

Regularization by noise: a Malliavin calculus approach

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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, σ 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...

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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

$$\mathbb{W}_{s,t} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_s^t (W_r^\varepsilon - W_s^\varepsilon) \otimes \frac{dW_r^\varepsilon}{dr} \, dr,$$

where W^ε is a smooth approximation of W .

A path $x \in \mathcal{C}^\nu([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^d)$ is a solution of the rough differential equation

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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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- The whole theory would work for more general Gaussian rough paths ($\nu > \frac{1}{4}$).

MULTIPLICATIVE ROUGH CASE : RESULTS

- ▶ Davie [Dav11].
 - ▶ w geometric Brownian rough path,
 - ▶ RDE in the sense of Davie/Friz-Victoir
 - ▶ $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}_b^3$ and $b \in L^\infty$
 - ▶ Tools : Girsanov transform and $T(1)$ Theorem for Kolmogorov equations.
- ▶ Athreya Bhar Shekhar [ABS17]
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 - ▶ $b \in \mathcal{C}^0$ and bounded (or \mathcal{C}^ε for semiflow)
 - ▶ $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}_b^3$, is strictly elliptic and σ^{-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.
- ▶ Dareiotis and Gerenscer [DG22] (simultaneously as our work).
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 - ▶ RDE in the sense of Gubinelli
 - ▶ $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}_b^3$ and $\sigma\sigma^T$ stricly elliptic
 - ▶ $b \in \mathcal{C}^{\varepsilon \vee (1 - \frac{1}{2H} + \varepsilon)}$
 - ▶ 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 $\sigma \in C_b^{[\frac{1}{\nu}]+2}$. 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 θ 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 : $\sigma \in C_b^{[\frac{1}{\nu}]+2}$
- 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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$$\mathbb{E}[\langle D_{[s,t]}F, u \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(s,t)} | \mathcal{F}_s] = \mathbb{E}[F \delta_{[s,t]}(u) | \mathcal{F}_s],$$

where $\mathcal{F}_s = \sigma(W(h) : h \in \mathcal{H}(0, s))$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_{[s,t]}(f(F)), D_{[s,t]} F_\ell \rangle_{\mathcal{H}([s,t])} &= \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k f(F) \langle D_{[s,t]} F_k, D_{[s,t]} F_\ell \rangle_{\mathcal{H}([s,t])} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k f(F) (\gamma_{F,[s,t]})_{k,\ell} = (\gamma_{F,[s,t]} \nabla f(F))_\ell, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\gamma_{F,[s,t]} = (\langle D_{[s,t]} F_k, D_{[s,t]} F_\ell \rangle_{\mathcal{H}([s,t])})_{1 \leq k, \ell \leq d},$$

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 $r \in [s, t]$,

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$$\inf_{0 \leq s < t \leq 1} (t-s)^H \text{Var} \left(B_t^H - B_s^H \middle| \mathcal{F}_{[0,s]} \vee \mathcal{F}_{[t,1]} \right) \geq c_W > 0.$$

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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 $b \in B_{\infty, \infty}^{-\frac{1}{2H} - \varepsilon_2}$,

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





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

We then have the existence/uniqueness of a solution θ to

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

Thank you very much for your attention!

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