

Traveling waves dans le modèle de Kuramoto quenched

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[Giacomin, L., Poquet, 2014]

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The stochastic Kuramoto model

Consider the system of N mean-field interacting diffusions

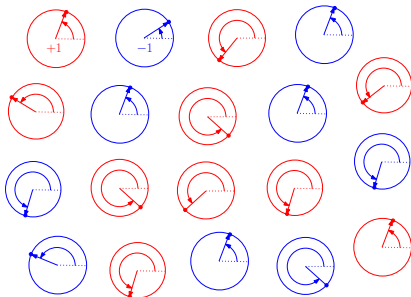
$$d\theta_{i,t} = \omega_i dt + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_{j,t} - \theta_{i,t}) dt + dB_{i,t}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

- $\theta_i \in \mathbb{S} := \mathbb{R}/2\pi$ (each particle is an angle),
- $K > 0$: interaction strength,
- $\{B_i\}_i$: i.i.d. Brownian motions,
- $\{\omega_i\}_i$: i.i.d. $\sim \lambda$ (local frequency for each particle, random environment).

Introduced in '70 to describe synchronisation phenomena.

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If for example, the frequencies (ω_i) are chosen along $\lambda = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_{-1} + \delta_{+1})$,



The Kuramoto model is invariant by rotation : if $\{\theta_j(t)\}_{j=1\dots N}$ is a solution, so is $\{\theta_j(t) + \psi\}_{j=1\dots N}$, for all $\psi \in \mathbb{S}$.

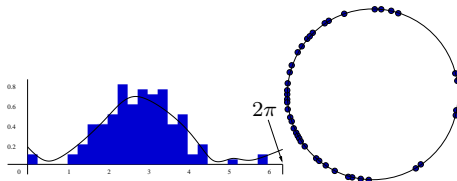
A particular case of mean-field interacting diffusions

The interacting kernel is a function of the (disordered) empirical measure

$$\mu_{N,t} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{(\theta_{i,t}, \omega_i)}, \quad N \geq 1, \quad t > 0,$$

so that the dynamics can be rewritten as

$$d\theta_{i,t} = \omega_i dt - K(\sin * \mu_{N,t})(\theta_{i,t}, \omega_i) dt + dB_{i,t}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$



The nonlinear process

A good candidate for the limiting process as $N \rightarrow \infty$ for each particle is

$$d\bar{\theta}_t = \omega dt + K \int_{\mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{R}} \sin(\bar{\theta}_t - \tilde{\theta}) \mathcal{L}(\bar{\theta}_t)(d\tilde{\theta}, d\omega) dt + dB_t,$$

Using only the Lipschitz continuity of the coefficients, one obtains [\[Sznitman\]](#)

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |\theta_{i,t} - \bar{\theta}_t|^2 \right] \leq \frac{e^{cT}}{N}.$$

As it is, this result is only useful up to time of order $c \log(N)$!

Rq : propagation of chaos uniform in time possible under supplementary convexity assumptions on the kernels (e.g. [\[Bolley, Guillin, Malrieu, Gentil\]](#)).

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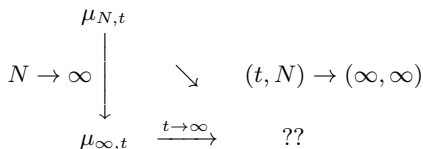
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Large population limit for bounded times : $\mu_{N,t} \rightarrow \mu_{\infty,t}$, for $t \in [0, T]$.

Proposition (McKean-Vlasov equation (L. '11))

When $\mathbb{E}(|\omega|) < +\infty$, for a.e. $(\omega_i)_i \geq 1$, for any $T > 0$, $(\mu_{N,t})_{t \in [0, T]}$ converges, as $N \rightarrow \infty$ to

$$\mu_{\infty,t}(d\theta, d\omega) = p_t(\theta, \omega) d\theta \lambda(d\omega),$$

where p_t solves

$$\partial_t p_t(\theta, \omega) = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\theta^2 p_t(\theta, \omega) - \partial_\theta \left(p_t(\theta, \omega) \left(\omega - K \int \sin(\cdot) * p_t(\cdot, \tilde{\omega}) \lambda(d\tilde{\omega}) \right) \right).$$

$p_t(\theta, \omega)$: density of particles with θ and frequency ω , when $N = \infty$.

For now, suppose that the random environment is chosen in $\{\pm 1\}$. In this case, write

$$p_t^+(\theta) = p_t(\theta, +1),$$

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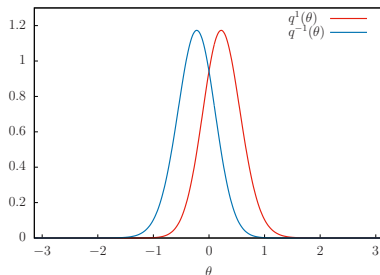
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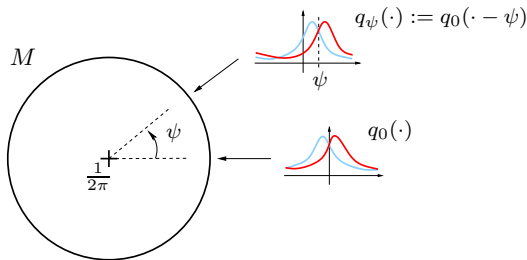
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Local stability of the circle M

Let $q = (q^+, q^-) \in M$. Add a small perturbation $u_t = (u_t^+, u_t^-)$, with $\int_{\mathbb{S}} u_t^\pm(\theta) d\theta = 0$. The evolution of u is given by

$$\partial_t u_t = L_q u_t + R_q(u_t),$$

where

$$L_q u_t^\pm = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\theta^2 u_t^\pm - \partial_\theta \left(\pm \omega_0 u_t^\pm - u_t^\pm K \sin * \left(\frac{q^+ + q^-}{2} \right) - q^\pm K \sin * \left(\frac{u_t^+ + u_t^-}{2} \right) \right),$$

is the linearization of q and R_q is quadratic.

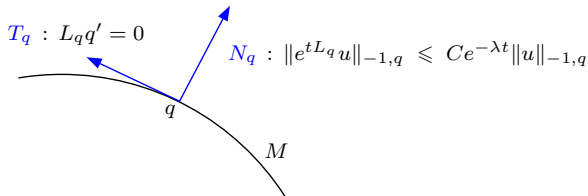
Definition

For $q \in M$, let H_q^{-1} be the dual of H_q^1 , weighted Sobolev space endowed with

$$\|u\|_{1,q} := \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\sigma=\pm} \int_{\mathbb{S}} (\partial_{\theta} u^{\sigma}(\theta))^2 q^{\sigma}(\theta) d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Theorem [Bertini, Giacomin, Pakdaman, 2010], [Giacomin, L., Poquet, 2014] :

For $q \in M$, L_q is self-adjoint in H_q^{-1} and the following decomposition holds :
 $H_q^{-1} = T_q \oplus M_q$ where



The neutral direction T_q reflects the invariance by rotation of the system.

Idea of proof : perturbing the case without disorder.

- 1 Without disorder ($\omega_i \equiv 0$),

$$d\theta_{i,t} = \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_{j,t} - \theta_{i,t}) dt + dB_{i,t}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

the system is reversible with invariant measure $\pi_{N,K}$ (XY model)

$$\pi_{N,K}(d\theta) \propto \exp\left(\frac{K}{N} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j)\right) d\theta$$

The McKean-Vlasov equation can be written in a gradient form :

$$\partial_t q_t(\theta) = \nabla \left[q_t(\theta) \nabla \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{F}(q_t)}{\delta q_t(\theta)} \right) \right],$$

for

$$\mathcal{F}(q) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{S}} q(\theta) \log q(\theta) d\theta - \frac{K}{2} \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} \cos(\theta - \theta') q(\theta) q(\theta') d\theta d\theta'.$$

[Bertini, Giacomin, Pakdaman, 2010]

- 2 This invariant manifold is stable by small perturbation.

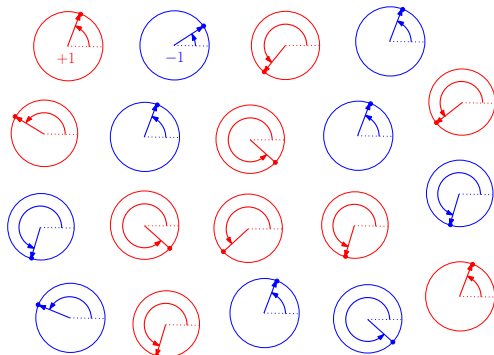
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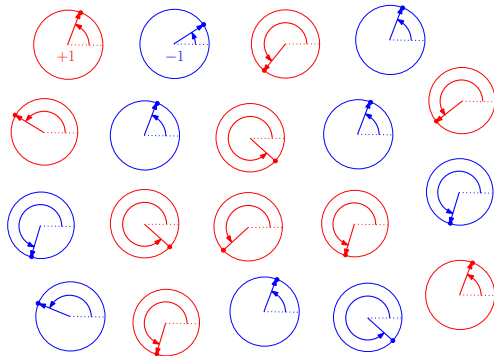
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- Here, as $N = \infty$, there is no asymmetry red/blues, so no reasons to rotate in any direction whatsoever : the limit $\mu_{\infty,t}$ gives no information.
- But for N large but finite, **fluctuations** of the sample $(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_N)$ induce a microscopic asymmetry of order \sqrt{N} .
- One expects random traveling waves on a time scale \sqrt{N} .

Reformulation of the system

Let $N \geq 1$ and N^+ (resp. N^-) the random size of the population with disorder $+1$ (resp. -1). Hence, one can rewrite

$$d\theta_{j,t}^+ = +1 + \frac{K}{N} \left(\sum_{l=1}^{N^+} \sin(\theta_{l,t}^+ - \theta_{j,t}^+) + \sum_{l=1}^{N^-} \sin(\theta_{l,t}^- - \theta_{j,t}^+) \right) dt + dB_{j,t},$$
$$d\theta_{j,t}^- = -1 + \frac{K}{N} \left(\sum_{l=1}^{N^+} \sin(\theta_{l,t}^+ - \theta_{j,t}^-) + \sum_{l=1}^{N^-} \sin(\theta_{l,t}^- - \theta_{j,t}^-) \right) dt + dB_{j,t}$$

The empirical measure μ_N is identified with (μ_N^+, μ_N^-)

$$\mu_{N,t}^\pm = \frac{1}{N^\pm} \sum_{j=1}^{N^\pm} \delta_{\theta_{j,t}^\pm}.$$

Within this reformulation, the random environment consists in the random sizes (N^+, N^-) .

Quenched traveling waves in long time

Definition

A sequence $(\omega_i)_{i \geq 1}$ is *admissible* if for all $\zeta > 0$, there exists N_0 such that for $N \geq N_0$, $\max(|\xi_N^+|, |\xi_N^-|) \leq N^\zeta$, with

$$\xi_N^\pm := N^{1/2} \left(\frac{N^\pm}{N} - \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

Theorem [L., Poquet (2015)] :

Let $\tau_f > 0$, $\psi_0 \in \mathbb{S}$ and an *admissible* sequence $(\omega_i)_{i \geq 1}$. If for all $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left(\|\mu_{N,0} - q_{\psi_0}\|_{-1} \leq \varepsilon \right) = 1,$$

then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left(\sup_{\tau \in [0, \tau_f]} \|\mu_{N, N^{1/2}\tau} - q_{\psi_0 + b(\xi_N)\tau}\|_{-1} \leq \varepsilon \right) = 1,$$

where b is linear.

We want to quantify the proximity of μ_N w.r.t. the circle M . Define

$$\nu_{N,t} := \mu_{N,t} - q_\psi,$$

where $q_\psi \in M$. Introducing the semigroup $e^{tL_{q_\psi}}$, there exists a mild equation for ν_N in H^{-1} :

$$\nu_{N,t} = e^{tL_{q_\psi}} \nu_{N,0} + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)L_{q_\psi}} (D_{q,N} + R_{q,N}(\nu_{N,s})) ds + Z_{N,t},$$

where

- $D_{q,N} = \partial_\theta \left(q_\psi \left\{ \left(\frac{N^+}{N} - \frac{1}{2} \right) (K \sin * q_\psi^+) + \left(\frac{N^-}{N} - \frac{1}{2} \right) (K \sin * q_\psi^-) \right\} \right)$ is the drift induced by the disorder.
- $R_{q,N}(\nu_N)$ is a quadratic term,
- $Z_{N,t}$ is the noise part.

$$\nu_{N,t} = e^{tL_{q\psi}} \nu_{N,0} + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)L_{q\psi}} (D_{q,N} + R_{q,N}(\nu_{N,s})) ds + Z_{N,t}.$$

There is a competition between

- the drift D_N and the noise Z_N that move μ_N away from the circle M
- the semigroup e^{tL_q} that keeps μ_N close to M along the normal direction N_q ,

Hence :

- the dynamics of μ_N is essentially along the neutral direction T_q : one obtains a traveling wave whose speed depends only on the drift D_N .
- Since D_N is a linear functional of $\left(\frac{N^+}{N} - \frac{1}{2}\right)$, this term is of order $\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$. We need to wait a time of order \sqrt{N} to see these traveling waves.

The procedure is to consider the dynamics of ν_N on $[0, \sqrt{NT}]$, by discretization on subintervals $[nT, (n+1)T]$, $n = 0, \dots, \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$.

Using the semimartingale decomposition, one proves recursively that if $d(\mu_{N,nT}, M) = O(N^{-1/2+2\zeta})$ for a certain n , then with high probability as $N \rightarrow \infty$, on the interval $[nT, (n+1)T]$,

- The drift $D_{N,t}$ and the noise $Z_{N,t}$ are of order $O(N^{-1/2+\zeta})$
- the quadratic term R_N is of order $O(N^{-1+4\zeta})$,
- $\nu_{N,t}$ is of order $O(N^{-1/2+2\zeta})$
- One can recursively define the projection q_{ψ_n} of $\mu_{N,nT}$ on M

$$q_{\psi_n} = P_{\psi_n}(\mu_{N,nT}).$$

The process $\nu_{n,t} := \mu_{N,nt} - q_{\psi_n}$, $t \in [0, T]$ is well defined and one has

Proposition (a priori bound on ν_N)

With a probability close to 1 as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\sup_{1 \leq n \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor} \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\nu_{n,t}\|_{-1} \leq CN^{-1/2+2\zeta}.$$

- Mean-field model invariant by rotation,
- Stable invariant manifold in the $N = \infty$ -limit,
- When $N \rightarrow \infty$ and t fixed, the population is balanced : **no traveling wave at the level of $\mu_{\infty,t}$.**
- Quenched disorder induces traveling waves at the scale of fluctuations for a **finite population** on a time scale of order \sqrt{N} .

Questions :

- more complicated dynamics (FitzHugh-Nagumo) ?
- more general graphs of interactions (Erdős-Renyi, locally tree-like graphs) ? [\[Delattre, Giacomin, L., 2016\]](#)

Merci de votre attention !

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