
NOTES FOR RENORMALIZATION FLOW

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1 Setup

1.1 Semilinear SHE

We consider the semilinear stochastic heat equation

$$du_t^\rho = \frac{1}{2}\Delta u_t^\rho dt + \gamma_\rho \sigma(u_t^\rho) dW_t^\rho, \quad t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Here σ is a Lipschitz nonlinearity and $dW_t^\rho(x)$ is a Gaussian noise that is white in time and correlated in space at scale $\rho^{1/2} \ll 1$. We are interested in the pointwise behavior of $u_t^\rho(x)$ as $\rho \rightarrow 0$, which calls for an attenuation factor $\gamma_\rho \sim |\ln \rho|^{-1/2}$ due to critical scaling in two dimensions. In fact, we devote most of our attention to a variation on (1.1) in which we first multiply σ and then smooth the noise:

$$dv_t^\rho = \frac{1}{2}\Delta v_t^\rho dt + \gamma_\rho \mathcal{G}_\rho[\sigma(v_t^\rho) dW_t]$$

Definiton 1.1.1.

(Space-time White Noise)

Let $dW = (dW_t(x))_{t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \mathbb{R}^2}$ be a standard \mathbb{R}^m -valued space-time white noise generating a temporal filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$. Writing $dW = (dW^1, \dots, dW^m)$ in components, then

$$\mathbb{E}[dW_t^i(x) dW_{t'}^{i'}(x')] = \delta_{i,i'} \delta(t - t') \delta(x - x')$$

Proposition 1.1.1. Construction a space-time white noise.

Definiton 1.1.2.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space and fix a target dimension $m \in \mathbb{N}$. The solution $v^\rho : \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a random vector-valued function parametrized by the correlation parameter $\rho > 0$. We suppress the dependence of v^ρ on $\omega \in \Omega$.

Since v is vector-valued, our nonlinearity $\sigma : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ is matrix-valued. Let \mathcal{H}_+^m denote the set of nonnegative-definite symmetric real $m \times m$ matrices, equipped with the metric induced by the Frobenius norm

$$|A|_F^2 := \text{tr}(AA^T) = \text{tr}(A^2)$$

Let σ belong to the space $\text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathcal{H}_+^m)$.

Definiton 1.1.3. Given $\tau \geq 0$, we define the heat operator

$$\mathcal{G}_\tau v = G_\tau * v$$

where $G_\tau = (2\pi\tau)^{-1} \exp(-\frac{|x|^2}{2\tau})$ denotes the standard heat kernel. Define the spatially-smoothed noise $dW_t^\rho = G_\rho * dW_t$.

Proposition 1.1.2. We have

$$\mathbb{E}[dW_t^{\rho,i}(x) dW_{t'}^{\rho,i'}(x')] = \delta_{i,i'} \delta(t - t') G_{2\rho}(x - x')$$

Proof.

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Definiton 1.1.4. Define

$$L(\tau) = \ln(1 + \tau) \quad \text{for } \tau \geq 0$$

and set

$$\gamma_\rho = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{L(1/\rho)}}$$

Definiton 1.1.5.

(Mild Solution 1)

A mild solution for (1.1) is a predictable random field v^ρ such that for all $s < t$, we have

$$v_t^\rho(x) = \mathcal{G}_{t-s}v_s^\rho(x) + \gamma_\rho \int_s^t \mathcal{G}_{t+\rho-r}[\sigma(v_r^\rho)dW_r](x)$$

which means

$$v_t^\rho x = \mathcal{G}_{t-s}v_s^\rho(x) + \gamma_\rho \int_s^t \int G_{t+\rho-r}(y) * [\sigma(v_r^\rho)(x-y)dW_r(x-y)]$$