

Transport and continuity equations with (very) rough noise



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We consider the equation

$$\begin{cases} du_t(x) = \sum_{i=1}^d f_i(x) \cdot \nabla u_t(x) dW_t^i & t \in [0, T], x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u_T(x) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

where the vector fields f_1, \dots, f_d and the function g are “nice” and $W \in \mathcal{C}^\gamma$ for some $\gamma \in (0, 1)$.

We also consider the associated continuity equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mu_t = \sum_{i=1}^d \operatorname{div}(f_i(x) \mu_t) dW_t^i \\ \mu_0 = \nu \end{cases} .$$

Definition

We define the first order differential operators $\Gamma_i := f_i \cdot \nabla$, i.e. if ϕ is C^1 then $\Gamma_i \phi(x) := f_i(x) \cdot \nabla \phi(x)$.

If the driver W is smooth we can easily get a solution:

Proposition

Suppose $f_i \in C_b^3$. Take $X^{s,x}$ to be the unique solution of

$$\dot{X}_t^{s,x} = \sum_{i=1}^d f_i(X_t^{s,x}) \dot{W}_t^i, \quad X_s^{s,x} = x,$$

and set $u_t(x) := g(X_T^{t,x})$. Then u is a solution to the transport equation.

Proposition (Diehl–Friz–Stannat 2017)

The induced flow $(t, x) \mapsto X^{t,x}$ is a C^1 diffeomorphism in space and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} X_T^{t,x} &= -DX_T^{t,x} f(x) \dot{W}_t, & \frac{d}{dt} D_t^{s,x} &= Df(X_t^{s,x}) DX_t^{s,x} \dot{W}_t \\ \frac{d}{dt} DX_T^{t,x} h &= -D^2 X_T^{t,x} (f(x), h) \dot{W}_t - DX_T^{t,x} Df(x) h \dot{W}_t \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

We compute

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u_t(x) &= \nabla g(X_T^{t,x}) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} X_t^{s,x} \\ &= -f(x) \cdot \nabla g(X_T^{t,x}) \dot{W}_t + \int_t^T Dg(X_T^{t,x}) Df(X_u^{t,x}) \frac{d}{dt} X_u^{t,x} du \\ &= -f(x) \cdot \nabla g(X_T^{t,x}) \dot{W}_t - \int_t^T Dg(X_T^{t,x}) Df(X_u^{t,x}) DX_u^{t,x} f(x) \dot{W}_u du\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) \cdot \nabla u_t(x) \dot{W}_t &= Dg(X_T^{t,x}) DX_T^{t,x} f(x) \dot{W}_t \\ &= f(x) \cdot \nabla g(X_T^{t,x}) \dot{W}_t + \int_t^T Dg(X_T^{t,x}) Df(X_u^{t,x}) DX_u^{t,x} f(x) \dot{W}_u du.\end{aligned}$$

□

Signatures are connected to solutions to *controlled* ODEs.

Proposition (Fliess 1981)

If

$$\dot{X}_t^{s,x} = \sum_{i=1}^d f_i(X_t^{s,x}) \dot{W}_t^i, \quad X_s^{s,x} = x$$

then, for any $N \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} X_t^{s,x} = & \sum_{i=1}^d f_i(x) \int_s^t \dot{W}_\tau^i d\tau + \sum_{i,j=1}^d Df_j(x) f_i(x) \int_s^t \int_s^{\tau_2} \dot{W}_{\tau_1}^i \dot{W}_{\tau_2}^j d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \\ & + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^d \left(D^2 f_k(x) (f_j(x), f_i(x)) + Df_k(x) Df_j(x) f_i(x) \right) \int_s^t \int_s^{\tau_3} \int_s^{\tau_2} \dot{W}_{\tau_1}^i \dot{W}_{\tau_2}^j \dot{W}_{\tau_3}^k d\tau_1 d\tau_2 d\tau_3 + \dots + O(|t-s|^{N+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Rough integration

Let G be the character group of the shuffle algebra. For any truncation level N , there is a metric ρ_N on G^N homogeneous wrt the grading.

Definition (Lyons 1998, Hairer–Kelly 2015)

A *weakly geometric rough path* of roughness $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ is a γ -Hölder path $\mathbf{W}: [0, T] \rightarrow (G^N, \rho_N)$, where $N := \lfloor \gamma^{-1} \rfloor$.

Let's return to $dX_t = \sum f_i(X_t) dW_t^i$.

Reinterpret in the integral sense:

$$X_t - X_s = \sum_{i=1}^d \int_s^t f_i(X_\tau) dW_\tau^i.$$

Definition (Gubinelli 2003)

Fix $\frac{1}{3} < \gamma < \frac{1}{2}$ and \mathbf{W} a weakly geometric rough path. A path $X \in \mathcal{C}^\gamma$ is controlled by \mathbf{W} if there exists $X' \in \mathcal{C}^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$X_{st} = \sum_{j=1}^d \langle j, X'_s \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, j \rangle + O(|t - s|^{2\gamma}).$$

Proposition (Gubinelli 2003)

Let (X, X') be controlled by \mathbf{W} . Then

$$\int_s^t X_\tau d\mathbf{W}_\tau^i := \lim_{|\pi| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{[a,b] \in \pi} \left(X_a \langle \mathbf{W}_{ab}, i \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^d \langle j, X'_a \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{ab}, ji \rangle \right)$$

exists, and we call it the *rough integral* of X wrt \mathbf{W} .

Remark

Chen's relation can be reformulated as

$$\delta \langle \mathbf{W}_{sut}, i_1 \cdots i_n \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \langle \mathbf{W}_{su}, i_1 \cdots i_j \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{ut}, i_{j+1} \cdots i_n \rangle.$$

Proof.

Let $\Xi_{st} = X_s \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, i \rangle + \sum \langle j, X'_s \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, ji \rangle$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \Xi_{sut} &= -X_{su} \langle \mathbf{W}_{ut}, i \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^d (\langle j, X'_s \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{su}, j \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{ut}, i \rangle - \langle j, X'_{su} \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{ut}, ji \rangle) \\ &= - \left(X_{su} - \sum_{j=1}^d \langle j, X'_s \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{su}, j \rangle \right) \langle \mathbf{W}_{ut}, i \rangle - \sum_{j=1}^d \langle j, X'_{su} \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{ut}, ji \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Proposition (Gubinelli 2003)

Let $\mathbf{X} = (X, X')$ be a controlled rough path and $\phi \in C^2$. Then $\phi(X)$ is also controlled and $\phi(X)'_t = \phi'(X_t)X'_t$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(X_t) - \phi(X_s) &= \phi'(X_s)(X_t - X_s) + O(|t - s|^{2\gamma}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \phi'(X_s) \langle j, X'_s \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, j \rangle + O(|t - s|^{2\gamma})\end{aligned}$$

□

Definition (Rough differential equation)

We say that X is a solution to $dX_t = \sum f_i(X_t) dW_t^i$, $X_s = x$ if

$$X_{st} = x + \sum_{i=1}^d \int_s^t f_i(X_\tau) dW_\tau^i.$$

Theorem (Davie's expansion; Davie 2008)

X is a solution to $dX_t = \sum f_i(X_t) dW_t^i$, $X_s = x$ if and only if X is controlled with $\langle j, X_t' \rangle = f_j(X_t)$ and

$$X_t - x = \sum_{i=1}^d f_i(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, i \rangle + \sum_{i,j=1}^d Df_j(x) f_i(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, ij \rangle + o(|t - s|)$$

Theorem (see e.g. Friz–Victoir 2010)

Suppose $f_i \in C_b^3$. Then the Rough IVP

$$dX_t^{s,x} = \sum_{i=1}^d f_i(X_t) dW_t^i, \quad X_s^{s,x} = x$$

has a unique global solution for any x . Moreover, if $f_i \in C_b^{3+k}$ then the solution flow is in C^k and

$$dDX_t^{s,x} = \sum_{i=1}^d Df_i(X_t^{s,x}) DX_t^{s,x} dW_t^i, \quad DX_s^{s,x} = I.$$

Solving the rough transport eq.

Let $g \in C^3$ and let $X^{s,x}$ be the solution flow to the Rough IVP with C_b^6 vector fields.

Define $u_t(x) := g(X_T^{t,x})$. Then $u_t \in C^3$ uniformly in t and moreover, for $s < t$ the formula $u_s(x) = u_t(X_t^{s,x})$ holds.

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Also, since $\Gamma_j u_s(x) = Du_t(X_t^{s,x})DX_t^{s,x}f_j(x)$ we have

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Naturally, $t \mapsto \Gamma_{ij}u_t(x)$ is in \mathcal{C}^γ .

Solving the rough transport eq.

Definition (Friz–Hairer 2020)

Let $\gamma \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$. A function u is a solution to the rough transport equation if

$$u_s(x) - u_t(x) = \sum_{i=1}^d \Gamma_i u_t(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, i \rangle + \sum_{i,j=1}^d \Gamma_{ij} u_t(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, ij \rangle + o(|t - s|),$$

$$\Gamma_i u_s(x) - \Gamma_i u_t(x) = \sum_{j=1}^d \Gamma_{ij} u_t(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, j \rangle + O(|t - s|^{2\gamma}),$$

$$\Gamma_{ij} u_s(x) - \Gamma_{ij} u_t(x) = O(|t - s|)$$

Theorem (Friz–Hairer 2020)

Suppose $f_i \in C_b^6$, $g \in C^3$. There exists a unique solution to the rough transport equation, in the sense of the previous definition.

General rough paths

Fix $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ and let $N := \lfloor \gamma^{-1} \rfloor$.

Definition (Gubinelli 2010, Hairer–Kelly 2015)

A *controlled rough path* is a path $\mathbf{X}: [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \oplus (\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes 2} \oplus \dots \oplus (\mathbb{R}^d)^{\otimes (N-1)}$ such that

$$\langle v, \mathbf{X}_t \rangle = \sum_{|v'| \leq N - |v|} \langle v v', \mathbf{X}_s \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, v' \rangle + O(|t - s|^{(N+1-|v|)\gamma}).$$

Theorem (Hairer–Kelly 2015; Bellingeri 2019; BDFT 2020)

Let \mathbf{X} be controlled by \mathbf{W} . The limit

$$\int_s^t X_\tau d\mathbf{W}_\tau^i := \lim_{|\pi| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{[a,b] \in \pi} \sum_{|v| \leq N-1} \langle v, \mathbf{X}_a \rangle \langle \mathbf{W}_{ab}, v^i \rangle$$

exists. We call it the *rough integral of X wrt to \mathbf{W}* .

Proposition (BDFT 2020)

Let $\phi \in C^N$ and \mathbf{X} controlled by \mathbf{W} . Then $\phi(X)$ is also controlled by \mathbf{W} and

$$\langle v, \phi(\mathbf{X}_t) \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{|v|} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{v=u_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup u_k} D^k \phi(X_t)(\langle u_1, \mathbf{X}_s \rangle, \dots, \langle u_k, \mathbf{X}_s \rangle).$$

Theorem (Gubinelli 2010)

Suppose $f_i \in C_b^{N+1}$. Then there exists a unique solution to the Rough IVP.

Theorem (Hairer–Kelly 2015; BDFT 2020)

X is a solution to the Rough IVP if and only if it is controlled with $\langle v, \mathbf{X}_t^{s,x} \rangle = F_w(X_t^{s,x})$ and

$$X_t^{s,x} = \sum_{|v| \leq N} F_v(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, v \rangle + o(|t - s|)$$

where $F_\emptyset = \text{id}$ and $F_{i\nu}(x) = DF_\nu(x) f_i(x)$.

Theorem (BDFT 2020)

Suppose $f_i \in C_b^{N+k+1}$. Then the solution flow of the Rough IVP is of class C^k and

$$\begin{aligned} dD^m X_t^{s,x}(h_1, \dots, h_m) &= \sum_{i=1}^d \sum_{P \in \mathfrak{P}(m)} D^{|P|} f_i(X_t^{s,x}) (D^{|B_1|} X_t^{s,x} h_{B_1}, \dots, D^{|B_p|} X_t^{s,x} h_{B_p}) dW_t^i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^d Df(X_t^{s,x}) D^m X_t^{s,x}(h_1, \dots, h_m) + \gamma_t^m \end{aligned}$$

with initial conditions $X_s^{s,x} = x$, $DX_s^{s,x} = I$ and $D^m X_s^{s,x} = 0$ for $m \geq 2$.

Corollary (BDFT 2020)

The partial derivatives $\partial^\alpha X_t^{s,x}$ admit the following Davie-type expansion:

$$\partial^\alpha X_t^{s,x} = \sum_{|v| \leq N} \partial^\alpha F_v(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, v \rangle + o(|t - s|).$$

Proposition (BDFT 2020)

For a smooth function $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$\Gamma_v \phi(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{|v|} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{v=u_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup u_k} D^k \phi(x)(F_{u_1}(x), \dots, F_{u_k}(x)).$$

Definition (BDFT 2020)

A function u is a solution to the rough transport equation driven by \mathbf{W} if for all words with $|v| \leq N$,

$$\Gamma_v u_s(x) = \sum_{|v'| \leq N - |v|} \Gamma_{vv'} u_t(x) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, v' \rangle + O(|t - s|^{(N+1-|v|)\gamma}).$$

Theorem (BDFT 2020)

Let $f \in C^{2N+2}$ and $g \in C^{N+1}$. There exists a unique solution of the rough transport equation in the sense of the previous definition.

Definition (BDFT 2020)

By a solution of the *rough continuity equation* we mean a path of measures μ_t such that for every $s < t$ we have

$$\mu_t(\Gamma_v \phi) = \sum_{|v'| \leq N - |v|} \mu_s(\Gamma_{vv'} \phi) \langle \mathbf{W}_{st}, v' \rangle + O(|t - s|^{(N+1-|v|)\gamma}),$$

uniformly in $\phi \in C_b^{N+1}$.

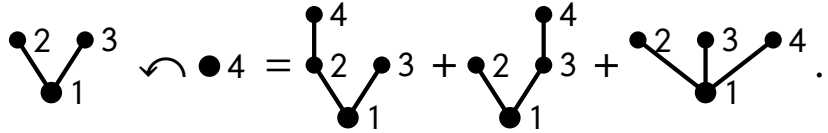
Theorem (BDFT 2020)

Let $f_i \in C^{2N+2}$ and ν a measure on \mathbb{R}^n . There is a unique solution to the continuity equation, in the sense of the previous definition. It is explicitly given by

$$\mu_t(\phi) = \int_0^t \phi(X_s^{0,x}) \nu(dx).$$

Brace algebras

Let \mathcal{T} denote the linear span of decorated rooted trees. Consider the grafting operator $\smile: \mathcal{T} \otimes \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$. For example

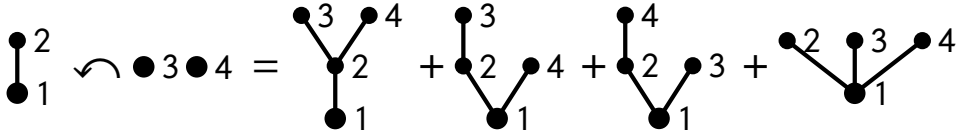


It is well known that (\mathcal{T}, \smile) is a (right) pre-Lie algebra.

The symmetric algebra $S(\mathcal{T})$ corresponds to forests. Grafting is extended (Guin–Oudom, 2004) to $\mathcal{T} \otimes S(\mathcal{T})$ recursively:

$$\tau \smile \sigma \tau' := (\tau \smile \sigma) \smile \tau' - \tau \smile (\sigma \smile \tau').$$

Example:



Theorem (Guin–Oudom 2004)

This extension turns \mathcal{T} into a symmetric brace algebra.

Let $f, g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ be vector fields. Define $f \triangleright g := \nabla f \cdot g$. Then $(\mathfrak{X}, \triangleright)$ is a right pre-Lie algebra. Indeed,

$$f \triangleright (g \triangleright h) - (f \triangleright g) \triangleright h = -D^2 f(g, h).$$

Proposition (Chapoton–Livernet 2001)

There is a unique pre-Lie morphism $\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$ such that $\bullet_i \mapsto f_i$.

Example:

$$f_{\bullet_2} = f_{\bullet_1 \smile \bullet_2} = \nabla f_1 \cdot f_2, \quad f_{\bullet_2 \bullet_3} = f_{\bullet_1 \smile \bullet_2 \bullet_3} = D^2 f_1(f_2, f_3)$$

Lemma (Bayer–Friz–T. 2020)

Let $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \in \mathcal{T}$ and $\sigma = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_k \in S(\mathcal{T})$. Then

$$f_{B_i^+(\tau_1 \cdots \tau_n) \smile \sigma} = \sum_{r=n}^{n+k} \frac{1}{(r-n)!} \sum_{\rho\gamma=\sigma} D^r f_i(f_{\tau_1 \smile \rho_1}, \dots, f_{\gamma_1}, \dots)$$

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