

Stochastic scalar conservation laws

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- We will consider PDE driven by a 'rough' signal z of the type

$$du + \operatorname{div}(A(x, u) \circ dz) = 0.$$

If A is a diagonal matrix this becomes

$$du + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(x, u) \circ dz_j = 0$$

- The motivation comes from two directions: Relation to Hamilton-Jacobi equations, mean-field games.

Motivation

- In the one-dimensional case: If v solves the Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$dv + A(\partial_x v, x) \circ dz = 0$$

then $u = \partial_x v$ solves

$$du + \partial_x A(v, x) \circ dz = 0.$$

- But: The mathematical methods available for Hamilton-Jacobi equations (viscosity solutions) and scalar conservation laws (entropy solutions, kinetic methods) are very different.

Motivation

- Mean-field games going back to Lasry, Lions: Consider the SDE

$$dX_t^i = \sigma \left(X_t^i, \frac{1}{L-1} \sum_{j \neq i} \delta_{X_t^j} \right) \circ dz_t \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^N$$

for $i = 1, \dots, L$.

- Then the empirical law of X converges to a measure π_t with density m_t which evolves according to

$$dm + \operatorname{div}(\sigma^*(x, m) \circ dz) = 0.$$

- Note that in general σ^* is not a diagonal matrix. We need the full generality of

$$du + \operatorname{div}(A(x, u) \circ dz) = 0.$$

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- We start with the spatially homogeneous case and A being a diagonal matrix, that is:

$$du + \sum_j \partial_{x_j} A(u) \circ dz_j = 0. \quad (\text{SSCL})$$

Here z is assumed to be a continuous function ('rough' = continuous).

- If z is smooth, then (SSCL) makes sense classically

$$du + \sum_j \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) \dot{z}_j = 0.$$

- Aims:

- Intrinsic solution: Define solutions to (SSCL) and prove well-posedness.
- Consistency: Show that solutions to (SSCL) are obtained by approximation of the driving signal z .

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Reminder:

- Solutions to (deterministic) scalar conservation laws

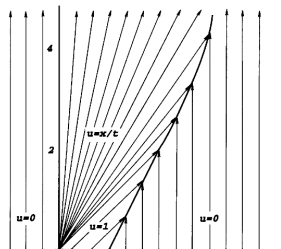
$$du + \sum_j \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) \dot{z}_j = 0$$

develop shocks (discontinuities)

- e.g. Burgers' equation

$$du + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x u^2 = 0$$

$$u(0) = 1_{[0,1]}$$



- At shocks, weak solutions are non-unique.
- Physically right solution is selected by entropy inequalities [Kružkov, 1970]

$$dS(u) + \sum_j \partial_{x_j} Q_j(u) \dot{z}_j \leq 0.$$

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- Alternative: kinetic solutions [Lions, Perthame, Tadmor; *JAMS*, 1994].
- For simplicity say $u_0 \geq 0$, which implies $u \geq 0$.
- We consider the characteristic function

$$\chi(t, x, \xi) := 1_{[0, u(t, x)]}(\xi).$$

Elementary calculation (if u were smooth, i.e. no shocks):

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \chi(t, x, \xi) &:= \delta_{\xi=u(t, x)} \partial_t u(t, x) = -\delta_{\xi=u(t, x)} \sum_j \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) \dot{z}_j \\ &= -\delta_{\xi=u(t, x)} \sum_j A'_j(u) \partial_{x_j} u \dot{z}_j = -\delta_{\xi=u(t, x)} \sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} u \dot{z}_j \\ &= -\sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} 1_{[0, u(t, x)]}(\xi) \dot{z}_j = -\sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} \chi(t, x, \xi) \dot{z}_j. \end{aligned}$$

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- This is true up to shocks. The shocks introduce an error, the '*entropy dissipation measure*' m :

$$\partial_t \chi(t, x, \xi) + \sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} \chi(t, x, \xi) \dot{z}_j = \partial_\xi m. \quad (1)$$

- In deterministic setting: u is an entropy solution iff $\chi(t, x, \xi) := 1_{[0, u(t, x)]}(\xi)$ is a kinetic solution to (1).
- Advantage: (1) is a linear equation in χ , at the expense of introducing the additional velocity variable ξ .
- In contrast to the non-linear situation, (1) can be transformed in a 'robust' form, i.e. in a form making sense also for non-smooth z .
- Here we follow the principle idea of stochastic viscosity solutions, i.e. do not transform the PDE itself, but put the transformation into test-functions.

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- Choose the test-functions φ as solutions to the transport equation

$$\partial_t \varphi(t, x, \xi) + \sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} \varphi(t, x, \xi) \dot{z}_j = 0. \quad (2)$$

- Then consider *convolutions along characteristics*:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \chi * \varphi &= \partial_t \int \chi(t, x, \xi) \varphi(t, x, \xi) dx d\xi \\ &= \int \left(- \sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} \chi(t, x, \xi) \dot{z}_j + \partial_\xi m \right) \varphi(t, x, \xi) dx d\xi \\ &\quad + \int \chi(t, x, \xi) \left(\sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} \varphi(t, x, \xi) \dot{z}_j \right) dx d\xi \\ &= \int \partial_\xi m \varphi(t, x, \xi) dx d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- The point is that φ in (2) is well-defined also for continuous z , thus (3) is well-defined for z continuous
 → use (3) as the a definition of a solution: *pathwise entropy solution*.

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- It remains to give meaning to

$$\partial_t \varphi(t, x, \xi) + \sum_j A'_j(\xi) \partial_{x_j} \varphi(t, x, \xi) \dot{z}_j = 0 \quad (4)$$

for continuous signals z .

- Method of characteristics for (4) gives

$$\varphi(t, x, \xi) = \varphi^0(x + A'(\xi)z_t).$$

Theorem (Lions, Perthame, Souganidis; SPDE 2013)

- For each $u_0 \in L^\infty \cap BV$ there is a pathwise entropy solution.
- Let $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)} \in L^\infty([0, T]; BV(\mathbb{R}^N))$ be two pathwise entropy solutions with driving signals $z^{(1)}, z^{(2)} \in C_0([0, T]; \mathbb{R}^N)$. Then,

$$\|u^{(1)}(t) - u^{(2)}(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \|u_0^1 - u_0^2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)} + C \sqrt{\|z^{(1)} - z^{(2)}\|_{C([0, t]; \mathbb{R}^N)}}.$$

- In particular, this yields consistency.

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Comments on the proof:

- Want to estimate

$$\partial_t \int |u^1 - u^2| dy = \partial_t \int |\chi^1 - \chi^2|^2 dy d\xi.$$

- To use definition estimate instead

$$\partial_t \int |\chi^1 * \varphi^\varepsilon - \chi^2 * \varphi^\varepsilon|^2 dy d\xi$$

with φ^ε test-functions transported along characteristics.

- *Doubling the variables*: One considers a family of testfunctions

$$\varphi^\varepsilon(t, x, y, \xi) = \varphi^{0, \varepsilon}(x - y + A'(\xi)z_t) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \delta(x - y + A'(\xi)z_t).$$

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- Leads to error terms, due to doubling of the variables, that need to be controlled.
An important one:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \partial_\xi \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y, \xi, t) \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y', \xi, t) + \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y, \xi, t) \partial_\xi \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y', \xi, t) \\
 &= (D\varphi^\varepsilon)(x, y, \xi, t) A''(\xi) z_t \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y', \xi, t) + \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y, \xi, t) (D\varphi^\varepsilon)(x, y', \xi, t) A''(\xi) z_t \\
 &= \partial_y \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y, \xi, t) A''(\xi) z_t \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y', \xi, t) + \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y, \xi, t) \partial_y \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y', \xi, t) A''(\xi) z_t \\
 &= \partial_y (\varphi^\varepsilon(x, y, \xi, t) \varphi^\varepsilon(x, y', \xi, t)) A''(\xi) z_t,
 \end{aligned}$$

which vanishes after an integration in y

→ crucial cancellation which uses the simple structure of the characteristics.

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- Let us now consider the spatially inhomogeneous case:

$$du + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(x, u) \circ dz_j = 0.$$

- The principle idea remains the same: We pass to the kinetic formulation:

$$d\chi + \sum_{j=1}^N (\partial_u A_j)(x, \xi) \partial_{x_j} \chi \dot{z}_j + \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \operatorname{div}_{x_j} A(x, \xi) \dot{z}_j \right) \partial_\xi \chi = \partial_\xi m.$$

- Again we test by solutions to

$$\partial_t \varphi(t, x, \xi) + \sum_{j=1}^N (\partial_u A_j)(x, \xi) \partial_{x_j} \varphi \dot{z}_j + \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \operatorname{div}_{x_j} A(x, \xi) \dot{z}_j \right) \partial_\xi \varphi = 0.$$

- As before one gets: *convolution along characteristics*

$$\partial_t \chi * \varphi = \int \partial_\xi m \varphi(t, x, \xi) dx d\xi.$$

Spatially inhomogeneous case

- The difficulty lies in the characteristics to

$$\partial_t \varphi(t, x, \xi) + \sum_{j=1}^N (\partial_u A_j)(x, \xi) \partial_{x_j} \varphi \dot{z}_j + \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \operatorname{div}_{x_j} A(x, \xi) \dot{z}_j \right) \partial_\xi \varphi = 0.$$

- In contrast to the spatially homogeneous case, the characteristics do not have an explicit solution anymore. Instead they are given as the solutions to the rough DE:

$$dX_{(t_1, x, \xi)}^i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^M (\partial_u A_j)(X_{(t_1, x, \xi)}(t), \Xi_{(t_1, x, \xi)}(t)) dz^{t_1, j}(t),$$

$$d\Xi_{(t_1, x, \xi)}(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^M (\partial_{x_j} A_j)(X_{(t_1, x, \xi)}(t), \Xi_{(t_1, x, \xi)}(t)) dz^{t_1, j}(t),$$

$$X_{(t_1, x, \xi)}^i(0) = x^i \text{ and } \Xi_{(t_1, x, \xi)}(0) = \xi.$$

- We get

$$\varphi_{t_0}(x, \xi, t) = \varphi^0 \left(\begin{array}{c} X_{(t, x, \xi)}(t - t_0) \\ \Xi_{(t, x, \xi)}(t - t_0) \end{array} \right).$$

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- Hence, to get well-posedness of φ we need stability of (X, Ξ) with respect to the driving signal. I.e. rough path stability.
→ need z to be a rough path.

Theorem (Gess, Souganidis; CMS, 2015)

- 1 For each $u_0 \in L^1 \cap L^2$ there is a pathwise entropy solution.
- 2 Let $u^{(1)}, u^{(2)} \in L^\infty([0, T]; L^1(\mathbb{R}^N))$ be two pathwise entropy solutions with the same driving signal z . Then,

$$\|u^{(1)}(t) - u^{(2)}(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)} \leq \|u_0^1 - u_0^2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^N)}.$$

Spatially inhomogeneous case

Comments on the proof:

- One loses the cancellation effect from the homogeneous case.
- Instead, the error has to be carefully controlled.
- Key new step: Interval splitting + rough path estimates for the characteristics
- Drawback: Do not get a quantitative continuous dependence on the driving rough paths anymore.

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- We aim to analyze the long-time behavior of

$$du + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) \circ d\beta_j = 0$$

on the torus \mathbb{T}^N .

- We will show

$$u(t) \rightarrow \bar{u}_0 = \int_{\mathbb{T}^N} u_0(x) dx \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \infty$$

in $L^1(\mathbb{T}^N)$.

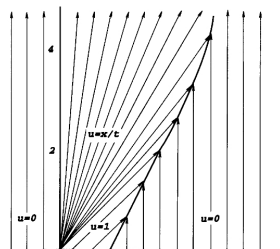
Some results from the deterministic case

- We first recall some (known) results from the deterministic case, i.e. for

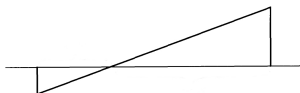
$$\partial_t u + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) = 0.$$

- Recall: Burgers' equation

$$\begin{aligned} du + \frac{1}{2} \partial_x u^2 &= 0 \\ u(0) &= 1_{[0,1]} \end{aligned}$$



- For large times get asymptotic shape: “N-wave”



Some results from the deterministic case

Some existing results:

- $N = 1$: [Lax; *CPAM*, 1957]. Rate for strictly convex flux:

$$\|u(t) - \bar{u}_0\|_\infty \lesssim t^{-1}.$$

- $N = 2$: [Engquist, E; *CPAM*; 1993]. Rate for strictly convex flux:

$$\|u(t) - \bar{u}_0\|_\infty \lesssim t^{-1}.$$

- $N \geq 1$: [Chen, Frid; *ARMA*; 1999], [Chen, Perthame; *Proc. AMS*; 2009]. If A is 'genuinely nonlinear' then

$$u(t) \rightarrow \bar{u}_0 := \int_{\mathbb{T}^N} u_0 dx \quad \text{for } t \rightarrow \infty,$$

in $L^1(\mathbb{T}^N)$.

- For general $N \geq 3$ no rate of convergence known!

Some results from the deterministic case

Idea of the proof for general $N \geq 1$:

- Consider pullback limit, i.e. let $u(s, t, u_0)$ be the solution started in u_0 at time $s \leq 0$.
- Key point: By averaging Lemma (genuine nonlinearity of A), the solution operator $S_t : L^\infty \rightarrow L^1$ is locally compact. Thus one can extract a subsequence such that

$$u(s, t, u_0) \rightarrow v(t)$$

for $s \rightarrow -\infty$.

- The limit v is a solution to

$$\partial_t v + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(v) = 0$$

for all time $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

- But such a function has to be constant (again via averaging techniques).

(New) rates for the deterministic case

- Assume that the flux A is genuinely nonlinear, in the sense that: there exist $\theta \in (0, 1]$ and $C > 0$ such that, for all $\sigma \in S^{N-1}$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$|\{\xi \in \mathbb{R} : |A'(\xi) \cdot \sigma - z| \leq \varepsilon\}| \leq C\varepsilon^\theta.$$

- For example: For A strictly convex, $N = 1$ we have $\theta = 1$.
- Let u be the unique entropy solution to

$$\partial_t u + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) = 0.$$

Theorem (G., Souganidis; 2015)

For $t \geq 1$ and $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^N)$,

$$\|u(\cdot, t; \cdot, u_0) - \bar{u}_0\|_1 \leq t^{-\frac{\theta}{2+\theta}} (\|u_0\|_2^2 + 1).$$

(New) rates for the stochastic case

- Let us return to

$$du + \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_{x_j} A_j(u) \circ d\beta_j = 0.$$

- Again assume that A is genuinely nonlinear.

Theorem (G., Souganidis; 2015)

For $t \geq 1$ and $u_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^N)$,

$$\mathbb{E} \|u(\cdot, t; \cdot, u_0) - \bar{u}_0\|_1 \leq (\|u_0\|_2^2 + 1) t^{-\frac{\theta}{3+\theta}}.$$

- E.g. $\theta = 1$: deterministic rate $t^{-\frac{1}{3}}$, stochastic rate $t^{-\frac{1}{4}}$. But: No claim of optimality.
- Note: Brownian motion scales like \sqrt{t} , which “slows down” characteristics.

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Regularization by noise - linear case

- We recall: Consider

$$du + b(x) \cdot \nabla u = 0 \quad (\text{TE})$$

for non-Lipschitz b (but, say, Hölder continuous). E.g. $b(x) = \text{sgn}(x)\sqrt{|x|}$.

- In general, characteristics collide causing shocks (i.e. discontinuities). Solution is not better than $u(t) \in BV$ even if u_0 is smooth.
- In contrast: Consider

$$du + b(x) \cdot \nabla u = -\nabla u \circ dW_t. \quad (\text{STE})$$

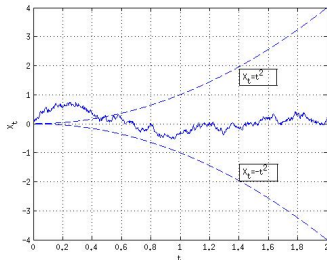
- Then, e.g. [Flandoli, Fedrizzi; *JFA*, 2013]: If u_0 is smooth then $u(t)$ is smooth, i.e. regularization by noise.

Regularization by noise - linear case

- Consequence: Well-posedness by noise, i.e. (STE) is well-posed in cases for which (TE) is not [Flandoli, Gubinelli, Priola; *Invent. Math.*, 2010]. E.g.

$$du + b(x) \cdot \nabla u = -\nabla u \circ dW_t$$

$$b(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(x) \sqrt{|x|}$$



- Entirely open: What about the nonlinear case, e.g. Burgers?

Quasi-solutions and averaging

- Consider the Burgers' equation

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x u^2 = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{T} \quad (\text{B})$$

- Kinetic solution: For some non-negative measure m

$$\partial_t \chi + \xi \partial_x \chi = \partial_\xi m.$$

- By averaging techniques [Jabin, Perthame; 2002], $t > 0$,

$$u(t) \in W^{1,\lambda} \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{3}).$$

But: Bounded entropy solutions to (B) satisfy $u(t) \in BV$, $t > 0$. Thus, regularity by averaging is not sharp.

Quasi-solutions and averaging

- [De Lellis, Westdickenberg; *AHP*, 2003]: Say that u is a quasi-solution, if for some Radon measure m

$$\partial_t \chi + \xi \partial_x \chi = \partial_\xi m.$$

Then, there is a quasi-solution to (B) such that

$$u(t) \notin W^{1,\lambda} \quad \text{for all } \lambda > \frac{1}{3},$$

i.e. regularity by averaging is sharp for quasi-solutions.

(New) results for the stochastic case

- Consider the stochastic Burgers' equation

$$du + \partial_x u^2 \circ d\beta_t = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{T} \quad (\text{SB})$$

Theorem (G., Souganidis; 2015)

Let u be a pathwise quasi-solution to (SB). Then, $t > 0$,

$$u(t) \in W^{\lambda,1} \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2}), \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s..}$$

- Thus: quasi-solutions to (SB) are more regular than to (B), i.e. regularization by noise.

Thanks

Thanks!