

CONDITIONAL WIENER INTEGRALS AND AN INTEGRAL EQUATION

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1. Introduction

Let $(C[0, t], \beta^*, m_w)$ be the standard Wiener space; that is, $C[0, t]$ is the space of all real valued continuous functions x on $[0, t]$ with $x(0)=0$, m_w is the standard Wiener measure and β^* is the completion of the Borel σ -algebra of $C[0, t]$. Here, $t > 0$ is arbitrary but fixed. Let \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{C} denote the real and complex numbers respectively.

J. Yeh [8] introduced the concept of conditional Wiener integral which means the conditional expectation $E^w[Y|X]$ of a real or \mathbf{C} -valued Wiener integrable function Y conditioned by a Wiener measurable function X on $C[0, t]$ which is given as a function on the value space of X (precise definition will be given in the next section) and then derived inversion formulae for conditional Wiener integrals.

Let $\theta(\cdot, \cdot)$ be a \mathbf{C} -valued Borel measurable function on $[0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$ that is bounded by the constant $M > 0$ where t_0 is any positive real number. For $t \in [0, t_0]$ and $\xi \in \mathbf{R}$, let Y_t and X_t be Wiener measurable functions on $C[0, t]$, respectively, defined by

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} Y_t(x) &= \exp \left\{ \int_0^t \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds \right\}, \\ X_t(x) &= x(t) + \xi. \end{aligned}$$

Let us define a function on $(0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ by

$$(1.2) \quad U(t; \xi, \eta) = E^w[Y_t | X_t](\eta) (1/\sqrt{2\pi t}) \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\eta - \xi)^2}{2t} \right\}.$$

In Section 3, we show that by using an inversion formula (Proposition 2.2) for $E^w[Y_t | X_t]$ obtained by Yeh [7, 8], the function U given by (1.2) satisfies the integral equation

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$$(1.3) \quad U(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\eta - \xi)^2}{2t}\right\} + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbf{R}} \theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) \cdot \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\eta - \zeta)^2}{2(t-s)}\right\} d\zeta ds$$

for $(t, \xi, \eta) \in (0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ and the initial condition

$$(1.4) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} U(t; \xi, \eta) = \delta(\eta - \xi)$$

where δ is the Dirac delta function.

In [8], J. Yeh proved this result as an alternate way of deriving the Kac-Feynman formula [5] in the case where $\xi=0$ and $\theta(\cdot, \cdot)$ is given by a real valued, non-negative continuous function V on \mathbf{R} that is independent of s and that satisfies the condition

$$\int_{\mathbf{R}} V(u) \exp\left\{-\frac{u^2}{2t}\right\} du < \infty \text{ for every } t > 0.$$

In Section 4, we obtain a series expansion for the solution $U(t; \xi, \eta)$ of the integral equation (1.3) which is absolutely and uniformly convergent on $(0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$. We also show that if θ is sufficiently smooth, then the fundamental solution of a partial differential equation is given in terms of conditional Wiener integral.

In Section 5, we apply our results to the case where $\theta(s, \cdot)$'s are given by Fourier-Stieltjes transforms of elements σ_s of $M(\mathbf{R})$, the space of \mathbf{C} -valued countably additive (and hence bounded) Borel measures on \mathbf{R} .

2. Definitions and preliminaries.

A real valued function on the Wiener space $(C[0, t], \beta^*, m_w)$ is called Wiener measurable if it is β^* -measurable. For a Wiener measurable function F , we write

$$E^w[F] = \int_{C[0, t]} F(x) dm_w(x)$$

whenever the integral exists. We say that F is Wiener integrable when the Wiener integral of F exists and is finite. The Wiener measurability and Wiener integrability of a \mathbf{C} -valued function on $C[0, t]$ are defined in terms of its real and imaginary parts.

Let X be a real valued Wiener measurable function and Y a real-valued Wiener integrable function on $C[0, t]$. The conditional Wiener integral of Y given X , written $E^w[Y|X]$, is defined as the equivalence

class of real valued Borel measurable and P_X -integrable function ϕ modulo null functions on $(\mathbf{R}, \beta(\mathbf{R}), P_X)$ such that

$$\int_{X^{-1}(B)} Y(x) dm_w(x) = \int_B \phi(\zeta) dP_X(\zeta)$$

for every $B \in \beta(\mathbf{R})$, where $\beta(\mathbf{R})$ denotes the Borel σ -algebra of \mathbf{R} and P_X is the probability distribution of X defined by $P_X(B) = m_w(X^{-1}(B))$ for $B \in \beta(\mathbf{R})$. By the Radon-Nikodym theorem such a function ϕ exists and is determined up to a null function on $(\mathbf{R}, \beta(\mathbf{R}), P_X)$. We will let $E^w[Y|X]$ denote a representative of equivalence class and so for all $B \in \beta(\mathbf{R})$, we have

$$\int_{X^{-1}(B)} Y(x) dm_w(x) = \int_B E^w[Y|X](\zeta) dP_X(\zeta).$$

If Z is a \mathbf{C} -valued Wiener integrable function on $C[0, t]$, i. e. $Z = Z_1 + iZ_2$, where Z_1 and Z_2 are real-valued Wiener integrable functions, then $E^w[Z|X]$ is defined as

$$E^w[Z|X] = E^w[Z_1|X] + iE^w[Z_2|X].$$

Next we state three propositions which will be used in the sequel. The first two propositions can be proved, respectively, by using Proposition 1 and Theorem 3 of [8] and the fact that every \mathbf{C} -valued function can be expressed in terms of its real and imaginary parts. The last proposition is a well-known integral formula.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *Let X be a real-valued Wiener measurable functional on $C[0, t]$ and Z a \mathbf{C} -valued Wiener integrable functional on $C[0, t]$. Let g be a \mathbf{C} -valued measurable function on $(\mathbf{R}, \beta(\mathbf{R}))$. Then*

$$E^w[(g \cdot X)Z] = \int_{\mathbf{R}} g(\zeta) E^w[Z|X](\zeta) dP_X(\zeta)$$

in the sense that existence of one side implies that of the other as well as the equality of two.

PROPOSITION 2.2. *Let X and Z be as in Proposition 2.1. Assume that P_X is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure $d\zeta$ on \mathbf{R} and that $E^w[e^{iuX}Z]$ is an integrable function of u on \mathbf{R} . Then there exists a version of $E^w[Z|X]$ such that for $\zeta \in \mathbf{R}$,*

$$E^w[Z|X](\zeta) \frac{dP_X}{d\zeta}(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\zeta} E^w[e^{iuX}Z] du.$$

REMARK 2.1. It is worth to note that Proposition 2.2 shows that we

can always choose a version of $E^w[Z|X]$ that is a continuous function of ζ on \mathbf{R} .

PROPOSITION 2.3. *If $\operatorname{Re} b > 0$ and c is real,*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2 + icy} dy = (1/b^{\frac{1}{2}}) e^{-\frac{c^2}{2b}}.$$

3. The integral equation.

In this section, by applying a Yeh's inversion formula for the conditional Wiener integral, we derive the integral equation given by (1.3).

THEOREM 3.1. *For $t \in [0, t_0]$, let Y_t and X_t be as in (1.1). Then there exists a version of $E^w[Y_t | X_t]$ such that the function U given by (1.2) satisfies the integral equation (1.3) and the initial condition (1.4).*

Proof. It is clear that Y_t is Wiener integrable for every $t \in [0, t_0]$ since

$$|Y_t(x)| \leq \exp \int_0^t |\theta(r, x(r) + \xi)| dr \leq e^{Mt_0}.$$

Hence $E^w[Y_t | X_t]$ exists. Since $dY_s/ds = Y_s \cdot \theta(s, x(s) + \xi)$ for a.e. $s \in [0, t]$, we have by integrating with respect to s on $[0, t]$

$Y_t = 1 + \int_0^t Y_s(x) \cdot \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds$. After multiplying this equation by e^{iuX_t} and integrating over $C[0, t]$ we obtain

$$(3.1) \quad I(u) \equiv E^w[e^{iuX_t} Y_t] = E^w[e^{iu(x(t) + \xi)}] \\ + E^w[e^{iu(x(t) + \xi)} \int_0^t Y_s(x) \cdot \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds].$$

Now in order to derive the integral equation (1.3) by applying Proposition 2.2, we first need to show that $E^w[e^{iuX_t} Y_t]$ is a Lebesgue integrable function of u in \mathbf{R} .

First note that the function

$$(3.2) \quad I_1(u) \equiv E^w[e^{iu(x(t) + \xi)}] = e^{iu\xi - \frac{1}{2}u^2}$$

is clearly a Lebesgue integrable function of u on \mathbf{R} . Now let

$$(3.3) \quad I_2(u) \equiv E^w[e^{iu(x(t) + \xi)} \int_0^t Y_s(x) \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds]$$

and we will show that $I_2(u)$ is a Lebesgue integrable function of u in

R. To interchange the order of Wiener integral and the integral with respect to s on $[0, t]$ in (3.3), note that

$$|\exp\{iu(x(t) + \xi)\} Y_s(x)\theta(s, x(s) + \xi)| \leq Me^{Mt_0}$$

and that

$$\int_0^t E^w[Me^{Mt_0}] ds \leq Mt_0 e^{Mt_0} < \infty.$$

Thus the Fubini Theorem is applicable and hence we have

$$I_2(u) = \int_0^t E^w[e^{iu(x(t) + \xi)} Y_s(x)\theta(s, x(s) + \xi)] ds.$$

Let's write $e^{iu x(t)} = e^{iu(x(t) - x(s))} e^{iu x(s)}$. By the facts that $\{x(t) - x(s), x(r)\}$ is independent system of random variables on $(C[0, t], \beta^*, m_w)$ for $r \in (0, s]$ and that θ is Borel measurable on $[0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$, it can be shown [or see [6]] that $e^{iu(x(t) - x(s))}$ and $e^{iu x(s)} Y_s(x)\theta(s, x(s) + \xi)$ are independent random variables on $C[0, t]$. Hence it follows that

$$(3.4) \quad I_2(u) = \int_0^t e^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} E^w[e^{iu(x(s) + \xi)} Y_s(x)\theta(s, x(s) + \xi)] ds.$$

Let g be the measurable function on $(\mathbf{R}, \beta(\mathbf{R}))$ defined by $g(v) = e^{iuv}\theta(s, v)$ for fixed $u \in \mathbf{R}$ and $s \in (0, t_0]$. Then by Proposition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E^w[e^{iu(x(s) + \xi)} Y_s(x)\theta(s, x(s) + \xi)] &= E^w[(g \cdot X_s) Y_s] \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{iu\zeta}\theta(s, \zeta) E^w[Y_s | X_s](\zeta) \frac{dP_{X_s}}{d\zeta}(\zeta) d\zeta \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{iu\zeta}\theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) d\zeta \end{aligned}$$

and so from (3.4)

$$(3.5) \quad I_2(u) = \int_0^t e^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{iu\zeta}\theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) d\zeta ds.$$

To show that $I_2(u)$ is Lebesgue integrable, observe that

$$|e^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} e^{iu\zeta}\theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta)| \leq Me^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} |U(s; \xi, \zeta)|$$

for $(s, \xi, \zeta, u) \in (0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$, and that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}} |U(s; \xi, \zeta)| d\zeta &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} |E^w[Y_s | X_s](\zeta)| \frac{dP_{X_s}}{d\zeta}(\zeta) d\zeta \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbf{R}} E^w[|Y_s| | X_s](\zeta) dP_{X_s}(\zeta) \\ &= E^w[|Y_s|]. \end{aligned}$$

Now using (3.5) with (3.6) and applying the Fubini Theorem, we obtain

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{\mathbf{R}} |I_2(u)| du \leq \int_0^t \int_{\mathbf{R}} M e^{Mt_0} e^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} du ds \leq 2\sqrt{2\pi t_0} M e^{Mt_0}.$$

From (3.2) and (3.7), the functions $I_1(u)$ and $I_2(u)$ are Lebesgue integrable. Hence by (3.1), $E^w[e^{iuX_t}Y_t]$ is a Lebesgue integrable function of u on \mathbf{R} . It follows from Proposition 2.2 and the fact $dP_{X_t}/d\eta = (1/\sqrt{2\pi t}) \exp\{-(\eta-\xi)^2/2t\}$ that there exists a version of $E^w[Y_t|X_t]$ such that for $\eta \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{aligned} U(t; \xi, \eta) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} E^w[e^{iuX_t}Y_t] du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} (I_1(u) + I_2(u)) du. \end{aligned}$$

By using (3.2) and Proposition 2.3, we have

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} I_1(u) du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}}$$

By using (3.5) and Fubini Theorem, we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} I_2(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \int_0^t e^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{iu\zeta} \theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) d\zeta ds du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbf{R}} \left[\int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu(\eta-\zeta)} e^{-\frac{t-s}{2}u^2} du \right] \theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) d\zeta ds \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\zeta)^2}{2(t-s)}} \theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) d\zeta ds \end{aligned}$$

Hence by substituting (3.9) and (3.10) into (3.8) we obtain the integral equation (1.3). The initial condition (1.4) is verified by noting that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \theta(s, \zeta) U(s; \xi, \zeta) \exp\left\{-\frac{(\eta-\zeta)^2}{2(t-s)}\right\} d\zeta ds = 0$$

and that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}} = \delta(\eta-\xi).$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

4. A series expansion for the solution of the integral equation.

In this section we will obtain a useful series expansion in terms of integrals over finite dimensional spaces for the solution of the integral equation (1.3). We also show that the fundamental solution of a partial differential equation is given in terms of the conditional Wiener integral.

THEOREM 4.1. *Let X_t and Y_t be as in (1.1). The solution of the integral equation (1.3) can be expressed by a series*

$$(4.1) \quad U(t; \xi, \eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(t; \xi, \eta) \quad \text{for } (t, \xi, \eta) \in (0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad U_0(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}}$$

and for $n \geq 1$.

$$(4.3) \quad U_n(t; \xi, \eta) = \int_{A_n(t)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^{n+1} 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1})^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, v_j) \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{(v_j - v_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} \right\} d\vec{v} d\vec{s},$$

where $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$, $v_{n+1} = \eta$, $v_0 = \xi$ and

$$A_n(t) = \{ \vec{s} = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) \in [0, t]^n; 0 = s_0 < s_1 < \dots < s_n \leq s_{n+1} = t \}.$$

Furthermore, the series (4.1) converges absolutely and uniformly on $(0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$.

Proof. We have shown that in the proof of Theorem 3.1 there exists a version of $E^w[Y_t | X_t]$ such that for $\eta \in \mathbf{R}$,

$$(4.4) \quad U(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \exp \int_0^t \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds \right] du.$$

By expanding the last exponential in the right side of (4.4), we obtain a series expansion $U(t; \xi, \eta) = U_0(t; \xi, \eta) + U'(t; \xi, \eta)$ where

$$(4.5) \quad U_0(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \right] du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}}$$

and

$$(4.6) \quad U'(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f^n(x)}{n!} \right] du$$

with $f^n(x) = \left\{ \int_0^t \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds \right\}^n$. Thus to get our desired series expansion, we will work with $U'(t; \xi, \eta)$. Note that for all $k \geq 1$,

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{1}{n!} \left[\int_0^t \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds \right]^n \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{(Mt)^n}{n!} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(Mt_0)^n}{n!}.$$

Hence by the dominated convergence theorem, (4.6) equals

$$\begin{aligned} (4.7) \quad & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \left[\int_0^t \theta(s, x(s) + \xi) ds \right]^n \right] du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{[0, t]^n} E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, x(s_j) + \xi) \right] d\vec{s} \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{d_n(t)} E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, x(s_j) + \xi) \right] d\vec{s} \, du \end{aligned}$$

where the first equality is justified by the Fubini Theorem. Now applying a basic Wiener integral formula we see that

$$\begin{aligned} (4.8) \quad & E^w \left[e^{iu(x(t)+\xi)} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, x(s_j) + \xi) \right] \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}^{n+1}} e^{iu(w_{n+1} + \xi)} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, w_j + \xi) \left[\prod_{j=1}^{n+1} 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{(w_j - w_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} \right\} dw_{n+1} \, d\vec{w} \end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$, $s_{n+1} = t$ and $w_0 = s_0 = 0$. Next by applying Proposition 2.3, we integrate first with respect to w_{n+1} . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (4.9) \quad & \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left[\prod_{j=1}^n 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, w_j + \xi) \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(w_j - w_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + iu(w_n + \xi) - \frac{t - s_n}{2} u^2 \right\} d\vec{w}. \end{aligned}$$

Now making substitution $v_j = w_j + \xi$ for $j=1, 2, \dots, n$ in (4.9), we see that (4.9) equals

$$\begin{aligned} (4.10) \quad & \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \left[\prod_{j=1}^n 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, v_j) \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(v_j - v_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + iv_n u - \frac{t - s_n}{2} u^2 \right\} d\vec{v}, \end{aligned}$$

where $v_0 = \xi$. Next we want to interchange the order of the integral with respect to du and the summation in (4.7). We can justify doing this by finding a Lebesgue integrable function of u on \mathbf{R} which dominates the series

$$(4.11) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \int_{\mathcal{A}_n(\ell)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^n 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, v_j) \cdot \right. \\ \left. \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(v_j - v_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} + i v_n u - \frac{t - s_n}{2} u^2 \right\} d\vec{v} \, d\vec{s} \right|.$$

But it can be shown that the series (4.11) is dominated by the function

$$(4.12) \quad \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(Mt_0)^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{1}{t_0} \right] \int_0^t e^{-\frac{t-s}{2} u^2} ds,$$

which is clearly a Lebesgue integrable function of u in \mathbf{R} . Hence by the dominated convergence theorem, we have, from (4.7),

$$U'(t; \xi, \eta) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} U_n(t; \xi, \eta) \quad \text{where}$$

$$(4.13) \quad U_n(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \int_{\mathcal{A}_n(\ell)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^n 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, v_j) \cdot \\ \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(v_j - v_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} + i v_n u - \frac{t - s_n}{2} u^2 \right\} d\vec{v} \, d\vec{s} \, du$$

with $v_0 = \xi$. Now by applying Proposition 2.3, we integrate the right hand side of (4.13) with respect to u to obtain

$$(4.14) \quad U_n(t; \xi, \eta) = \int_{\mathcal{A}_n(\ell)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^{n+1} 2\pi (s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, v_j) \cdot \\ \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{(v_j - v_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} \right\} d\vec{v} \, d\vec{s}$$

where $v_{n+1} = \eta$, $v_0 = \xi$, $s_{n+1} = t$ and $s_0 = 0$. Hence by making use of (4.5) and (4.14) we obtain the series expansion in the theorem. Furthermore, observe that for $n \geq 1$,

$$|U_n(t; \xi, \eta)| \leq \frac{(Mt_0)^n}{n!} 2(\sqrt{2\pi t_0})^{-1}$$

and so the series $U(t; \xi, \eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$ converges absolutely and uniformly on $(0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$.

The following corollary shows that the sequence $\{U_n\}$ for the solution of the integral equation (1.3) can be obtained recursively.

COROLLARY 4.2. For $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $(t, \xi, \eta) \in (0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$,

$$(4.15) \quad U_{n+1}(t; \xi, \eta) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi(t-s)}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\eta - \zeta)^2}{2(t-s)} \right\} \theta(s, \zeta) \cdot \\ U_n(s; \xi, \zeta) d\zeta \, ds$$

where $U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$'s are given by (4.2) and (4.3).

Proof. The proof can be easily done by using the induction on n and the Fubini Theorem.

Let $\theta(\cdot, \cdot)$ be as in Section 1. For $t \in [0, t_0]$ and $\xi \in \mathbf{R}$, let X_t and F_t be the functionals on $(C[0, t_0], \beta^*, m_w)$, respectively, defined by

$$(4.16) \quad \begin{aligned} X_t(x) &= x(t) + \xi, \\ F_t(x) &= \exp \left\{ \int_0^t \theta(t-s, x(s) + \xi) ds \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If θ satisfies the following smoothness condition:

$$(4.17) \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{the first derivatives } \theta_t \text{ and } \theta_\xi \text{ in } (0, t_0) \times \mathbf{R} \text{ are continuous} \\ &\text{and have the properties, } |\theta_t(t, \xi)| \leq B_1 \exp\{B_2|\xi|\} \text{ and} \\ &|\theta_\xi(t, \xi)| \leq B_1 \exp\{B_2|\xi|\} \text{ for some } B_1, B_2, \end{aligned}$$

then from the Theorem 4 of [1] the function G on $(0, t_0) \times \mathbf{R}$ given by

$$G(t, \xi) = \int_{C[0, t]} F_t(x) \phi(x(t) + \xi) dm_w(x)$$

is a solution of a partial differential equation (modified heat equation):

$$(4.18) \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial \xi^2} + \theta(t, \xi) G \text{ in } (0, t_0) \times \mathbf{R}$$

with the initial condition

$$(4.19) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} G(t, \xi) = \phi(\xi)$$

for every $\xi \in \mathbf{R}$ where ϕ is a \mathbf{C} -valued continuous function such that $\phi(\eta) \exp\{-\alpha\eta^2\}$ is Lebesgue integrable on \mathbf{R} for each α satisfying $\alpha > \frac{1}{4t_0}$.

REMARK 4.1. The condition on ϕ implies that $G(t, \xi)$ exists and is finite for each $(t, \xi) \in (0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$: Indeed, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\eta - \xi)^2}{2t} \right\} &= \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\eta/2 - 2\xi)^2}{2t} - \frac{3\eta^2}{8t} + \frac{3\xi^2}{2t} \right\} \\ &\leq \exp \left\{ -\frac{3\eta^2}{8t} + \frac{3\xi^2}{2t} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for each $(t, \xi) \in (0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$, we have

$$|G(t, \xi)| \leq e^{Mt_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\mathbf{R}} |\phi(\eta)| e^{-\frac{(\eta - \xi)^2}{2t}} d\eta < \infty$$

since $\frac{3}{8t} > \frac{1}{4t_0}$.

The following theorem shows that if θ satisfies the smoothness condition (4.17), then the function Γ on $(0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ defined by

$$(4.20) \quad \Gamma(t; \eta, \xi) = E^w [F_t | X_t](\eta) (1/\sqrt{2\pi t}) \exp\left\{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}\right\}$$

is the fundamental solution of the partial differential equation (4.18) with (4.19).

THEOREM 4.3. *Let X_t and F_t be as in (4.16) and let $\phi(\eta)$ be a \mathbf{C} -valued function such that $\phi(\eta) \exp\{-\alpha\eta^2\}$ is Lebesgue integrable on \mathbf{R} for all $\alpha > \frac{1}{4t_0}$. Then*

$$(4.21) \quad \int_{C[0,t]} F_t(x) \phi(x(t) + \xi) dm_w(x) = \int_{\mathbf{R}} \phi(\eta) \Gamma(t; \eta, \xi) d\eta$$

and integrals on both sides exist. Furthermore $\Gamma(t; \eta, \xi)$ has a series expansion given by the series (4.1) with $v_{n+1} = \xi$ and $v_0 = \eta$.

Proof. Let $g(\eta) = \phi(\eta)$. Then by Proposition 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{C[0,t]} \exp\left\{\int_0^t \theta(t-s, x(s) + \xi) ds\right\} \phi(x(t) + \xi) dm_w(x) \\ &= E^w[(\phi \cdot X_t) F_t] \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} \phi(\eta) E^w[F_t | X_t](\eta) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}} d\eta \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} \phi(\eta) \Gamma(t; \eta, \xi) d\eta. \end{aligned}$$

By Remark 4.1, integrals of both sides in (4.21) exist. By noting the fact that

$$\int_0^t \theta(t-s, x(s) + \xi) ds = \int_0^t \theta(s, x(t-s) + \xi) ds,$$

we can obtain a series expansion for $\Gamma(t; \eta, \xi)$ from the series (4.1) by interchanging the starting point ξ at $s=0$ and the ending point η at $s=t$.

REMARK 4.2. We may say that $E^w[F_t | X_t](\eta)$ means the expectation of F_t over the spaces of continuous functions $y(s) = x(t-s) + \xi$ starting at η at time $s=0$ and ending at ξ at time $s=t$, where x is in $C[0, t]$.

5. An application.

Let \mathcal{Q} be the set of all \mathbf{C} -valued functions on $[0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$ of the form

$$(5.1) \quad \theta(s, u) = \int_{\mathbf{R}} \exp(iuv) d\sigma_s(v)$$

where $\{\sigma_s; 0 \leq s \leq t_0\}$ is a family from $M(\mathbf{R})$ satisfying the following two conditions:

(5.1a) For every $B \in \beta(\mathbf{R})$, $\sigma_s(B)$ is Borel measurable in s .

(5.1b) There exists $K > 0$ such that $\|\sigma_s\| \leq K$ for all s in $[0, t_0]$, where $\|\sigma_s\|$ is the total variation of σ_s .

REMARK 5.1. (1) Any function θ in \mathcal{Q} is \mathbf{C} -valued, Borel measurable and bounded on $[0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$ (see [4]). We note that \mathcal{Q} is an important class of functions in the theory of Feynman integral (see, for examples, [2], [4]).

(2) Let $\mu \in M(\mathbf{R})$ and define $\sigma_s \equiv T_{1+s}\mu$ where $(T_{1+s}\mu)(B) = \mu\left(\frac{1}{1+s}B\right)$ for $B \in \beta(\mathbf{R})$. Then it can be shown (or see Lemma 2.3 [3]) that for every $B \in \beta(\mathbf{R})$, $\sigma_s(B)$ is a Borel measurable function of s in $[0, t_0]$. Since $\|\sigma_s\| = \|\mu\| < \infty$ for all $s \in [0, t_0]$, $\{\sigma_s; 0 \leq s \leq t_0\}$ is a family in $M(\mathbf{R})$ satisfying the conditions (5.1a, b).

THEOREM 5.1. Let $\theta \in \mathcal{Q}$ be given by (5.1) and X_t and Y_t be as in (1.1). Then the function U given by (1.2) is a solution of the integral equation (1.3) with (1.4). A series expansion for the solution $U(t; \xi, \eta)$ can be expressed by $U(t; \xi, \eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$ where

$$(5.2) \quad U_0(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}}$$

and for $n \geq 1$

$$(5.3) \quad U_n(t, \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{A_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j \right. \\ \left. + i\xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j + \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n y_j s_j + i(\eta - \xi) \right]^2 \right\} \\ d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s}$$

where $\delta_{j,l}$ denotes the Kronecker delta.

Proof. Since θ is \mathbf{C} -valued, bounded Borel measurable on $[0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$, by Theorem 3.1 $U(t; \xi, \eta)$ is a solution of integral equation (1.3)

with (1.4). By Theorem 4.1 the solution $U(t; \xi, \eta)$ has a series expansion $U(t; \xi, \eta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$, where $U_0(t; \xi, \eta)$ and $U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$ are given as in (4.2) and (4.3), respectively.

To get our desired series expansion, we will work with $U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$ given in (4.3). Now by noting that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \exp \left\{ -iu\eta + iuv_n - \frac{t-s_n}{2} u^2 \right\} du = [2\pi(t-s_n)]^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-v_n)^2}{2(t-s_n)}}$$

and that $\prod_{j=1}^n \theta(s_j, v_j) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ i \sum_{j=1}^n y_j v_j \right\} d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n)$, we can rewrite $U_n(t; \xi, \eta)$ as

$$(5.4) \quad \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \left[\prod_{j=1}^n 2\pi(s_j - s_{j-1}) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} e^{-iu\eta - \frac{t-s_n}{2} u^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(v_j - v_{j-1})^2}{s_j - s_{j-1}} + i \sum_{j=1}^n y_j v_j + iuv_n u \right\} d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) du d\vec{v} d\vec{s}.$$

Now one can easily justify interchanging the order of integrations with respect to $d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n)$ and $d\vec{v}$. By doing this and carrying out the integrations with respect to v_n , then with respect to v_{n-1}, \dots , and finally with respect to v_1 , we see that (5.4) equals

$$(5.5) \quad \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \{ (t-s_n) u^2 + (s_n - s_{n-1})(u+y_n)^2 + \cdots + (s_1 - s_0)(u+y_1 + \cdots + y_n)^2 \} + i\xi(u+y_1 + \cdots + y_n) \right] dud\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) ds_1 ds_2 \cdots ds_n \\ = \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{-iu\eta} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j + i\xi(y_1 + \cdots + y_n) \right] e^{i\xi u - \frac{t}{2} u^2 + \left(\sum_{j=1}^n y_j s_j \right) u} du d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s},$$

where $s_0=0$.

Now carrying out integration with respect to du , we see that

$$(5.6) \quad U_n(t; \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j + \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n s_j y_j \right]^2 - \frac{(\eta - \xi)^2}{2t} + i \frac{1}{t} (\eta - \xi) \sum_{j=1}^n s_j y_j + i\xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right\} d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s}.$$

Since (5.6) equals (5.3), we obtain the series in the theorem.

COROLLARY 5.2. *Let $\theta \in \mathcal{Q}$ be given by (5.1) and Y_t be as in (1.1). Then $E^W[Y_t]$ is given by the series*

$$1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j + i \xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right\} d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s}.$$

Proof. In the expression (5.6), one can show that

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j - \frac{1}{t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n s_j y_j \right]^2 \right] > 0 \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

So we have

$$(5.7) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |U_n(t; \xi, \eta)| \leq \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(Mt_0)^n}{n!} \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}},$$

so that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |U_n(t; \xi, \eta)|$ is dominated by a Lebesgue integrable function of η . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E^W[Y_t] &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} E^W[Y_t | X_t](\eta) \frac{dP_{X_t}}{d\eta}(\eta) d\eta \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_n(t; \xi, \eta) d\eta \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbf{R}} U_n(t; \xi, \eta) d\eta \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}} d\eta + \\ &\quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{A_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \int_{\mathbf{R}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j + i \xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n s_j y_j \right]^2 - \frac{1}{2t} (\eta - \xi)^2 + i \frac{1}{t} (\eta - \xi) \sum_{j=1}^n y_j s_j \right\} d\eta d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{A_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2 - \delta_{j,l}) y_j y_l s_j + i \xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right\} \\ &\quad d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s}, \end{aligned}$$

where the third equality is justified by (5.7) and the fourth equality by the Fubini Theorem.

COROLLARY 5.3. *Let $\theta \in \mathcal{Q}$ be given by (5.1) and F_t and X_t as in (4.16). Then the function $\Gamma(t; \eta, \xi)$ given by (4.20) has a series expansion given by $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_n(t; \eta, \xi)$ where*

$$(5.8) \quad \Gamma_0(t; \eta, \xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} e^{-\frac{(\eta-\xi)^2}{2t}}$$

and

$$(5.9) \quad \Gamma_n(t; \eta, \xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2-\delta_{j,i}) y_j y_i (t-s_i) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n y_j (t-s_j) + i(\eta-\xi) \right]^2 + i\xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right\} \\ d\sigma_{s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s}.$$

Proof. For a fixed $t \in [0, t_0]$, let $\sigma_s^* = \sigma_{t-s}$ and $\theta^*(s, \cdot) = \theta(t-s, \cdot)$ for $s \in [0, t_0]$. Then $\theta^*(s, u) = \int_{\mathbf{R}} \exp\{iuv\} d\sigma_s^*(v)$. Since $\{\sigma_s^* : 0 \leq s \leq t_0\}$ satisfies the conditions (5.1a, b) [Prop. 3.2 of [4]] and $F_t(x) = \exp\left\{\int_0^t \theta^*(s, x(s) + \xi) ds\right\}$, it follows from Theorem 5.1 that $\Gamma(t; \eta, \xi)$ has a series expansion $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_n(t; \eta, \xi)$ where $\Gamma_0(t; \eta, \xi)$ is given as (5.2) and $\Gamma_n(t; \eta, \xi)$ is given as

$$(5.10) \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2-\delta_{j,i}) y_j y_i s_j + i\xi \sum_{j=1}^n y_j + \right. \\ \left. \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n y_j s_j + i(\eta-\xi) \right]^2 \right\} d\sigma_{t-s_1}(y_1) d\sigma_{t-s_2}(y_2) \cdots d\sigma_{t-s_n}(y_n) d\vec{s}.$$

If we set $s_j' = t - s_{n+1-j}$ and $y_j' = y_{n+1-j}$, we obtain

$$\Gamma_n(t; \eta, \xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^l (2-\delta_{j,i}) y'_{n+1-j} y'_{n+1-i} (t-s'_{n+1-j}) \right. \\ \left. + i\xi \sum_{j=1}^n y'_{n+1-j} + \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{j=1}^n y'_{n+1-j} (t-s'_{n+1-j}) + i(\eta-\xi) \right]^2 \right\} \\ d\sigma_{s'_n}(y'_n) d\sigma_{s'_{n-1}}(y'_{n-1}) \cdots d\sigma_{s'_1}(y'_1) ds'_1 ds'_2 \cdots ds'_n \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \int_{\Delta_n(t)} \int_{\mathbf{R}^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^l (2-\delta_{i,k}) y'_i y'_k (t-s'_i) \right. \\ \left. + i\xi \sum_{i=1}^n y'_i + \frac{1}{2t} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n y'_k (t-s'_k) + i(\eta-\xi) \right]^2 \right\} \\ d\sigma_{s'_1}(y'_1) d\sigma_{s'_2}(y'_2) \cdots d\sigma_{s'_n}(y'_n) ds'_1 ds'_2 \cdots ds'_n.$$

Hence this completes the proof of the corollary.

REMARK 5.2 Let $\{\sigma_s : 0 \leq s \leq t_0\}$ be a family in $M(\mathbf{R})$ such that the corresponding \mathbf{C} -valued Borel measurable function θ on $[0, t_0] \times \mathbf{R}$ sati-

sifies the smoothness condition (4.17). Then Theorem 4.3 shows that $\Gamma(t; \eta, \xi)$ is the fundamental solution of the partial differential equation (4.18) with (4.19). We note that such a family $\{\sigma_s : 0 \leq s \leq t_0\}$ exists; for example, $\{\sigma_s = T_{1+s}\mu : 0 \leq s \leq t_0\}$, where μ is the Gaussian measure on \mathbf{R} of which Fourier transform is given by $e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$.

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