

Ergodicity and Gaussian fluctuations for the stochastic wave equation

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where $\gamma(x)$ is a tempered measure, whose Fourier transform μ satisfies **Dalang's condition**:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{\mu(d\xi)}{1 + |\xi|^2} < \infty.$$

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- Heuristically,

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$$\text{and } \dot{W}(t, x) = \frac{\partial^{d+1} W}{\partial t \partial x_1 \cdots \partial x_d}.$$

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- We can define the stochastic integral of a measurable and adapted random field u such that $E[\|u\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2] < \infty$ in such a way that the following isometry property is satisfied:

$$E \left(\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d} u(t, x) W(dt, dx) \right|^2 \right) = E[\|u\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2].$$

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Theorem (Dalang '99)

There is a unique mild solution, which is a random field $u = \{u(t, x), t \geq 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$ adapted to \mathcal{F}_t , such that for all $p \geq 2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $T > 0$ and $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\|u(t, x)\|_p < K_{T,p}.$$

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- By the Ergodic Theorem

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a.s. and in $L^p(\Omega)$ for all $p \geq 1$, where $B_R = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x| \leq R\}$.

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for all $z_1, \dots, z_m \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\zeta^1, \dots, \zeta^m \in \mathbb{R}^d$ where \mathcal{I} is the invariant σ -algebra of $u(t)$. Then,

$$u(t) \text{ ergodic} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{I} \text{ trivial} \Leftrightarrow \text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{R^d} \int_{B_R} e^{i \sum_{j=1}^m z_j u(t, x + \zeta^j)} dx \right) \rightarrow 0.$$

This variance can be estimated using Poincaré-type inequalities and Malliavin calculus.

Malliavin Calculus

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- If $F \in \mathcal{S}$ we define its *derivative* by

$$D_{s,y}F = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(W(h_1), \dots, W(h_n)) h_i(s, y).$$

DF is a random variable with values in \mathfrak{H} .

- $\mathbb{D}^{1,2} \subset L^2(\Omega; \mathfrak{H})$ is the closure of \mathcal{S} with respect to the norm

$$\|DF\|_{1,2} = \sqrt{E(F^2) + E(\|DF\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2)}.$$

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- If $v \in L^2(\Omega; \mathfrak{H})$ is a square integrable and adapted, then v belongs to the domain of δ and $\delta(v)$ coincides with the Dalang-Walsh integral of v :

$$\delta(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d} v(s, y) W(ds, dy).$$

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$$|\text{Cov}(F, G)| \leq \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \|D_{s,y}F\|_2 \|D_{s,z}G\|_2 \gamma(y-z) dy dz ds,$$

provided $\|D_{s,y}F\|_2$ and $\|D_{s,z}G\|_2$ exist.

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- By the Poincaré inequality

$$\begin{aligned} A_R \leq & \sum_{j,\ell=1}^m \frac{C}{R^{2d}} \int_{B_R^2} \int_0^\infty \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2d}} \|D_{s,y} u(t, x + \zeta^j)\|_2 \|D_{s,z} u(t, x' + \zeta^\ell)\|_2 \\ & \times \gamma(y - z) dy dz dx dx' ds \end{aligned}$$

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- We have for all $0 < s < t \leq T$, $p \geq 2$,

$$\|D_{s,y}u_{\varepsilon,k}(t,x)\|_p \leq C \mathbf{1}_{\{|x-y| \leq M\}}$$

where $u_{\varepsilon,k}$ is the k -th Picard approximation of the equation

$$u_{\varepsilon}(t,x) = 1 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (G_{t-s} * \psi_{\varepsilon})(x-y)\sigma(u_{\varepsilon}(s,y))W(ds,dy),$$

where C and M depend on ε , k , p , T and the support of ψ .

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- Using Fourier analysis

$$\begin{aligned} K_R &= \frac{1}{R^{2d}} \int_{B_R^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i(x-x'+\zeta^j-\zeta^\ell)\cdot\xi} |\mathcal{F}\mathbf{1}_{B_M}(\xi)|^2 \mu(d\xi) dx dx' \\ &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(\int_{B_1^2} e^{-iR(x-x')\cdot\xi} dx dx' \right) |\mathcal{F}\mathbf{1}_{B_M}(\xi)|^2 \mu(d\xi) \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0 \end{aligned}$$

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- Asymptotics of the variance:

$$\text{Var}(S_{R,t}) \sim R^{-\beta}, \quad R \rightarrow \infty$$

Theorem

As R tends to infinity,

$$R^{\frac{\beta}{2}} S_{R,t} \xrightarrow{C(\mathbb{R}_+; \mathbb{R})} \int_0^t (t-s) \xi(s) dB_s$$

where

$$\xi(s) = \sqrt{2E[\sigma^2(u(s, 0))]}, \quad \text{if } \gamma = \delta_0,$$

$$\xi(s) = c_\beta E[\sigma(u(s, 0))], \quad \text{otherwise,}$$

and B is a Brownian motion.

Quantitative CLT

- The total variation distance between two random variables F and G is defined by

$$d_{TV}(F, G) = \sup_{B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})} |P(F \in B) - P(G \in B)|.$$

Theorem

For every $t > 0$, there exist a constant $c(t)$, such that

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where Z has law $N(0, 1)$.

- References: Delgado-H.-Zheng '20 (case $d = 1$), Bolaños-N.-Zheng '20 (case $d = 2$).

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- **Main idea:** Given a random variable F , if $E[\phi'(F) - F\phi(F)]$ is small for a suitable class of functions ϕ , then the distribution of F is close to the standard normal distribution.
- Louis H. Y. Chen, Larry Goldstein and Qi-Man Shao: *Normal approximation by Stein's method*. Springer, 2011.

Stein's equation

Let $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ and let $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $E(|h(Z)|) < \infty$. Stein's equation associated with h is the linear differential equation

$$\boxed{\phi'_h(x) - x\phi_h(x) = h(x) - E(h(Z))}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

- The function

$$\phi_h(x) = e^{x^2/2} \int_{-\infty}^x (h(y) - E[h(Z)]) e^{-y^2/2} dy.$$

is the unique solution of Stein's equation satisfying

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-x^2/2} \phi_h(x) = 0. \quad (3)$$

- ϕ_h satisfies

$$\|\phi_h\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\phi'_h\|_\infty \leq 2.$$

Proposition

Let F and Z be two random variables such that $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. Then,

$$d_{TV}(F, Z) \leq \sup_{\phi \in \mathcal{F}_{TV}} |E[\phi'(F) - F\phi(F)]|,$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_{TV} = \{\phi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}) : \|\phi\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}, \|\phi'\|_\infty \leq 2\}.$$

Proof:

- Let $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be a continuous function and let ϕ_h be the solution to the Stein's equation associated with h , that is,

$$h(x) - E[h(Z)] = \phi'_h(x) - x\phi_h(x).$$

- Replacing x by F and taking the expectation, yields

$$\begin{aligned} |E(h(F)) - E(h(Z))| &= |E[\phi'_h(F) - F\phi_h(F)]| \\ &\leq \sup_{\phi \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}): \|\phi\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}, \|\phi'\|_\infty \leq 2} |E[\phi'(F) - F\phi(F)]|. \end{aligned}$$

- This inequality holds for any $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ measurable, because we can approximate h by continuous functions almost everywhere with respect to the measure $P^F + P^Z$. Taking $h = \mathbf{1}_B$, we obtain the result.

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Proof: Fix $\phi \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\|\phi\|_{\infty} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$ and $\|\phi'\|_{\infty} \leq 2$. Then,

$$E[F\phi(F)] = E[\delta(u)\phi(F)] = E[\langle u, D[\phi(F)] \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}] = E[\phi'(F)\langle u, DF \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}].$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} |E[\phi'(F)] - E(F\phi(F))| &= |E[\phi'(F)[1 - \langle DF, u \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}]]| \\ &\leq 2E[|1 - \langle DF, u \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}|] \\ &\leq 2\sqrt{\text{Var}(\langle DF, u \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}})}, \end{aligned}$$

because $E[\langle DF, u \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}] = E[F\delta(u)] = E[F^2] = 1$.

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- Thus,

$$S_{R,t} = \delta(v_{R,t}),$$

where

$$v_{R,t}(s, y) = \mathbf{1}_{[0,t]}(s) \frac{1}{R^d} \sigma(u(s, y)) \left(\int_{B_R} G_{t-s}(x - y) dx \right).$$

- Computation of the variance of $\langle DS_{R,t}, v_{R,t} \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}$:

$$DS_{R,t} = D\delta(v_{R,t}) = v_{R,t} + \delta(Dv_{R,t}).$$

Therefore,

$$\langle DS_{R,t}, v_{R,t} \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}} = \|v_{R,t}\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2 + \delta \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d} D_{s,y} v_{R,t} \times v_{R,t}(s, y) dy ds \right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\langle DS_{R,t}, v_{R,t} \rangle_{\mathfrak{H}}) &\leq 2\text{Var}(\|v_{R,t}\|_{\mathfrak{H}}^2) \\ &+ 2E \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \int_0^r \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} D_{s,y} v_{R,t}(r, z) v_{R,t}(s, y) dy ds \right|^2 dz dr. \end{aligned}$$

- To complete the proof, we use Poincaré inequality and the estimate on the p -norm of derivative of the solution:

Lemma

Fix $p \geq 2$, $t > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. Then, for almost all $(s, y) \in [0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\|D_{s,y}u(t, x)\|_p \leq CG_{t-s}(x - y),$$

where C depends on $\beta, p, t, \text{Lip}(\sigma)$ and $\sigma(0)$.

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- We write the derivative as a series of iterated stochastic integrals

$$D_{s,y}u(t,x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} T^{(j)}$$

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