

# Manifold Learning and Artificial Intelligence

## Lecture 7

### Generative AI (5)

General SDE, Kolmogorov Differential Equation and the probability flow ODE

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- Time: 9:00 pm, US East Time, 01/14/2023
- 10:00 am, Beijing Time. 01/15/2023
- Zoom

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- **General Stochastic Differential Equations**
- **Reverse – Time SDE**
- **Divergence of Matrix-valued Functions**
- **Itô's Formula**
- **Kolmogorov Backward Differential Equation**
- **Kolmogorov Forward Differential Equation**
- **The Probability Flow Ordinary Differential Equation**

**Discuss some unclear notation in the paper:**

Song et al. 2021. SCORE-BASED GENERATIVE MODELING THROUGH STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

# 17. General Stochastic Differential Equations

## 17.1. Definition

- Forward SDE

$$d\mathbf{X}(t) = \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)d\mathbf{W}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_d(t) \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \\ \vdots \\ \mu_d(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) & \cdots & \sigma_{1d}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{d1}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) & \cdots & \sigma_{dd}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1\cdot}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{d\cdot}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{W}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} W_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ W_d(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Reverse – Time SDE**
- **Divergence of Matrix-valued Functions**

$$F(x) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11}(x) & \cdots & f_{1d}(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ f_{d1}(x) & \cdots & f_{dd}(x) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{1.}(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_{d.}(x) \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } f_{i.}(x) = [f_{i1}(x) \quad \cdots \quad f_{id}(x)]$$

$$\nabla \cdot f_{i.}(x) = \frac{\partial f_{i1}(x)}{\partial x_1} + \cdots + \frac{\partial f_{id}(x)}{\partial x_d} \qquad \nabla \cdot F(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla \cdot f_{1.}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \nabla \cdot f_{d.}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

## • Reverse – Time SDE

$$d\mathbf{X} = \{\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}, t) - \nabla \cdot [\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)^T] - \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)^T \nabla_x \log P(\mathbf{X}, t)\}d\mathbf{t} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)d\bar{\mathbf{W}}(t)$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)\sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T & \cdots & \sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)\sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)\sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T & \cdots & \sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)\sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)\sigma_{j.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)\sigma_{j.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}, t)^T = [\sigma_{1.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T \quad \cdots \quad \sigma_{d.}(\mathbf{X}(t), t)^T]$$

Brian D O Anderson. Reverse-time diffusion equation models. Stochastic Process. Appl., 12(3): 313–326, May 1982.

- **Example 1**

**Forward SDE**

$$dx = \mu(x, t)dt + \sigma(t)dw$$

**Reverse – Time SDE**

$$dx = (\mu(x, t) - \sigma(t)^2 \nabla_x \log P(x, t))dt + \sigma(t)d\bar{w}$$

- **Example 2**

**Forward SDE**

$$dx = \mu(x, t)dt + \sigma(x, t)dw$$

**Reverse – Time SDE**

$$dx = \left( \mu(x, t) - \frac{\partial \sigma(x, t)^2}{\partial x} - \sigma(x, t)^2 \nabla_x \log P(x, t) \right) dt + \sigma(x, t)d\bar{w}$$

## 17.2. Itô's Formula for High Dimensional Diffusion Process

- Purpose

Ito's Lemma is a key component in the Ito Calculus, used to determine the derivative of a time-dependent function of a stochastic process. It performs the role of the chain rule and Taylor expansion in a stochastic setting, analogous to the chain rule in ordinary differential calculus. Ito's Lemma is a cornerstone of quantitative finance and it is intrinsic to the derivation of the Black-Scholes equation for contingent claims (options) pricing.

Calculate the moments of diffusion process.

# Itô's Formula for High Dimensional Diffusion Process

- Let  $X(t) \in R^d, \mu(X(t), t) \in R^d, \sigma(X(t), t) \in R^{d \times d}, W(t) \in R^d$

- High Dimensional Diffusion Model

$$dX(t) = \mu(X(t), t) dt + \sigma(X(t), t) dW(t) \quad (1)$$

- Itô's Formula

Consider twice differentiable scalar function  $f(t, X)$ . Define Hessian Matrix:

$$H_{xx}f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d \partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_d^2} \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
df(t, X_t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T dX_t + \frac{1}{2} (dX_t)^T (H_{xx} f) dX_t \\
&= \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + (\nabla_x f)^T \mu(X(t), t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\sigma(X(t), t)^T H_{xx} f \sigma(X(t), t)] \right\} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T \sigma(X(t), t) dW_t
\end{aligned}$$

- **Proof**

Recall that  $dW \approx \mathbf{0}$  and  $dW(dW)^T \approx I dt, dt^2 \approx 0, dt dW \approx \mathbf{0}$ ,

Using Taylor expansion, we obtain

$$df = f(t + dt, X_t + dX_t) - f(t, X_t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T dX_t + \frac{1}{2} (dX_t)^T (H_{xx} f) dX_t \quad (2)$$

Substituting equation (1) into equation (2) yields

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T (\mu(X(t), t) dt + \sigma(X(t), t) dW(t))$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\mu(X(t), t) dt + \sigma(X(t), t) dW(t))^T (H_{xx} f) (\mu(X(t), t) dt + \sigma(X(t), t) dW(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T (\boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t) dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t)^T (H_{xx} f) \boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t) (dt)^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} dt \boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t)^T (H_{xx} f) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t)) + \frac{1}{2} (d\mathbf{W}(t)^T (\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t))^T (H_{xx} f) \boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t) dt \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(d\mathbf{W}(t)^T (\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t))^T (H_{xx} f) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t))) \\
&= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T (\boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t) dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t)) + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}((\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t))^T (H_{xx} f) \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t) (d\mathbf{W}(t))^T) \quad d\mathbf{W}(t)(d\mathbf{W}(t))^T \approx Idt \\
&= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} dt + (\nabla_x f)^T (\boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t) dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t)) + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}((\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t))^T (H_{xx} f) \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) dt) \\
&= \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + (\nabla_x f)^T \boldsymbol{\mu}(X(t), t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}((\boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t))^T (H_{xx} f) \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t)) \right] dt + (\nabla_x f)^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}(X(t), t) d\mathbf{W}(t)
\end{aligned}$$

**A -functional Itô's formula and its applications in mathematical finance,**  
stochastic Processes and their Applications Volume 148, June 2022, Pages 299-323

**Wright-Fisher models, mutation frequency is modeled as a diffusion process.**

**Karlin and Taylor (1981) A second Course in Stochastic Process**

**Mutation effect in identifying concerned variant is a function of mutation frequency and can be calculated using Ito's formula.**

# Solution to SDE is a Markov Process

- Solution to SDE (1) is given by

$$X(t) - X(s) = \int_s^t \mu(x(\tau), \tau) d\tau + \int_s^t \sigma(x(\tau), \tau) dW(\tau)$$

which can be calculated using only  $X(u), s \leq u \leq t$ , and do not require knowing  $X(u), u \leq s$ .

## 17.3. Kolmogorov Backward Differential Equation

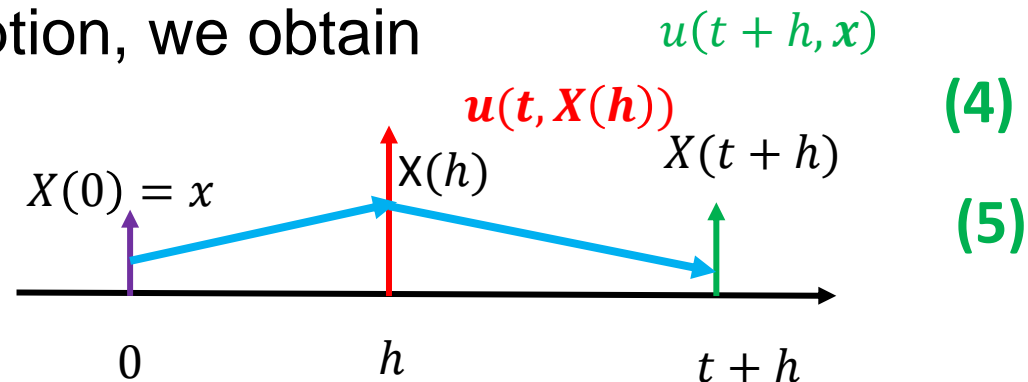
- Definition of Function  $u(t, X)$  and Derivation

Define

$$u(t, X) = E[g(X(t)) | X(0) = X] \quad (3)$$

By Markov property and stationary assumption, we obtain

$$E[g(X(h+t)) | X(h)] = u(t, X(h)) \quad (4)$$



Using conditioning, we obtain

$$u(t+h, X) = E[g(X(h+t)) | X(0) = X] = E[E[g(X(h+t)) | X(h)] | X(0) = X] \quad (5)$$

Substituting equation (5) into equation (6) yields

$$u(t+h, X) = E[u(t, X(h)) | X(0) = X] \quad (6)$$

Let  $\Delta X = X(h) - X$

(7)

Since the probability of  $\Delta \mathbf{X} > \varepsilon$  is small, we can assume that  $\Delta \mathbf{X}$  is small.

Now by definition of derivative and using equations (3) and (7), we Have

$$u(t+h, X) - u(t, X) = E[u(t, X + \Delta \mathbf{X}) - u(t, X) | \mathbf{X}(0) = X] \quad (8)$$

Using Taylor expansion, we have  $\mathbf{x} + \Delta \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}(h)$

$$u(t, X + \Delta \mathbf{X}) - u(t, X) = (\nabla_x u)^T \Delta \mathbf{X} + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta \mathbf{X})^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \Delta \mathbf{X} \quad (9)$$

$$= (\nabla_x u)^T (\boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{X}, t) dt + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{X}(t), t) dW) + \frac{1}{2} (\mu(X, t) dt + \sigma(X(t), t) dW)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} (\mu(X, t) dt + \sigma(X(t), t) dW) \quad \text{Substituting equation (1) into equation (9)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\nabla_x u)^T \mu(X, t) dt + (\nabla_x u)^T \sigma(X(t), t) dW + \frac{1}{2} (\mu(X, t) dt)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \mu(X, t) dt \\ &+ 2 * \frac{1}{2} \mu(X, t) dt \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t) dW + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma(X(t), t) dW)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t) dW \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

Using trace property of matrix, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sigma(X(t), t)dW)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t)dW &= \text{Tr} ((\sigma(X(t), t)dW)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t)dW) \\
 &= \text{Tr}(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t)dW (\sigma(X(t), t)dW)^T) \quad (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting equation (11) into equation (10) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(t, X + \Delta X) - u(t, X) &= (\nabla_x u)^T \mu(X, t)dt + (\nabla_x u)^T \sigma(X(t), t)dW + \frac{1}{2} (\mu(X, t)dt)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \mu(X, t)dt \\
 &+ 2 * \frac{1}{2} \mu(X, t)dt \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t)dW + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \sigma(X(t), t)dW (dW)^T \sigma(X(t), t)^T)
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $dW \approx 0$  and  $dW(dW)^T \approx I dt, dt^2 \approx 0, dt dW \approx 0$ ,

Taking expectations on both sides of above equation, we obtain

$$E[u(t, X + \Delta X) - u(t, X) | \mathbf{X}(0) = X] = (\nabla_x u)^T \mu(X, t)dt + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(X(t), t)\sigma(X(t), t)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} dt$$

Using equation (8) and above equation yields

$$u(t + h, X) - u(t, X) = \left[ (\nabla_x u)^T \mu(X, t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(X(t), t)\sigma(X(t), t)^T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial x^T} \right] dt \quad (12)$$

which implies that

$$\lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(t + dt, \mathbf{x}) - u(t, \mathbf{x})}{dt} = (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u)^T \mu(X, t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(X(t), t) \sigma(X(t), t)^T) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \mathbf{x} \partial \mathbf{x}^T},$$

or

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = (\mu(X, t))^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(X(t), t) \sigma(X(t), t)^T) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \mathbf{x} \partial \mathbf{x}^T} \quad (13)$$

For one dimensional diffusion process, we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \mu(X, t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (14)$$

Define

$$g(Z(t)) = \begin{cases} 1 & Z \leq Y \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$u(t, X) = E[g(Z(t)) | X(0) = X]$$

Then,  $u(t, X) = P(t, X, Y)$



Applying equation (13), we obtain **Kolmogorov backward equation for transition probability**

- **High Dimensional Transitional Probability**

$$\frac{\partial P(t, X, Y)}{\partial t} = (\mu(X, t))^T \nabla_x P(t, X, Y) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(X(t), t) \sigma(X(t), t)^T) \frac{\partial^2 P(t, X, Y)}{\partial x \partial x^T} \quad (15)$$

- **One Dimensional Transition Probability**

$$\frac{\partial P(t, x, y)}{\partial t} = \mu(x, t) \frac{\partial P(t, x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma(X, t)^2 \frac{\partial^2 P(t, x, y)}{\partial x^2} \quad (16)$$

- **High Dimensional Marginal Probability**

$$\frac{\partial P(t, X)}{\partial t} = (\mu(X, t))^T \nabla_x P(t, X) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(X(t), t) \sigma(X(t), t)^T) \frac{\partial^2 P(t, X)}{\partial x \partial x^T}$$

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Numerical computation of probabilities for nonlinear SDEs in high dimension using Kolmogorov equation

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# Kolmogorov Forward Differential Equation

- Pertinent variables are  $t$  and  $y$ , the state variable  $y$  a time  $t$  rather initial value  $x$ .

Let  $\varphi(t, y)$  be arbitrary smooth function satisfying

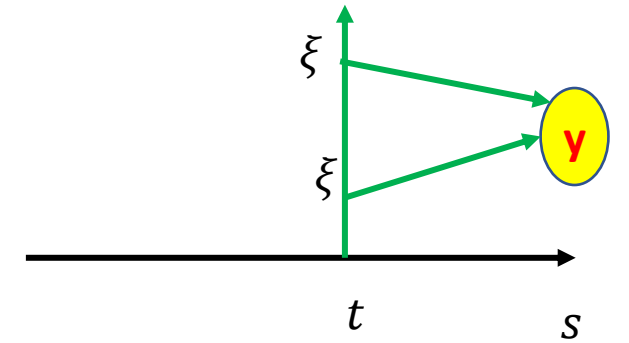
$$\varphi(t + s, y) = \int \varphi(t, \xi) p(s, \xi, y) d\xi \quad (17)$$

Differentiating both sides of equation (17) yields

$$\frac{\partial \varphi(t + s, y)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \varphi(t + s, y)}{\partial s} = \int \varphi(t, \xi) \frac{\partial p(s, \xi, y)}{\partial s} d\xi \quad (18)$$

Substituting equation (15) into equation (18) yields

$$\frac{\partial \varphi(t + s, y)}{\partial t} = \int \varphi(t, \xi) \left[ (\mu(\xi, s))^T \nabla_{\xi} P(s, \xi, y) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\sigma(\xi(s), s) \sigma(\xi(s), s)^T \frac{\partial^2 P(s, \xi, y)}{\partial \xi \partial \xi^T}) \right] d\xi \quad (19)$$



- **Note that**

$$(\mu(\xi, s))^T \nabla_{\xi} P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^d \mu_i(\xi, s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(\xi(s), s) \sigma(\xi(s), s)^T &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11}(\xi, s) & \cdots & \sigma_{1d}(\xi, s) \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{d1}(\xi, s) & \cdots & \sigma_{dd}(\xi, s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11}(\xi, s) & \cdots & \sigma_{d1}(\xi, s) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1d}(\xi, s) & \cdots & \sigma_{dd}(\xi, s) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{11}^2(\xi, s) & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{1k}(\xi, s) \sigma_{dk}(\xi, s) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{dk}(\xi, s) \sigma_{1k}(\xi, s) & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{dk}^2(\xi, s) \end{bmatrix} \quad (21) \end{aligned}$$

$$Tr(\sigma(\xi(s), s) \sigma(\xi(s), s)^T \frac{\partial^2 P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \xi \partial \xi^T}) = \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{jk}(\xi(s), s) \sigma_{ik}(\xi(s), s) \frac{\partial P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} \quad (22)$$

- Substituting equations (20)-(22) into equation (19) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi(t+s, \mathbf{y})}{\partial t} &= \sum_{i=1}^d \int [\varphi(t, \xi) \mu_i(\xi, s)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) d\xi_i \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \xi) \sigma_{jk}(\xi, s) \sigma_{ik}(\xi, s) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) d\xi_i d\xi_j \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Note that

$$P(s, +\infty, \mathbf{y}) = P(s, -\infty, \mathbf{y}) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \varphi(t, \xi) \mu_i(\xi, s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) d\xi_i &= \varphi(t, \xi) \mu_i(\xi, s) \mathbf{P}(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) \Big| - \int P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} [\varphi(t, \xi) \mu_i(\xi, s)] d\xi_i \\ &= - \int P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} [\varphi(t, \xi) \mu_i(\xi, s)] d\xi_i \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\int \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \xi) \sigma_{jk}(\xi, s) \sigma_{ik}(\xi, s) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) d\xi_i d\xi_j = \int P(s, \xi, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \xi) \sigma_{jk}(\xi, s) \sigma_{ik}(\xi, s) \right] d\xi_i d\xi_j$$

Integration by parts

(25)

Substituting equations (24) and (25) into equation (23) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \varphi(t+s, \mathbf{y})}{\partial t} = & - \sum_{i=1}^d \int P(s, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} [\varphi(t, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \mu_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}, s)] d\xi_i \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \int P(s, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \sigma_{jk}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, s) \sigma_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, s) \right] d\xi_i d\xi_j \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

When  $s \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P(s, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{y}) & \rightarrow P(\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{y}) = 1, & \boldsymbol{\mu}_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{0}) &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_i(\mathbf{y}) \\ \int P(s, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i} [\varphi(t, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \mu_i(\boldsymbol{\xi}, s)] d\xi_i & \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} [\varphi(t, \mathbf{y}) \mu_i(\mathbf{y})] \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$\int P(s, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_i \partial \xi_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \sigma_{jk}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, s) \sigma_{ik}(\boldsymbol{\xi}, s) \right] d\xi_i d\xi_j \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i \partial y_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \mathbf{y}) \sigma_{jk}(\mathbf{y}) \sigma_{ik}(\mathbf{y}) \right] \quad (28)$$

Substituting equations (27) and (28) into equation (26) yields

$$\frac{\partial \varphi(t, \mathbf{y})}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} [\varphi(t, \mathbf{y}) \mu_i(\mathbf{y})] + \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i \partial y_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \varphi(t, \mathbf{y}) \sigma_{jk}(\mathbf{y}) \sigma_{ik}(\mathbf{y}) \right] \quad (29)$$

Substituting  $\varphi(t, \mathbf{y}) = p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  into equation (29), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i} [p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mu_i(\mathbf{y})] + \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial y_i \partial y_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} p(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \sigma_{jk}(\mathbf{y}) \sigma_{ik}(\mathbf{y}) \right] \quad (30)$$

When  $d = 1$ , equation (30) is reduced to

$$\frac{\partial p(t, x, y)}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} [p(t, x, y) \mu(y)] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} [p(t, x, y) \sigma^2(y)] \quad (31)$$

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$$\frac{\partial p(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [p(t, \mathbf{x}) \mu_i(x)] + \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} p(t, \mathbf{x}) \sigma_{jk}(x) \sigma_{ik}(x) \right] \quad (\text{A1})$$

Let

$$dX = \mu(X, t)dt + \sigma(X, t)dW, \quad \sigma(X, t) = 0$$

Then,

$$\frac{\partial p(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [p(t, \mathbf{x}) \mu_i(x)] \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$dX = \mu(X, t)dt \quad (\text{A3})$$



# 18. The Probability Flow Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

## 18.1. Definition

The probability flow ODE is defined as

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = \mu(X, t) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot [\sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T] - \frac{1}{2} \sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T \nabla_x \log P(X, t) \quad (32)$$

## 18.2. Derivation

Recall that Kolmogorov's forward equation (Fokker-Planck equation) for marginal density function of the process  $X(t)$  defined in equation (1) is given by

$$\frac{\partial p(t, X)}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [p(t, X) \mu_i(t, X)] + \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \left[ \frac{1}{2} p(t, X) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \right], \quad (33)$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial p(X, t)}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [p(X, t) \mu_i(X, t)] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d p(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \right] \right]$$

Using formula for derivative of product, we obtain (34)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d p(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \right] \\ = & \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \right] P(X, t) + \sum_{j=1}^d \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} P(X, t) \end{aligned}$$

Using formula for divergence of matrix valued function, we obtain (35)

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{1k}(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \right] \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{dk}(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \right] \end{bmatrix} \quad (36)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} P(X, t) = \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{ik} \sigma_{1k} \quad \cdots \quad \sum_{k=1}^d \sigma_{ik} \sigma_{dk} \right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial P(X, t)}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial P(X, t)}{\partial x_d} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= P(X, t) [\sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i \nabla_x \log P(X, t) \quad (37)$$

Substituting equations (36) and (37) yields

$$\sum_{j=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^d p(X, t) \sigma_{jk}(X, t) \sigma_{ik}(X, t) \right] =$$

$$P(X, t) [\nabla \cdot \sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i + P(X, t) [\sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i \nabla_x \log P(X, t) \quad (38)$$

$P(X, t) \nabla_x \log P(X, t) = P(X, t) \frac{1}{P(X, t)} \nabla_x P(X, t) = \nabla_x P(X, t)$

Substituting equation (38) into equation (34), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial p(X, t)}{\partial t} = - \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left\{ P(X, t) [\mu_i(X, t) - \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \cdot \sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i - \frac{1}{2} [\sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i \nabla_x \log P(X, t)] \right\} \quad (39)$$

Let

$$\tilde{\mu}_i(X, t) = \mu_i(X, t) - \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \cdot \sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i - \frac{1}{2} [\sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T]_i \nabla_x \log P(X, t)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}(X, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mu}_1(X, t) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{\mu}_d(X, t) \end{bmatrix} = \mu(X, t) - \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot [\sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T] - \frac{1}{2} \sigma(X, t) \sigma(X, t)^T \nabla_x \log P(X, t),$$

$$G(X, t) = 0$$

Define SDE as

$$dX = \tilde{\mu}(X, t)dt + G(X, t)dW \tag{40}$$

Then the marginal probability corresponding to SDE (40) satisfies equation (39).

Equation (40) is essentially ODE:

$$dX = \tilde{\mu}(X, t)dt,$$

which is the same as equation (32).

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