

## STOCHASTIC ITÔ-DIFFERENTIAL AND INTEGRAL OF FRACTIONAL-ORDERS

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ABSTRACT. The fractional calculus operators for the second order mean-square ( continuous or Riemann integrable) stochastic processes have been discussed in some papers (see [5]-[11]). The combinations between this fractional calculus operators with the integer orders stochastic Itô-differential and stochastic Itô-integral can be found, recently, in [2]-[4]. In this paper, we introduce the definitions of the stochastic Itô-differential and the stochastic Itô-integral of fractional-orders. Some main properties will be proved. As applications some initial value problems of Itô-differential equations of fractional-orders will be studied in the classes  $C([0, T], L_2(\Omega))$ ,  $L_1([0, T], L_2(\Omega))$  and  $L_2([0, T], L_2(\Omega))$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $I = [0, T]$ . Let  $(\Omega, F, P)$  be a fixed probability space, where  $\Omega$  is a sample space,  $F$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $P$  is a probability measure. Let  $X(t; \omega) = \{X(t), t \in I, \omega \in \Omega\}$  be a second order stochastic process, i.e.,  $E(X^2(t)) < \infty, t \in I$ . Let  $C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ ,  $L_1(I, L_2(\Omega))$  and  $L_2(I, L_2(\Omega))$  be the spaces of all mean square continuous,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  mean square integrable second order stochastic processes on  $I$ . The norms of this Banach spaces are

$$\|X\|_C = \max_t \|X(t)\|_2, \text{ where } \|X(t)\|_2 = (E(X^2(t)))^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$\|X\|_{L_1} = \int_0^T \|x(s)\|_2 ds, \quad \|X\|_{L_2}^2 = \int_0^T \|x(s)\|_2^2 ds$$

respectively.

Let  $X(t)$  be a second order mean square continuous or Riemann integrable on  $[0, T]$ . The Riemann-Liouville fractional-order integral

$$I^\beta X(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} X(s) ds, \quad \beta \in (0, 1] \tag{1}$$

and the fractional-order derivatives in the Riemann-Liouville and Caputo senses

$${}_t^*D^\alpha X(t) = {}^R D^\alpha X(t) = \frac{d}{dt} I^{1-\alpha} X(t) \text{ and } {}^C D^\alpha x(t) = I^{1-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} X(t) \tag{2}$$

have been considered in [5]-[11].

Here, (in sec. 2) we give the definition and some of the main properties of the stochastic Itô-integral  $F_\alpha f(t)$  and (in sec. 3) the stochastic Itô-differential  ${}_t^*d^\alpha f(t)$  operators of fractional-order  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  for the mean square continuous second order stochastic processes  $\{f(t), t \in [0, T]\}$ .

As an application, (in sec. 4) the existence of solutions of some problems of stochastic Itô-differential equations of fractional-orders will be studied.

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## 2. FRACTIONAL-ORDER STOCHASTIC ITÔ-INTEGRAL

For the the stochastic Itô-integral ( see [9], [12] and [14]) we have

**Definition 1.** Let  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  be a given second order mean square continuous processes. The stochastic Itô-integral of  $f$  with respect to the Brownian motion  $w$  is defined by

$$F_1(f(t)) = \int_a^t f(s)dw(s) \quad (3)$$

Now, we can define the stochastic Itô-integral of fractional-order  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  of the function  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  with respect to the Brownian motion  $w$  as follows

**Definition 2.** Let  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . We define the stochastic Itô-integral of fractional-order of the function  $f$  by

$$F_\alpha f(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s)dw(s) \quad (4)$$

**2.1. Main properties.** For the main properties of the operator  $F_\alpha f$ ,  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  we have the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** A necessarily condition for the existence of the stochastic fractional-order Itô-integral  $F_\alpha f(t)$ ,  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  is that  $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ .

*Proof.* From definition 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_\alpha f(t)\|_2^2 &= \left\| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s)dw(s) \right\|^2 \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{2\alpha-2}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|f(s)\|_2^2 ds, \quad \alpha > 1/2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|f\|_C^2}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \left( -\frac{(t-s)^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \Big|_0^t \right) = \frac{t^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha)\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|f\|_C^2 \\ &\leq \frac{T^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha)\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|f\|_C^2, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\|F_\alpha f(t)\|_2 \leq \frac{T^{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\Gamma(2\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)}} \|f\|_C. \quad (5)$$

□

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ . Then

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} F_\alpha f(t) = F_1 f(t) = \int_a^t f(s)dw(s).$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 f(t) - F_\alpha f(t) &= \int_0^t \left( 1 - \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) f(s)dw(s), \\ \|F_1 f(t) - F_\alpha f(t)\|_2^2 &\leq \int_0^t \left( 1 - \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^2 \|f(s)\|_2^2 ds \\ &\leq \|f\|_C^2 \int_0^t \left( \frac{(t-s)^{1-\alpha} - 1}{\Gamma(\alpha)(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} \right)^2 ds. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$ , then we have [13]

$$(t-s)^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now

$$0 \leq \|F_1 f(t) - F_\alpha f(t)\|_2^2 \leq \|f\|_C^2 \int_0^t \left( \frac{(t-s)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1}{\Gamma(\alpha)(t-s)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^2 ds.$$

Then we deduce that

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \|F_1 f(t) - F_\alpha f(t)\|_2 = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} F_\alpha f(t) = F_1 f(t) = \int_a^t f(s)dw(s).$$

□

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ . Then

$$I^\beta(F_\alpha f(t)) = F_{\alpha+\beta}f(t).$$

*Proof.* Firstly, as in [9] and [14], we can formally write  $dw(s) = \frac{dw(s)}{ds}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} I^\beta(F_\alpha f(t)) &= I^\beta \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) \frac{dw(s)}{ds} ds = I^\beta I^\alpha f(t) \frac{dw(t)}{dt} = I^{\beta+\alpha} f(t) \frac{dw(t)}{dt} \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} f(s) dw(s) = F_{\alpha+\beta}f(t). \end{aligned}$$

Now, from the existence of  $F_{\alpha+\beta}f(t)$ , we obtain the result. Also we have

$$\|F_{\alpha+\beta}f(t)\|_2^2 \leq \frac{T^{2(\alpha+\beta)-1}}{\Gamma(2(\alpha+\beta))\Gamma^2(\alpha+\beta)} \|f\|_C^2$$

and

$$\|F_{\alpha+\beta}f(t)\|_2 \leq \frac{T^{\alpha+\beta-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\Gamma(2(\alpha+\beta))}\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \|f\|_C.$$

□

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\alpha \in (1/2, 1)$ . If  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  or  $f \in L_2(I, L_2(\Omega))$ ,  $\|f\|_2^2 \leq k$ , then

$$F_\alpha f(t) \Big|_{t=0} = 0.$$

*Proof.* From definition 2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_\alpha f(t)\|_2^2 &= \left\| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s) \right\|^2 \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{2\alpha-2}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|f(s)\|_2^2 ds \\ &\leq \frac{\|f\|_C^2}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \left( -\frac{(t-s)^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \Big|_0^t \right) = \frac{t^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha)\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|f\|_C^2, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$0 \leq \|F_\alpha f(t)\|_2 \leq \frac{t^{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\Gamma(2\alpha)}\Gamma(\alpha)} \|f\|_C$$

and as  $t \rightarrow 0$ , then we get  $F_\alpha f(t) \Big|_{t=0} = 0$ .

□

The following corollary can be also proved

**Corollary 1.** The results of Lemmas 1, 2, and 4 can be also obtain if  $f \in L_2(I, L_2(\Omega))$  and  $\|f\|_2^2 \leq k$ .

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\alpha + \beta > 1$ ,  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ . Then we have

(i)

$$\frac{d}{dt} F_{\alpha+\beta} f(t) = F_{\alpha+\beta-1} f(t)$$

(ii)

$$I^{1-\beta} \frac{d}{dt} F_{\alpha+\beta} f(t) = F_\alpha f(t)$$

(iii)

$$I^{1-\alpha} F_\alpha f(t) = F_1 f(t)$$

*Proof.* (i)  $F_{\alpha+\beta} f(t) = I^1 F_{\alpha+\beta-1} f(t)$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dt} F_{\alpha+\beta} f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} I^1 F_{\alpha+\beta-1} f(t) = F_{\alpha+\beta-1} f(t).$$

(ii)  $I^{1-\beta} \frac{d}{dt} F_{\alpha+\beta} f(t) = I^{1-\beta} F_{\alpha+\beta-1} f(t) = F_{\alpha+\beta-1+1-\beta} f(t) = F_{\alpha} f(t).$

Then

$$I^{1-\beta} \frac{d}{dt} F_{\alpha+\beta} f(t) = F_{\alpha} f(t).$$

(iii)  $I^{1-\alpha} F_{\alpha} f(t) = F_{\alpha+1-\alpha} f(t) = F_1 f(t),$

□

**Lemma 6.**

$$F_{\alpha} : C(I, L_2(\Omega)) \rightarrow C(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\alpha} f(t_2) - F_{\alpha} f(t_1) &= \int_0^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s) - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s) \\ &= \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s) + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s). \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s) \right\|_2^2 &\leq \|f\|_C^2 \left( \int_0^{t_1} \left( \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^2 ds \right) \\ &\leq \|f\|_C^2 \left( \int_0^{t_1} \left( \frac{(t_1 - s)^{1-\alpha} - (t_2 - s)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)(t_1 - s)^{1-\alpha}(t_2 - s)^{1-\alpha}} \right)^2 ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) dw(s) \right\|_2^2 \leq \|f\|_C^2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{2\alpha-2}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} ds.$$

Then by ( Lebesgue Theorem [1])  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $|t_2 - t_1| < \delta$  implies that

$$\|F_{\alpha} f(t_2) - F_{\alpha} f(t_1)\|_2 < \epsilon.$$

□

**Lemma 7.**

$$F_{\alpha} : L_2(I, L_2(\Omega)) \rightarrow L_2(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

*Proof.* For  $X \in L_2([0, T], L_2(\Omega))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_{\alpha} X(t)\|_2^2 &= \left\| \int_0^t \frac{(t - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} X(s) dw(s) \right\|_2^2 \\ &\leq \int_0^t \frac{(t - s)^{2\alpha-2}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|X(s)\|_2^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|F_{\alpha} g_1(t, X(t))\|_{L_2}^2 \leq \int_0^T \|X(s)\|_2^2 \int_s^T \frac{(t - s)^{2\alpha-2}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} dt ds \leq \|X\|_{L_2}^2 \frac{T^{2\alpha-1}}{(2\alpha - 1)\Gamma^2(\alpha)}.$$

Then

$$\|F_{\alpha} X(t)\|_{L_2} \leq \|X\|_{L_2} \frac{T^{\alpha-1/2}}{\sqrt{(2\alpha - 1)\Gamma(\alpha)}}.$$

□

3. FRACTIONAL-ORDER STOCHASTIC ITÔ-DIFFERENTIAL

Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ . Then we can give the following definition

**Definition 3.** The fractional-order stochastic Itô-differential of the function  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  can be defined by

$$*_d^\alpha f(t) = dI^{1-\alpha} f(t)$$

where  $d$  is the Itô-differential

**Lemma 8.** The left inverse of the stochastic Itô-integral of fractional order  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  is the stochastic Itô-differential of fractional-order  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$

$$*_d^\alpha F_\alpha f(t) = f(t)dw(t), f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

*Proof.* By direct application of the stochastic Itô-differential of fractional-order and the stochastic Itô-integral of fractional-order, we obtain

$$*_d^\alpha F_\alpha f(t) = dI^{1-\alpha} F_\alpha f(t) = dF_1 f(t) = f(t)dw(t)$$

□

**Lemma 9.** Let  $f, g \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  and  $k_1, k_2$  are two constants. Then

$$*_d^\alpha (k_1 f(t) + k_2 g(t)) = k_1 *_d^\alpha f(t) + k_2 *_d^\alpha g(t)$$

4. STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

**4.1. Continuous solution.** Let  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ . Consider the three initial value problems of the stochastic Itô-differential equation of fractional-order

$$*_d^\alpha X(t) = dI^{1-\alpha} X(t) = f(t)dw(t) \tag{6}$$

with each one of the following initial condition

- (i) The initial condition  $X(0) = 0$ .
- (ii) The nonlocal condition  $I^{1-\alpha} X(t)|_{t=0} = 0$ .
- (iii) The weighted condition  $t^{1-\alpha} X(t)|_{t=0} = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** The solution of each of the initial value problems (6)-(i), (6) with (ii) and (6) with (iii) is given by

$$X(t) = F_\alpha f(t) \in C(I, L_2(\Omega)) \tag{7}$$

*Proof.* Consider the initial value problem (6)-(i).

$$dI^{1-\alpha} X(t) = f(t)dw(t), X(0) = x_0.$$

Integrating both sides, we get

$$I^{1-\alpha} X(t) = c + F_1 f(t).$$

Operating both sides by  $I^\alpha$ , we have

$$I^1 X(t) = I^\alpha(c + F_1 f(t)) = \frac{ct^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + F_{1+\alpha} f(t).$$

Next, differentiating and putting  $t = 0$  we get

$$X(t) = \frac{ct^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + F_\alpha f(t).$$

$$X(0) = \frac{ct^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Big|_{t=0} + F_\alpha f(t) \Big|_{t=0} \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then we must choose  $c = 0$ , so we have  $X(0) = 0$ . Using Lemma 6, we deduce that the solution of the problem (6)-(i) is given by

$$X(t) = F_\alpha f(t) \in C(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

Conversely, we have

$$*_d^\alpha F_\alpha f(t) = dI^{1-\alpha} F_\alpha f(t) = dF_1 f(t) = f(t)dw(t).$$

Also  $F_\alpha f(t)|_0 = 0$ , then  $X(0) = 0$ . This proves that  $X(t) = F_\alpha f(t) \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$  is the solution of the initial value problem (6)-(i).  $\square$

Consider now the problem (6) and (ii)

$$dI^{1-\alpha} X(t) = f(t)dw(t), \quad I^{1-\alpha} X(t)|_{t=0} = 0.$$

Integrating both sides and using condition (ii), we get

$$I^{1-\alpha} X(t) - I^{1-\alpha} X(t) \Big|_{t=0} = F_1 f(t) = I^{1-\alpha} X(t).$$

Operating both sides by  $I^\alpha$ , we have

$$I^1 X(t) = I^\alpha(F_1 f(t)) = F_{1+\alpha} f(t).$$

Next, differentiating both sides, then the solution of the problem (6)-(ii) is given by

$$X(t) = F_\alpha f(t) \in C(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

For the problem (6) and (iii)

$$dI^{1-\alpha} X(t) = f(t)dw(t), \quad t^{1-\alpha} X(t)|_{t=0} = 0.$$

Integrating both sides and using condition (iii), we get

$$I^{1-\alpha} X(t) - c = F_1 f(t).$$

Operating both sides by  $I^\alpha$ , we have

$$I^1 X(t) = I^\alpha(F_1 f(t)) + I^\alpha c = F_{1+\alpha} f(t) + \frac{ct^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}$$

and differentiating both sides, we obtain

$$X(t) = F_\alpha f(t) + \frac{ct^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

and putting  $t = 0$ , we get

$$t^{1-\alpha} X(t) \Big|_{t=0} = t^{1-\alpha} (F_1 f(t)) \Big|_{t=0} + c,$$

then  $c = 0$  and the solution of the problem (6)-(iii) is given by

$$X(t) = F_\alpha f(t) \in C(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

**4.2. Integrable solution.** In this subsection, we establish the existence of a unique solution  $X \in L_1(I, L_2(\Omega))$  for the following nonlinear stochastic Itô-differential equation of fractional-order

$$*_d^\alpha X(t) = dI^{1-\alpha} X(t) = f(t)dw(t), \quad \alpha \in \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right), \tag{8}$$

with the nonlocal or weighted condition (respectively)

$$I^{1-\alpha} X(t)|_{t=0} = b \text{ or } t^{1-\alpha} X(t)|_{t=0} = \frac{b}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \tag{9}$$

where  $b$  is a second order random variable.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f \in C(I, L_2(\Omega))$ , then there exists a unique solution  $X \in L_1(I, L_2(\Omega))$  of (8) with each one of the initial conditions (9). Moreover, this solution is given by*

$$X(t) = \frac{bt^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + F_\alpha f(t). \tag{10}$$

*Proof.* Integrating (8) and using the two condition (9), we obtain

$$X(t) = \frac{bt^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + F_\alpha f(t)$$

and

$$X(t) = \frac{bt^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s)dw(s),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \|X(t)\|_2 &= \left\| \frac{bt^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s)dw(s) \right\|_2 \\ &\leq \frac{\|b\|_2 t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \left\| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s)dw(s) \right\|_2. \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\left\| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s)dw(s) \right\|_2^2 \leq \|f\|_C^2 \frac{t^{2\alpha-1}}{(2\alpha-1)\Gamma^2(\alpha)},$$

then

$$\|X(t)\|_2 \leq \frac{\|b\|_2 t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \|f\|_C \frac{t^{\alpha-1/2}}{\sqrt{2\alpha-1}\Gamma(\alpha)}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|X(t)\|_{L_1} &= \int_0^T \|X(t)\|_2 dt \\ &\leq \frac{\|b\|_2 T^\alpha}{\alpha\Gamma(\alpha)} + \|f\|_C \frac{2 T^{\alpha+1/2}}{(2\alpha+1)\sqrt{2\alpha-1}\Gamma(\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the solution of the initial value problem (8) with the initial condition  $I^{1-\alpha}X(t)|_{t=0} = b$  is given by

$$X(t) = \frac{bt^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + F_\alpha f(t) \in L_1(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

Similarly, the solution of the initial value problem (8) with the initial condition  $t^{1-\alpha}X(t)|_{t=0} = \frac{b}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$  is given by

$$X(t) = \frac{bt^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + F_\alpha f(t) \in L_1(I, L_2(\Omega)).$$

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