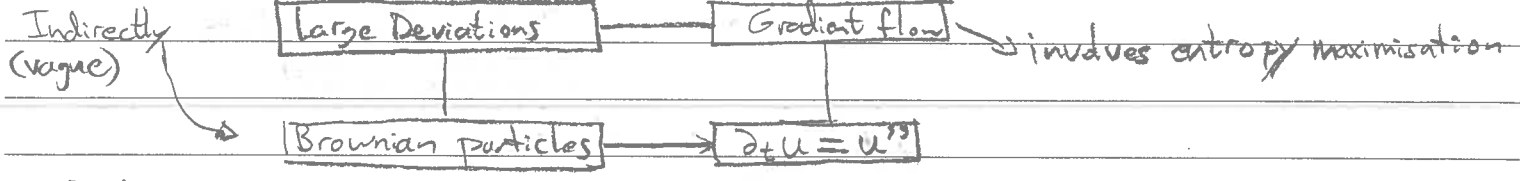


**1** A particle systems method to derive Wasserstein gradient flow structures

Not about connection particle systems and differential equations... not directly!



- 1) discuss connections
- 2) exploit connection to derive gradient flow structures

Gradient flow - diff. eq

(time-discrete schemes)

[2] sequence  $(p^j)_{j=1}^{\infty}$ : Given  $p^{j-1}$ , let  $p^j$  be minimiser of:

$$p \mapsto \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |p|^2 dx}_{\text{energy } E(p)} + \frac{1}{2\tau} \underbrace{\|p - p^{j-1}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2}_{\text{metric}}$$

(in  $H^1(\mathbb{R})$ )

small time step

Euler-Lagrange:  $-p^{j+1} + \frac{p^j - p^{j-1}}{\tau} = 0$

$\downarrow \tau \rightarrow 0$   
 $\partial_t u = u'' = -\text{grad}_2 E(u)$

Wasserstein

$$S(p) := \begin{cases} \int p(x) \log p(x) dx, & p dx = p^0 dx \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Wasserstein distance on  $\mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Given  $p^{j-1}$ , let  $p^j$  be minimiser of:

$$p \mapsto \frac{1}{2} S(p) - \frac{1}{2} S(p^j) + \frac{1}{2\tau} d(p, p^{j-1})^2 \quad (\mathcal{P}_2)$$

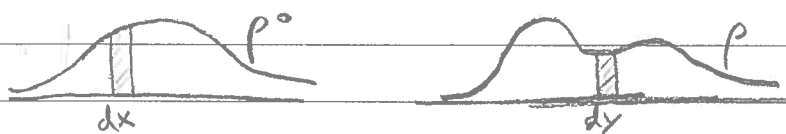
Euler Lagrange:  $"\text{grad}_W S(p^j)" + \frac{p^j - p^{j-1}}{\tau} = 0$

$\downarrow \tau \rightarrow 0$  (\*) Jordan, Kinderlehrer, Otto 1998  
 $\partial_t u = -\text{grad}_W S(u) = u''$

- Two competing forces.
- $p^{j-1} \rightarrow p^0$  (only interested in first transition from  $p^0$  to  $p^1$ )

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## 2 Wasserstein distance



$\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$  transports  $p^0$  to  $p$  if:

$$\gamma(B \times \mathbb{R}) = p^0(B)$$

$$\gamma(\mathbb{R} \times B) = p(B)$$

$\Gamma(p^0, p)$  set of transport plans  $\gamma$  from  $p^0$  to  $p$

$\gamma(dx dy)$  measures how much mass is transported from  $dx$  to  $dy$

If "cost" to transport  $dx$  to  $dy$  is  $|y-x|^2$ , what is the minimal cost to transport  $p^0$  to  $p$ ?

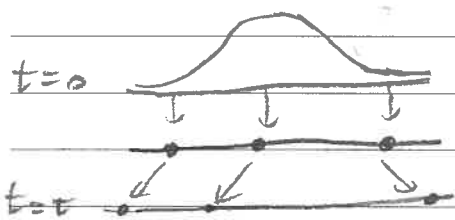
$$d(p^0, p)^2 := \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(p^0, p)} \int |y-x|^2 \gamma(dx dy)$$

$$= \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \|\dot{\mu}^t\|_{-1, \mu^t}^2 dt : \text{curves } \mu^t \text{ s.t. } \mu^0 = p^0 \text{ and } \mu^1 = p \right\}$$

$(\mu^t \in AC((0,1); \mathcal{P}_2(\mathbb{R})))$

15:00  $\|\partial_t \mu^t\|_{-1, \mu^t}^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_t|^2 dx, \quad \partial_t \mu^t + \text{div}(\mu^t v^t) = 0$

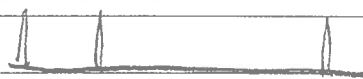
## 3 Brownian Particle system - diff. eq.



$p^0 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  initial distribution

$X_1(\cdot), X_2(\cdot), \dots$  iid with law  $p^0$

$\theta^t(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-x)^2}{2t}\right)$  Brownian transition prob.



$$L_n(t) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{X_i(t)}$$



$$L_n(t) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} L_n(t) = p^0 * \theta^t \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

solution of diff. eq.

Prob( $L_n(t) \in C$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} 1, & p^0 * \theta^t \in C \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  for all  $C \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$

meas.  $\uparrow$  cont. sets

$\rightarrow$  two topologies

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#### 14) Brownian particles - Large Deviations

How fast converge to 0 or 1?

$$\text{Pr}(L_n(\bar{x}) \approx p | L_n(\bar{x}) \approx p^0) \sim \exp(-n J^\tau(p|p^0)) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Th Léonard 2007, Peletier-Rzouq

$$J^\tau(p|p^0) = \inf_{\gamma \in \Gamma(p^0, p)} H(\gamma | p^0 \otimes \delta^p) \quad \text{with } H(\gamma | \nu) = \begin{cases} \int \log\left(\frac{d\gamma}{d\nu}\right) d\gamma, & \nu \ll \gamma \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\uparrow$   
product measure

Th Dawson-Gärtner 1987, (Kipnis-Olla 1990)

$$J^\tau(p|p^0) = \inf \left\{ \frac{\tau}{4} \int_0^1 \|\partial_t \gamma^s - \mu^s\|_{-1, \mu^s}^2 ds, \text{ curves with } \gamma^0 = p^0, \gamma^1 = p \right\}$$

#### 15) Large Deviations - Gradient flows

→ only has to work for small  $\tau$ .

Th Adams, Dirr, Peletier, Zimmer 2010; Duong, Laschos, R. 2012

$$J^\tau(p|p^0) \approx \frac{1}{2} S(p) - \frac{1}{2} S(p^0) + \frac{1}{4\tau} d(p^0, p)^2 \text{ as } \tau \rightarrow 0$$

(Development in terms of  $\Gamma$ -convergence)

Summary

conclusion: entropy-WS minimisation = likelihood maximisation

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#### 16) New gradient flow structures

How to find GF-structure for different PDE?

- ① Describe particle system by transition prob.
- ② Calculate conditional LDP  $J^\tau(p|p^0)$
- ③ Asymptotic development of  $J^\tau$  for small  $\tau$
- ④ Prove GF-structure

# Ⓐ Fokker-Planck

$$\partial_t u = u'' + \text{div}(u \Psi')$$

for some potential  $\Psi$

- transition prob: fundamental solution
- Asympt. development LDP:

Th (Peletier-R 2011, Duzy, Larches-R 2012)

$$J^t(\rho|\rho^0) \approx \frac{1}{2} S(\rho) + \frac{1}{2} \int \Psi dp - \frac{1}{2} S(\rho^0) - \frac{1}{2} \int \Psi dp^0 + \frac{1}{2t} d(\rho; \rho^0)^2$$

- prove GF structure:  
(Jordan, Kinderlehrer, Otto 1998)

# Ⓑ Diffusion with bulk decay

$$\partial_t u = u'' - \lambda u, \text{ for some } \lambda > 0$$

Not mass-conserving  $\Rightarrow$  add 'decayed matter' and assume it continues its Brownian motion. State space =  $\mathbb{R} \times \{N, D\}$

normal  $\uparrow$  dark  $\uparrow$

- transition prob: Brownian motion -  $0^t$
- indep. Decay:  $\text{Prob}(N \rightarrow N) = e^{-\lambda t}$

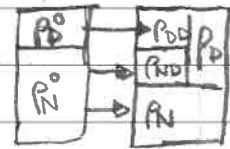
$$\text{Prob}(N \rightarrow D) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{Prob}(D \rightarrow N) = 0$$

$$\text{Prob}(D \rightarrow D) = 1$$

- Asympt. development LDP. Only works if you know

Th Peletier-R 2011



$$J^t(\rho_N, \rho_{ND}, \rho_{DD} | \rho_N^0, \rho_D^0) \approx \frac{1}{2} S(\rho_N + \rho_{ND}) - \frac{1}{2} S(\rho_N^0) + \frac{1}{2t} d(\rho_N^0, \rho_N + \rho_{ND})^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} S(\rho_{DD}) - \frac{1}{2} S(\rho_D^0) + \frac{1}{2t} d(\rho_D^0, \rho_{DD})^2$$

$$- S(\rho_N + \rho_{ND}) + S(\rho_N) + S(\rho_{DD}) - \|\rho_N\| \log(e^{-\lambda t}) - \|\rho_{DD}\| \log(1 - e^{-\lambda t})$$

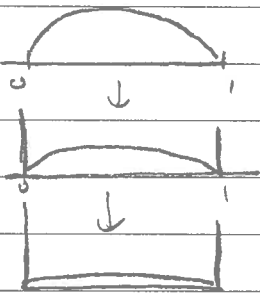
drives decay; minimal if  $\rho_N = e^{-\lambda t} (\rho_N + \rho_{ND})$

drives diffusion

## (C) Diffusion with decay at boundary

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u = u'' & \text{in } (0,1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Not mass-conserving  $\rightarrow$  add 'decayed' mass at boundary:



• transition prob: Brownian motion with "sticking boundary"

• work in progress... it seems that

$$J^{\rho}(\rho | \rho^{\circ}) \approx \inf_{\substack{\rho_{in}^{\circ} + \rho_{in} + \rho_{in}^{\circ} \\ \|\rho_{in}^{\circ}\| = \|\rho\|}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} S(\rho) - \frac{1}{2} S(\rho_{in}^{\circ}) + S(\rho_{in}^{\circ}) + S(\rho_{in}) + S(\rho_{in}^{\circ}) - S(\rho^{\circ}) \right\}$$

$$- \inf \left\{ \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} |y-x|^2 \gamma(dx dy) : \gamma \in \mathcal{P}([0,1] \times [0,1]) : \begin{aligned} &\gamma(B \times [0,1]) = \rho^{\circ}(B) \\ &\gamma([0,1] \times B) = \rho(B), B \subset [0,1] \\ &\gamma([0,1] \times (0,1)) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- similar to metric proposed in Figalli - Gigli 2011.

- only this one is asymmetric!

### Conclusion

- This method can provide new Wasserstein gradient flow structures.
- Thus found gradient flows are meaningful as a measure for unlikelyness.