

Li-Yau Harnack inequality in a manifold with a non-convex boundary

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Motivation

Theorem (Haslhofer-Kopfer-Naber 20)

If $\text{Ric} = 0$, then the differential harnack inequality on path space holds: For each $F \geq 0$

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_x(D_h D_h F)}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)} - \frac{|\mathbb{E}_x(D_h F)|^2}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)^2} + \|h\|^2 \geq 0$$

which implies that the Li-Yau harnack inequality on M : $\text{Ric} = 0$,

$$\frac{\Delta f_t}{f_t} - \frac{|\nabla f_t|^2}{f_t^2} + \frac{n}{2t} \geq 0.$$

Remark:

The proof is based on the **integration by parts formula** and the **divergence theorem** on path space;

Motivation

Aim:

Consider the differential Harnack inequality on the path space over a manifold with a nonconvex boundary, and the Li-Yau Harnack inequality in the associated manifold.

Idea:

Based on the integration by parts formula and the convexity property of the functional Ψ ;

Manifold without boundary

Let M be a complete Riemannian manifold.

- Heat Equation: $\partial_t u_t = \Delta u_t$;
- Li-Yau Harnack Inequality: $\text{Ric} \geq 0$,

$$\frac{\Delta u_t}{u_t} - \frac{|\nabla u_t|^2}{u_t^2} + \frac{n}{2t} \geq 0;$$

- Standard Harnack Inequality:

$$u_t(x) \leq (4\pi(t-s))^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{\frac{d(x,y)^2}{4(t-s)}} u_t(y);$$

- Wang's Harnack Inequality: $\text{Ric} \geq -K$. Let $P_t =$ heat semigroup,

$$|P_t f(x)|^\alpha \leq |P_t f(y)|^\alpha \exp \left[\frac{\alpha C \rho(x,y)^2 \int_0^t g(s) ds}{4(\alpha-1) \left(\int_0^t g(s) e^{-Ks} ds \right)^2} \right];$$

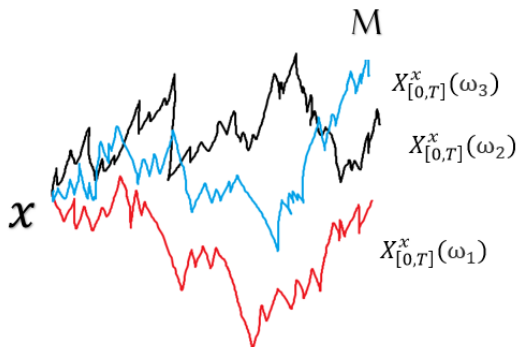
- Hamilton's Matrix Harnack Inequality : $\text{Sec} = 0$ and $\nabla \text{Ric} = 0$

$$\frac{\nabla_i \nabla_j u_t}{u_t} - \frac{\nabla_i u_t \cdot \nabla_j u_t}{u_t^2} + \frac{g_{i,j}}{2t} \geq 0.$$

Background

Brownian Motion on M :

M : Riemannian manifold, fix $x \in M$ and $T > 0$



Notation

- $W_x(M) := \{\gamma \in C([0, 1]; M); \gamma(0) = x\}$;
- **Wiener Measure** μ_x : The law of Brownian motion $X_{[0,1]}^x$;
- $U(\gamma)$: Stochastic horizontal lift along $\gamma(\cdot)$;

$$dU_t = \sum_{i=1}^n H_i(U_t) \circ dB_t^i, \quad U_0 = u \in O(M);$$

- **Cylinder functions**: $\mathcal{F}C_b^{L^2}, \mathcal{F}C_b^{OU}$

$$\mathcal{F}C_b^{L^2} = \left\{ F(\gamma) = f\left(\int_0^{t_1} g_1(s, \gamma_s) ds, \dots, \int_0^{t_n} g_n(s, \gamma_s) ds \right) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}C_b^{OU} = \left\{ F(\gamma) = f(\gamma_{t_1}, \dots, \gamma_{t_n}) : 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n \leq 1 \right\}.$$

- Cameron-Martin space:

$$\mathbb{H} := \left\{ h \in C([0, 1]; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid h(0) = 0, \int_0^1 |\dot{h}(s)|^2 ds < \infty \right\};$$

- Direction derivative:

$$D_h F(\gamma) = \left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} F(\exp_\gamma \varepsilon U h) \right|_{\varepsilon=0}, \quad h \in L^2;$$

- Malliavian gradient and L^2 -gradient:

$$D_h F(\gamma) = \langle D^0 F(\gamma), h \rangle_{\mathbb{H}}, \quad h \in \mathbb{H}$$

$$D_{\tilde{h}} F(\gamma) = \langle D^{L^2} F(\gamma), \tilde{h} \rangle_{\mathbb{H}_0}, \quad \tilde{h} \in L^2;$$

- O-U Dirichlet form: $F \in \mathcal{F}C_b^{OU}$.

$$\mathcal{E}^{OU}(F, F) := \int \int_0^1 \left| \frac{d}{ds} D^0 F(s) \right|^2 ds d\mu \longleftrightarrow \text{O-U Process}$$

- L^2 -Dirichlet form: $F \in \mathcal{F}C_b^{L^2}$

$$\mathcal{E}^{L^2}(F, F) = \int \int_0^1 |D^{L^2} F(s)|^2 ds d\mu \longleftrightarrow \text{Stoch. Heat Equ..}$$

- The differential of associated Itô map:

[J.M. Bismut 84], [S.Z. Fang, P. Malliavin 93], [A.B. Cruzeiro, P. Malliavin 96], [X.D. Li, T. Lyons 06], [K.D. Elworthy, X.M. Li 07];

- Existence of a quasi-invariance flow:

[B. Driver 92], [E. Hsu 95], [X.D. Li 04], [E. Hsu 02], [F.Z. Gong, J.X. Zhang 07], [E. Hsu, C. Ouyang 09],[X. Chen, X. M. Li, W. 21+];

- Quasi-regular O-U Dirichlet form: (1) Compact[B. Driver, M. Röckner 92],[S. Z. Fang, P.Malliavin 93], [O. Enchev, D. W. Stroock 95], [A. B. Cruzeiro, P. Malliavin 96], [D.Elworthy, Z. M. Ma 97], [D.Elworthy, X. M. Li, Y. Lejan 99], [Löbus 04] (2) Noncompact [F. Y. Wang, W. 08], [X. Chen, W. 14];

- Quasi-regular L^2 -Dirichlet form: (1) Compact [M. Röckner, W., R. C. Zhu, X. C. Zhu 20]; (2) Noncompact [X. Chen, W., R. C. Zhu, X. C. Zhu 21];
- Uniqueness of the stochastic heat equation: [Y. Bruned, F. Gabriel, M. Hairer, L. Zambotti 21];
- Differential geometry on $W_x(M)$:
[A.B. Cruzeiro, P. Malliavin 96], [S.Z. Fang, A.B. Cruzeiro 97,01], [S.Z. Fang 99], [X.D. Li, 00,03], [K.D. Elworthy, X.M. Li 06];
- Finite dimensional approximation: [L. Andersson, B. Driver 99], [A.B. Cruzeiro, X.C. Zhang 02], [W. 18];

Known Results

- Characterization of two-sided bounds of Ricci curvature:

[A. Naber 13], [S.Z. Fang, W. 17], [F.Y. Wang, W. 18], [L. Cheng, A. Thalmaier 17], [W. 18,19];

- Functional inequalities

O-U Dirichelt Form: [S.Z. Fang 94], [E. Hsu 97], [M. Hino 98], [F.Y. Wang 02], [S.Z. Fang, F.Y. Wang 04], [S.Z. Fang, S. Shao 05], [K.D. Elworthy, Y. LeJan, X.M. Li 07], [X. Chen, W. 14], [W. 19+];

L^2 -Dirichelt Form: [M. Gorcy, L. Wu 07], [M. Röckner, W., R.C. Zhu, X.C. Zhu 20], [X. Chen, W., R.C. Zhu, X.C. Zhu 21];

TCI: [S.Z. Fang, J.H. Shao 05], [J.H. Shao 06], [S.Z. Fang, F.Y. Wang, W. 08], [F.Y. Wang 14].

Differential Harnack Inequality on $W_x(M)$

Notation:

- φ -gradient: $\nabla_\varphi F : W_x(M) \rightarrow T_x M$

$$\langle \nabla_\varphi F(\gamma), V \rangle = D_{V_\varphi} F(\gamma), \quad V \in T_x M, \gamma \in W_x(M), V_\varphi = \varphi U_0^{-1} V.$$

- Cruzeiro-Malliavin's Markovian Connection:

$$\frac{d}{dt} U_t^{-1}(\gamma)(\nabla_{\mathbf{V}} \mathbf{W})_t = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{V}} \dot{\mathbf{w}}_t + \int_0^t U_s \mathbf{R}_{\gamma_s}(\mathbf{V}_s, \dot{\gamma}_s) ds \dot{\mathbf{w}}_t,$$

where $\mathbf{v}_t, \mathbf{w}_t : W_x(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\mathbf{V} = U_t \mathbf{v}_t, \mathbf{W} = U_t \mathbf{w}_t$.

- φ -Hessian: $\text{Hess}_\varphi \mathbf{F} : W_x(M) \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_x^* M \times \mathbf{T}_x^* M$

$$\text{Hess}_\varphi \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) = \text{Hess} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{V}_\varphi, \mathbf{V}_\varphi),$$

where $\text{Hess} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{V}} \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{W}} \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{D}_{U_t^{-1}(\gamma)(\nabla_{\mathbf{V}} \mathbf{W})} \mathbf{F}$.

- φ -Laplacian: $\Delta_\varphi \mathbf{F} = \text{tr}(\text{Hess}_\varphi \mathbf{F}) : W_x(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Theorem (Haslhofer-Kopfer-Naber 20)

Differential harnack inequality holds: For each $F \geq 0$

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_x(\Delta_\varphi F)}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)} - \frac{|\mathbb{E}_x(\nabla_\varphi F)|^2}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)^2} + \left(\frac{n}{2} + C(\text{Ric}) + C(R, \nabla \text{Ric}) \frac{\mathbb{E}_x(F^2)^{1/2}}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)} \right) \|\varphi\|^2 \geq 0$$

In particular, suppose that $\text{Ric} = 0$,

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}_x(\Delta_\varphi F)}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)} - \frac{|\mathbb{E}_x(\nabla_\varphi F)|^2}{\mathbb{E}_x(F)^2} + \frac{n}{2} \|\varphi\|^2 \geq 0,$$

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Differential Harnack Inequality on $W_x(M)$

Notation:

- **Orthonormal basis of \mathbb{H} :** $h_n \in \mathbb{H}$ (Haar funct.)
- **O-U Dirichlet form:** Assume that $\lambda_n \geq \delta I$ for some $\delta > 0$.

$$\mathcal{E}_A(F, F) = \int_{W(M)} \langle DF, ADF \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} d\mu$$

$$A\phi(\gamma) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \langle h, h_n \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} h_n, \quad \phi \in L^2(W_x(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}; \mu_x);$$

- **$Y \subset \mathcal{F}C_b^{OU}$:** $Y := \left\{ F(\gamma) = f(\gamma_{s_1}, \dots, \gamma_{s_m}), s_i \in N_0 \right\}$, where

$$N_0 = \left\{ \frac{l}{2^n} : l \in 1, 2, \dots, 2^n, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Differential Harnack Inequality for $h \in \mathbb{H}$

Theorem

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[D_h D_h F]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} - \frac{[\mathbb{E}(D_h F)]^2}{\mathbb{E}[F]^2} + \frac{1}{2}A_F \geq 0, \quad h \in \mathbb{H}.$$

Which implies that the Li-Yau harnack inequality: $Ric = 0$,

$$\frac{\Delta f_t}{f_t} - \frac{|\nabla f_t|^2}{f_t^2} + \frac{n}{2t} \geq 0.$$

Idea of the proof

Convexity of the functional: $\frac{d^2}{d\varepsilon^2} \Psi_{F,h}(\varepsilon) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \geq 0$:

$$\Psi_{F,h}(\varepsilon) := \log \mathbb{E} \left[F(\xi_{[0,1]}^{\varepsilon,h}) \right] = \log \left(\int_{\Omega} F(\xi_{[0,1]}^{\varepsilon,h}) d\mathbb{P} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 A_F, \quad \varepsilon \geq 0.$$

where $\xi_{[0,1]}^{\varepsilon,h}$ is the quasi-invariant flows of μ_x and

$$A_F := \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[F(X_{[0,T]}^x) \left\{ \left(\frac{d}{d\varepsilon} Q^{\xi^{\varepsilon,h}} \right) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} - \frac{d^2}{d\varepsilon^2} Q^{\xi^{\varepsilon,h}} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0} \right\} \right]}{\mathbb{E} \left[F(X_{[0,1]}^x) \right]}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} F(\xi_{[0,1]}^{\varepsilon,h}) d\mathbb{P} = \int_{\Omega} F(X_{[0,1]}) Q^{\xi^{\varepsilon,h}} d\mathbb{P}.$$

Remark:

Our method may be applied to more general cases, such as Riemannian loop spaces and fractional Wiener spaces.

Lemma (Löbus 04)

The generator of \mathcal{E}_A :

$$\mathcal{L}_A F(\gamma) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \{D_{h_n} D_{h_n} F + \Theta_n D_{h_n} F\},$$

where $\Theta_n = \int_0^1 \left\langle \frac{1}{2} h'_n(t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Ric}_{U_t}(h_n(t)), dB_t \right\rangle$

Theorem

For each nonnegative $F \in Y$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_A^0 F]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} - \frac{|\mathbb{E}[A^{1/2} F]|^2}{\mathbb{E}[F]^2} \\ & + \sum_{m=1}^N \lambda_m \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[F \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \Lambda_s, dB_s \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 |\Theta_s|^2 ds - D_{h_m}^* \Theta_m \right\}\right]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where Λ_s depends on h , Ric and ∇Ric .

Corollary

Assume that $C = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_m < \infty$.

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_A F]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} - \frac{|\mathbb{E}[A^{1/2} \nabla F]|^2}{\mathbb{E}[F]^2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_m \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[F \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \langle \Lambda_s, dB_s \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 |\Theta_s|^2 ds - D_{h_m}^* \Theta_m \right\}\right]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} \geq 0,$$

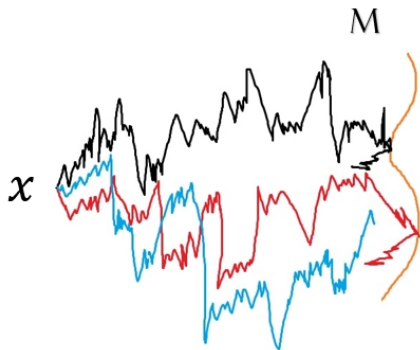
In particular, when $M = \mathbb{R}^d$, we have

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}_A F]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} - \frac{|\mathbb{E}[A^{1/2} \nabla F]|^2}{\mathbb{E}[F]^2} + \frac{C}{2} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_m \frac{\mathbb{E}[F D_{h_m}^* \Theta_m]}{\mathbb{E}[F]} \geq 0, \quad F \in \mathcal{F}C_b^{OU}, F$$

Manifold with boundary

Reflection diffusion process on M :

M : Riemannian manifold with boundary, fix $x \in M$ and $T > 0$



Wiener Measure μ_x : The law of the reflection diffusion process $X_{[0,1]}^x$.

Notation:

- Second fundamental form on ∂M :

$$\mathbb{I}_u(a, b) = \mathbb{I}(\pi_{\partial} u a, \pi_{\partial} u b), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where $\pi_{\partial} : TM \rightarrow T\partial M$ is the orthogonal projection at points on ∂M .

- Adapted Cameron-Martin space \mathbb{H}_0 :

$$\mathbb{H}_0 = \{h \in L^2(\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{H}; \mathbb{P}) : h_t \text{ is } F_t - \text{measurable, } t \in [0, T]\}.$$

- Wang's damped quasi-invariant flows: For each $h \in \mathbb{H}_0$

$$\begin{cases} dX_t^x = \sqrt{2} U_t^x \circ dB_t + N(X_t) dl_t^x, & X_0^x = x, \\ dX_t^{\varepsilon, h} = \sqrt{2} U_t^{\varepsilon, h} \circ dW_t + N(X_t^{\varepsilon, h}) dl_t^{\varepsilon, h} + \sqrt{2\varepsilon} U_t^{\varepsilon, h} h'_t dt, & X_0^{\varepsilon, h} = x, \end{cases}$$

where N is the inward unit normal vector field of ∂M .

Notation:

- Damped gradient $\tilde{\partial}M$:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\tilde{D}F(X_{[0,1]}^x)(t) = \sum_{i:t_i>t} Q_{t,t_i}^x U_{t_i}^{-1} \nabla f(X_{t_1}^x, \dots, X_{t_N}^x), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

where

$$Q_{s,t}^x = \left(I - \int_s^t Q_{s,r}^x \{ Ric(U_r^x) ds + \mathbb{I}(U_r^x) dl_r^x \} \right) \left(I - 1_{\{X_t^x \in \partial M\}} P_{U_t^x} \right),$$

here $P_u : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is the projection along $u^{-1}N$, i.e.

$$\langle P_u a, b \rangle := \langle ua, N \rangle \langle ub, N \rangle, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}^d, u \in \cup_{x \in \partial M} O_x(M).$$

- Integration by parts formula(Wang):

$$\mathbb{E}(D_h^0 F(X_{[0,1]}^x)) := \langle \tilde{D}F(X_{[0,1]}^x), h \rangle_{\mathbb{H}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{d}{d\varepsilon} F(X_{[0,1]}^{\varepsilon, h}) \right) \Big|_{\varepsilon=0}$$

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Theorem

For each nonnegative $F \geq 0$,

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Corollary

Assume that $\text{Ric} = 0$. Then we have

$$\frac{\Delta P_t f(x)}{P_t f(x)} - \frac{|\nabla P_t f(x)|^2}{P_t f(x)} + \frac{\alpha(t)}{2t} \geq 0,$$

where $\alpha(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{|A_t e^i|^2} \right]$ and $A_t := \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t U_t(Q_{s,t}^x)^* ds : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{X_t} M$.

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Assume that $C = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \lambda_m < \infty$.

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Thanks for your attention!