Wiener Integral Representations for Certain Semigroups which have Infinitesimal Generators with Matrix Coefficients

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1. Introduction. Let B_i be a bounded continuous $N \times N$ complex matrix-valued function on \mathbf{R}^n for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and let V be a bounded Borel measurable $N \times N$ complex matrix-valued functions on \mathbf{R}^n . Finally let $\partial_i = \partial/\partial x^i$, $B \cdot \nabla = \sum_{i=1}^n B_i \partial_i$, and $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^n (\partial_i)^2$. It is the purpose of this paper to prove that

$$(1.1) \qquad \exp \left(t\left[\frac{1}{2}\triangle + B \cdot \nabla + V\right]\right)\varphi(x) = \mathbf{M}_{x}(\alpha(t)\varphi(X_{t})),$$

where $\{X_t\}$ is the Wiener process in \mathbb{R}^n , \mathbb{M}_x is the Wiener integral for paths starting at $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\varphi \in L_2(\mathbb{R}^n; \mathbb{C}^N)$, and $\alpha(\cdot)$ is the solution of the stochastic integral equation

(1.2)
$$\alpha(t) = I + \int_0^t \alpha(\tau)B(X_\tau) dX_\tau + \int_0^t \alpha(\tau)V(X_\tau) d\tau.$$

(See Remark 2.3 where the precise meaning of the left hand side of (1.1) is given.)

Results similar to those in this paper have been obtained by Daleckii [6] although the method of proof is completely different. For the scalar case (N = 1) the solution (1.2) can be given explicitly as follows:

(1.3)
$$\alpha(t) = \exp \left[\int_0^t B(X_\tau) \ dX_\tau + \int_0^t \left(V(X_\tau) - \frac{1}{2} B^2(X_\tau) \right) \ d\tau \right].$$

(See Theorem 7.2, p. 222, in [8]. Also see [5] and references given there to earlier papers of Cameron and Martin.)

Using (1.3) in the right hand side of (1.1) we obtain the well-known Wiener integral representation for solutions of diffusion equations. See, for example,

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