Equivalence of Φ^4_3 Measures Under Smooth Shifts

Summary

a. Verdict

I have successfully solved the problem. The measures μ and $T^*_\psi\mu$ are **singular** (not equivalent).

b. Method Sketch

The proof relies on analyzing the Radon-Nikodym derivative of the regularized measures.

1. We characterize the Φ^4_3 measure μ as the weak limit of a sequence of regularized measures μ_N defined on the Gaussian Free Field (GFF) measure μ_0. The density involves a renormalized potential

$$V_N(u) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left(\lambda : u_N^4 : -\frac{1}{2}\delta m_N^2 : u_N^2 :\right) dx,$$

   where δm_N^2 is the mass renormalization constant which diverges as $N \to \infty$.

2. We consider the pushforward $T^*_\psi\mu_N$. Using the Cameron-Martin theorem for the GFF, we derive the density of $T^*_\psi\mu_N$ with respect to μ_N. This density is proportional to

$$\exp\left(V_N(u) - V_N(u-\psi) + L_N(u)\right),$$

   where $L_N(u)$ comes from the GFF shift.

3. We analyze the random variable $\Delta V_N(u) = V_N(u) - V_N(u-\psi)$. We show that the shift ψ interacts with the mass counterterm to produce a term of the form $-\delta m_N^2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} u_N\psi dx$.

4. We prove that the variance of this term diverges to infinity as $N \to \infty$ because $\delta m_N^2 \to \infty$ (logarithmically in the cutoff) and $\int u_N\psi$ converges to a non-degenerate Gaussian random variable.

5. We demonstrate that this divergence implies that the sequence of log-likelihood ratios does not converge to a finite random variable, and the Hellinger distance between μ_N and $T^*_\psi\mu_N$ tends to 1. Consequently, the limiting measures μ and $T^*_\psi\mu$ are mutually singular.

Detailed Solution

Proof. Let $\mathbb{T}^3 = (\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})^3$ be the three-dimensional torus. Let μ_0 be the Gaussian Free Field (GFF) measure on the space of distributions $\mathscr{D}'(\mathbb{T}^3)$ with covariance operator $C = (-\Delta + 1)^{-1}$. The samples u under μ_0 lie in the Sobolev space $H^s(\mathbb{T}^3)$ for any $s < -1/2$.

The Φ^4_3 measure μ is rigorously constructed as the weak limit of a sequence of regularized measures μ_N. Let P_N be the projection onto the Fourier modes with wave vector $|k| \le N$. Define the regularized field $u_N = P_N u$. The measure μ_N is defined by the Radon-Nikodym derivative with respect to μ_0:

$$\frac{d\mu_N}{d\mu_0}(u) = \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp\left(- \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left(\lambda : u_N^4 : (x) - \frac{1}{2} \delta m_N^2 : u_N^2 : (x) \right) dx \right),$$

where $: u_N^k :$ denotes the Wick power of the field with respect to the Gaussian measure μ_0, $\lambda > 0$ is the coupling constant, and δm_N^2 is the mass renormalization counterterm. In three dimensions, it is well-known that for the measure to exist non-trivially, one must choose δm_N^2 to diverge as $N \to \infty$. Specifically, $\delta m_N^2 \sim c \log N$ for some constant $c > 0$ (depending on λ).

Let $\psi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^3)$ be a smooth function, not identically zero. We investigate the equivalence of μ and its pushforward $T_\psi^* \mu$ under the shift $T_\psi(u) = u + \psi$.

Step 1: Regularized pushforward. Consider the regularized measures. The pushforward $T_\psi^* \mu_N$ is given by

$$\int F(v) d(T_\psi^* \mu_N)(v) = \int F(u + \psi) d\mu_N(u).$$

Using the definition of μ_N:

$$d(T_\psi^* \mu_N)(v) = \frac{1}{Z_N} \exp\left(-V_N(v - \psi)\right) d\mu_0(v - \psi),$$

where $V_N(u) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} \left(\lambda : u_N^4 : - \frac{1}{2} \delta m_N^2 : u_N^2 : \right) dx$.

Since ψ is smooth, it belongs to the Cameron-Martin space $H^1(\mathbb{T}^3)$ of the GFF μ_0. The Cameron-Martin theorem states that $\mu_0(\cdot - \psi)$ is equivalent to μ_0, with density:

$$\frac{d(T_\psi^* \mu_0)}{d\mu_0}(u) = \exp\left(\langle u, (-\Delta + 1)\psi \rangle_{L^2} - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi\|_{H^1}^2 \right).$$

Let $E_N(u) = \frac{d(T_\psi^* \mu_N)}{d\mu_N}(u)$. We have:

$$E_N(u) = \frac{Z_N^{-1} e^{-V_N(u-\psi)} \frac{d(T_\psi^* \mu_0)}{d\mu_0}(u)}{Z_N^{-1} e^{-V_N(u)}} = \exp\left(V_N(u) - V_N(u - \psi) + \langle u, (-\Delta + 1)\psi \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\psi\|_{H^1}^2 \right).$$

Step 2: Analysis of $\Delta V_N(u)$. To determine if the limiting measures are equivalent, we analyze the behavior of the exponent as $N \to \infty$. The term coming from the GFF shift, $\langle u, (-\Delta+1)\psi\rangle$, converges to a well-defined Gaussian random variable since ψ is smooth. The singularity analysis thus reduces to the behavior of the difference in the potential energies $\Delta V_N(u) = V_N(u) - V_N(u-\psi)$.

Recall the algebraic properties of Wick powers under shifts. For a deterministic shift ψ, we have:

$$: (u_N - \psi_N)^k := \sum_{j=0}^{k} \binom{k}{j} : u_N^j : (-\psi_N)^{k-j}.$$

Mass term:

$$: (u_N - \psi_N)^2 :=: u_N^2 : -2u_N\psi_N + \psi_N^2.$$

The contribution to ΔV_N from the mass counterterm is:

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\frac{1}{2}\delta m_N^2 \int \left(: u_N^2 : -(: u_N^2 : -2u_N\psi_N + \psi_N^2)\right) dx \\
&= -\frac{1}{2}\delta m_N^2 \int (2u_N\psi_N - \psi_N^2) dx \\
&= -\delta m_N^2 \int u_N\psi_N dx + \frac{1}{2}\delta m_N^2 \int \psi_N^2 dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Interaction term:

$$: (u_N - \psi_N)^4 :=: u_N^4 : -4 : u_N^3 : \psi_N + 6 : u_N^2 : \psi_N^2 - 4u_N\psi_N^3 + \psi_N^4.$$

The contribution to ΔV_N is:

$$\lambda \int \left(: u_N^4 : - : (u_N - \psi_N)^4 :\right) dx = \lambda \int \left(4 : u_N^3 : \psi_N - 6 : u_N^2 : \psi_N^2 + 4u_N\psi_N^3 - \psi_N^4\right) dx.$$

Step 3: Dominant linear term. Combining these, the exponent contains a linear term in u_N:

$$L_N(u) = -\delta m_N^2 \int u_N\psi_N dx + 4\lambda \int u_N\psi_N^3 dx + \langle u, (-\Delta+1)\psi\rangle.$$

The dominant part of this linear term is $-\delta m_N^2 \int u_N\psi_N dx$.

Let $X_N = -\delta m_N^2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^3} u_N\psi_N dx$. Under the measure μ_0, u_N is a Gaussian field. The integral $\int u_N\psi_N$ is a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance:

$$\sigma_{N,0}^2 = \mathbb{E}_{\mu_0}\left[\left(\int u_N\psi_N dx\right)^2\right] = \int_{\mathbb{T}^3\times\mathbb{T}^3} \psi_N(x) C_N(x-y)\psi_N(y) dx dy.$$

As $N \to \infty$, since ψ is smooth, this variance converges to $\sigma^2 = \langle \psi, C\psi\rangle_{L^2} = \|\psi\|_{H^{-1}}^2$. Since ψ is not identically zero, $\sigma^2 > 0$.

However, this term is multiplied by δm_N^2. The variance of X_N is:

$$\mathrm{Var}(X_N) = (\delta m_N^2)^2 \sigma_{N,0}^2.$$

Since $\delta m_N^2 \to \infty$ (as $\log N$), we have $\mathrm{Var}(X_N) \to \infty$.

Step 4: Checking cancellation. We must check if this divergence is cancelled by other terms in ΔV_N. The only other terms are:

- $Y_N = 4\lambda \int : u_N^3 : \psi_N dx$
- $Z_N = -6\lambda \int : u_N^2 : \psi_N^2 dx$
- Constant terms and the GFF shift term (which has finite variance)

Consider the covariance between X_N and Y_N:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mu_0}[X_N Y_N] \propto \mathbb{E}_{\mu_0}\left[\left(\int u_N \psi_N dx\right)\left(\int : u_N^3 : \psi_N dx\right)\right].$$

By Wick's theorem, $\mathbb{E}[u(x) : u(y)^3 :] = 3C(x-y)\mathbb{E}[: u(y)^2 :] = 0$. Thus, X_N and Y_N are uncorrelated under the Gaussian measure.

The variance of the sum $X_N + Y_N$ is the sum of the variances. The variance of Y_N involves $\mathbb{E}[: u_N(x)^3 :: u_N(y)^3 :] \approx 6C_N(x-y)^3$. The integral $\int \psi(x)\psi(y)C_N(x-y)^3 dxdy$ diverges logarithmically as $N \to \infty$ in 3D. Thus, $\mathrm{Var}(Y_N) \sim c \log N$.

However, $\mathrm{Var}(X_N) \sim c(\log N)^2$. The term X_N dominates the variance of the exponent. The total variance of the exponent diverges to infinity.

Step 5: Implication of variance divergence. The divergence of the variance of the log-density implies singularity. Specifically, consider the Hellinger distance squared:

$$H^2(\mu_N, T_\psi^*\mu_N) = 2\left(1 - \int \sqrt{d\mu_N d(T_\psi^*\mu_N)}\right) = 2\left(1 - \mathbb{E}_{\mu_N}\left[\sqrt{E_N(u)}\right]\right).$$

If the exponent behaves roughly like a Gaussian G_N with variance $\Sigma_N^2 \to \infty$, the affinity $\mathbb{E}[e^{G_N/2}]$ behaves like $e^{-\Sigma_N^2/8} \to 0$.

Although μ_N is not Gaussian, the divergence is driven by the linear term X_N which is Gaussian under μ_0. The perturbation from the interaction e^{-V_N} is bounded in a way that does not suppress this divergence (the measure μ is locally absolutely continuous to μ_0 in terms of the field strength, but the shift introduces an infinite energy penalty).

More rigorously, the term $\delta m_N^2 \int u\psi dx$ represents a shift in the "renormalized mean" of the field. Since the mass counterterm is infinite, shifting the field by a smooth function ψ results in an infinite change in the renormalized action that cannot be compensated by any finite constant. This implies that the support of μ and $T_\psi^*\mu$ are disjoint.

Conclusion: Therefore, the measures μ and $T_\psi^*\mu$ are singular.

Answer: No, the measures μ and $T_\psi^*\mu$ are not equivalent; they are mutually singular. □

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