

Stochastic calculus on Wasserstein spaces

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This talk is based on a joint work with Hao Ding and Xiangdong Li. I will not give a survey on the development of the whole topic, apart from well-known pioneer works by Y. Brenier, R. McCann, F. Otto, J. Lott, K.T. Sturm, L. Ambrosio, I only cite here the following papers from which I've learnt a lot.

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Framework

Let M be a connected compact Riemannian manifold, of the distance d_M , with the measure dx such that $\int_M dx = 1$. As usual, we denote by $\mathbb{P}_2(M)$ the space of probability measures on M , endowed with the Wasserstein distance W_2 defined by

$$W_2^2(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \inf \left\{ \int_{M \times M} d_M^2(x, y) \pi(dx, dy), \quad \pi \in C(\mu_1, \mu_2) \right\},$$

where $C(\mu_1, \mu_2)$ is the set of probability measures π on $M \times M$, having μ_1, μ_2 as two marginal laws. It is well known that $\mathbb{P}_2(M)$ endowed with W_2 is a compact space. In this work, we will be concerned with the subspace $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$ of measures having positive smooth density.

For the tangent space $\bar{\mathbf{T}}_\mu$ of $\mathbb{P}_2(M)$ at μ , we adopt the definition given by L. Ambrosio and all, that is,

$$\bar{\mathbf{T}}_\mu = \overline{\{\nabla\psi, \psi \in C^\infty(M)\}}^{L^2(\mu)},$$

the closure of gradients of smooth functions in the space $L^2(\mu)$ of vector fields on M : they used absolutely continuous curves to unify different types of curves in $\mathbb{P}_2(M)$.

A curve $\{c(t); t \in [0, 1]\}$ in $\mathbb{P}_2(M)$ is said to be absolutely continuous if there exists $k \in L^2([0, 1])$ such that

$$W_2(c(t_1), c(t_2)) \leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} k(s) ds, \quad t_1 < t_2.$$

For such a curve, there exists a Borel vector field Z_t on M in $L^2([0, 1] \times M)$ such that the continuity equation holds

$$\frac{dc_t}{dt} + \nabla \cdot (Z_t c_t) = 0.$$

The uniqueness of solutions to above equation holds if $Z_t \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_{c_t}$ for almost all $t \in [0, 1]$. We say that Z_t is the intrinsic derivative of $\{c_t\}$ and denote it by

$$\frac{d^I c_t}{dt}.$$

We will also use constant vector fields V_ψ on $\mathbb{P}_2(M)$. More precisely, for $\psi \in C^\infty(M)$, we consider the ODE

$$\frac{dU_t}{dt} = \nabla\psi(U_t), \quad U_0(x) = x,$$

and let $c_t = (U_t)_\# \mu$ with μ given. In this case, $\frac{d^I c_t}{dt} = \nabla\psi$. We say that a functional \mathcal{F} is derivable along V_ψ if

$$(\bar{D}_{V_\psi} \mathcal{F})(\mu) = \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}((U_t)_\# \mu) \right\}_{t=0} \text{ exists.}$$

The gradient $\bar{\nabla} \mathcal{F}(\mu) \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_\mu$ exists if $(\bar{D}_{V_\psi} \mathcal{F})(\mu) = \langle \bar{\nabla} \mathcal{F}, V_\psi \rangle_{\bar{\mathbf{T}}_\mu}$.

Here are usual functionals considered in literature, see for example monographs by Villani, Ambrosio and all.

1) **Potential energy functional.** $F_\varphi(\mu) = \int_M \varphi \mu(dx)$, for $\varphi \in C^2(M)$.

2) **Internal energy functional.** Let $\chi : [0, +\infty[\rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$ be a proper, continuous convex function. The internal energy \mathcal{F} is defined as follows

$$\mathcal{F}(\mu) = \int_M \chi(\rho(x)) dx, \quad \text{if } d\mu = \rho dx,$$

and $\mathcal{F}(\mu) = +\infty$ otherwise. Two important examples are $\chi(s) = s \log(s)$ and $\chi(s) = \frac{s^m}{m-1}$ for $m > 1$.

3) **Interaction energy functional.** Let $W : M^2 \rightarrow]-\infty, +\infty]$ be a l.s.c function, we define

$$\mathcal{W}(\mu) = \int_{M \times M} W(x, y) \mu(dx) \mu(dy).$$

Internal energy functional \mathcal{F} plays a particular role. However for $\chi(s) = s \log(s)$,

$$\mu \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mu) \quad \text{is not continuous.}$$

We need the following explicit expression (see Villani or Ambrosio)

Theorem

For $\chi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^*)$ such that $|\chi(s)| + s|\chi'(s)| + s^2|\chi''(s)|$ is bounded over $[0, 1]$, and $d\mu = \rho dx$,

$$(\bar{D}_{V_\psi} \bar{D}_{V_\psi} \mathcal{F})(\mu) = \int_M \tilde{\chi}'(\rho) (\Delta\psi)^2 \rho^2 dx - \int_M \tilde{\chi}(\rho) \langle \nabla\psi, \nabla\Delta\psi \rangle \rho dx,$$

where $\tilde{\chi}(s) = \chi'(s) - \frac{\chi(s)}{s}$. And

$$(\bar{D}_{V_\psi} \mathcal{F})(\mu) = - \int_M (\chi'(\rho)\rho - \chi(\rho)) \Delta\psi dx$$

SDE on $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$

Given a family of vector fields $\{A_0(t, \cdot), A_1(t, \cdot), \dots, A_N(t, \cdot)\}$ on M , and $B_t^0 = t$ and (B_t^1, \dots, B_t^N) a BM on \mathbb{R}^N , how to understand the following SDE on M

$$\circ d_t X_{t,s} = \sum_{i=0}^N A_i(t, X_{t,s}) \circ dB_t^i, \quad X_{s,s}(x) = x ?$$

The above equality formally holds in the tangent space $T_{X_{t,s}}M$. $\{X_{t,s}, t \geq s\}$ is a solution to SDE if for any $f \in C^2(M)$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} f(X_{t,s}) = f(x) &+ \sum_{i=0}^N \int_s^t (\mathcal{L}_{A_i(u)} f)(X_{u,s}) dB_u^i \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_s^t (\mathcal{L}_{A_i(u)}^2 f)(X_{u,s}) du, \end{aligned}$$

which simply comes from: $d_t f(X_{t,s}) = \langle \nabla f(X_{t,s}), \circ d_t X_{t,s} \rangle$.

Now what happens in $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$? Let $\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_N\}$ be a family of functions on $[0, 1] \times M$, smooth enough in $x \in M$. In this talk, ∇ always denotes the gradient operator on M . Consider the following Stratanovich SDE on M :

$$dX_{t,s} = \sum_{i=0}^N \nabla \phi_i(t, X_{t,s}) \circ dB_t^i, \quad t \geq s, \quad X_{s,s}(x) = x.$$

Let $d\mu = \rho dx$ be a probability measure on M , we set $\mu_t(\omega) = (X_{t,0}(\omega))_{\#} \mu$. Let $\varphi \in C^2(M)$. First using Itô formula to $\varphi(X_{t,0})$, then integrating the two hand sides respect to $d\mu$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \circ d_t F_\varphi(\mu_t) &= \sum_{i=0}^N \left(\int_M \langle \nabla \varphi, \nabla \phi_i(t, \cdot) \rangle \mu_t(dx) \right) \circ dB_t^i \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^N \langle V_\varphi, V_{\phi_i(t, \cdot)} \rangle_{\bar{\Gamma}_{\mu_t}} \circ dB_t^i. \end{aligned}$$

We say that the intrinsic Itô stochastic differential of μ_t , denoted by $\circ d_t^I \mu_t$, admits the following expression

$$\circ d_t^I \mu_t = \sum_{i=0}^N V_{\phi_i(t, \cdot)} \circ dB_t^i.$$

Recall that $\bar{\nabla} F_\varphi = V_\varphi$; then $\circ d_t F_\varphi(\mu_t)$ can be written in the form

$$\circ d_t F_\varphi(\mu_t) = \langle \bar{\nabla} F_\varphi, \circ d_t^I \mu_t \rangle_{\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\mu_t}},$$

symbolically read in the inner product of $\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\mu_t}$. In Itô form:

$$d_t F_\varphi(\mu_t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \langle \bar{\nabla} F_\varphi, V_{\phi_i(t)} \rangle_{\bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\mu_t}} dB_t^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\bar{D}_{V_{\phi_i(t)}}^2 F_\varphi)(\mu_t) dt,$$

where $\bar{D}_{V_{\phi_i(t)}}^2 F_\varphi$ denotes the second order derivative.

Theorem

For any internal energy functional \mathcal{F} with χ satisfying above conditions, we have

$$d_t \mathcal{F}(\mu_t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \langle \bar{\nabla} \mathcal{F}, V_{\phi_i(t)} \rangle_{\bar{\tau}_{\mu_t}} dB_t^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\bar{D}_{V_{\phi_i(t)}}^2 \mathcal{F})(\mu_t) dt.$$

Now having these results in hand, we say that the stochastic process $\{\mu_t; t \geq 0\}$ solves the following SDE on $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$.

$$\circ d_t^! \mu_t = \sum_{i=0}^N V_{\phi_i(t)}(\mu_t) \circ dB_t^i, \quad \mu_0 = \rho dx.$$

Regular curves, parallel translations on $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$

J. Lott introduced the Levi-Civita covariant derivative $\bar{\nabla}_{V_{\psi_1}} V_{\psi_2}$ and obtained the expression:

$$\langle \bar{\nabla}_{V_{\psi_1}} V_{\psi_2}, V_{\psi_3} \rangle_{\bar{\mathbf{T}}_\mu} = \int_M \langle \nabla_{\nabla \psi_1} \nabla \psi_2, \nabla \psi_3 \rangle \mu(dx).$$

Let

$$\Pi_\mu : L^2(M, TM; \mu) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{T}}_\mu$$

be the orthogonal projection; then

$$(\bar{\nabla}_{V_{\psi_1}} V_{\psi_2})(\mu) = \Pi_\mu(\nabla_{\nabla \psi_1} \nabla \psi_2).$$

For $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$ with $d\mu = \rho dx$, $\rho > 0$, we denote by Δ_μ the Witten Laplacian: $\Delta_\mu = \Delta + \langle \nabla \log \rho, \nabla \cdot \rangle$ and $\operatorname{div}_\mu(Z) = \operatorname{div}(Z) + \langle \nabla \log \rho, Z \rangle$, then

$$\Pi_\mu(Z) = \nabla \Delta_\mu^{-1}(\operatorname{div}_\mu(Z)).$$

Now let $\{c_t\}$ be a curve in $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(M)$ defined by a flow of diffeomorphisms $X_{t,s}$ associate to ODE:

$$dX_{t,s} = \nabla \phi_t(X_{t,s}) dt, \quad t \geq s, \quad X_s(x) = x,$$

with $c_t = (X_{t,0})_{\#}(\rho dx)$. Let $\{Y_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ be a family of vector fields along $\{c_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$, that is, $Y_t \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_{c_t}$. Suppose there are smooth functions $(t, x) \rightarrow \Phi_t(x)$ and $(t, x) \rightarrow \Psi_t(x)$ such that

$$\frac{d^l c_t}{dt} = V_{\Phi_t}, \quad Y_t = V_{\Psi_t}.$$

J. Lott obtained that if $\{Y_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ is parallel along $\{c_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$, then $\{\nabla \Psi_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ is a solution to the following linear PDE (Lott equation)

$$\frac{d}{dt} \nabla \Psi_t + \Pi_{c_t} \left(\nabla_{\nabla \Phi_t} \nabla \Psi_t \right) = 0.$$

We can explicit the orthogonal projection Π_{c_t} in the case $M = \mathbb{T}$. A function v on \mathbb{T} is the derivative of a function ϕ if and only if $\int_{\mathbb{T}} v(x) dx = 0$. The derivative of ϕ on \mathbb{T} is denoted by $\partial_x \phi$. Let $\mu \in \mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(\mathbb{T})$ with $\rho = \frac{d\mu}{dx} > 0$. Let $\partial_x \phi = \Pi_{\mu}(v)$; then for any function f ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x f v(x) \rho(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x f \partial_x \phi \rho(x) dx.$$

This implies that $\partial_x(v\rho) = \partial_x(\partial_x \phi \rho)$, so that for a constant K ,

$$v\rho = \partial_x \phi \rho + K \quad \text{or} \quad v = \partial_x \phi + \frac{K}{\rho}.$$

Integrating the two hand sides over \mathbb{T} yields $K = \frac{\int_{\mathbb{T}} v(x) dx}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{dx}{\rho}}$. Then

$$\Pi_{\mu}(v) = v - \frac{\int_{\mathbb{T}} v(x) dx}{\int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{dx}{\rho}} \cdot \frac{1}{\rho}.$$

We put

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{\left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{dx}{\rho}\right) \rho}.$$

Note that $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \hat{\rho} dx = 1$. We will use Π_{ρ} instead of Π_{μ} . Then

$$\Pi_{\rho}(v) = v - \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} v(x) dx\right) \hat{\rho}.$$

Let $\phi_t \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{T})$ and (X_t) be the flow associated to $\frac{dX_t}{dt} = \partial_x \phi_t(X_t)$ and $c_t = (X_t)_{\#}(\rho dx)$. Set $\rho_t = \frac{dc_t}{dx}$ the density. Let $g_t \in C^2(\mathbb{T})$ such that $\int_{\mathbb{T}} g_t(x) dx = 0$. Then $\{g_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ is a solution to Lott equation if

$$\frac{dg_t}{dt} + \Pi_{\rho_t} \left(\partial_x g_t \partial_x \phi_t \right) = 0.$$

or

$$\frac{dg_t}{dt} = -\partial_x g_t \partial_x \phi_t + \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x g_t \partial_x \phi_t dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t.$$

Put $f_t = g_t(X_t)$. Then

$$\frac{df_t}{dt} = \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x g_t \partial_x \phi_t dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t).$$

Remark that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x g_t \partial_x \phi_t dx &= - \int_{\mathbb{T}} g_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t dx \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{g_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t} \rho_t dx = - \int_{\mathbb{T}} g_t(X_t) \left(\frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t} \right) (X_t) \rho dx. \end{aligned}$$

Then f_t satisfies the following equation

$$\frac{df_t}{dt} = - \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t \frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t} (X_t) \rho dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t).$$

Define $\Lambda(t, f) = - \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f \frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t} (X_t) \rho dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t)$. Then

$$\frac{df_t}{dt} = \Lambda(t, f_t).$$

Lemma

There is a constant C_ϕ only dependent of ϕ such that

$$\|\Lambda(t, f) - \Lambda(t, g)\|_{L^2(\rho dx)} \leq C_\phi \|f - g\|_{L^2(\rho dx)}, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Proof. Note that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \left(\frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t} \right)^2 (X_t) \rho dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{(\partial_x^2 \phi_t)^2}{\rho_t} dx \leq \|\partial_x^2 \phi_t\|_\infty^2 \int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{dx}{\rho_t},$$

and $\int_{\mathbb{T}} \hat{\rho}_t(X_t)^2 \rho dx = \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \frac{dx}{\rho_t} \right)^{-1}$; it follows that

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{T}} f \frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t} (X_t) \rho dx \right|^2 \hat{\rho}_t(X_t)^2 \rho dx \leq \|\partial_x^2 \phi_t\|_\infty^2 \|f\|_{L^2(\rho dx)}^2$$

and global Lipschitz condition holds.

By classical theory of ODE, for $f_0 \in L^2(\rho dx)$, there is a unique solution f_t to above Equation. Set

$$g_t = f_t(X_t^{-1}).$$

We check that g_t is a solution to Lott Equation. Finally

Theorem

For any $g_0 \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\rho dx}$ given, there is a unique solution $g_t \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\rho_t dx}$ to parallel translation equation such that $\int_{\mathbb{T}} |g_t|^2 \rho_t dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}} |g_0|^2 \rho dx$ for any $t \in [0, 1]$.

Stochastic parallel translations

Lott equation in determinist case

$$\frac{d}{dt} \nabla \Psi_t + \Pi_{c_t} \left(\nabla_{\nabla \phi_t} \nabla \Psi_t \right) = 0,$$

becomes

$$\circ d_t(\nabla \Psi_t) = -\Pi_{\mu_t} \left(\nabla_{\nabla \phi_t} \nabla \Psi_t \right) \circ dB_t$$

where μ_t is a stochastic regular curve and B_t a Brownian motion. We will not discuss general situation, but only the case $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(\mathbb{T})$.

Consider SDE on \mathbb{T} ,

$$dX_t = \partial_x \phi_t(X_t) \circ dB_t.$$

Let $d\mu = \rho dx$ and $\mu_t = (X_t)_\# \mu$; set $\rho_t = \frac{d\mu_t}{dx}$. Suppose that $\{\partial_x \Psi_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ is a solution of parallel translations:

$$d_t \partial_x \Psi_t = -\Pi_{\rho_t} \left(\partial_x^2 \Psi_t \partial_x \phi_t \right) dB_t + \left(\frac{1}{2} R_t^{\Psi_t} - \frac{1}{2} S_t^{\Psi_t} \right) dt.$$

Let $f_t = \partial \Psi_t(X_t)$. Then by Kunita-Itô-Wentzell formula, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_t f_t &= - \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x \Psi_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dB_t \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x \Psi_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t dx \right) (\partial_x^2 \phi_t)(X_t) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dt \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x \Psi_t \partial_x (\partial_x^2 \phi_t \partial_x \phi_t) dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{3}{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x \Psi_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x^2 \phi_t \hat{\rho}_t dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x \Psi_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t dx &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t \times \frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t}(X_t) \rho dx, \\
 \int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x \Psi_t \partial_x (\partial_x^2 \phi_t \partial_x \phi_t) dx &= \int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t \times \frac{\partial_x (\partial_x^2 \phi_t \partial_x \phi_t)}{\rho_t}(X_t) \rho dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

We introduce two notations

$$a_t = \frac{\partial_x^2 \phi_t}{\rho_t}(X_t), \quad b_t = \frac{\partial_x(\partial_x^2 \phi_t \partial_x \phi_t)}{\rho_t}(X_t).$$

Then $\{f_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ satisfies the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} d_t f_t &= - \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t a_t \rho dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dB_t - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t a_t \rho dx \right) (\hat{\rho}_t \partial_x^2 \phi_t)(X_t) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t b_t \rho dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{2} \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t a_t \rho dx \right) \left(\int_{\mathbb{T}} \partial_x^2 \phi_t^2 \hat{\rho}_t dx \right) \hat{\rho}_t(X_t) dt \\ &= \Lambda_1(t, f_t) dB_t + \Lambda_2(t, f_t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

As in above section,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\Lambda_1(t, f) - \Lambda_1(t, g)\|_{L^2(\rho dx)} + \|\Lambda_2(t, f) - \Lambda_2(t, g)\|_{L^2(\rho dx)} \\ &\leq C_\phi \|f - g\|_{L^2(\rho dx)}. \end{aligned}$$

By standard Picard iteration or by SDE on Hilbert spaces, there is a unique solution $\{f_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ to above Equation. Define $g_t = f_t(X_t^{-1})$. Remark that no SDE directly express X_t^{-1} .

Theorem

Suppose that $\int_{\mathbb{T}} g_0(x) dx = 0$, then for any $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} g_t(x) dx = 0.$$

Proof. Let $\tilde{K}_t = \frac{d(X_t^{-1})_{\#}(dx)}{dx}$; then by Kunita,

$$\tilde{K}_t = \exp\left(\int_0^t (\partial_x^2 \phi_s)(X_s) \circ dB_s\right).$$

Note that $\int_{\mathbb{T}} g_t(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t \tilde{K}_t dx$. We check that

$$\circ d_t \int_{\mathbb{T}} f_t \tilde{K}_t dx = 0.$$

Combining all above results, finally we get

Theorem

Let $\partial_x \Psi_t = g_t$. Then for $\mu = \rho dx$ and $\mu_t = (X_t)_\#(\rho dx)$, $\{\partial_x \Psi_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ is the parallel translation along the stochastic regular curve $\{\mu_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$, that is, $\partial_x \Psi_t \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\mu_t}$ and

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} |\partial_x \Psi_t|^2 \mu_t(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\partial_x \Psi_0|^2 \rho dx, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Brownian motion paths on $\mathbb{P}_{2,\infty}(\mathbb{T})$ and parallel translations along them.

Now let $\phi_{2k-1}(x) = \frac{\sin(kx)}{k}$ and $\phi_{2k}(x) = \frac{-\cos(kx)}{k}$. Consider a sequence of independent real BM $\{B_k; k \geq 1\}$.

For $N \geq 1$, let X_t^N be the flow associated to

$$dX_t^N = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\alpha_k} \left(\partial_x \phi_{2k-1}(X_t^N) \circ dB_{2k-1}(t) + \partial_x \phi_{2k}(X_t^N) \circ dB_{2k}(t) \right),$$

$\mu_t^N = (X_t^N)_\#(\rho dx)$, and $\{\partial_x \Psi_t^N; t \in [0, 1]\}$ parallel translation along $\{\mu_t^N; t \in [0, 1]\}$. Then letting $N \rightarrow +\infty$,

$X_t^N \rightarrow X_t$, $\mu_t^N \rightarrow \mu_t$ with $\mu_t = (X_t)_\#(\rho dx)$, and

$$\partial_x \Psi_t^N \sqrt{\rho_t^N} \text{ converges to } \partial_x \Psi_t \sqrt{\rho_t} \text{ in } L^2(dx).$$

Theorem

$\{\partial_x \Psi_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$ is the parallel translation along the Brownian motion paths $\{\mu_t; t \in [0, 1]\}$, that is, $\partial_x \Psi_t \in \bar{\mathbf{T}}_{\mu_t}$ and

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}} |\partial_x \Psi_t|^2 \mu_t(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{T}} |\partial_x \Psi_0|^2 \rho dx, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$