

# Stochastic reversible deformation of dynamical systems

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## I. Stochastic processes and reversibility

Wiener process associated with  $H = -(\hbar^2/2)\Delta$ . Archetype of irreversibility.  
Origin of irreversibility in Stochastic Analysis: historic, not scientific.

Kolmogorov and probabilistic initial value problem.

Markov process  $X_t \in \Lambda$ ,  $t \in I$ , on  $(\Omega, \mathfrak{a}, P)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_t = \sigma\{X_\tau, \tau \leq t\} \subset \mathfrak{a}$ .

Usual formulation (time asymmetric) of  $X$  Markovian:

$$\begin{aligned} E[f(X_t) | X(t_{-1}), X(t_{-2}), \dots, X(t_{-n})] & \quad s < t_{-n} < \dots < t_{-2} < t_{-1} \leq t \\ & = E[f(X_t) | X(t_{-1})] \quad \text{i.e. "forget the past } \mathcal{P}_{t_{-1}} \text{ of } t_{-1}'' \end{aligned}$$

Building block of construction of measure: Kolmogorov's transition probability

$$P(s, X_s, t, B) = P(X_t \in B | X_s), \quad s \leq t, \quad B \text{ Borelian.}$$

When  $X_s$  given by a distribution  $P_s$ ,  $s \leq \tau_1 \leq \tau_2 \leq \dots < u$

$$P(X_{\tau_1} \in B_1, \dots, X_{\tau_n} \in B_n) = \int P_s(dx) P(s, x, \tau_1, B_1) \dots P(\tau_{n-1}, x_{n-1}, \tau_n, B_n)$$

Finite-dimensional distribution of  $X$ .

Probabilistic analogue of *initial* value problem for classical dynamics.

Smooth paths space  $\Omega_{x,s} = \{\omega \in C^2([s, u]; \mathbb{R}) \text{ s.t. } \omega(s) = x\}$ .

But Markov property is *time-symmetric*. If

$$\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma\{X_\tau, \tau \geq t\}, \quad A \in \mathcal{P}_t, \quad B \in \mathcal{F}_t,$$

$$P(AB | \mathcal{P}_t \cap \mathcal{F}_t) = P(A | \mathcal{P}_t \cap \mathcal{F}_t) \cdot P(B | \mathcal{P}_t \cap \mathcal{F}_t)$$

$\Rightarrow$  backward Markovian evolution from a *final* distribution  $P_u(dz)$ :

$$P(X_{\tau_1} \in B_1, \dots, X_{\tau_n} \in B_n) = \int P^*(\tau_1, B_1, \tau_2, x_2) \dots P^*(\tau_n, B_n, u, z) P_u(dz)$$

$P^*$  = backward transition probability.

$$E[f(X_t) | X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_n)] = E[f(X_t) | X(t_1)], \quad s < t < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < u$$

“forget the future  $\mathcal{F}_{t_1}$  of  $X(t_1)$ ”

Also time asymmetric!

Probabilistic counterpart of final value problem for classical dynamical systems. Smooth path space  $\Omega^{u,z}$ .

What is probabilistic counterpart of boundary value variational problem with

$$\Omega_{x,s}^{z,u} = \{ \omega \in C^2([s, u]; \mathbb{R}) \text{ s.t. } \omega(s) = x, \omega(u) = z \} ?$$

**Probabilistic idea:** Forget the past of any  $s_1$  *and* the future of any  $t_1$ :

$$E[f(Z_t) | \mathcal{P}_{s_1} \cup \mathcal{F}_{t_1}] = E[f(Z_t) | Z(s_1), Z(t_1)] \quad \forall s \leq s_1 < t < t_1 \leq u$$

“Bernstein property” (1985–6, or “local Markov” or “two-sided Markov” or “Reciprocal”, 1932): more general than Markov (OK for  $Z(s_1)$  or  $Z(t_1)$  fixed).

**Data:** Initial *and* final probabilities  $P_s(dx), P_u(dz)$ .

How to construct unique process  $Z_t, t \in [s, u]$   
from given joint probability measure  $M(dx, dz)$  ?

- 1) Build 3 points counterpart of transition probability  $Q(s, x; t, B; u, z)$   
s.t. if  $Z_u$  fixed  $Q$  behaves like forward transition probability  $P(s, x, t, B)$   
and, if  $Z_s$  fixed, as a backward transition  $P^*(t, B, u, z)$ .
- 2) Use  $M(dx, dz)$  instead of  $P_s(dx), P_u(dz)$   
to write finite-dimensional distributions of  $Z_t, \forall t \in [s, u]$ .

Then  $\exists!$  Bernstein  $Z_t, t \in [s, u]$ , generally not Markovian.

**Difficulty:** For given  $(P_s, P_u) \exists$  many  $M$  (marginals not sufficient).

**“Solution”:**  $\exists!$   $M$  for given  $(P_s, P_u)$ , denoted by  $M_m$ , s.t.  $Z$  is also Markovian.

Let us consider a class including Wiener process. Then

$$M_m(dx, dz) = \eta_s^*(x) h(x, u - s, z) \eta_u(z) dx dz, \quad \eta_s^*, \eta_u > 0$$

$$h(x, u - s, z) = \left( e^{-(u-s)H/\hbar} \right)(x, z) \quad \text{on } L^2(\mathbb{R}^n), \hbar > 0.$$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2}\Delta + V, \quad \text{s.t. } h > 0, \text{ jointly continuous, } V \in \text{Kato class.}$$

Then, finite dimensional distributions of  $Z_t, t \in [s, u]$ :

$$P(Z_{t_1} \in B_1, \dots, Z_{t_n} \in B_n) = \int \eta_s^*(x) h(x, t_1 - s, B_1) \dots h(B_n, u - t_n, z) \eta_u(z) dx dz$$

Marginals of  $M_m$  determine  $\eta_s^*, \eta_u$ , given  $P_s(dx) = p_s(x) dx, P_u(dz) = p_u(z) dz$ :

$$\begin{cases} \eta_s^*(x) \int h(x, u - s, z) \eta_u(z) dz = p_s(x) \\ \eta_u(z) \int \eta_s^*(x) h(x, u - s, z) dx = p_u(z) \end{cases} \quad \text{Nonlinear integral eq. for } (\eta_s^*, \eta_u).$$

**Theorem A.** Beurling (1960, Ann. Math):

$h$  as before,  $\exists!$  positive (not necessarily integrable) solutions  $\eta_s^*$ ,  $\eta_u$  if  $p_s$  and  $p_u$  are strictly positive.

**Ex:**

$H = H_0$ ,  $p_s = \delta_x$ ,  $p_u = h_0(x, u - s, z)$  ("free" Gaussian kernel). Then  $\eta_s^*(x) = \delta_x$ ,  $\eta_u(z) = 1$  and  $Z_t = W_t$ . The Brownian irreversibility is only a special scenario of free ( $V = 0$ ) evolution. This Brownian will allow, however, to construct many other free (reversible) diffusions.



## Properties of Bernstein Markovian processes:

1)  $P(Z_t \in A) = \int_A \eta^*(q, t) \eta(q, t) dx, \quad t \in [s, u]$

$$\begin{cases} -\hbar \frac{\partial \eta^*}{\partial t} = H \eta^* \\ \eta^*(x, s) = \eta_s^*(x) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \hbar \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = H \eta \\ \eta(x, u) = \eta_u(x) \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Smooth } \eta, \eta^* > 0 \\ H \text{ as before} \end{array}$$

- 2)  $\hat{Z}(t) = Z(u + s - t), t \in [s, u]$  well defined. Built-in reversibility!  
 $\hat{Z}$ . has boundary probabilities at time  $s$  and  $u$  permuted with respect to the ones of  $Z$ .

3) Infinitesimal coefficients (1 dim, for  $H = -(\hbar^2/2)\Delta + V$ ):

$$\text{Forward} \quad \mathcal{P}_t - \text{SDE} \quad dZ_t = \hbar \frac{\nabla \eta}{\eta}(Z_t, t) dt + \hbar^{1/2} dW_t$$

$$\text{Backward} \quad \mathcal{F}_t \quad d_* Z_t = -\hbar \frac{\nabla \eta^*}{\eta^*}(Z_t, t) dt + \hbar^{1/2} d_* W_t^*$$

( $W^*$  = Backward Wiener)

4) Infinitesimal generators:

$$D_t f(Z(t), t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} E_t \left[ \frac{f(Z(t + \Delta t), t + \Delta t) - f(Z(t), t)}{\Delta t} \right]$$

$$D_t^* f(Z(t), t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} E_t \left[ \frac{f(Z(t), t) - f(Z(t - \Delta t), t - \Delta t)}{\Delta t} \right]$$

where  $E_t =$  conditional expectation (given  $Z(t)$ )

$$D_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \hbar \frac{\nabla \eta}{\eta} \nabla + \frac{\hbar}{2} \Delta \quad ; \quad D_t^* = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \hbar \frac{\nabla \eta^*}{\eta^*} \nabla - \frac{\hbar}{2} \Delta$$

For  $D_t Z = B(Z, t) = \hbar \frac{\nabla \eta}{\eta}(Z, t)$ ,  $D_t^* Z = B^*(Z, t)$  (“drifts”)

$$B^*(Z, t) = B(Z, t) - \hbar \nabla \log(\eta^* \eta)(Z, t)$$

NB: Only in stationary case  $B^* = -B$  (as when  $\hbar = 0$ ).

**Ex: Wiener** (starting from  $x$  at time  $s$ )

$$\eta(q, t) = 1 \Rightarrow B = 0$$

$$\eta^*(q, t) = h_0(x, t - s, q) \Rightarrow B_*(q, t) = -\hbar \nabla \log h_0(x, t - s, q)$$

Deformations of constants under dynamics:

$f(Z, t)$  s.t.  $D_t f = 0$  is  $\mathcal{P}_t$ -martingale

$g(Z, t)$  s.t.  $D_t^* g = 0$  is  $\mathcal{F}_t$ -martingale

## II. Reversible stochastic deformation of dynamical systems

Singular  $\lim_{\hbar \rightarrow 0} \sim$  classical limit of QM.

Above framework = stochastic deformation of such limiting classical system.  
Let  $H(x, p)$  its Hamiltonian,  $L(x, \dot{x})$  its Lagrangian.

**Claim:** All classical Theorems needed to analyse this classical dynamical system are deformable a.s. along Bernstein processes  $t \mapsto Z_t$ .

## A selection of examples:

1) Stationary case,  $H = -(\hbar^2/2)\Delta + V(x)$ , State space  $\Lambda =$  interval of  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\eta(x, t) = g_\alpha(x)e^{-\alpha t/\hbar}, \quad \eta^*(x, t) = g_\alpha(x)e^{\alpha t/\hbar}, \quad \alpha = \text{cst.}$$

$$p_s(x) = p_u(x) = |g_\alpha(x)|^2 \text{ invariant probability density.}$$

## Deformation of Lagrangian-Newtonian approach

$$S_L(x, t) = E_{x_t} \int_t^{\hat{t}} L(X(\tau), D_\tau X(\tau)) d\tau \equiv S_L[X(\cdot)], \quad E[\hat{t}] < \infty$$

(upper integration limit  $\hat{t}$  random when  $\Lambda$  bounded)

$$\mathcal{D}_{S_L} = \left\{ X. \text{ solving } \mathcal{P}_t\text{-SDE, fixed diffusion coef.,} \right. \\ \left. \text{smooth } D_\tau X \text{ to be determined} \right\}$$

**Def: Critical** diffusions  $Z$  of  $S_L[X(\cdot)]$  :  $\delta S_L = E_{xt}[\nabla S_L[Z](\delta Z)] = 0$ , “ $\forall \delta Z$ ”,

$$\nabla S_L[Z](\delta Z) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{S_L[Z + \varepsilon \delta Z] - S_L[Z]}{\varepsilon} \quad \text{a.s. G\^ateaux derivative}$$

$\delta Z(\cdot) \in$  Cameron-Martin (Hilbert) space  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{CM}}$  with  $\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle = \int_0^\infty \dot{\varphi}(\tau) \dot{\psi}(\tau) d\tau$

$$E_{xt} \int_t^{\hat{t}} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial X} \delta X + \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_\tau X} D_\tau \delta X \right) d\tau = 0 \quad \forall \delta X \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{CM}}$$

Integration by parts w.r.t.  $D_\tau$  (Itô's formula for  $\forall \delta X \in \mathcal{H}_{\text{CM}}$ )

$$D_\tau \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_\tau Z} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial Z} = 0 \quad \text{a.s. deformed Euler-Lagrange}$$

Elementary  $H \Rightarrow L(q, \dot{q}) = \frac{1}{2}|\dot{q}|^2 + V(q)$  so

### Theorem

The critical diffusions of  $S_L$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{S_L}$ , for this  $L$ , are Bernstein Markov processes solving a.s.  $D_\tau D_\tau Z(\tau) = \nabla V(Z(\tau))$

(Deformed Newton).



## 2) A variational principle with (non holonomic) constraint: 1d Maupertuis Principle

$Z(\cdot) : [s, u] \rightarrow [0, y] = \Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}$

$H(V)$  time independent. Stationary case:  $p_s = p_u$ .

Drifts time independent:  $B^* = -B$

and satisfy deformed energy conservation constraint:

$$\frac{1}{2}|B_\alpha|^2(Z(\tau)) + \frac{\hbar}{2}\nabla B_\alpha(Z(\tau)) - V(Z(\tau)) = \alpha \quad (*)$$

### Theorem

The critical diffusions of  $S_L$  are also critical for the deformed reduced action

$$E_{xt} \int_t^{\tau^y} B_\alpha(Z(\tau)) \circ dZ(\tau) \quad \circ \text{Stratonovich differential}$$

in the (narrower) class of diffusions  $Z_\alpha(\cdot)$  as above satisfying (\*), and

$$\tau^y = \inf\{\tau \geq t : Z(\tau) = y \mid Z(t) = x\}.$$

## Idea:

1)

$$S_L[Z(\cdot)] = E_{xt} \int_t^{\tau^y} B(Z(\tau)) \circ dZ(\tau) - \underbrace{\int_t^{\tau^y} \left( \frac{1}{2}|B|^2 + \frac{\hbar}{2}\nabla B - V \right)(Z(\tau)) d\tau}_{= \alpha \text{ on } Z_\alpha(\cdot)}$$

2) Not any  $g_\alpha(x)$  qualifies as probability density of critical diffusions  $Z(\cdot)$  since both  $\partial\Lambda$  are attainable. But

$$g_\alpha^+(x) = g_\alpha(x) \int_0^x g_\alpha^{-2}(\xi) d\xi \quad \Rightarrow \quad q_\alpha^+(x) = \frac{g_\alpha^+(x)}{g_\alpha(x)} \frac{g_\alpha(y)}{g_\alpha^+(y)} > 0$$

$$D_\tau q_\alpha^+(Z_\alpha(\tau)) = 0, \quad q_\alpha^+(0) = 0, \quad q_\alpha^+(y) = 1 \quad (\mathcal{P}_\tau\text{-Martingale})$$

Doob's transformation of  $Z(\tau)$  via positive martingale

$$q_\alpha^+ \rightarrow Z_\alpha^+(t), t \in [s, u], B_\alpha^+(x) = \hbar \frac{\nabla g_\alpha^+}{g_\alpha^+}(x),$$

$Z_\alpha^+$  cannot reach origin anymore but solves same a.s. Newton equation.

3)

$$\text{In addition } Z_\alpha^+ \text{ solves a.s. } \begin{cases} D_\tau m(Z_\alpha^+(\tau)) = -1, & \tau \in [t, \tau^y] \\ m(x) = E_{xt}[\tau^y] - t & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m(y) = 0 \\ \text{Not Dirichlet problem! } (m(\partial\Lambda) \neq 0) \end{array} \right. \end{cases}$$

## Deformation of characteristics

**Def:** Deformed Hamilton *characteristic function*:

$$W_\alpha^+(x) = -\hbar \log g_\alpha^+(x) \quad x \in \Lambda$$

solves *reduced Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation*:

$$\frac{1}{2} |\nabla W_\alpha^+|^2(x) - \frac{\hbar}{2} \Delta W_\alpha^+(x) - V(x) = \alpha \quad (\text{HJB})$$

Since  $B_\alpha^+ = -\nabla W_\alpha^+$ , (HJB)  $\Leftrightarrow$  Deformed energy conservation

$$D_t W_\alpha^+(Z_\alpha^+(t)) = -|B_\alpha^+(Z_\alpha^+(t))|^2 - \frac{\hbar}{2} \nabla B_\alpha^+(Z_\alpha^+(t)) \Rightarrow \quad (\text{Cf Stratonovich/Itô})$$

$$W_\alpha^+(x) = E_{x,t} \int_t^{\tau^y} B_\alpha^+(Z_\alpha^+(\tau)) \circ dZ_\alpha^+(\tau) \quad \text{Deformed reduced action}$$

As classically  $\nabla(\text{HJB}) \longrightarrow D_t D_t Z_\alpha^+(t) = \nabla V(Z_\alpha^+(t))$

Same method for  $Z_\alpha^-$  conditioned on reaching only lower border 0.

### 3) Time dependent variational principle $\Lambda = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2}\Delta + V \quad \text{Any } p_s(x) \text{ and } p_u(x) \quad (\text{Beurling})$$

$$S_L(x, t) = E_{xt} \int_t^u L(X(\tau), D_\tau X(\tau)) d\tau + E_{xt} S_L(X(u), u)$$

$\Lambda = \mathbb{R}^n$ , no need of random time

$$\text{Critical diffusions: } \begin{cases} D_\tau \frac{\partial L}{\partial D_\tau Z} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial Z} = D_\tau D_\tau Z(\tau) - \nabla V(Z(\tau)) = 0 & \text{a.s.} \\ \text{BC : } Z(t) = x, \quad DZ(u) = -\nabla S_L(Z(u), u) \end{cases}$$

$S_L$  solves time-dependent *Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation*

$$\frac{\partial S_L}{\partial t} - \frac{1}{2} |\nabla S_L|^2 + \frac{\hbar}{2} \Delta S_L + V = 0 \quad (\text{HJB})$$

$$DZ(\tau) = -\nabla S_L(Z(\tau), \tau) \quad \text{true } \forall t \leq \tau \leq u$$

$$\nabla(\text{HJB}) \quad \text{is} \quad D_t D_t Z(t) = \nabla V(Z(t))$$

There is also a stochastic deformation of *Noether's Theorem*, for  $S_L$ :

$D_t(pX + hT - \phi)(Z(t), t) = 0$  for  $X, T, \phi =$  infinitesimal generator coefficients of symmetry group of heat equation, and  $p = -\nabla S_L$ ,  $h = -\partial_t S_L$ .

For recent geometric approach, cf P. Lescot, J.-C. Z.

It produces a collection of  $\mathcal{P}_t$  ( $\mathcal{F}_t$ ) martingales of critical  $Z(\tau)$ .

Stochastic dynamical system reinterpretation of martingales of diffusions.

Ex: Wiener's martingales (cf Chung, J.-C. Z. p181–185) for  $V = 0$

4)  $\Lambda = n$ -dim. Riemannian manifold.  $d\mu(q) = \sqrt{g} dq$ ,  $g = \det g_{ij}$

Framework preserved for huge class of  $H$  (i.e. Bernstein). Ex:

$$Hf(k) = U(k)f(k) - c\nabla F - \frac{1}{2}\Delta f - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (f(k+y) - f(k) - y\nabla f(k) \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\{|y|\leq 1\}}) \nu(dy)$$

$c, k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\nu$  Lévy measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$       **NB:**  $H$  not symmetric!

Then two underlying heat equations involve  $H$  and its adjoint  $H^+$ .

(cf Privault, J.-C. Z.)

Generator  $D_t =$  Integro-differential.

Stochastic Analysis can be entirely time-symmetrized and, but only after, be regarded as a (stochastic) dynamical systems theory.

Other interpretation of this program: Systematic Analysis of PDE with the (deformed) tools of ODE. Geometric flavour.

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