

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

$$dx_t = \left[f(x_t, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x_t, t) - \frac{g^2(x_t, t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x_t, t) \right] dt.$$

Consider the forward Ito SDE :

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

where $f(x_t, t)$ is the drift coefficient, $g(x_t, t)$ is the diffusion coefficient and W_t is a standard Wiener process.We want to find a deterministic ODE whose marginal density $p(x_t, t)$ at every time t matches that of the SDE. This ODE is called the probability flow ODE.The time evolution of the marginal density $p(x_t, t)$ corresponding to the SDE is governed by the Fokker-Planck equation :

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

For a deterministic flow $dx_t = v(x_t, t) dt$, the marginal density evolves according to the continuity eq.:

$$\frac{\partial p(x_t, t)}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [v(x_t, t) p(x_t, t)] \quad \text{--- ②}$$

By ① and ②, we equate their right-hand sides :

$$- \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (vp) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (fp) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (g^2 p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (fp - vp) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (g^2 p)$$

Assuming the boundary terms vanish (i.e. p and $g^2 p \rightarrow 0$ at $\pm \infty$), integrate once over x :

$$fp - vp = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (g^2 p)$$

Then, we solve for $v(x, t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= f(x, t) - \frac{1}{p(x, t)} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} [g^2(x, t) p(x, t)] \\ &= f(x, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{p(x, t)} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x, t) \right) p(x, t) + g^2(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} p(x, t) \right] \left(\frac{1}{p} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} p = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p \right) \\ &= f(x, t) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x, t) + g^2(x, t) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x, t) \right] = \frac{dx_t}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we show that the corresponding probability flow ODE is

$$dx_t = \left[f(x_t, t) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g^2(x_t, t) - \frac{g^2(x_t, t)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log p(x_t, t) \right] dt \quad \square$$

3. Unanswered Question:

在 Reverse SDE 中，模型是透過一步步去除噪聲，來恢復出真實的資料樣本，但在現實世界中，像是天氣預測或金融市場中，資料中的噪聲往往不是論文假設的高斯噪聲，而是未知或依據資料改變的非高斯噪聲，我想問如果正向過程的噪聲並非高斯分佈，甚至依賴資料本身，那反向 SDE 還能穩定且可靠的重建出原始訊號嗎？