

I. Review

Showed

$$\text{Var}(\log Z_{N,t}^\theta) \leq CN^{2/3}$$

using i) existence of invariant measure (O'Connell-Yor)

ii) integration by parts

$$E[\log Z_{N,t}^\theta B_0] = E[s_0^+]$$

iii) estimate $E[s_0^+]$ by varying parameter

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II. Alternative approach to OY polymer.

$$Z_{N,t}^\theta = \int_{-\infty < s_0 < \dots < s_{N-1} < t} e^{s_0\theta - B_0(s_0) + \dots + B_N(t) - B_N(s_{N-1})} d\underline{s}$$

Itô's formula:

$$dZ_{N,t}^\theta = Z_{N-1,t}^\theta dt + Z_{N,t}^\theta dB_N + \frac{1}{2} Z_{N,t}^\theta dt$$

$$d \log Z_{N,t}^\theta = \frac{-\log Z_{N-1} + \log Z_N}{dt} dt + dB_N$$

Define: $v_j = \log Z_j - \log Z_{j-1} \quad j = 1, \dots, N$

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This system (or similar ones) have appeared in several places in the literature: Ferrari, Spohn, Ueiss, O'Connell, Diehl, Gubinelli, Jara, Moreno-Flores, ...

If we let $V(x) = e^{-x}$, we have:

$$\begin{cases} dr_1 = (-V'(r_1) - \theta) dt + dB_0 + dB_1 \\ dr_j = (-V'(r_j) + V'(r_{j-1})) dt + dB_j - dB_{j-1}. \end{cases}$$

Assuming the system of SDEs has a solution:

Generator

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{r_1}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^N (\partial_{r_j} - \partial_{r_{j-1}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_{r_N}^2 \\ - (V'(r_1) + \theta) \partial_{r_1} + \sum_{j=2}^N (V'(r_{j-1}) - V'(r_j)) \partial_{r_j}.$$

Define

$$\omega = \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{e^{-\theta r_j - V(r_j)}}{Z(\theta)}, \quad \leftarrow \text{product form}$$

$$Z(\theta) = \int e^{-\theta x} e^{-V(x)} dx \quad \left(= \Gamma(\theta) \text{ in OY case} \right)$$

$V(x) = e^{-x}$

By direct computation,

$$L^* w = 0$$

where L^* is the formal adjoint of L , so

w is an invariant measure.

$$\mathbb{E}^w [F(r_1(0), \dots, r_n(0))] = \mathbb{E}^w [F(r_1(t), \dots, r_n(t))].$$

In case $V(x) = e^{-x}$, we recover stationarity of the increments $\log Z_j - \log Z_{j-1}$.

III. Height function

Analysis in previous lectures was based on decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} \log Z_{N,t}^\theta &= \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{r_j(t)} - B_0(t) + \theta t \\ &= \log Z_j - \log Z_{j-1} \end{aligned}$$

For general V , we can also consider:

$$W_{N,t}^\theta := \sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{r_j(t)}_{\text{solutions to SDE}} - B_0(t) + \theta t$$

correlated

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It is expected that for "most" V , $W_{N,t}^\theta$ has KPZ fluctuations (e.g. Ferrari-Spohn-Weiss, Sasamoto-Spohn...).

Try to follow the proof for polymers.

$$\text{Var}(W_{N,t}^\theta) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{j=1}^N r_j\right) - t + 2\mathbb{E}[W_{N,t}^\theta B_0(t)]$$

↑
arithmetic

How to analyze $\mathbb{E}[W_{N,t}^\theta B_0(t)]$?

For polymer, we used Gaussian integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\log Z B_0(t)] &= \frac{d}{d\delta} \mathbb{E}\left[\log \int_{-\infty < s_0 < \dots < t} e^{\delta s_0 - \delta s_0^+ - B_0(s_0) + \dots} ds\right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[E[s_0^+]] \end{aligned}$$

If we start from the equations, not clear what $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ would be, but we can still integrate by parts.

$$\mathbb{E}[W_{N,t}^\theta B_0(t)] = \frac{d}{d\delta} \mathbb{E}\left[W_{N,t}^\theta [B_0(s) + \delta s^+, 0 < s < t]\right] \Big|_{\delta=0}$$

Formally:

$$\text{Var}(W_{N,t}^\theta) = N\psi(\theta) - t + 2\mathbb{E}\left[\partial_{\theta, \text{reg}} W_{N,t}^\theta\right]$$

↑

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log Z(\theta)$$

$\partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} W_{N,t}^\theta$: differentiate with respect to parameter θ
only for $t \geq 0$ (not initial data).

IV. Computing $E[\partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} W_{N,t}^\theta]$.

In case $V(x) = e^{-x}$, we can compute $W_{N,t}^\theta$ explicitly
and

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} \log Z_{N,t}^\theta \\ &= \partial_\theta \log \int_{-\infty < s_0 < \dots < t} e^{-\eta s_0^\theta + \theta s_0^\theta - B_0(s_0) + \dots + B_N(t) - B_N(s_{N-1})} ds \Big|_{\eta = \theta} \end{aligned}$$

In general, not possible to compute exactly, but we can
differentiate the equations:

$$\begin{cases} dv_1 = (-V'(r_1) - \theta) dt + dB_0 + dB_1 \\ dv_j = (-V'(r_j) + V'(r_{j-1})) dt + dB_j - dB_{j-1} \\ r_j(0) \text{ v stationary} \end{cases}$$

↓ ∂_θ

$$\begin{cases} dv_1 = (-V''(r_1) v_1 - 1) dt \\ dv_j = (-V''(r_j) v_j + V''(r_{j-1}) v_{j-1}) dt \\ v_j(0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The equations are linear but depend on solution S :

$$\Rightarrow v_1(t) = - \int_0^t e^{-\int_s^t V''(r_1(u)) du} ds \leq 0$$

$$v_j(t) = \int_0^t e^{-\int_s^t V''(r_j(u)) du} V''(r_{j-1}(s)) v_{j-1}(s) ds \leq 0$$

if $V'' \geq 0$.

If $V(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} \Rightarrow V'' = 1$, we can compute exactly:

$$E[\partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} W_{N,t}^{\theta}] = \int_0^t \frac{s^{N-1} e^{-s} ds}{(N-1)!}$$

$$\text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta}) \sim N^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ if } t=N.$$

↑ not $\frac{2}{3}$.

In general, we use monotonicity properties:

$$dW_{N,t}^{\theta} = -V'(r_N) dt + dB_N$$

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$$d \partial_{\theta} W_{N,t}^{\theta} = -V''(r_N) \underbrace{v_N}_{\leq 0} dt \geq 0$$

So parameter in initial data $\theta \mapsto W_{N,t}^{\theta}$ is increasing.

parameter in SDE

Can also show: if $V'' \geq 0$, $V''' \leq 0$, then

$$\theta \mapsto W_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} \text{ convex.}$$

Want to apply the strategy we used for OY polymer:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\log Z_{N,t}^{\theta}) &= 2 \mathbb{E}[E[s_0^+]] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[E[s_0]^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E}[(\log Z^{\theta+h} - \log Z^{\theta})^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E}[(\log Z^{\theta-h} - \log Z^{\theta})^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Convexity

$$\frac{V(x) = e^{-x} \text{ (OY)}}{\log Z_{N,t}^{\theta}}$$

$$E[s_0^+]$$

$$E[s_0]$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} W_{N,t}^{\theta}$$

General V

$$W_{N,t}^{\theta}$$

$$\partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} W_{N,t}^{\theta}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} W_{N,t}^{\theta}$$

V. Initial data

For polymer, initial data is built in:

$$Z_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} = \int e^{\theta s_0^+ - \eta s_0^- - B_0(s_0) + \dots + B_N(t) - B_N(s_{N-1})} ds$$

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$$Z_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} = \int_{-\infty < s_0 < \dots < t} e^{\theta s_0^+ - \eta s_0^- - B_0(s_0) + \dots + B_N(t) - B_N(s_{N-1})} ds$$

For general V , we defined

$$W_{N,t} = \sum_{j=1}^N v_j(t) - B_0(t) + \theta t$$

where

$$\begin{cases} dv_1 = -V'(v_1)dt - \theta dt + dB_0 + dB_1 \\ dv_j = (-V'(v_j) + V'(v_{j-1}))dt + dB_j - dB_{j-1} \\ v_j(0) \sim f_j(\eta) \end{cases}$$

Want to choose initial data so $\eta \mapsto W_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta}$ has good properties. For example:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta} \geq 0.$$

Idea: use the equations to create initial data:

$$f_j(\eta) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{r}_j^\eta(T)$$

$$\begin{cases} d\tilde{r}_1 = (-V'(\tilde{r}_1) - \eta)dt + dB_0 + dB_1 \\ d\tilde{r}_j = (-V'(\tilde{r}_j) + V'(\tilde{r}_{j-1}))dt + dB_j - dB_{j-1} \end{cases}$$

Claim: with this choice,

$$\partial_\eta W_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} \leq 0,$$

$$\partial_\eta^2 W_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} \geq 0,$$

$$\partial_{\gamma} \partial_{\theta} W_{N,t}^{\gamma, \theta} \geq 0.$$

VI. Estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta}) &= N\psi_1(\theta) - t + 2\mathbb{E}\left[\partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta}\right] \\ &\leq N\psi_1(\theta) - t + 2\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{d}{d\theta} W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta}\right)^2\right]^{1/2} + O(N^{1/2}) \\ &\leq N\psi_1(\theta) - t \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h} \mathbb{E}\left[(W_{N,t}^{\theta+h} - W_{N,t}^{\theta})^2\right]^{1/2} + O(N^{1/2}) \end{aligned}$$

If:

- $|\mathbb{E}[W_{N,t}^{\theta+h}] - \mathbb{E}[W_{N,t}^{\theta}]| \leq CNh^2$ ✓ (same as OY)
- $|\text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta+h}) - \text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta})| \leq CNh$ (use coupling)

$$\text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta+h}) = N\psi_1(\theta) - t + 2\mathbb{E}\left[\partial_{\theta, \text{eq}} W_{N,t}\right]$$

increasing in parameter in equations

decreasing in parameter in initial data

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta}) \leq N^{2/3} + N^{1/3} (\text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta}))^{1/2}$$

$$\text{if } |N\psi_1(\theta) - t| \leq CN^{2/3}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta}) \leq CN^{2/3}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(W_{N,t}^{\theta}) \leq C N^{2/3}.$$

Remains to show:

$$\mathbb{E}[\partial_{\theta, \eta} W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta}] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{d}{d\theta} W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta}\right)^2\right]^{1/2} + O(N^{1/2})$$

O.Y.

$$\mathbb{E}[E[s_0^+]] \leq \mathbb{E}[E[s_0]^2]^{1/2} + O(N^{1/2})$$

Key estimate:

$$\mathbb{E}[s_0^+] \mathbb{E}[s_0^-] \leq C \mathbb{E}[(s_0 - E[s_0])^2]$$

$$-\partial_{\theta} W_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} \partial_{\eta} W_{N,t}^{\eta, \theta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \leq C \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} W_{N,t}^{\theta, \theta}.$$

With Noack and Landon, we show:

$$-c_0 \partial_{\theta} W_{N,t} \partial_{\eta} W_{N,t} \leq \partial_{\eta \theta}^2 W_{N,t} \quad \text{if } e^{c_0 x} V''(x) \text{ is non-increasing}$$

Idea of proof:

$$A_n = c_0 \partial_{\theta} W \partial_{\eta} W + \partial_{\eta \theta}^2 W \Big|_{\eta=0}$$

$$dA_n = -V''(r_n)A_n + V''(r_n)A_{n-1}$$

$$- [\omega V''(r_n) + V'''(r_n)] \partial_\delta r_n \partial_\eta r_n$$

$$\Rightarrow dA_n \approx -V''(r_n) A_n$$
