
NOTES FOR KPZ EQUATION

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1 Mathematical Fundamentals

1.1 White Noise and Stochastic Integration in 1+1 dimensions

Definiton 1.1.1. (Time-Space White Noise)

White noise $\xi(t, x), t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$ is the distribution valued Gaussian process with mean zero and covariance

$$E[\xi(t, x)\xi(s, y)] = \delta(t - s)\delta(x - y)$$

which means we have a family of random variables

$$\left\{ \int \xi(t, x)f(t, x)dxdt \right\}_{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R})}$$

Proposition 1.1.1. For an orthonormal basis f_1, f_2, \dots of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R})$ and independent Gaussian random variables Z_1, Z_2, \dots each with mean zero and variance 1, and then

$$\xi(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Z_n f_n(t, x)$$

is a time-space white noise required in above defintion.

2 Appendix

2.1 Functional Analysis

Theorem 2.1.1. (Existence of Orthonormal basis in L^2)

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