

Next we observe that

$$P\left\{\sup_{t_{j-1}\leq t\leq t_{j}} X(t) - f_{j}(t) < 0, \ 1 \leq j \leq n, [x(t_{1}), \cdots, x(t_{n})] \in E \mid x(t_{j}) = u_{j}, \ 1 \leq j \leq n\right\} = \chi_{E}(u_{1}, \cdots, u_{n})P\left[\sup_{t_{j-1}\leq t\leq t_{j}} X(t) - f_{j}(t) < 0, \ 1 \leq j \leq n \mid x(t_{j}) = u_{j}, \ 1 \leq j \leq n\right].$$

Next, applying Theorem 1 to the last conditional probability above gives the desired result for this case. The general case follows by the usual arguments in integration theory.

THEOREM 3. Let f(t) be sectionally continuous on [0, T] with $f(0) \ge 0$. Let $g(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ be a Lebesgue measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n , and let $\alpha(t) \in BV[0, T]$. Then

$$\int_{\Gamma_f} g[x(t_1), \cdots, x(t_n)] e^{\int_0^T \alpha(t) dx(t)} d_W x$$

= $e^{1/2 \int_0^T \alpha^2(t) dt} \int_{\Gamma_f(t) - \int_0^t \alpha(s) ds} g\left[x(t_1) + \int_0^{t_1} \alpha(s) ds, \cdots, x(t_n) + \int_0^{t_n} \alpha(s) ds\right] d_W x$

in the sense the existence of either side implies that of the other and their equality.

COROLLARY. If f and α satisfy the conditions in Theorem 3, then

$$\int_{\Gamma_f} e^{\int_0^T \alpha(t)dx(t)} d_w x = e^{1/2\int_0^T \alpha^2(t)dt} P\left\{\sup_{0\leq t\leq T} X(t) - \left[f(t) - \int_0^t \alpha(s)ds\right] < 0\right\}.$$

Proof (of Theorem 3). Using the Cameron-Martin translation theorem (see [1] or [7]) with the translation

$$x(t) \rightarrow x(t) + \int_0^t \alpha(u) du$$

we obtain

$$\int_{\Gamma_{f}} g[x(t_{1}), \cdots, x(t_{n})] e^{\int_{0}^{T} \alpha(t)dx(t)} d_{W}x$$

= $e^{-1/2 \int_{0}^{T} \alpha^{2}(t)dt} \int_{\Gamma_{f(t)} - \int_{0}^{t} \alpha(s)ds} g\left[x(t_{1}) + \int_{0}^{t_{1}} \alpha(u)du, \cdots, x(t_{n}) + \int_{0}^{t_{n}} \alpha(u)du\right]$
 $\cdot e^{\int_{0}^{T} \alpha(t)d[x(t) + \int_{0}^{t} \alpha(u)du]} e^{-\int_{0}^{T} \alpha(t)dx(t)} d_{W}x.$

The result now follows by simplifying the last expression.

THEOREM 4. Assume that $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is an entire function such that for some M, N and $\gamma \in (0, 2)$, $|g(z)| \leq M \exp(N|z|^{\gamma})$ for all complex numbers z. For some $r \in (2, \infty]$ and b > 0 assume that $\theta(t, u) \in L_1([0, T] \times (-\infty, b])$, i.e., $\int_{-\infty}^{b} |\theta(t, u)| du \in L_r[0, T]$. Then for any $\psi(u) \in L_1(-\infty, b] \cup L_{\infty}(-\infty, b]$,

(1)
$$\int_{\Gamma_b} g\left[\int_0^T \theta(t, x(t))dt\right] \psi(x(T))d_w x = \sum_0^\infty a_n J_n(T)n!$$

where for $n = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$

$$J_{n}(T) \equiv \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{b} \cdot (n+1) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{b} \psi(u_{n+1}) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \theta(t_{j}, u_{j})$$

$$(2) \qquad \prod_{j=1}^{n+1} (2\pi\Delta t_{j})^{-1/2} \exp\{-(\Delta u_{j})^{2}/(2\Delta u_{j})\}$$

$$\cdot [1 - \exp\{-2(b - u_{j-1})(b - u_{j})/\Delta t_{j}\}]$$

$$\cdot du_{n+1} \cdots du_{1} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n}$$

and where $u_0 \equiv 0$, and $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \cdots < t_{n+1} = T$.

Proof. Proceeding formally we obtain

$$\int_{\Gamma_b} g\left[\int_0^T \theta(t, x(t))dt\right] \psi(x(T))d_w x$$

= $\sum_0^\infty a_n \int_{\Gamma_b} \left[\int_0^T \theta(t, x(t))dt\right]^n \psi(x(T))d_w x.$

But for $n = 1, 2, \cdots$

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\Gamma_{b}} \left[\int_{0}^{T} \theta(t, x(t)) dt \right]^{n} \psi(x(T)) d_{w} x \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_{b}} \left[\int_{0}^{T} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{T} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \theta(t_{j}, x(t_{j})) dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \right] \psi(x(T)) d_{w} x \\ &= n! \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \left[\int_{\Gamma_{b}} \psi(x(t_{n+1})) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \theta(t_{j}, x(t_{j})) d_{w} x \right] dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \\ &= n! \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{b} \cdot (n+1) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{b} \psi(u_{n+1}) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \theta(t_{j}, u_{j}) \prod_{j=1}^{n+1} \left\{ (2\pi \Delta t_{j})^{-1/2} \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \exp\left[- (\Delta u_{j})^{2} / (2\Delta t_{j}) \right] \left[1 - \exp\left(- 2(b - u_{j-1})(b - u_{j}) / \Delta t_{j} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\quad \cdot du_{n+1} \cdots du_{1} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \end{split}$$

where the last equality above is obtained using Theorem 2, Theorem 1, and the fact that

$$P\left(\sup_{0 \le t < \infty} X(t) - \{(b_j - u_{j-1})t + (b_j - u_j)/\Delta t_j\} < 0\right)$$

= 1 - exp[-2(b - u_{j-1})(b - u_j)/\Delta t_j].

Thus proceeding formally we have obtained equation (1). The Theorem follows readily once the absolute convergence of the series

$$\sum_{0}^{\infty} n! a_{n} J_{n}(T)$$

is established.

Recall that $r \in (2, \infty]$. We will establish the absolute convergence when $2 < r < \infty$ and $\psi \in L_1(-\infty, b]$; then other cases are similar, but easier. Let p satisfy 1/r + 1/p = 1. Then 1 and by Hölder'sinequality we obtain

$$|J_{n}(T)| \leq ||\psi||_{1} \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} ||\theta(t_{j}, \cdot)||_{1} \prod_{j=1}^{n+1} (2\pi\Delta t_{j})^{-1/2} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n}$$

$$\leq ||\psi||_{1} \left\{ \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} [t_{1}(t_{2} - t_{1}) \cdots (t_{n+1} - t_{n})]^{-p/2} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \right\}^{1/p}$$

$$\cdot \left\{ \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} ||\theta(t_{j}, \cdot)||_{1}^{t} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \right\}^{1/r} (2\pi)^{-(n+1)/2}.$$

But

$$\begin{cases} \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \|\theta(t_{j}, \cdot)\|_{1}^{r} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \end{cases}^{1/r} \\ = \left\{ \frac{1}{n!} \int_{0}^{T} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{T} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \|\theta(t_{j}, \cdot)\|_{1}^{r} dt_{1} \cdots dt_{n} \right\}^{1/r} \\ = \left(\frac{1}{n!} \right)^{1/r} \left(\int_{0}^{T} \|\theta(t, \cdot)\|_{1}^{r} dt \right)^{n/r} \\ = \left(\frac{1}{n!} \right)^{1/r} \|\theta\|_{1r}^{n}. \end{cases}$$

In addition

$$\int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} [t_{1}(t_{2}-t_{1})\cdots(t_{n+1}-t_{n})]^{-p/2} dt_{1}\cdots dt_{n}$$
$$= \frac{T^{n(2-p)/2} \{\Gamma(1-p/2)\}^{n+1}}{T^{p/2} \Gamma[(n+1)(1-p/2)]}$$

where $\Gamma(z)$ denotes the Gamma function.

Thus the series $\sum_{0}^{\infty} |a_n J_n(T)| n!$ is dominated by the series

(3)

$$\sum_{0}^{\infty} \frac{n! |a_{n}| (n!)^{-1/r} ||\theta||_{1}^{n}, T^{n(2-p)/2p} \{\Gamma(1-p/2)\}^{(n+1)/p}}{T^{1/2} \{\Gamma[(n+1)(1-p/2)]\}^{1/p}} = \sum_{0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_{n}| ||\theta||_{1}^{n}, T^{n(2-p)/2p} \{\Gamma(1-p/2)\}^{(n+1)/p}}{T^{1/2}} \left\{\frac{n!}{\Gamma[(n+1)(1-p/2)]}\right\}^{1/p}.$$

But since g(z) is an entire function of order at most γ we know that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\sup\left(\frac{nlnn}{-\ln|a_n|}\right) \leq \gamma < \frac{\gamma+2}{2}$$

and so for n sufficiently large we obtain that

$$|a_n| < n^{-2n/(\gamma+2)}.$$

But $\Gamma(z) = z^{z-1/2} e^{-z} (2\pi)^{1/2} (1+0(1))$ and hence for positive z sufficiently large

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} < \frac{2e^{z}z^{1/2}}{(2\pi)^{1/2}z^{z}}.$$

Also by Stirling's formula

$$n! \leq (n/e)^n (2\pi n)^{1/2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{12n}\right).$$

Thus for n sufficiently large we obtain

(4)

$$|a_{n}| \left\{ \frac{n!}{\Gamma[(n+1)(1-p/2)]} \right\}^{1/p}$$

$$\leq 2^{1/p} \exp\left(\frac{12n+1}{12np}\right) n^{1/2} e^{-(n+1)/2} \left(\frac{2}{2-p}\right)$$

$$\times [(n+1)(2-p)-1]/2 p_{n}^{-n(2-\gamma)/2(\gamma+2)}.$$

Now using inequality (4) the convergence of the series (3) follows by the root test.

COROLLARY 1. Let $\theta(t, u)$ be as in Theorem 4. Then

$$\int_{\Gamma_b} \exp\left[\int_0^T \theta(s, x(s)) ds\right] d_w x = \sum_0^\infty J_n(T)$$

where $J_n(T)$ is given by (2) with $\psi \equiv 1$.

COROLLARY 2. Let $\alpha(t)$ be of bounded variations on [0, T]. Then for any b > 0,

$$\int_{\Gamma_b} e^{\int_0^T \alpha(t)dx(t)} d_w x = \sum_0^\infty (-1)^n K_n(T)$$

where

$$K_{n}(T) \equiv \int_{0}^{t_{n+1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{0}^{t_{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{b} \cdot (n+1) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{b} e^{\alpha(T)u_{n+1}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} u_{j} \prod_{j=1}^{n+1} (2\pi\Delta t_{j})^{-1/2}$$
(5)

$$\cdot \exp\left[-(\Delta u_{j})^{2}/(2\Delta t_{j})\right] \{1 - \exp\left[-2(b - u_{j-1})(b - u_{j})/\Delta t_{j}\right] \}$$

$$\cdot du_{n+1} \cdots du_{1} d\alpha(t_{1}) \cdots d\alpha(t_{n}).$$

Proof (of Corollary 2). The Corollary follows quite readily once the absolute convergence of the series $\sum_{0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n} K_{n}(T)$ is established. Now proceeding formally we see that

$$\int_{\Gamma_b} e^{\int_0^T \alpha(t)dx(t)} d_W x = \int_{\Gamma_b} e^{\alpha(T)x(T) - \int_0^T x(t)d\alpha(t)} d_W x$$
$$= \int_{\Gamma_b} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} e^{\alpha(T)x(T)} \left[\int_0^T x(t)d\alpha(t) \right]^n d_W x$$

and so

$$|K_n(T)| = \left|\frac{1}{n!}\int_{\Gamma_b} e^{\alpha(T)x(T)} \left[\int_0^T x(t)d\alpha(t)\right]^n d_w x$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{n!}\int_{C_w} e^{\alpha(T)x(T)} \left|\int_0^T x(t)d\alpha(t)\right|^a d_w x.$$

Thus

$$\sum_{0}^{\infty} |K_n(T)| \leq \sum_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{C_W} e^{\alpha(T)x(T)} \left| \int_{0}^{T} x(t) d\alpha(t) \right|^n d_W x$$

$$= \int_{C_W} e^{\alpha(T)x(T)} e^{|f_0^T x(t) d\alpha(t)|} d_W x$$

$$\leq \int_{C_W} e^{2|\alpha(T)x(T)|} e^{|f_0^T \alpha(t) dx(t)|} d_W x$$

$$\leq \left[\int_{C_W} e^{4|\alpha(T)x(T)|} d_W x \right]^{1/2} \left[\int_{C_W} e^{2|f_0^T \alpha(t) dx(t)|} d_W x \right]^{1/2}$$

$$< \infty \quad \text{since} \quad \alpha(t) \in L^2[0, T].$$

3. Applications and examples.

A. Application 1. For our first application we obtain a formula for the probability that a Wiener path always stays below the broken line segments $f_i(t) = a_i t + b_i$, $t_{j-1} \le t \le t_i$, $1 \le j \le n$, where $b_1 > 0$. Using Theorems 1 and 2 we obtain

$$P\left[\sup_{t_{j-1}\leq i\leq t_j} X(t) - (a_jt + b_j) < 0, 1 \leq j \leq n\right]$$

= $\int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_1} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_n} \prod_{j=1}^n P\left(\sup_{0\leq t<\infty} X(t) - \left\{\frac{1+t\Delta t_j}{\Delta t_j} \left[a_j\left(\frac{\Delta t_j}{1+t\Delta t_j} + t_{j-1}\right) + b_j - u_{j-1}\right] - \frac{\Delta u_j}{\Delta t_j}\right\} < 0\right) K(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) du_n \cdots du_1$

where

$$\lambda_{j} = \begin{cases} \min \{a_{j}t_{j} + b_{j}, a_{j+1}t_{j} + b_{j+1}\}, & 1 \leq j < n \\ \\ a_{n}T + b_{n}, & j = n \end{cases}$$

and

$$K(\vec{t}, \vec{u}) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} (2\pi\Delta t_j)^{-1/2} \exp\{-(\Delta u_j)^2/(2\Delta t_j)\}.$$

But the probability in the integrand simplifies into

$$P\left(\sup_{0\leq t<\infty}X(t)-\{(a_{j}t_{j-1}+b_{j}-u_{j-1})t+(a_{j}t_{j}+b_{j}-u_{j})/\Delta t_{j}\}<0\right)$$

which, using Doob [2, p. 397], equals the expression

$$[1 - \exp\{-2(a_{j}t_{j-1} + b_{j} - u_{j-1})(a_{j}t_{j} + b_{j} - u_{j})/\Delta t_{j}\}].$$

Thus, we finally obtain the formula

$$P\left[\sup_{t_{j-1}\leq t\leq t_{j}} X(t) - (a_{j}t + b_{j}) < 0, \ 1 \leq j \leq n\right]$$

= $\int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_{1}} \cdot (n) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_{n}} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left[1 - \exp\left\{-2(a_{j}t_{j-1} + b_{j} - u_{j-1})(a_{j}t_{j} + b_{j} - u_{j})/\Delta t_{j}\right\}\right]$
 $\cdot \left[2\pi\Delta t_{j}\right]^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-(\Delta u_{j})^{2}/(2\Delta t_{j})\right\} du_{n} \cdots du_{1}.$

B. Example 1. For $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ let the a_j and b_j be as above. Let

$$E = \left\{ x \in C_w \, \middle| \, \sup_{t_j - 1 \leq i \leq t_j} X(t) - (a_j t + b_j) < 0, \, 1 \leq j \leq n \right\}.$$

Let $g(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ be Lebesgue measurable on \mathbb{R}^n . Then

$$\int_{E} g(x(t_{1}), \dots, x(t_{n})) d_{W}x$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_{1}} \cdots (n) \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\lambda_{n}} g(u_{1}, \dots, u_{n}) \prod_{j=1}^{n} [2\pi\Delta t_{j}]^{-1/2} \exp\{-(\Delta u_{j})^{2}/(2\Delta t_{j})\}$$

$$\cdot \prod_{j=1}^{n} [1 - \exp\{-2(a_{j}t_{j-1} + b_{j} - u_{j-1})(a_{j}t_{j} + b_{j} - u_{j})/\Delta t_{j}\}] du_{n} \cdots du_{1}$$

in the sense the existence of either side implies that of the other and their equality.

C. Application 2. Assume $\alpha(t)$ is of bounded variation on [0, T]and let $f(t) \equiv \int_0^t \alpha(s) ds$. For b > 0 we want to find the probability of the set

$$\Gamma_{f(\cdot)+b} = \left\{ \sup_{0 \le t \le T} X(t) - f(t) < b \right\}.$$

First, using the Corollary to Theorem 3, we have that

$$P\left[\Gamma_{f(\cdot)+b}\right] = e^{-1/2\int_0^T \alpha^2(t)dt} \int_{\Gamma_b} e^{-\int_0^T \alpha(t)dx(t)} d_w x.$$

Next, using Corollary 2 of Theorem 4, we obtain

$$P[\Gamma_{f(\cdot)+b}] = e^{-1/2\int_0^T \alpha^2(t)dt} \sum_{n=0}^\infty K_n(T)$$

where $K_n(T)$ is given by equation (5). This expression is an entirely different series expansion of the probability than the ones given by Park and Paranjape in [5].

D. Application 3. The Corollary to Theorem 3 is also useful to evaluate integrals of the type

$$\int_{\Gamma_f} e^{\int_0^T \alpha(t) dx(t)} d_W x$$

numerically for given $\alpha(t)$, f(t), and T. By the Corollary, the above integral is equal to

$$e^{1/2} \int_0^T \alpha^{2(t)dt} P\left\{\sup_{0\leq t\leq T} X(t) - \left[f(t) - \int_0^t \alpha(s)ds\right] < 0\right\},$$

and the last probability can be evaluated numerically using the Park-Schuurmann method [6].

The following table was computed by an IBM/168 with the unit interval divided into 2⁹ equal subintervals.

Estimates of $\int_{\Gamma_f} e^{\int_0^L \alpha(t) d\mathbf{x}(t)} d\mathbf{w} \mathbf{x}$					
$\alpha(t)$	sin t	e'	t	\sqrt{t}	
f(t)	<i>t</i> + 1	$t^2 + t + 1$	cos t	ln(t+1)+1	
The integral	.976414	3.729278	.467819	.939285	

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