

1. Consider a forward SDE

$$dx_t = f(x_t, t) dt + g(x_t, t) dW_t,$$

show that the corresponding probability flow ODE is written as

$$dx_t = \left[ f(x_t, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x_t, t) - \frac{g^2(x_t, t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x_t, t) \right] dt. \quad \textcircled{*}$$

By Fokker-Planck Equation:  $\frac{\partial p(x,t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [f(x,t)p(x,t)] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} [g^2(x,t)p(x,t)]$

This eqn is a form of conti. eqn.  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J_{SDE}}{\partial x}$ , where  $J_{SDE}$  is the probability current of the stochastic process. By factoring the FPE, we can identify this current:

$$J_{SDE}(x, t) = f(x, t)p(x, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [g^2(x, t)p(x, t)] \quad \textcircled{a}$$

Let  $\textcircled{a}$  becomes to  $dx_t = v(x, t) dt \quad \textcircled{b}$ , which  $v(x, t) = f(x, t) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x, t) - \frac{g^2(x, t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x, t)$

The evolution of a density  $p(x, t)$  under this deterministic flow is given by the standard Continuity Eqn.:

$$\frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} [v(x, t)p(x, t)]$$

The probability current  $J_{ODE}$  for this flow is simply:  $J_{ODE}(x, t) = v(x, t)p(x, t) \quad \textcircled{c}$

For the  $\textcircled{b}$  to be the "probability flow" corresponding to the  $\textcircled{a}$ , they must both describe the exact same probability density evolution  $p(x, t)$ . This means their  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$  terms must be identical, which implies their probability currents must be equal.  $J_{SDE} = J_{ODE}$

Subst.  $\textcircled{a}$  and  $\textcircled{c}$ :

$$f(x, t)p(x, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [g^2(x, t)p(x, t)] = v(x, t)p(x, t)$$

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x, t) = \frac{1}{p(x, t)} \frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial x}$$

$$\text{, then } v = f - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial g^2}{\partial x} - \frac{g^2}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p$$

$$v(x, t) = f(x, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x, t) - \frac{g^2(x, t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x, t)$$

$$\text{Hence, } dx_t = [f(x, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x, t) - \frac{g^2(x, t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x, t)] dt \quad \textcircled{d}$$