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A stochastic analysis of EQFTs the forward-backwards equation for Grassmann measures



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Part I · stochastic analysis & Euclidean QFTs **Part II** · the FBSDE for Grassmann measures

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Part I · stochastic analysis & Euclidean QFTs

Euclidean quantum fields

 \triangleright Functional integral representation $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}, d = 1, 2, 3, (4)$

$$\int_{\mathscr{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} O(\varphi) \nu(\mathrm{d}\varphi) = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathscr{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} O(\varphi) e^{-S(\varphi)} \mathrm{d}\varphi,$$
$$S(\varphi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{2} |\nabla \varphi(x)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 |\varphi(x)|^2 + V(\varphi(x)) \mathrm{d}x$$

ill-defined:

- large scale problems: the integral in *S*(φ) extends over all the space, sample paths not expected to decay at infinity in any way.
- small scale problems: sample paths are not expected to be functions, but only distributions, the quantity $V(\varphi(x))$ does not make sense.



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other approaches

▷ (renormalized) Dyson–Schwinger equations / integration by parts formulas

$$\left(F(\varphi)\frac{\delta S(\varphi)}{\delta \varphi} + \frac{\delta F(\varphi)}{\delta \varphi}\right) = 0$$

[recent paper with M. Turra and F. de Vecchi \cdot "A singular integration by parts formula for the exponential Euclidean QFT on the plane" \cdot arXiv:2212.05584]

Cohomological approach (Batalin–Vilkovisky) / factorisation algebras [e.g. Costello–Gwilliam]

stochastic quantisation

Parisi-Wu ('84) introduce a stationary stochastic evolution associated with the EQF

$$\partial_t \Phi(t, x) = -\frac{\delta S(\Phi(t, x))}{\delta \Phi} + \eta(t, x), \qquad t \ge 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

with η space-time white noise

$$\langle \Phi(t,x_1)\cdots\Phi(t,x_n)\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathscr{S}'(\mathbb{R}^d)} \varphi(t,x_1)\cdots\varphi(t,x_n) e^{-S(\varphi)} d\varphi, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

transport interpretation: the map

 $\eta \mapsto \Phi(t,\cdot)$

sends the Gaussian measure of the space-time white noise to the EQF measure.

an (pre)history of stochastic quantisation (personal & partial)

- 1984 Parisi/Wu SQ (for gauge theories)
- 1985 Jona-Lasinio/Mitter "On the stochastic quantization of field theory" (rigorous SQ for Φ_2^4 on bounded domain)
- 1988 Damgaard/Hüffel review book on SQ (theoretical physics)
- 1990 Funaki Control of correlations via SQ (smooth reversible dynamics)
- 1990–1994 Kirillov "Infinite-dimensional analysis and quantum theory as semimartingale calculus", "On the reconstruction of measures from their logarithmic derivatives", "Two mathematical problems of canonical quantization."
- 1993 Ignatyuk/Malyshev/Sidoravichius "Convergence of the Stochastic Quantization Method I,II" [Grassmann variables + cluster expansion]
- 2000 Albeverio/Kondratiev/Röckner/Tsikalenko "A Priori Estimates for Symmetrizing Measures..." [Gibbs measures via IbP formulas]
- 2003 Da Prato/Debussche "Strong solutions to the stochastic quantization equations"
- 2014 Hairer Regularity structures, local dynamics of Φ_3^4
- 2017 Mourrat/Weber coming down from infinity for Φ_3^4
- 2018 Albeverio/Kusuoka "The invariant measure and the flow associated to $\Phi_3^4...$ "
- 2021 Hofmanova/G. Global space-time solutions for Φ_3^4 and verification of axioms
- 2020-2021 Chandra/Chevyrev/Hairer/Shen SQ for Yang–Mills 2d/3d (local theory)

what is stochastic quantisation?

analysis

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Data aequatione quotcunque fluentes quantitates involvente, fluxiones invenire; et vice versa (Newton)



[Given an equation involving any number of fluent quantities to find the fluxions, and vice versa]

diffusion processes

The word "*random*" comes from a French hunting term: "*randon*" designates the erratic course of the deer which zigzags trying to escape the dogs. The word also gave "*randonnée*" (hiking) in French.



lto's idea

Ito arrived to his calculus while trying to understand Feller's theory of diffusions an evolution in the space of probability measures and he introduced stochastic differential equations to define a map (**the Ito map**) which send Wiener measure to the law of a diffusion.



[...] there now exists a reasonably well-defined amalgam of probabilistic and analytic ideas and techniques that, at least among the cognoscenti, are easily recognized as stochastic analysis. Nonetheless, the term continues to defy a precise definition, and an understanding of it is best acquired by way of examples.

(D. Stroock, "Elements of stochastic calculus and analysis ", Springer, 2018)

Nowadays: Ito integral, Ito formula, stochastic differential equations, Girsanov's formula, Doob's transform, stochastic flows, Tanaka formula, local times, Malliavin calculus, Skorokhod integral, white noise analysis, martingale problems, rough path theory...





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stochastic analysis



▷ other examples: rough paths, regularity structures, SLE,...

stochastic quantisation as a stochastic analysis



stochastic analysis of EQFs

• parabolic stochastic quantisation

$$\partial_t \phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\Delta_x - m^2) \phi(t) - V'(\phi(t)) \right] + \xi(t)$$

[MG, M. Hofmanová · Global Solutions to Elliptic and Parabolic Φ^4 Models in Euclidean Space · Comm. Math. Phys. 2019 | MG, M. Hofmanová · A PDE Construction of the Euclidean Φ_3^4 Quantum Field Theory · Comm. Math. Phys. 2021]

• canonical stochastic quantisation · singular stochastic wave equations

$$\partial_t^2 \phi(t) + \partial_t \phi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(\Delta_x - m^2) \phi(t) - V'(\phi(t)) \right] + \xi(t)$$

[MG, H. Koch, T. Oh · Renormalization of the two-dimensional stochastic non-linear wave equations · Trans. Am. Math. Soc. 2018 | MG, H. Koch, and T. Oh · Paracontrolled Approach to the Three-Dimensional Stochastic Nonlinear Wave Equation with Quadratic Nonlinearity · Jour. Europ. Math. Soc. 2022] • elliptic stochastic quantisation · supersymmetric proof

$$-\Delta_z \phi(z) = \frac{1}{2} [(\Delta_x - m^2)\phi(z) - V'(\phi(z))] + \xi(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

[S. Albeverio, F. De Vecchi, MG · Elliptic Stochastic Quantization · Ann. Prob. 2020]

• variational method/FBSDE · stochastic control problem · Γ-convergence

$$\log \int e^{f(\varphi) - S(\varphi)} d\varphi = \inf_{u} \mathbb{E} \left[f(\Phi_{\infty}^{u}) + V(\Phi_{\infty}^{u}) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} |u_{s}| ds \right]$$

scale parameter $t \in [0, \infty] \cdot \Phi_t^u = X_t + \int_0^t J_s u_s ds$

[N. Barashkov, MG \cdot A Variational Method for $\Phi_3^4 \cdot$ Duke Math. Jour. 2020]

Part II \cdot the FBSDE for Grassmann measures

Euclidean Fermions

Fermions: quantum particles satisfying Fermi–Dirac statistics

EQFT: Wick rotation of QFT. $t \rightarrow \tau = it$, $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d+1}$ Euclidean space. Wightman functions \rightarrow Schwinger functions.

 $\Psi,\Psi^*\to\psi,\bar\psi.$

K. Osterwalder and R. Schrader. Euclidean Fermi fields and a Feynman-Kac formula for Boson-Fermions models. *Helvetica Physica Acta*, 46:277–302, 1973.

Euclidean fermion fields $\psi, \bar{\psi}$ form a Grassmann algebra $\psi_{\alpha}\psi_{\beta} = -\psi_{\beta}\psi_{\alpha}$ ($\psi_{\alpha}^2 = 0$).

Schwinger functions

 \triangleright Schwinger functions are given by a Berezin integral on $\Lambda = GA(\psi, \bar{\psi})$

$$\langle O(\psi,\bar{\psi})\rangle = \frac{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} O(\psi,\bar{\psi}) e^{-S_E(\psi,\bar{\psi})}}{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} e^{-S_E(\psi,\bar{\psi})}} = \frac{\langle O(\psi,\bar{\psi}) e^{-V(\psi,\bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}{\langle e^{-V(\psi,\bar{\psi})} \rangle_C}$$
$$S_E(\psi,\bar{\psi}) = \frac{1}{2} (\psi,C\bar{\psi}) + V(\psi,\bar{\psi}) \quad \langle O(\psi,\bar{\psi}) \rangle_C = \frac{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} O(\psi,\bar{\psi}) e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\psi,C\bar{\psi})}}{\int d\psi d\bar{\psi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\psi,C\bar{\psi})}}$$

 \triangleright Under $\langle \cdot \rangle_C$ the variables $\psi, \overline{\psi}$ are "Gaussian" (Wicks' rule):

$$\langle \psi(x_1) \cdots \psi(x_{2n}) \rangle_C = \sum_{\sigma} (-1)^{\sigma} \langle \psi(x_{\sigma(1)}) \psi(x_{\sigma(2)}) \rangle_C \cdots \langle \psi(x_{\sigma(2n-1)}) \psi(x_{\sigma(2n-1)}) \rangle_C$$

algebraic probability

▷ a non-commutative probability space (\mathcal{A}, ω) is given by a C^* -algebra \mathcal{A} and a state ω , a linear normalized positive functional on \mathcal{A} (i.e. $\omega(aa^*) \ge 0$).

Desta a random variable is an algebra homomorphism into \mathscr{A}

I. Accardi, A. Frigerio, and J. T. Lewis. Quantum stochastic processes. Kyoto University. Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences. Publications, 18(1):97–133, 1982. 10.2977/prims/1195184017

example. (classical) random variable X with values on a manifold \mathcal{M} ?

$$\Omega \xrightarrow{X} \mathscr{M} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{R}$$

 $f \in L^{\infty}(\mathcal{M}; \mathbb{C}) \to X(f) \in \mathcal{A} = L^{\infty}(\Omega; \mathbb{C}), \qquad X(fg) = X(f)X(g), \quad X(f^*) = X(f)^*.$

algebraic data: $\mathscr{A} = L^{\infty}(\Omega; \mathbb{C})$, $\omega(a) = \int_{\Omega} a(\omega) \mathbb{P}(d\omega)$, $X \in \operatorname{Hom}_{*}(L^{\infty}(\mathscr{M}), \mathscr{A})$.

Grassmann probability

 \vartriangleright random variables with values in a Grassmann algebra Λ are algebra homomorphisms

 $\mathscr{G}(V) = \operatorname{Hom}(\Lambda V, \mathscr{A})$

The embedding of ΛV into \mathcal{A} allows to use the topology of \mathcal{A} to do analysis on Grassmann algebras.

$$d_{\mathscr{G}(V)}(X,Y) := \|X - Y\|_{\mathscr{G}(V)} = \sup_{v \in V, |v|_{V} = 1} \|X(v) - Y(v)\|_{\mathscr{A}},$$

analogy. Gaussian processes in Hilbert space. Abstract Wiener space. "a convenient place where to hang our (analytic) hat on".

back to QFT: IR & UV problems

QFT requires to consider the formula (Fermionic path integral)

$$\langle O(\psi,\bar{\psi})\rangle_{C,V} = \frac{\langle O(\psi,\bar{\psi})e^{-V(\psi,\bar{\psi})}\rangle_C}{\langle e^{-V(\psi,\bar{\psi})}\rangle_C}$$

with local interaction

$$V(\psi,\bar{\psi}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} P(\psi(x),\bar{\psi}(x)) dx$$

and singular covariance kernel (due to reflection positivity)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(y)\rangle \propto |x-y|^{-\alpha}$$

this gives an ill-defined representation

- large scale (IR) problems
- small scale (UV) problems

well understood in the constructive QFT literature (Gawedzki, Kupiainen, Lesniewski, Rivasseau, Seneor, Magnen, Feldman, Salmhofer, Mastropietro, Giuliani,...)

what about stochastic quantisation for Grassmann measures?

Ignatyuk/Malyshev/Sidoravichius | "Convergence of the Stochastic Quantization Method I,II", 1993. [Grassmann variables + cluster expansion]

weak topology + solution of equations in law + infinite volume limit but no removal of the UV cutoff

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[©] "Grassmannian stochastic analysis and the stochastic quantization of Euclidean Fermions" | joint work with Sergio Albeverio, Luigi Borasi, Francesco C. De Vecchi. arXiv:2004.09637 (PTRF)

algebraic probability viewpoint + strong solutions via Picard interation + infinite volume limit but no removal of the UV cutoff

🖙 "A stochastic analysis of subcritical Euclidean fermionic field theories" | joint work with Francesco C. De Vecchi and Luca Fresta. arXiv:2210.15047

alg. prob. + forward-backward SDE + infinite volume limit & removal of IR cutoff in the whole subcritical regime

Grassmann stochastic analysis

 \triangleright filtration $(\mathcal{A}_t)_{t \ge 0}$, conditional expectation $\omega_t: \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}_t$,

 $\omega_t(ABC) = A\omega_t(B)C, \quad A, C \in \mathcal{A}_t.$

 \triangleright Brownian motion $(B_t)_{t \ge 0}$ with $B_t \in \mathscr{G}(V)$

$$\omega(B_t(v)B_s(w)) = \langle v, Cw \rangle(t \wedge s), \quad t, s \ge 0, v, w \in V.$$

$$||B_t - B_s|| \leq |t - s|^{1/2}.$$

 \triangleright Ito formula

$$\Psi_{t} = \Psi_{0} + \int_{0}^{t} B_{u}(\Psi_{u}) du + X_{t}, \qquad \omega(X_{t} \otimes X_{s}) = C_{t \wedge s}$$
$$\omega_{s}(F_{t}(\Psi_{t})) = \omega_{s}(F_{s}(\Psi_{s})) + \int_{s}^{t} \omega_{s}[\partial_{u}F_{u}(\Psi_{u}) + \mathscr{L}F_{u}(\Psi_{u})] du,$$
$$\mathscr{L}_{u}F_{u} = \frac{1}{2}D_{\dot{C}_{u}}^{2}F_{u} + \langle B_{u}, DF_{u} \rangle$$

the forward-backward SDE

[joint work with Francesco C. De Vecchi and Luca Fresta]

let $\boldsymbol{\Psi}$ be a solution of

$$d\Psi_s = \dot{C}_s \,\omega_s(\mathrm{D}V(\Psi_T)) ds + dX_s, \qquad s \in [0, T], \quad \Psi_0 = 0.$$

where $(X_t)_t$ is Gaussian martingale with covariance $\omega(X_t \otimes X_s) = C_{t \wedge s}$. Then

$$\omega(\mathrm{e}^{V(X_T)})\omega(\mathrm{e}^{-V(\Psi_T)})=1$$

and

$$\omega(O(\Psi_T)) = \frac{\omega(O(X_T)e^{V(X_T)})}{\omega(e^{V(X_T)})} = \frac{\langle O(\psi)e^{V(\psi)}\rangle_{C_T}}{\langle e^{V(\psi)}\rangle_{C_T}}$$

for any O.

 \triangleright this FBSDE provides a stochastic quantisation of the Grassmann Gibbs measure along the interpolation $(X_t)_t$ of its Gaussian component

the backwards step

let F_t be such that $F_T = DV$. By Ito formula $B_s := \omega_s (DV(\Psi_T)) = \omega_s (F_T(\Psi_T))$ $= F_s(\Psi_s) + \int_s^T \omega_s \left[\left(\partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u(\Psi_u) + \langle B_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right) \right] du$ $= F_s(\Psi_s) + \int_s^T \omega_s \left[\left(\partial_u F_u(\Psi_u) + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u(\Psi_u) + \langle B_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right) \right] du$

letting $R_t = B_t - F_s(\Psi_s)$ we have now the forwards-backwards system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s \left(F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s \right) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t \left[Q_u(\Psi_u) \right] du + \int_t^T \omega_t \left[\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right] du \end{cases}$$

with

$$Q_{u} := \partial_{u}F_{u} + \frac{1}{2}D_{\dot{C}_{u}}^{2}F_{u} + \langle F_{u}, \dot{C}_{u}DF_{u} \rangle$$

solution theory

▷ standard interpolation for $C_{\infty} = (1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})^{\gamma - d/2}$, $\gamma \leq d/2$. $\chi \in C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}_+)$, compactly supported around 0:

$$C_t := (1 + \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})^{\gamma - d/2} \chi(2^{-2t}(-\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d})), \qquad \|\dot{C}\|_{\mathscr{L}(L^{\infty}, L^{\infty})} \leq 2^{2\gamma - d}, \|\dot{C}\|_{\mathscr{L}(L^1, L^{\infty})} \leq 2^{2\gamma}$$

⊳ the system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s \left(F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s \right) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t [Q_u(\Psi_u)] du + \int_t^T \omega_t [\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle] du \end{cases}$$

can be solved by standard fixpoint methods for small interaction, uniformly in the volume since X stays bounded as long as $T < \infty$:

 $\|X_t\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^d)} \lesssim 2^{\gamma t}.$

▷ decay of correlations can be proved by coupling different solutions (Funaki '96). ▷ limit $T \rightarrow \infty$ requires renormalization when $\gamma \in [0, d/2]$.

relation with the continuous RG

if we take *F* such that Q = 0 we have R = 0 and then

$$\Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s \left(F_s(\Psi_s) \right) \mathrm{d}s + X_t,$$

with

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u + \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u D F_u \rangle = 0, \quad F_T = DV.$$

define the effective potential V_t by the solution of the HJB equation

$$\partial_u V_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 V_u + \langle DV_u, \dot{C}_u DV_u \rangle = 0, \quad V_T = V.$$

then $F_t = DV_t$ and the FBSDE computes the solution of the RG flow equation along the interacting field.

 \triangleright so far a full control of the Fermionic HJB equation has not been achieved (work by Brydges, Disertori, Rivasseau, Salmhofer,...). Fermionic RG methods rely on a discrete version of the RG iteration.

approximate flow equation

thanks for the FBSDE we are not bound to solve exactly the flow equation and we can proceed to approximate it.

▷ linear approximation. take

$$\partial_u F_u + \frac{1}{2} D_{\dot{C}_u}^2 F_u = 0, \qquad F_T = DV.$$

this corresponds to Wick renormalization of the potential V:

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s \left(F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s \right) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t \left[\langle F_u(\Psi_u), \dot{C}_u F_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right] du + \int_t^T \omega_t \left[\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u(\Psi_u) \rangle \right] du \end{cases}$$

the key difficulty is to show uniform estimates for

$$\int_{t}^{T} \omega_{t} [\langle F_{u}(\Psi_{u}), \dot{C}_{u}F_{u}(\Psi_{u})\rangle] \mathrm{d}u$$

as $T \to \infty$. we cannot expect better than $\|\Psi_t\| \approx \|X_t\| \approx 2^{\gamma t}$.

polynomial truncation

a better approximation is to truncate the equation to a (large) finite polynomial degree

$$\partial_{u}F_{u} + \frac{1}{2}D_{\dot{C}_{u}}^{2}F_{u} + \prod_{\leqslant K}\langle F_{u}, \dot{C}_{u}DF_{u}\rangle = 0$$

where $\prod_{\leq K}$ denotes projection on Grassmann polynomials of degree $\leq K$ and take

$$F_t(\psi) = \sum_{k \leqslant K} F_t^{(k)} \psi^{\otimes k}.$$

With this approximation one can solve the flow equation and get estimates

$$|F_t^{(k)}|| \leq \frac{2^{(\alpha-\beta k)t}}{(k+1)^2}, \quad t \ge 0,$$

with $\alpha = 3\beta$, $\beta = d/2 - \gamma$, provided the initial condition $F_T = DV$ is appropriately renormalized.

FBSDE in the full subcritical regime

with the truncation Π_K we have

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_t = \int_0^t \dot{C}_s \left(F_s(\Psi_s) + R_s \right) ds + X_t, \\ R_t = \int_t^T \omega_t \left[\Pi_{>K} \langle F_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u \rangle (\Psi_u) \right] du + \int_t^T \omega_t \left[\langle R_u, \dot{C}_u DF_u (\Psi_u) \rangle \right] du \end{cases}$$

but now observe that

$$\|\Psi_t\| \approx \|X_t\| \lesssim 2^{\gamma t} \qquad \|F_t^{(k)} \Psi_t^{\otimes k}\| \lesssim 2^{(\gamma k - \beta(k-3))t}$$

which is exponentially small for k large as long as $\gamma \leq d/4$ (full subcrititcal regime).

now the term

$$\int_{t}^{T} \omega_{t} [\Pi_{>K} \langle F_{u}, \dot{C}_{u} \mathrm{D} F_{u} \rangle (\Psi_{u})] \mathrm{d} u$$

can be controlled uniformly as $T \rightarrow \infty$ and also the full FBSDE system. (!)

thanks