

Assumption 4.1. The following assumptions are imposed on the cost function \mathcal{J}

1. There exist $\tilde{\theta}$ such that $\mathcal{J}(\tilde{\theta}) = \inf_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\theta) =: \underline{J}$. Also, it is bounded from above by $\sup \mathcal{J} \leq \bar{J}$.
2. The cost function \mathcal{J} is locally Lipschitz continuous $\|\mathcal{J}[\theta_1] - \mathcal{J}[\theta_2]\| \leq L_J(\|\theta_1\| + \|\theta_2\|)\|\theta_1 - \theta_2\|$.
3. There exists a constant $c_{\mathcal{J}} > 0$ such that $\mathcal{J}(\theta) - \underline{J} \leq c_{\mathcal{J}}(1 + \|\theta\|^2)$.
4. There exist $\delta_J, R_0, \eta, \mu > 0$ such that $\|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| \leq \frac{(\mathcal{J} - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta}$, for all $\theta \in B_{\theta, R_0}(\tilde{\theta}) = \{\theta : \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| \leq R_0\}$, and $\mathcal{J}(\theta) - \underline{J} > \delta_J$ for all $\theta \in (B_{\theta, R_0}(\tilde{\theta}))^c$.
5. The parameters we choose $\sigma(t)$ has upper and lower bound $\underline{\sigma} \leq \sigma(t) \leq \bar{\sigma}$.

Lemma D.2 Under Assumption 4.1, $\forall r > 0$, we define $J_r := \sup_{\theta \in B_{\theta, r}(\tilde{\theta})} \mathcal{J}(\theta)$. Then $\forall r \in [0, R_0]$ and $q > 0$ such that $(q + J_r - \underline{J})^\mu \leq \delta_J$, we have

$$\|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu] - \tilde{\theta}\| \leq \frac{(q + J_r - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q)}{\rho(B_{\theta, r}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho(\theta, \omega).$$

Proof. Let $\tilde{r} = \frac{(q + J_r - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} \geq \frac{(J_r - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} \geq r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu] - \tilde{\theta}\| &\leq \int_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}(\tilde{\theta})} \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| \frac{w_\beta(\theta)}{\|w_\beta(\theta)\|_{L^1(\rho)}} d\rho + \int_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| \frac{w_\beta(\theta)}{\|w_\beta(\theta)\|_{L^1(\rho)}} d\rho \\ &\leq \tilde{r} + \int_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| \frac{w_\beta(\theta)}{\|w_\beta(\theta)\|_{L^1(\rho)}} d\rho. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

By Markov's inequality, we have $\|w_\beta\|_{L^1(\rho)} \geq a\rho(\{(\theta, \omega) : \exp(-\beta\mathcal{J}(\theta)) \geq a\})$. By choosing $a = \exp(-\beta J_r)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|w_\beta\|_{L^1(\rho)} &\geq \exp(-\beta J_r) \rho(\{(\theta, \omega) : \exp(-\beta\mathcal{J}(\theta)) \geq \exp(-\beta J_r)\}) \\ &= \exp(-\beta J_r) \rho(\{(\theta, \omega) : J(\theta) \leq J_r\}) \\ &\geq \exp(-\beta J_r) \rho(B_{\theta, r}(\tilde{\theta})), \end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality comes from the definition of J_r . Thus for the second term in (1), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| \frac{w_\beta(\theta)}{\|w_\beta(\theta)\|_{L^1(\rho)}} d\rho &\leq \frac{1}{\exp(-\beta J_r) \rho(B_{\theta, r}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| w_\beta(\theta) d\rho \\ &\leq \frac{\exp(-\beta(\inf_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} J(\theta) - J_r))}{\rho(B_{\theta, r}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho \\ &\leq \frac{\exp(-\beta(\inf_{B_{\theta, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} J(\theta) - J_r))}{\rho(B_{\theta, r}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

We also notice

$$\inf_{B_{\tilde{\theta}, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} J(\theta) - J_r \geq \min\{\delta_J + \underline{J}, (\eta \tilde{r})^{1/\mu} + \underline{J}\} - J_r \geq (\eta \tilde{r})^{1/\mu} - J_r + \underline{J} = q,$$

where the first inequality comes from Assumption 4.1 and the second inequality comes from the definition of \tilde{r} and q , $\tilde{r} = \frac{(q + J_r - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} \leq \frac{\delta_J}{\eta}$. Combining the above inequality and the definition of \tilde{r} , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu] - \tilde{\theta}\| &\leq \frac{(q + J_r - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} + \frac{\exp(-\alpha(\inf_{B_{\tilde{\theta}, \tilde{r}}^c(\tilde{\theta})} J(\theta) - J_r))}{\rho(B_{\tilde{\theta}, r}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho \\ &\leq \frac{(q + J_r - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q)}{\rho(B_{\tilde{\theta}, r}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem 4.5 Let \mathcal{J} satisfy the Assumption 4.1. Moreover, let $\rho_0 \in \mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R}^{2D})$ and $(\tilde{\theta}, 0) \in \text{supp}(\rho_0)$. By choosing parameters $\sigma(t)$ is exponentially decaying as $\sigma(t) = \sigma_1 \exp(-\sigma_2 t)$ with $\sigma_1 > 0$ and $\sigma_2 > 1$ and $\lambda = \max\{m, \gamma_1\} \geq 2\sigma_2$ and $\gamma = \min\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2\} > 0$. Fix any $\epsilon \in (0, E[\rho_0])$ and $\tau \in (0, 1 - \frac{2\sigma_2}{\lambda})$, and define the time horizon

$$T^* := \frac{1}{(1 - \tau)\lambda} \log \left(\frac{E[\rho_{T_0}]}{\epsilon} \right) \quad (2)$$

Then there exists $\beta > 0$ such that for all $\beta > \beta_0$, if $\rho \in \mathcal{C}([0, T^*], \mathcal{P}_4(\mathbb{R}^{2D}))$ is a weak solution to the Fokker-Planck equation in the time interval $[0, T^*]$ with initial condition ρ_0 , we have

$$\min_{t \in [0, T^*]} E[\rho_t] \leq \epsilon.$$

Furthermore, until $E[\rho_t]$ reaches the prescribed accuracy ϵ , we have the exponential decay

$$E[\rho_t] \leq E[\rho_0] \exp(-(1 - \tau)\lambda t) \quad (3)$$

and, up to a constant, the same behavior for $W_2^2(\rho_t, \delta_{(\tilde{\theta}, 0)})$.

Proof of Theorem 4.5. We choose parameters β such that

$$\beta > \beta_0 := \frac{1}{q_\epsilon} \left(\log \left(\frac{4\sqrt{2E[\rho_0]}}{c(\tau, \lambda)\sqrt{\epsilon}} + \frac{p}{(1 - \tau)\lambda} \log \left(\frac{E[\rho_0]}{\epsilon} \right) - \log \rho_0(B_{\frac{r_\epsilon}{2}}(\tilde{\theta}, 0)) \right) \right),$$

where we introduce

$$c(\tau, \lambda) = \frac{\tau\gamma}{\lambda}, \quad q_\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ \left(\frac{c(\tau, \lambda)\sqrt{\epsilon}\eta}{2} \right)^{1/\mu}, \delta_J \right\}, \quad \text{and } r_\epsilon = \max_{x \in [0, R_0]} \left\{ \max_{(\theta, \omega) \in B_s(\tilde{\theta}, 0)} J(\theta) \leq q_\epsilon + \underline{J} \right\},$$

and define the time horizon $T_\beta \geq 0$, which may depend on β , by

$$T_\beta = \sup\{t \geq 0 : E[\mu_{t'}] > \epsilon \text{ and } \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_{t'}] - \tilde{\theta}\| < C(t') \text{ for all } t' \in [0, t]\}$$

with $C(t) = c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{E(\rho_t)}$. First we want to prove $T_\beta > 0$, which follows from the continuity of the mappings $t \rightarrow E[\rho_t]$ and $t \rightarrow \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_t] - \tilde{\theta}\|$ since $E[\rho_0] > 0$ and $\|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_0] - \tilde{\theta}\| < C(0)$. While the former holds by assumption, the latter follows by

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_0] - \tilde{\theta}\| &\leq \frac{(q_\epsilon + J_{r_\epsilon} - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q_\epsilon)}{\rho(B_{\theta, r_\epsilon}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho_0(\theta, \omega) \\ &\leq \frac{(q_\epsilon + J_{r_\epsilon} - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q_\epsilon)}{\rho(B_{r_\epsilon}(\tilde{\theta}, 0))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho_0(\theta, \omega) \\ &\leq \frac{c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{\epsilon}}{2} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q_\epsilon)}{\rho(B_{r_\epsilon}(\tilde{\theta}, 0))} \sqrt{2E[\rho_0]} \\ &\leq c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{\epsilon} \leq c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{E[\rho_0]} = C(0), \end{aligned}$$

where we use the definition of β in the first inequality of the last line. Recall the Lemma ??, up to time T_β

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} E[\rho_t] &\leq -\gamma E[\rho_t] + \lambda \sqrt{E[\rho_t]} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_t] - \tilde{\theta}\| + \frac{\sigma^2(t) D(m+1)}{2} \\ &\leq -(1-\tau) \gamma E[\rho_t] + \frac{\sigma^2(t) D(m+1)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\exp((1-\tau)\gamma t) E[\rho_t]) &= (1-\tau)\gamma (\exp((1-\tau)\gamma t) E[\rho_t]) + \exp((1-\tau)\gamma t) \frac{d}{dt} E[\rho_t] \\ &\leq \exp((1-\tau)\gamma t) \frac{\sigma^2(t) D(m+1)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\exp((1-\tau)\gamma t) E[\rho_t]) - E[\rho_0] &\leq \int_0^t \exp((1-\tau)\lambda s) \sigma^2(s) ds \\ &= \frac{\sigma_1^2 (1 - \exp((-2\sigma_2 + \lambda(1-\tau))t))}{2\sigma_2 - \lambda(1-\tau)}. \end{aligned}$$

We can get the boundedness for $E[\rho_t]$, for $2\sigma_2 - \lambda(1-\tau) < 0$ by the chosen of τ and λ , then we have

$$E[\rho_t] \leq \exp(-(1-\tau)t\lambda) E[\rho_0].$$

Accordingly, we note that $E(\rho_t)$ is decreasing in t , which implies the decay of the function $C(t)$ as well. Hence, recalling the definition of T_β , we may bound $\max_{t \in [0, T_\beta]} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\rho_t] - \tilde{\theta}\| \leq \max_{t \in [0, T_\beta]} C(t) \leq C(0)$. We now conclude by showing $\min_{t \in [0, T_\beta]} E(\rho_t) \leq \epsilon$ with $T_\beta \leq T^*$. For this, we distinguish the following three cases.

Case $T_\beta \geq T^*$: If $T_\beta \geq T^*$, we can use the definition of $T^* = \frac{1}{(1-\tau)\lambda} \log(\frac{E[\rho_0]}{\epsilon})$

and the time evolution bound of $E[\rho_t]$ to conclude that $E[\rho_{T^*}] \leq \epsilon$. Hence, by definition of T_β , we find $E[\rho_{T_\beta}] \leq \epsilon$ and $T_\beta = T^*$.

Case $T_\beta < T^*$ and $E[\rho_{T_\beta}] \leq \epsilon$: Nothing need to discussed in this case.

Case $T_\beta < T^*$ and $E[\rho_{T_\beta}] > \epsilon$: We shall prove that this case will never occur.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_{T_\beta}] - \tilde{\theta}\| &\leq \frac{(q_\epsilon + J_{r_\epsilon} - \underline{J})^\mu}{\eta} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q_\epsilon)}{\rho(B_{\theta, r_\epsilon}(\tilde{\theta}))} \int \|\theta - \tilde{\theta}\| d\rho_{T_\beta}(\theta, \omega) \\ &< \frac{c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{E[\rho_{T_\beta}]}}{2} + \frac{\exp(-\beta q_\epsilon)}{\rho(B_{\theta, r_\epsilon}(\tilde{\theta}))} \sqrt{E[\mu_{T_\beta}]}. \end{aligned}$$

Since, we have $\max_{t \in [0, T_\beta]} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_{t'}] - \tilde{\theta}\| = B = C(0)$ guarantees that there exist a $p > 0$ with

$$\rho_{T_\beta}(B_{\theta, r_\epsilon}(\tilde{\theta})) \geq \left(\int \phi_{r_\epsilon}(\theta, \omega) d\rho_0(\theta, \omega) \right) \exp(-pT_\beta) \geq \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \left(B_{\frac{r_\epsilon}{2}}(\tilde{\theta}, 0) \right) \exp(-pT^*), \quad (4)$$

where we used $(\tilde{\theta}, 0) \in \text{supp}(\rho_0)$ for bounding the initial mass ρ_0 and the fact that ϕ_r is bounded from below on $B_{\frac{r_\epsilon}{2}}(\tilde{\theta}, 0)$ by $1/2$. With this, we can conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_{T_\beta}] - \tilde{\theta}\| &< \frac{c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{E[\rho_{T_\beta}]}}{2} + \frac{2 \exp(-\beta q_\epsilon)}{\rho(B_{\frac{r_\epsilon}{2}}(\tilde{\theta}, 0)) \exp(-pT^*)} \sqrt{E[\rho_{T_\beta}]} \\ &\leq c(\tau, \lambda) \sqrt{E[\rho_{T_\beta}]} = C(T_\beta), \end{aligned}$$

where the first inequality in the last line holds by the choice of β . This establishes the desired contradiction, against the consequence of the continuity of the mappings $t \rightarrow E[\rho_t]$ and $t \rightarrow \|\mathcal{M}_\beta[\mu_t] - \tilde{\theta}\|$. \square