

# Regularization by noise: a Malliavin calculus approach

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An additive perturbation  $w$  may restore uniqueness (and even existence).

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# DAVIE'S PATH-BY-PATH TYPE UNIQUENESS

## Definition

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space. Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $b : \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  be two functions and let  $w$  be a  $\mathbb{R}^d$  value stochastic process. Equation

$$x_t = x_0 + \int_0^t b(x_r) \, dr + \int_0^t \sigma(x_r) \, dw_r$$

admits path-by-path uniqueness if there exists  $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}(x_0, b, \sigma) \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{N}) = 0$  and for all  $\omega \notin \mathcal{N}$ , a unique  $x(\omega) : [0, T] \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$  exists such that

$$x_t(\omega) = x_0 + \int_0^t b(x_r(\omega)) \, dr + \int_0^t \sigma(x_r(\omega)) \, dw_r(\omega) \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Conditions on  $b, \sigma$  and  $w$  are needed for (1) to make sense.
- ▶ Path-by-path uniqueness and pathwise (strong) uniqueness are different, thanks to examples due to [SW22, Anz22].

## PATH-BY-PATH TYPE UNIQUENESS : ADDITIVE CASE

The equation reads as

$$x_t = x_0 + \int_0^t b(x_r) \, dr + w_t.$$

- ▶ Davie [Dav07] :  $w$  Brownian motion,  $b \in L^\infty$ ,
- ▶ Catellier and Gubinelli [CG16]:  $w$  fractional Brownian motion and  $b \in \mathcal{C}^{\varepsilon \vee (1 - \frac{1}{2H} + \varepsilon)}$  (or  $b \in \mathcal{C}^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2H}}$  for semi-flow property),
- ▶ Galeati and Gubinelli [GG21]:  $w$  almost all continuous path and  $b \in H^{-\varepsilon}$ ,
- ▶ Priola [Pri20]:  $w$  a Lévy process
- ▶ And many others...

## THE YOUNG TRANSFORMATION IN THE ADDITIVE CASE

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Well-posedness of Equation (2) is then linked to the space-time regularity of the averaged field

$$(s, t, z) \mapsto (T^w b)_{s,t}(z) = \int_s^t b(z + w_r) \, dr.$$

viz the following result :

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Let  $\frac{1}{3} < \nu \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . A geometric rough path is a couple  $\mathbf{W} = (W, \mathbb{W})$ , with  $W \in \mathcal{C}^\nu([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\mathbb{W} \in \mathcal{C}^{2\nu}([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$  and

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where  $W^\varepsilon$  is a smooth approximation of  $W$ .

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if two constants  $C > 0$  and  $a > 1$  exist such that for  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ ,

$$|x_t - x_s + b(x_s)(t - s) + \sigma(x_s)(W_t - W_s) + D\sigma(x_s)\sigma(x_s)\mathbb{W}_{s,t}| \leq C|t - s|^a.$$

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## MULTIPLICATIVE ROUGH CASE : RESULTS

- ▶ Davie [Dav11].
  - ▶  $w$  geometric Brownian rough path,
  - ▶ RDE in the sense of Davie/Friz-Victoir
  - ▶  $\sigma \in C_b^3$  and  $b \in L^\infty$
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- ▶ Athreya Bhar Shekhar [ABS17]
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  - ▶  $\sigma \in C_b^3$ , is **strictly elliptic** and  $\sigma^{-1}$  is **conservative**. Namely there exists  $F : \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d$  such that
 
$$\nabla F = \sigma^{-1}.$$
  - ▶ Tools : Results of [CG16] and rough Lamperti transform.
- ▶ Dereiotis and Gerencser [DG22] (simultaneously as our work).
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  - ▶  $b \in C^{\varepsilon \vee (1 - \frac{1}{2H} + \varepsilon)}$
  - ▶ **Continuous semi-flow**
  - ▶ Same techniques for Young and smooth cases
  - ▶ Tools : stochastic sewing lemma and **additive translation of the solution.**

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- ▶ a flow transformation,
- ▶ Malliavin calculus,
- ▶ Besov spaces and a martingale decomposition.

## FLOW TRANSFORMATION

Ideas from Riedel and Scheutzow [RS17]. Let  $(\varphi_t(x))_{t \in [0, T]}$  be the flow of the RDE

$$d\varphi_t(x) = \sigma(\varphi_t(x)) d\mathbf{W}_t, \quad \varphi_0(x) = x.$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  is a geometric rough path for  $\nu \in (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

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Let  $b$  be *continuous and bounded*. Let  $\sigma \in C_b^{\lfloor \frac{1}{\nu} \rfloor + 2}$ . A path  $(x_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a solution (in the sense of Davie) of the RDE

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if and only if  $(x_t)_{t \in [0, T]} = (\varphi_t(\theta_t))_{t \in [0, T]}$ , where  $\theta$  is a solution of the ODE

$$\theta_t = \theta_0 + \int_0^t (\nabla \varphi_r(\theta_r))^{-1} b(\varphi_r(\theta_r)) dr.$$

- ▶ Restriction :  $\sigma \in C^{\lfloor \frac{1}{\nu} \rfloor + 2}$
- ▶ Strength : Averaging operator (along the flow), focus on "standard" ODE.

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An example of such process is given by the Wiener process and defined by setting  $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^+; \mathbb{R})$  and defining, for any  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ ,

$$W(h) = \int_0^{+\infty} h(s) dB_s.$$

We now assume that  $\mathcal{H} = L^2([0, 1]; \mathbb{R})$  and denote  $\mathcal{H}(s, t) = \mathcal{H}\mathbf{1}_{[s,t]}$ , for any  $[s, t] \subset [0, 1]$ .

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$$\mathbb{E}[\langle D_{[s, t]} F, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(s, t)} | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E}[F \delta_{[s, t]}(u) | \mathcal{F}_s],$$

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where

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is the covariance matrix associated to  $F$  on  $[s, t]$  (which is symmetric).

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In particular, this yields the relation

$$\partial_k f(F) = \langle D_{[s,t]}(f(F)), R_{[s,t],k} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}([s,t])},$$

where we denote

$$R_{[s,t],k} = \left( (\gamma_{F,[s,t]})^{-1} D_{[s,t]} F \right)_k,$$

the  $k$ -th row of  $(\gamma_{F,[s,t]})^{-1} D_{[s,t]} F$ . The integration by parts formula yields, for any  $G_r \in L^p(\Omega)$  that is  $\mathcal{F}_r$ -measurable with  $r \in [s, t]$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} [\partial_k f(F) G_r | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E} [f(F) \delta_{[s,t]} (R_{[s,t],k} G_r) | \mathcal{F}_s].$$

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### A lemma

Relation (3), the regularization property and some interpolation enables to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \mathbb{E} \left[ (\nabla \varphi_r(\cdot))^{-1} \Delta_j f(\varphi_r(\cdot)) \middle| \mathcal{F}_s \right] \right\|_{L^\infty} &\approx \left\| \mathbb{E} \left[ (\nabla \varphi_r(\cdot))^{-1} (\partial^\beta)^{-1} \partial^\beta \Delta_j f(\varphi_r(\cdot)) \middle| \mathcal{F}_s \right] \right\|_{L^\infty} \\ &\lesssim (r-s)^{-(1-\eta)} 2^{-j \frac{1-\eta}{H}} Z_s \|\Delta_j f\|_{L^\infty}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $\eta \in [0, 1]$ .

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Recall that

$$T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t}(x) = \int_s^t (\nabla \varphi_r(x))^{-1} \Delta_j b(\varphi_r(x)) \, dr.$$

We remark that, for any  $-1 \leq j \leq \ell := \min\{j \in \mathbb{N} : 2^{-j/H} \leq (t-s)\}$ , we have, for any  $\eta \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\|T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t}\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim (t-s) \|\Delta_j b\|_{L^\infty} \stackrel{?}{\leq} (t-s)^{\frac{1+\eta}{2}} 2^{-\frac{1-\eta}{2H} j} \|\Delta_j b\|_{L^\infty}.$$

The previous lemma yields, for any  $j \geq -1$ ,

$$\|\mathbb{E} [T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t} | \mathcal{F}_s]\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim (t-s)^{\frac{1+\eta}{2}} 2^{-j \frac{1-\eta}{2H}} Z_s \|\Delta_j b\|_{L^\infty}.$$

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For  $N \geq 0$  and  $t_k = k \frac{t-s}{N} + s$  one can decompose

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t}(x) - \mathbb{E}[T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t}(x) | \mathcal{F}_s] &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}[T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t}(x) | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k+1}}] - \mathbb{E}[T(\Delta_j b)_{s,t}(x) | \mathcal{F}_{t_k}]}_{\text{martingale increment}} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} T(\Delta_j b)_{t_k, t_{k+1}}(x) - \mathbb{E}[T(\Delta_j b)_{t_k, t}(x) | \mathcal{F}_{t_k}] + \mathbb{E}[T(\Delta_j b)_{t_{k+1}, t}(x) | \mathcal{F}_{t_{k+1}}]
 \end{aligned}$$

BDG inequality, interpolation in Besov spaces, smart choice of the sequence  $(t_k)$ , the regularity lemma and Kolmogorov continuity theorem give the following result of regularity for the averaged field.

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## Theorem

For any  $q \in [2, \infty)$ ,  $\varepsilon_3 > \varepsilon_2 > \varepsilon_1 > 0$  and  $\zeta > d/q$ , we have, for any  $b \in B_{\infty, \infty}^{-\frac{1}{2H} - \varepsilon_2}$ ,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sup_{0 \leq s < t \leq 1} \left( \frac{\|(Tb)_{s,t}\|_{\mathcal{C}_X^\kappa}}{|t-s|^{\frac{1+\varepsilon_1}{2} - \frac{1}{q}}} \right)^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \lesssim \|b\|_{B_{\infty, \infty}^{\kappa - \frac{1}{2H} - \varepsilon_3}},$$

with  $\chi(x) = (1 + |x|)^\zeta$ .

We then have the existence/uniqueness of a solution  $\theta$  to

$$\theta_t = \theta_0 + \int_0^t (Tb)_{\text{dr}}(\theta_r).$$

Thank you very much for your attention!

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