

Hörmander's theorem for McKean-Vlasov SDEs

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We are here interested in studying the smoothing properties of some non-linear diffusion processes given by the unique strong solution to the following Stochastic Differential Equations (SDEs for short) with dynamics :

$$\begin{cases} X_s^{t,\xi} = \xi + \int_t^s A_0(X_u^\xi, m(u; t, \mu)) du + \sum_{\ell=1}^q \int_t^s V_\ell(X_u^{t,\xi}, m(u; t, \mu)) dB_u^\ell, \\ m(s; t, \mu) = \text{Law}(X_s^{t,\xi}), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

driven by a q -dimensional $B = (B^1, \dots, B^q)$ Brownian motion, starting from the \mathbb{R}^d -valued random variable ξ independent of B and with law $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

In the uniform elliptic setting, the analysis of the smoothing properties of the density of $X_s^{t,\xi}$ and of the corresponding semigroup $\mathcal{P}_{s,t}\phi(\mu) = \phi(m(s; t, \mu))$ has received considerable attention in several recent works [1], [2], [3] and [4]. However, much less is known in the hypoelliptic setting.

Under an ad-hoc Hörmander's condition on the vector fields $V_0, \dots, V_q : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, it is shown that the density of $X_s^{t,\xi}$ exists and is smooth with respect to the initial data t, μ . We also prove that the map $(t, \mu) \mapsto \mathcal{P}_{s,t}\phi(\mu)$ is the unique solution to a backward Kolmogorov PDE defined on the strip $[0, s] \times \mathcal{P}_q(\mathbb{R}^d)$, for any $s > 0$ and some $q \geq 2$ even if ϕ is not smooth. Some new quantitative weak propagation of chaos results for the mean-field approximation of (1) by the corresponding system of interacting particles are eventually established.

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