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# **On numerical solutions of degenerate stochastic PDEs**

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I. Solvability of degenerate SPDEs in  $L_p$  spaces

II. Stochastic finite diff. schemes

- Solvability and estimates in  $L_p$ -spaces
- Rate of convergence, accelerated schemes
- Truncated schemes

## I. Solvability of degenerate SPDEs in $L_p$ spaces

$$du_t = (Lu_t + f_t) dt + (M^r u_t + g_t^r) dw_t^r, \quad (1)$$

on  $H_T := [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d$ , with

$$u_0(x) = \psi(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (2)$$

with independent  $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -Wiener processes  $(w^r)_{r=1}^\infty$ ,

$$L = a^{ij} D_{ij} + b^i D_i + c, \quad M^r = \sigma^{ri} D_i + \nu^r,$$

$$a = a_t^{ij}(\omega, x), \quad b = b_t^i(\omega, x), \quad c = c_t(\omega, x),$$

$$(\sigma_t^{ir}(\omega, x))_{r=1}^\infty \in l_2, \quad (\nu_t^r(\omega, x))_{r=1}^\infty \in l_2,$$

$$\psi \in L_p, \quad f_t \in L_p, \quad (g_t^r)_{r=1}^\infty \in L_p,$$

$$t \in [0, T], \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, d, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad p \geq 2.$$

## **Assumption 1 (stochastic parabolicity).**

$$\hat{a} \geq 0, \quad \omega \in \Omega, t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

$$\hat{a}^{ij} := a^{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sigma^{ir} \sigma^{jr}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, d$$

Degenerate parabolic SPDE

**Aim:** Existence, uniqueness, regularity  
and finite difference approximations of the solutions  
in  $L_p$  spaces under stochastic parabolicity

## Historical remarks:

(a) Deterministic PDEs:  $du_t = (Lu_t + f_t) dt$ ,  $(a^{ij}) \geq 0$

- Solvability in  $L_2$ -spaces

O. A. Olešnik (1965), O.A. Olešnik–V.A. Radkevič (1966)

- Solvability in  $L_p$  spaces (for SPDEs):

N. V. Krylov–B.L. Rozovskii (1982),

N.V. Krylov–I.G. (2003)

M. Gerencsér–N.V. Krylov–I.G. (2014)

Our first aim is to improve the results of Krylov–Rozovskii (1982) and N.V. Krylov–I.G. (2003) and also to extend them to systems of SPDEs.

**Definition.** A  $W_p^1$ -valued  $u = (u_t)_{t \in [0, T]}$  is a solution to (1)-(2) if almost surely

$$\int_0^T |u_t|_{W_p^1}^p dt < \infty,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (u_t, \varphi) = & (\psi, \varphi) + \int_0^t \{ -(a^{ij} D_i u_s, D_j \varphi) \\ & + (\hat{b}^i D_i u_s + c u_s + f_s, \varphi) \} ds \\ & + \int_0^t (M^r u_s + g_s^r, \varphi) dw_s^r \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , where  $\hat{b}^i = b^i - D_j a^{ij}$ ,  $(, )$  is the inner product in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

Let  $K \geq 0$  be a constant,  $p \geq 2$ .

**Assumption 2.**

$$|a|_{C^2} \leq K, \quad |b|_{C^1} \leq K, \quad |c|_{C^1} \leq K,$$

$$|\sigma|_{C^2} \leq K, \quad |\nu|_{C^2} \leq K.$$

**Assumption 3.**  $\psi \in W_p^1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable;

$$\mathcal{K}^p(T) := \int_0^T |f_t|_{W_p^1}^p + |g_t|_{W_p^2}^p dt < \infty \text{ (a.s.)}.$$

**Theorem 1.**(M. Gerencsér, N.V. Krylov, I.G. 2014) Let Assumptions 1-3 hold. Then  $\exists!$  solution  $u$ . Moreover,  $u$  is weakly continuous  $W_p^1$ -valued, strongly continuous  $L_p$ -valued process, and for every  $q > 0$

$$E \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |u_t|_{W_p^1}^q \leq N(E|\psi|_{W_p^1}^q + E\mathcal{K}^q(T)) \quad (3)$$

with  $N = N(p, q, d, K, T)$ .

More regular data—more regular solution:

Let  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\bar{m} = \max(m, 2)$

**Assumption 2<sub>m</sub>.**

$$|a|_{C^{\bar{m}}} \leq K, \quad |b|_{C^m} \leq K, \quad |c|_{C^m} \leq K,$$

$$|\sigma|_{C^{m+1}} \leq K, \quad |\nu|_{C^{m+1}} \leq K.$$

**Assumption 3<sub>m</sub>.**  $\psi \in W_p^m$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable;

$$\mathcal{K}_m^p(T) := \int_0^T |f_t|_{W_p^m}^p + |g_t|_{W_p^{m+1}}^p dt < \infty.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let Assumptions 1, 2<sub>m</sub> and 3<sub>m</sub> hold. Then  $u$  is weakly continuous  $W_p^m$ -valued, strongly continuous  $W_p^{m-1}$ -valued process, and for every  $q > 0$

$$E \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |u_t|_{W_p^m}^q \leq N(E|\psi|_{W_p^{m+1}}^q + E\mathcal{K}_m^q(T)) \quad (4)$$

with  $N = N(m, p, q, d, K, T)$ .

To prove Theorems 1 and 2 we need to estimate the  $L_p$  norm of  $D_1 u, \dots, D_d u$ . Since  $Du := (D_1 u, \dots, D_d u)$  satisfies a system of SPDEs, it is natural to consider systems of parabolic SPDEs, and Thm1 is proved for a class of parabolic system od SPDEs.

## II. Stochastic Finite Difference Schemes

Consider (1)-(2). The finite difference approximations (in spatial variables) are defined as follows:

For a finite set  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $h > 0$  define

$$\mathbb{G}_h = \{h(\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n) : \lambda_i \in \Lambda \cup \{-\Lambda\}, n = 1, 2, \dots\},$$

$$\delta_{h,\lambda}\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{h}(\varphi(x + h\lambda) - \varphi(x)), \quad \delta_\lambda^h = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_{h,\lambda} + \delta_{-h,\lambda});$$

$$\begin{aligned} du_t^h(x) = & (L_t^h u_t^h(x) + f_t(x)) dt \\ & + (M_t^{h,r} u_t(x) + g_t^r(x)) dw_t^r \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$u_0^h(x) = \psi(x) \tag{6}$$

for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in \mathbb{G}_h$ ,

where

$$L^h = \sum_{\lambda, \gamma \in \Lambda} \alpha^{\lambda\gamma} \delta_\lambda^h \delta_\gamma^h + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \beta^\lambda \delta_\lambda^h + \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (\mathfrak{p}^\lambda \delta_{h,\lambda} + \mathfrak{q}^\lambda \delta_{h,-\lambda}) + c, \quad (7)$$

$$M^{h,r} = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mu^{\lambda r} \delta_\lambda^h + \nu^r, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (8)$$

with bounded real-valued  $\alpha^{\lambda\gamma} = \alpha^{\gamma\lambda}$ ,  $\beta^\lambda$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}^\lambda$ ,  $\mathfrak{q}^\lambda$ ; bounded  $l_2$ -valued  $\sigma^\lambda = (\sigma^{\lambda r})_{r=1}^\infty$ ,  $\nu^\lambda = (\nu^{\lambda r})_{r=1}^\infty$ , on  $\Omega \times H_T$ , for all  $\lambda, \gamma \in \Lambda$ .

**Aim:** Show the existence of an expansion of  $u^h$  in  $h$ :

$$u_t^h(x) = \sum_{j=0}^k \frac{h^j}{j!} u_t^{(j)}(x) + h^{k+1} r_t^h(x), \quad (9)$$

where  $u^{(0)} = u$ ,  $u^{(1)}, \dots, u^{(k)}$  are random fields on  $H_T$ , independent of  $h$ , and  $r^h$  is a random field on  $H_T$  s.t.

$$E \sup_{t \leq T} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{G}_h} |r_t^h(x)|^q \leq N \quad (10)$$

with a constant  $N$  independent of  $h$ .

- expansion with  $k = 0$  gives

$$|u_t^h(x) - u_t(x)| \leq h r_t^h(x),$$

and the estimate on  $r$  yields

$$E \sup_{t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{G}_h} |u_t^h(x) - u_t(x)|^q \leq N h^q$$

- expansion with  $k = 1$ :  $u^h = u + h u^{(1)} + h^2 r^h$  gives

$$v^h := 2u^{h/2} - u^h = u + h^2(2r^{h/2} - r^h),$$

which yields

$$E \sup_{t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |v_t^h(x) - u_t(x)|^q \leq N h^{2q}.$$

- For  $k \geq 1$  define

$$(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) = (1, 0, \dots, 0)V^{-1},$$

where  $V^{-1}$  is the inverse of the  $(k+1) \times (k+1)$  Vandermonde matrix  $V = (V^{ij})$  given by  $V^{ij} = 2^{-(i-1)(j-1)}$ .

Set

$$v^h = \sum_{i=0}^k \lambda_i u^{h/2^i}.$$

Then expansion (9) gives

$$E \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{G}_h} |v_t^h(x) - u_t(x)|^q \leq N_1 h^{q(k+1)}.$$

To obtain a power series expansion we make the following assumptions:

**Assumption 0.** (consistency)

$$a^{ij} = \sum_{\lambda, \gamma \in \Lambda} \alpha^{\lambda\gamma} \lambda^i \gamma^j, \quad b^i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (\beta^\lambda + p^\lambda - q^\lambda) \lambda^i,$$

$$\sigma^{ir} = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mu^{\lambda r} \lambda^i.$$

**Assumption I.**

- (i)  $\sum_{\lambda, \gamma \in \Lambda} (\alpha^{\lambda\gamma} - \frac{1}{2} \mu^{\lambda r} \mu^{\gamma r}) z_\lambda z_\gamma \geq 0, \quad \forall z_\lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda \in \Lambda;$
- (ii)  $p^\lambda \geq 0, q^\lambda \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda.$

**Assumption II.**  $m \geq 1$ ,  $\bar{m} = \max(m, 2)$

$$|\alpha^{\lambda\gamma}|_{C^{\bar{m}}} \leq K, \quad |\beta^\lambda|_{C^m} \leq K, \quad |c|_{C^m} \leq K,$$

$$|(\mu^{\lambda r})_{r=1}^\infty|_{C^{m+1}} \leq K, \quad |(\nu^r)_{r=1}^\infty|_{C^{m+1}} \leq K.$$

**Assumption III.**  $\psi \in W_p^m$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -measurable;

$$\mathcal{K}_m^p(T) = \int_0^T |f_t|_{W_p^m}^p + |g_t|_{W_p^{m+1}(l_2)}^p dt < \infty.$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $p = 2$ . Let  $k \geq 0$  be an integer, let Assumptions 0-III hold with

$$m > 2k + 3 + \frac{d}{2}.$$

Then expansion (9) holds for  $h > 0$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{G}_h$  with a continuous random field  $(r_t^h(x))_{(t,x) \in H_T}$  satisfying (10) with  $N = N(K, T, k, d, \Lambda)$ .

## Truncated Finite Difference Schemes

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and nonnegative  $\zeta \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , s.t.,  
 $\zeta(x) = 1$  if  $|x| \leq 1$ ,  $\zeta(x) = 0$  if  $|x| \geq \rho > 1$ .

Set  $\varphi_R(x) := \varphi(x/R)$ ,  $L_R^h := \varphi_R L^h$ ,  $M_R^{h,r} := \varphi_R M^{h,r}$ ,  
 $f_R := \varphi_R f$ ,  $g_R := \varphi_R g$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} du_t^h(x) = & (L_{R,t}^h u_t^h(x) + f_{R,t}(x)) dt \\ & + (M_{R,t}^{h,r} u_t(x) + g_{R,t}^r(x)) dw_t^r \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$u_0^h(x) = \psi_R(x) \quad (12)$$

for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in \mathbb{G}_{h,R\rho} := \mathbb{G}_h \cap \{|x| \leq R\rho\}$ .

Set  $v^h := \sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j u^{h/2^j}$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let  $p = 2$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , and Assumptions 0-III hold with

$$m > 2k + 3 + \frac{d}{2}.$$

Then for  $R > 0$ ,  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$ ,  $q > 0$

$$E \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{G}_h \cap \{|x| \leq \kappa R\}} |v_{R,t}^h(x) - u_t(x)|^q \leq N_1 h^{q(k+1)} + N_2 e^{-\theta R^2}$$

with positive constants  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $\theta$ , independent of  $h$ .

If  $k$  is odd and  $\mathfrak{p}^\lambda = \mathfrak{q}^\lambda = 0$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , then

$$m > 2k + 2 + \frac{d}{2}$$

is sufficient.

Thank You!

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