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Abstract

In this paper we consider rough differential equations with affine boundary conditions. Using rough paths and fixed-point techniques, we study properties of the solutions. We also prove a convergence theorem and apply our results to differential equations driven by Brownian motions and fractional Brownian motions.

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1 Introduction

In this paper we study rough differential equations with affine boundary conditions. If U and V are two Banach spaces, we consider the problem

$$\begin{cases} dY(t) = f(Y(t)) dW(t) \text{ for all } t \in [0, 1] \\ H_0Y(0) + H_1Y(1) = v \end{cases}$$
 (1)

where W is a continuous function or a stochastic process with values in U, $f: V \to L(U, V)$ is a smooth function, v is a vector in V, H_0 and H_1 are two operators on V, and Y is unknown. In the case where W is a finite-dimensional Brownian motion and dW stands for the Stratonovich integration, the existence, the uniqueness and other properties of the solutions of such problems (with possibly other forms of two-point boundary conditions) have been analyzed under various assumptions and with different methods. Let us mention a few examples. Linear equations are studied in [23], where anticipating stochastic calculus (see [21]) is used because the solutions are not

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adapted to W. Nonlinear equations with additive noises and more general two-point boundary conditions are studied in [22] with a pathwise approach. In [11] invariant imbedding (see [3]) is used for the analysis of nonlinear equations. In addition to the works mentioned above, we may also cite for instance [2,7–9,24] where various stochastic differential equations with two-point boundary conditions are studied in other frameworks or with other methods.

In our paper we address the problem (1) in a setting where W is a more general continuous process (such as a fractional Brownian motion for instance). We use the theory of rough paths (see for instance [10,18]). This enable us to avoid any difficulties related to the anticipating stochastic calculus. We use an enhanced Brownian motion or any other suitable rough path \mathbf{W} in place of W in order to define rough differential equations $Z(t) = Z(0) + \int_0^t f(Z(s)) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{W}(s)$. For every $a \in V$, if f is regular enough then there exists a unique solution Z such that Z(0) = a. Then the Itô map I which assigns Z to (a, f, \mathbf{W}) can be defined and is regular with respect to all its variables.

In our work, setting $\tau \in [0, T]$ we relate (1) to

$$\begin{cases} Y(t) = Y(0) + \int_0^t f(Y(s)) d\mathbf{W}(s) \text{ for } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0 Y(0) + H_1 Y(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$
 (2)

and study various properties. Equation (2) links the values of Y(0) and $Y(\tau)$ for a given value of $\tau \in [0, T]$, while the path $\{Y(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ is defined on the whole interval [0, T].

Using the Itô map and a fixed-point method, we prove that there exits a unique solution to (2) if $\tau < C$ where C is a constant that depends on T, f, \mathbf{W} , H_0 , and H_1 (we note that possibly $C \ge T$). In this setting we also establish regularity results, which enable us to prove limit theorems.

For $\tau \in [C, T]$ and when V is finite-dimensional, using the Brouwer degree we show that there exists a solution. While the uniqueness is not ensured, the number of solutions is finite for almost every v. The situation is summarized in Figure 1.

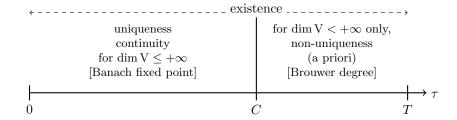


Figure 1: Summary of the results on existence and uniqueness depending on τ for fixed time T.

Outline. In Section 2 we recall results on rough paths theory. In Section 3 we prove the existence and uniqueness of a solution for a small time τ . In Section 4 we study the regularity of the solution with respect to the driving rough noise. In Sections 5 and 6 we establish more results on regularity and convergence. In Section 7 we study the existence of solutions for any time τ . Finally, in Section 8 we consider the case of a driving rough noise with Hölder regularity greater than 1/2. In this context, the rough integrals coincide with the Young integrals.

2 Reminders about rough paths

We consider in this section the case of rough differential equations driven by paths of Hölder regularity $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}]$.

For two Banach space U and V whose norms are written $|\cdot|$, we denote by L(U, V) the space of bounded, linear operators from U to V. Here, U and V are finite or infinite dimensional.

We denote by $C^{\alpha}(\mathbf{W},\mathbf{V})$ the space of α -Hölder continuous maps from W to V for W \subset U. The space is equipped with the α -Hölder semi-norm $\|f\|_{\alpha} := \sup_{x \neq y} |f(x) - f(y)|/|x - y|^{\alpha}$. When $\mathbf{W} = [0,T] \subset \mathbb{R}$, we write $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha,T}$ instead of $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha}$.

We denote by $C^k(U, V)$ for some integer k the space of continuous functions which are differentiable up to order k with continuous k-th derivatives. We denote by $C_b^k(U, V)$ the space of functions in $C^k(U, V)$ with bounded j-th derivatives for all $0 \le j \le k$.

We denote by $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], U)$ the space of α -Hölder rough paths $\mathbf{X} = (X, \mathbb{X})$ with values in $U \oplus (U \otimes U)$. The elements of $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], U)$ satisfy the Chen relation

$$X(r,s) + X(s,t) = X(r,t), \ \mathbb{X}(r,s) + \mathbb{X}(s,t) + X(r,s) \otimes X(s,t) = \mathbb{X}(r,t)$$

for any $0 \le r \le s \le t \le T$. Besides

$$\|X\|_{\alpha,T} = \sup_{0\leqslant s\neq t\leqslant T} \frac{|X(s,t)|}{|t-s|^\alpha} < \infty \text{ and } \|\mathbb{X}\|_{2\alpha,T} = \sup_{0\leqslant s\neq t\leqslant T} \frac{|\mathbb{X}(s,t)|}{|t-s|^{2\alpha}} < \infty.$$

The metric on $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T],\mathbf{U})$ is denoted by $\varrho_{\alpha,T}$ and defined by

$$\varrho_{\alpha,T}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \sup_{0 \le s \ne t \le T} \frac{|X_1(s,t) - X_2(s,t)|}{|t - s|^{\alpha}} + \sup_{0 \le s \ne t \le T} \frac{|\mathbb{X}_1(s,t) - \mathbb{X}_2(s,t)|}{|t - s|^{2\alpha}}$$

for all \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 in $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T],\mathbf{U})$.

Let U and V be two Banach spaces, $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U}), f \in C_b^2(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}))$ and $a \in \mathbf{V}$. We consider the following differential equation

$$Y(t) = a + \int_0^t f(Y(s)) d\mathbf{X}(s) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T]$$
(3)

with unknown $Y \in C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$. Following [6,10], a solution Y of (9) can be defined as a path such that Y(0) = a and

$$Y(t) - Y(s) = f(Y(s))X(s,t) + Df(Y(s))f(Y(s))X(s,t) + O(|t-s|^{\theta})$$
 (4)

for some $\theta > 1$.

Following [10, Theorem 8.3], if $f \in C_b^3(V, L(U, V))$, then there exists a unique solution $Y \in C^{\alpha}([0, T], V)$ to Equation (4) (or (3)). In order to take account of the dependence on (a, \mathbf{X}) , we set $I(a, \mathbf{X}) := Y$. This defines the $It\hat{o}$ map I from $V \times \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0, T], U)$ to $C^{\alpha}([0, T], V)$. The next lemma establishes the boundedness of this solution (see for instance [10, Proposition 8.2]).

Lemma 1. There exists a positive constant $K = K(\alpha)$ depending only on α such that for all $a \in V$,

$$||I(a, \mathbf{X})||_{\alpha, T} \le K(\alpha) \max \left(||f||_{C^2} |||\mathbf{X}||_{\alpha, T}, (||f||_{C^2} |||\mathbf{X}||_{\alpha, T})^{1/\alpha} \right),$$
 (5)

where

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\alpha,T} := \|X\|_{\alpha,T} + \sqrt{\|X\|_{2\alpha,T}}.$$

By T. Lyons' theorem [17] the Itô map I is continuous. Moreover it is locally Lipschitz continuous, as recalled in the following lemma (see for instance [5, 10, 15]). Notice that some extended statements consider also variations of the vector field f.

Lemma 2. We fix M > 0 and consider

$$\mathcal{B}_{M,T} = \{ \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U}) : \|\mathbf{X}\|_{\alpha,T} \leqslant M \}, \tag{6}$$

where $\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\alpha,T}$ is defined in Lemma 1. There exists a positive constant $C_{\alpha,f,M}$ depending only on α , f and M such that for all a and $b \in V$, and for all $\mathbf{X_1}$ and $\mathbf{X_2} \in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}$,

$$||I(a, \mathbf{X_1}) - I(b, \mathbf{X_2})||_{\alpha, T} \leq C_{\alpha, f, M} \left(|a - b| + \varrho_{\alpha, T}(\mathbf{X_1}, \mathbf{X_2})\right). \tag{7}$$

In particular, for every $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U})$ there exists a positive constant $C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}$ depending only on α , f and $\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\alpha,T}$ such that for all a and $b \in \mathbf{V}$,

$$||I(a, \mathbf{X}) - I(b, \mathbf{X})||_{\alpha, T} \leqslant C_{\alpha, f, \mathbf{X}} |a - b|.$$
(8)

For the sake of simplicity, we do not consider optimal hypotheses on the vector field. The assumptions on the regularity of f can be weakened (for example when $f \in C_{\rm b}^{2+\gamma}$ with $\alpha(2+\gamma)>1$) but to get a global Lipschitz condition with respect to the starting point, we highlight that f shall be bounded. This latter hypothesis is used in several proofs.

3 Existence and uniqueness

Let $v \in V$ and H_0 and H_1 be two bounded operators on V (finite or infinite dimensional). We set τ and T such that $0 < \tau \le T$.

Throughout the paper and unless otherwise mentioned, we assume that $f \in C_h^3(V, L(U, V))$.

In this section we fix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U})$ and we wish to find a continuous function Y such that

$$\begin{cases} Y(t) = Y(0) + \int_0^t f(Y(s)) \, d\mathbf{X}(s) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0 Y(0) + H_1 Y(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$
(9)

Then we consider the following problem. We look for an element $a \in \mathcal{V}$ such that

$$H_0a + H_1I(a)(\tau) = v,$$
 (10)

where I is the Itô map and $I(a, \mathbf{X})$ is denoted by I(a) since \mathbf{X} is fixed. The following lemma establishes the relation between (10) and (9).

Lemma 3. If there exists $a \in V$ such that (10) holds, then Y = I(a) satisfies (9). Moreover, if there exists a unique $a \in V$ such that (10) holds, then Y = I(a) is the unique function in $C^{\alpha}([0,T],V)$ satisfying (9).

Proof. The first part of the lemma is obvious. Assume there exists a unique $a \in V$ such that (10) and set Y = I(a). Consider another $Z \in C^{\alpha}([0,T],V)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} Z(t) = Z(0) + \int_0^t f(Z(s)) \, d\mathbf{X}(s) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0 Z(0) + H_1 Z(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$

By the definition of the Itô map, Z = I(Z(0)), so that $H_0Z(0) + H_1I(Z(0))(\tau) = v$. This implies that Z(0) = a (by uniqueness of a), and then Z = I(Z(0)) = I(a) = Y.

The following theorem establishes the existence of a unique solution of the problem (9) for small values of τ . It is proved with the use of (10), which is solved with the Banach fixed-point theorem.

For $a \in V$ and $\tau \in [0, T]$, we define

$$L(a)_{\tau} := H^{-1}v - H^{-1}H_1(I(a)(\tau) - a) \tag{11}$$

when $H := H_0 + H_1$ is invertible.

Remark 1. The condition that $H_0 + H_1$ is invertible means that our results cannot be applied to deal with a periodic solution.

Theorem 1. Let $C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}$ be the constant of (8). If $H := H_0 + H_1$ is invertible and τ satisfies

$$\tau^{\alpha}|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}<1,\tag{12}$$

then there exists a unique solution to (9) in $C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$.

Proof. By Lemma 3, it suffices to prove that there exists a unique solution $a \in V$ to (10). We rewrite (10) as

$$(H_0 + H_1)a + H_1(I(a)(\tau) - a) = v.$$

Then, since $H = H_0 + H_1$ is invertible,

$$H_0a + H_1I(a)(\tau) = v$$
 if and only if $a = H^{-1}v - H^{-1}H_1(I(a)(\tau) - a)$.

With (11), (10) can be reformulated as the fixed-point problem

$$a = L(a)_{\tau}. (13)$$

By the Banach fixed-point theorem, it suffices to prove that $L(\cdot)_{\tau}$ is a contraction. For all $a, b \in V$,

$$|L(a)_{\tau} - L(b)_{\tau}| \leq |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot |I(a)(\tau) - a - I(b)(\tau) + b|$$

$$\leq |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot (|I(a)_{0} - a - I(b)_{0} + b| + \tau^{\alpha} ||I(a) - a - I(b) + b||_{\alpha,T})$$

$$= \tau^{\alpha} |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot ||I(a) - a - I(b) + b||_{\alpha,T}$$

$$= \tau^{\alpha} |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot ||I(a) - I(b)||_{\alpha,T}.$$

Following (8),

$$||I(a) - I(b)||_{\alpha,T} \leqslant C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}|a-b|.$$

As a consequence of above,

$$|L(a)_{\tau} - L(b)_{\tau}| \leqslant \tau^{\alpha} |H^{-1}H_1| C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}} |a - b|.$$

Then for every τ satisfying (12), the function $L(\cdot)_{\tau}$ is a contraction. Then by the Banach fixed-point theorem, there exists a unique fixed point $a \in V$ such that (13), and then (10) are satisfied.

As an application of Theorem 1, fix $\tau \in [0, T]$ and consider that $W = (W_1, \ldots, W_d)$ is a Brownian motion with values in $U = \mathbb{R}^d$ which is enhanced with $\mathbf{W} = (W, \mathbb{W}) \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ with for all $1 \leq j, k \leq d$,

$$\mathbb{W}_{j,k}(s,t) = \int_{s}^{t} (W_j(r) - W_j(s)) \circ dW_k(r) \text{ for any } 0 \leqslant s \leqslant t \leqslant T.$$
 (14)

Then, Theorem 1 establishes that for every $\omega \in \Omega$ such that $\tau^{\alpha}|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{W}(\omega)} < 1$, there exists a unique solution $Y(\omega) \in C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$ to

$$\begin{cases}
Y(\omega)(t) = Y(\omega)(0) + \int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^d f_j(Y(\omega)(s)) \circ dW_j(\omega)(s), \ t \in [0, T], \\
H_0Y(\omega)(0) + H_1Y(\omega)(\tau) = v.
\end{cases}$$
(15)

Notice that $\int_0^t \sum_{j=1}^d f_j(Y(\omega)(s)) \circ dW_j(\omega)(s)$ stands for $\int_0^t f(Y(\omega)(s)) d\mathbf{W}(\omega)(s)$ because of the Stratonovich integration in (14) and both rough and Stratonovich integrals coincide. This result follows from Theorem 4 below which is the rough counterpart of the stochastic Wong-Zakai theorem, and the construction of [11] based on characteristics as solutions to some Stratonovich SDE.

This problem can also be solved in an infinite-dimensional setting. Suppose that U is a separable Banach space and consider a U-valued Brownian motion W on the Wiener space (U, H, μ) where μ is a zero-mean Gaussian measure on U and H is the Cameron-Martin space of μ . Following [14], under suitable conditions, there exists an enhanced Brownian motion $\mathbf{W} = (W, \mathbb{W}) \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0, T], \mathbb{U})$ obtained as follows. We consider the sequence $(\mathbf{W}(m))_{m\geqslant 1} = (W(m), \mathbb{W}(m))_{m\geqslant 1}$ where $(W(m))_{m\geqslant 1}$ is the dyadic piecewise linear approximation of W, and $(\mathbb{W}(m))_{m\geqslant 1}$ is defined by

$$\mathbb{W}(m)(s,t) = \int_{s}^{t} (W(m)(r) - W(m)(s)) \otimes dW(m)(r)$$

for all s, t, and m. Assume that the tensor norm $\|\cdot\|_{U\otimes U}$ on $U\otimes U$ is exact for μ , which means that there exist two constants $\gamma\in[1/2,1)$ and C>0 such that for all independent sequences $(G_n)_{n\geqslant 1}$ and $(\widetilde{G}_n)_{n\geqslant 1}$ of independent U-valued random variables with distribution μ , and for every $N\geqslant 0$,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\left\|\sum_{n=1}^{N}G_{n}\otimes\widetilde{G}_{n}\right\|_{\mathbf{U}\otimes\mathbf{U}}\right)\leqslant CN^{\gamma}.$$

By [14], under this assumption, as $m \to \infty$ the sequence $\mathbf{W}(m)$ converges in $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ almost surely. Its limit defines an enhanced Brownian motion. Then by Theorem 1, for every $\omega \in \Omega$ such that $\tau^{\alpha}|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{W}(\omega)} < 1$, there exists a unique solution $Y(\omega) \in C^{\alpha}([0,T],\mathbb{V})$ to

$$\begin{cases} Y(\omega)(t) = Y(\omega)(0) + \int_0^t f(Y(\omega)(s)) d\mathbf{W}(\omega)(s) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0Y(\omega)(0) + H_1Y(\omega)(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$

4 Continuity of the solution with respect to the path

In the previous section the driving path X is fixed. In this section we consider X as a variable and we establish the continuity of the solution of (9) with respect to X.

We set M > 0 and τ satisfying

$$\tau^{\alpha}|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M} < 1. \tag{16}$$

When $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}$ (defined by (6)), (16) implies (12). We define the function

$$\overline{I}: \mathcal{B}_{M,T} \to C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$$

such that for every $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}$, $\overline{I}(\mathbf{X})$ is the unique solution Y to

$$\begin{cases} Y(t) = Y(0) + \int_0^t f(Y(s)) \, d\mathbf{X}(s) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0 Y(0) + H_1 Y(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$

The main theorem of this subsection establishes the continuity of \overline{I} .

Theorem 2. The map \overline{I} is Lipschitz continuous with respect to $\varrho_{\alpha,T}$ on $\mathcal{B}_{M,T}$, with constant

$$C_{\alpha,f,M} + \frac{|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}{1 - |H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}.$$

Proof. Previously we proved that for every \mathbf{X} , $\overline{I}(\mathbf{X})$ can be written as $\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}) = I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{X})$ where I is the Itô map and $a_{\mathbf{X}}$ is the fixed point of the function $L(\cdot, \mathbf{X})_{\tau} : a \mapsto L(a, \mathbf{X})_{\tau} = H^{-1}v - H^{-1}H_1(I(a, \mathbf{X})(\tau) - a)$.

By (7), for all **X** and **Y** $\in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}$,

$$\|\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}) - \overline{I}(\mathbf{Y})\|_{\alpha,T} = \|I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{X}) - I(a_{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathbf{Y})\|_{\alpha,T}$$

$$\leq C_{\alpha,f,M}(|a_{\mathbf{X}} - a_{\mathbf{Y}}| + \varrho_{\alpha,T}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})). \tag{17}$$

Moreover,

$$|a_{\mathbf{X}} - a_{\mathbf{Y}}| = |L(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{X})_{\tau} - L(a_{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau}|$$

$$\leq |L(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{X})_{\tau} - L(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau}| + |L(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau} - L(a_{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau}|$$

$$= |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot |I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{X})_{\tau} - I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau}|$$

$$+ |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot |I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau} - I(a_{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\tau} - a_{\mathbf{X}} + a_{\mathbf{Y}}|$$

$$\leq |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot ||I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{X})_{\cdot} - I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\cdot}||_{\alpha, T} \tau^{\alpha}$$

$$+ |H^{-1}H_{1}| \cdot ||I(a_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\cdot} - I(a_{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathbf{Y})_{\cdot}||_{\alpha, T} \tau^{\alpha}$$

$$\leq |H^{-1}H_{1}|C_{\alpha, f, M}\varrho_{\alpha, T}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})\tau^{\alpha}$$

$$+ |H^{-1}H_{1}|C_{\alpha, f, M}|a_{\mathbf{X}} - a_{\mathbf{Y}}|\tau^{\alpha}.$$

As a consequence, for all **X** and **Y** $\in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}$,

$$|a_{\mathbf{X}} - a_{\mathbf{Y}}| \le \frac{|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}{1 - |H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}\varrho_{\alpha,T}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$$

and, by (17),

$$\|\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}) - \overline{I}(\mathbf{Y})\|_{\alpha,T} \leqslant \left(C_{\alpha,f,M} + \frac{|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}{1 - |H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}\right)\varrho_{\alpha,T}(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{Y}).$$

This completes the proof.

5 Regularity and numerical analysis

In Section 4 we proved the continuity of the solution with respect to the path \mathbf{X} . In this section, with the implicit function theorem, we consider the regularity with respect to the other variables. Then we briefly present an application to numerical analysis.

For $\gamma \in (0,1]$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we denote by $C^{k+\gamma}$ the class of functions f of class C^k such that $D^k f$ is γ -Hölder continuous. We denote by $C_b^{k+\gamma}$ the space of functions in $C^{k+\gamma}$ with bounded j-th derivatives for all $0 \le j \le k$. This space is equipped with

$$||f||_{C^{k+\gamma}} := \max\{||f||_{\infty}, \dots, ||D^k f||_{\infty}, ||D^k f||_{\gamma}\}.$$

Let $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T],\mathbf{U})$. We define

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{P} := \mathbf{V} \times C_b^{k+1+\gamma}(\mathbf{V}, L(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})), \\ \text{and } \mathcal{Q} := C_b^{k+1+\gamma}(\mathbf{V}, L(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})) \times \mathbf{V} \times L(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}) \times L(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}). \end{split}$$

Proposition 1 ([5, Theorem 3]). For any $\kappa \in (0,1)$ such that $\alpha(2+\kappa\gamma) > 1$, the Itô map $I: \mathcal{P} \to C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$ is locally of class $C^{k+(1-\kappa)\gamma}$.

Let us write

$$P(a,q)_{\tau} = H_0 a + H_1 I(a,f,\mathbf{X})(\tau) - v \text{ with } q = (f,v,H_0,H_1) \in \mathcal{Q}.$$

If $H_0 + H_1$ is invertible, the problem $L(a)_{\tau} = a$ is equivalent to $P(a,q)_{\tau} = 0$. Besides, by Proposition 1, P is locally of class $C^{k+(1-\kappa)\gamma}$ on $\mathcal Q$ when $\alpha(2+\kappa\gamma)>1$. Moreover,

$$D_a P(a, q)_{\tau} = H_0 + H_1 D_a I(a, f, \mathbf{X})(\tau),$$
 (18)

where

$$D_a I(a, f, \mathbf{X})(t) = \mathrm{Id} + \int_0^t Df(I(a, f, \mathbf{X})(s)) \cdot D_a I(a, f, \mathbf{X})(s) \, \mathrm{d}s.$$

The regularity is established by the following result, which is a generalized implicit function theorem (see e.g., [1]) applied to P.

Theorem 3. Let $\tau \in [0,T]$, $a^{\dagger} \in V$ and $q^{\dagger} \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that $P(a^{\dagger},q^{\dagger})_{\tau} = 0$ and $D_a P(a^{\dagger},q^{\dagger})_{\tau} \in L(V,V)$ is an isomorphism. Then there exist neighborhoods U^{\dagger} of q^{\dagger} and V^{\dagger} of a^{\dagger} as well as a function $A \in C_b^{k+(1-\kappa)\gamma}(U^{\dagger},V^{\dagger})$ with $A(q^{\dagger}) = a^{\dagger}$ such that P(A(q),q) = 0 for any $q \in U^{\dagger}$.

Remark 2. At $\tau = 0$, $D_a I(a, f, \mathbf{X})(0) = \text{Id}$ and then $D_a P(a, q)_0 = H_0 + H_1$. To apply the implicit function theorem, $D_a P(a, q)_0$ has to be invertible. Hence, $H_0 + H_1$ shall be invertible which is an hypothesis we used to get the existence and uniqueness of a solution.

Remark 3. If $H_0 + H_1$ is invertible, then we can deduce from (18) that $D_a P(a,q)_{\tau}$ is invertible when τ is small enough. This not ensured for large τ .

Theorem 3 implies that the solution a is locally Lipschitz continuous with respect to $q = (f, v, H_0, H_1)$. Notice that we can also establish that a is globally Lipschitz continuous with respect to v. More precisely, using (8) we get

$$|a(v_1) - a(v_2)| \le (1 - \tau^{\alpha} |H^{-1}H_1| C_{\alpha, f, \mathbf{X}}) |v_1 - v_2| \tag{19}$$

for all v_1 and v_2 .

We now present an application to numerical analysis. Let us consider that for any starting point a we have a numerical scheme J(a) such that $J(a) = I(a, f, \mathbf{X})(\tau) + R(a)$ for a Lipschitz continuous error $a \mapsto R(a)$ with a Lipschitz norm ℓ smaller than 1. Several numerical schemes exist for rough paths and for RDE driven by Brownian motion or fractional Brownian motion (see for instance [13, 16, 20]).

Besides, let us assume that we are able to solve the fixed-point problem $H_0a + H_1J(a) - v = 0$ at precision η , that is we find a' such that

$$H_0a' + H_1J(a') = v + \eta.$$

This is the case for example when we use a finite number of iterations in the fixed-point iteration, or the Newton scheme. Then

$$H_0a' + H_1I(a', f, \mathbf{X})(\tau) = v + \eta - H_1R(a').$$

It follows from Theorem 3 or (19) that there exists a constant K, depending on τ , ℓ , f, \mathbf{X} , H_0 and H_1 such that

$$|a' - a| \leqslant K|\eta| + K|R(a)|.$$

This implies that the numerical scheme converges.

6 Limit theorems

In this section we deal with limit theorems. We fix τ and M such that (16), namely

$$\tau^{\alpha}|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}<1.$$

For every T > 0 we denote by $\mathcal{C}^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ the closure of smooth rough paths in $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$. We assume that the Banach space \mathbb{U} is separable and recall that, as a consequence, $\mathcal{C}^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ is a Polish space (see Exercise 2.8 of [10] for instance). The main result is the following.

Theorem 4. Suppose (16) and let \mathbf{X} and $(\mathbf{X}^n)_n$ be a random variable and a sequence of random variables with values in $\mathcal{C}^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U})$ such that \mathbf{X}^n converges in distribution to \mathbf{X} in $\mathcal{C}^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U})$ and $\mathbb{P}(\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\alpha,T} = M) = 0$. For every continuous bounded function $h: C^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{V}) \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{E}(h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}^n))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}^n\|_{\alpha,T}\leqslant M}) = \mathbb{E}(h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\alpha,T}\leqslant M}).$$

Proof. Since $C^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ is a Polish space, by the Skorokhod representation theorem there exists a probability space $(\Omega^*, \mathcal{T}^*, \mathbb{P}^*)$ and random variables $\mathbf{X}^{*,n}$ and \mathbf{X}^* from $(\Omega^*, \mathcal{T}^*, \mathbb{P}^*)$ to $C^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ such that $\mathbf{X}^{*,n} \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} \mathbf{X}^n$, $\mathbf{X}^* \stackrel{\text{law}}{=} \mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{X}^{*,n}$ converges \mathbb{P}^* -almost surely to \mathbf{X}^* . Then \mathbb{P}^* -almost surely, $h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}^{*,n}))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}^{*,n}\|_{\alpha,T}\leqslant M}$ converges to $h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}^*))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}^*\|_{\alpha,T}\leqslant M}$ as $n\to\infty$. Moreover, by the bounded convergence theorem, since for all n,

$$h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}^{*,n}))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}^{*,n}\|_{\alpha,T} \leqslant M} \leqslant \|h\|_{\infty},$$

we deduce that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{E}(h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}^{*,n}))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}^{*,n}\|_{\alpha,T}\leqslant M}) = \mathbb{E}(h(\overline{I}(\mathbf{X}^*))\mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{X}^*\|_{\alpha,T}\leqslant M}).$$

This completes the proof.

As an application, we consider for every $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ the problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dY^{n}(t)}{dt} = \sqrt{n} \sum_{j=1}^{d} \xi_{j,[nt]} f_{j}(Y^{n}(t)) \text{ for all } t \in [0,T], \\ H_{0}Y^{n}(0) + H_{1}Y^{n}(\tau) = v, \end{cases}$$

where $\xi := (\xi_{j,k})_{(j,k)\in\{1,\cdots,d\}\times\mathbb{N}}$ is a discrete family of independent random variables with mean zero, variance 1, same distribution and finite moments. We define the sequence of \mathbb{R}^d -valued processes $W^n = (W_1^n, \dots, W_d^n)$ such that for all $j = 1, \dots, d$,

$$W_j^n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{[nt]-1} \xi_{j,k} + (nt - [nt]) \xi_{j,[nt]} \right).$$

Notice that W^n is Lipschitz-continuous. Therefore, W^n can be enhanced with $\mathbf{W}^n = (W^n, \mathbb{W}^n) \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0, T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ where

$$\mathbb{W}^n(s,t) = \int_s^t (W^n(r) - W^n(s)) \otimes dW^n(r).$$

The following theorem establishes the convergence in distribution of Y^n as n goes to infinity.

Theorem 5. For every continuous bounded function $h: C^{\alpha}([0,T],V) \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{E}(h(Y^n)\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{W}^n\in\mathcal{B}_{M,T}}) = \mathbb{E}(h(Y)\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{W}\in\mathcal{B}_{M,T}}),$$

where \mathbf{W} is the enhanced Brownian motion defined by (14) and Y is the solution of

$$\begin{cases} dY(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} f_j(Y(t)) \circ dW_j(t) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0Y(0) + H_1Y(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$

This theorem is similar to [11, Theorem 7] but its proof is different.

Proof. It is a direct consequence of [4, Theorem 1] and of Theorem 4. \Box

7 Global existence result

In Section 3 we prove that (9) (and (10)) has a unique solution for every τ small enough. In this section we use the Brouwer degree in order to prove that (9) has a solution (maybe more than one) for every $\tau \in [0, T]$, yet only when V is finite-dimensional.

Throughout the section, we assume that $V = \mathbb{R}^N$ for some $N \in \mathbb{N}^*$. We equip V with the Lebesgue measure.

Before we establish the existence of solution for (9) in Theorem 6, we remind the definition and some properties of the Brouwer degree. For a more complete exposition on the degree theory we refer the reader for instance to [12].

Consider a bounded open subset $\mathcal{O} \subset \mathbb{R}^N = V$, a continuous function $\Phi : \overline{\mathcal{O}} \to \mathbb{R}^N$ and $y \in V$ such that $y \notin \Phi(\partial \mathcal{O})$. The Brouwer degree $\deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y)$ with $\Phi \in C^1(\mathcal{O}, V)$ can be defined as follows (see for instance [12, Definition 13.2.9]).

Definition 1. If y is a regular value of Φ (namely such that $\det J_{\Phi}(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in \Phi^{-1}(\{y\})$), then $\deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y)$ is defined by

$$\deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y) = \sum_{x \in \Phi^{-1}(\{y\})} \operatorname{sign} \left(\det J_{\Phi}(x) \right).$$

If y is a critical value of Φ (y is not a regular value of Φ), then $\deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y)$ is defined by

$$\deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y) = \deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y'),$$

where y' is a regular value of Φ such that $|y-y'| < \operatorname{dist}(y, \Phi(\partial \mathcal{O}))$.

The Brouwer degree has the following property (see for instance [12, Theorem 13.2.11(iv)]).

Lemma 4. Let $y \in V$ such that $y \notin \Phi(\partial \mathcal{O})$. If $\deg(\Phi, \mathcal{O}, y) \neq 0$ then there exists a solution $x \in \mathcal{O}$ to the equation $\Phi(x) = y$.

The invariance by homotopy is another important property of the Brouwer degree and can be stated as follows (see for instance [12, Theorem 13.2.11(ii)]).

Lemma 5. We fix $\tau > 0$ and consider a continuous function $H : [0, \tau] \times \overline{\mathcal{O}} \to V$. If we assume that $y \notin H(t, \partial \mathcal{O})$ for all $t \in [0, \tau]$, then

$$\deg(H(0,\cdot),\mathcal{O},y) = \deg(H(\tau,\cdot),\mathcal{O},y).$$

The existence of solutions of (9) can now be established in the following theorem.

Theorem 6. If $H := H_0 + H_1$ is invertible, then for every $\tau \in [0, T]$, there exists $Y \in C^{\alpha}([0, T], V)$ such that (9) is satisfied. Moreover, for almost every $v \in V$ the number of solutions of (9) is finite.

Proof. As a consequence of Lemma 3 and the beginning of the proof of Theorem 1, it suffices to prove that there exists $a \in V$ such that $a = L(a)_{\tau}$. With \mathcal{L} defined by

$$\mathcal{L}(\tau, a) = a + H^{-1}H_1(I(a)(\tau) - a) \text{ for } (\tau, a) \in [0, T] \times V,$$

the problem $a = L(a)_{\tau}$ is equivalent to

$$\mathcal{L}(\tau, a) = \tilde{v} \text{ where } \tilde{v} = H^{-1}v.$$
 (20)

Hence, we look for $a \in V$ solving (20). In order to prove the existence of solutions it suffices to prove that for r > 0 large enough and for all $\tau \in [0, T]$ the Brouwer degree of $\mathcal{L}(\tau, \cdot)$ exists and satisfies

$$\deg(\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot), B_r(\tilde{v}), \tilde{v}) \neq 0, \tag{21}$$

where $B_r(\tilde{v})$ stands for the ball in V of center \tilde{v} and radius r. For all r > 0,

$$deg(\mathcal{L}(0,\cdot), B_r(\tilde{v}), \tilde{v}) = deg(Id, B_r(\tilde{v}), \tilde{v}) = 1.$$

By Lemma 1, for all $(\tau, x) \in [0, T] \times V$ such that $\mathcal{L}(\tau, x) = \tilde{v}$, we have

$$|x - \tilde{v}| = |H^{-1}H_1(I(x)(\tau) - x)|$$

$$\leq |H^{-1}H_1| \cdot |I(x)(\tau) - I(x)(0)|$$

$$\leq |H^{-1}H_1| \cdot ||I(x)||_{\alpha} \tau^{\alpha}$$

$$\leq |H^{-1}H_1| c_{\alpha, f, \mathbf{X}} T^{\alpha}.$$

This implies that for all $r > |H^{-1}H_1|c_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}T^{\alpha}$ and all $\tau \in [0,T]$,

$$\tilde{v} \notin \mathcal{L}(\tau, \partial B_r(\tilde{v}))$$

and then the degree $\deg(\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot), B_r(\tilde{v}), (\tilde{v}))$ is well-defined. Moreover, by the continuity of I, the function \mathcal{L} is a homotopy. This implies that for all $\tau \in [0,T]$,

$$\deg(\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot), B_r(\tilde{v}), \tilde{v}) = \deg(\mathcal{L}(0,\cdot), B_r(\tilde{v}), \tilde{v}) = 1$$

and then (21) and the existence of a solution $a \in B_r(\tilde{v})$ to $a = L(a)_{\tau}$.

It remains to prove that for every $\tau \in [0,T]$ the number of solutions of $a = L(a)_{\tau}$ is finite for almost every v, or equivalently for almost every \tilde{v} . We fix $r > |H^{-1}H_1|c_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}T^{\alpha}$. Since $f \in C_b^3$ the function $a \mapsto I(a)$ is C^1 . Following the Sard theorem [12, Lemma 13.2.1, p. 331], the Lebesgue measure of the set of critical values of $\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)$ is equal to 0. Consider a regular value \tilde{v} of $\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)$. The set $\overline{B_r(\tilde{v})} \cap \mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)^{-1}(\tilde{v})$ is closed and bounded, and consequently compact because V is finite-dimensional. Since \tilde{v} is a regular value, $\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)$ is locally invertible on a neighborhood of each point of $\overline{B_r(\tilde{v})} \cap \mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)^{-1}(\tilde{v})$. Then each point of $\overline{B_r(\tilde{v})} \cap \mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)^{-1}(\tilde{v})$ is isolated. Since $|L(\tau,\cdot)|$ is bounded (by $|H^{-1}v| + |H^{-1}H_1|\tau^{\alpha}c_{\alpha,f,\mathbf{X}}$ for instance), we choose r large enough and deduce that $\mathcal{L}(\tau,\cdot)^{-1}(\tilde{v})$ is finite. This completes the proof.

Remark 4. If f is not bounded, the existence of solutions is not ensured for every τ . Consider for instance the real-valued differential equation

$$dY(t) = Y(t) dW(t)$$

where W is a Hölder function and $a \in \mathbb{R}$. The solutions are written as

$$Y(t) = a \exp(W(t) - W(0)).$$

where a is a constant. The condition

$$H_0Y(0) + H_1Y(T) = v$$

can be rewritten as

$$H_0a + H_1a \exp(W(T) - W(0)) = v$$

and then

$$a = \frac{v}{H_0 + H_1 \exp(W(T) - W(0))}$$

which is defined if and only if $H_0 + H_1 \exp(W(T) - W(0)) \neq 0$. The solution is then

$$Y(t) = \frac{v \exp(W(t) - W(0))}{H_0 + H_1 \exp(W(T) - W(0))} = \frac{v \exp(W(t))}{H_0 \exp(W(0)) + H_1 \exp(W(T))}.$$

If H_0 and H_1 have different signs and are different from 0, then the condition $H_0 + H_1 \exp(W(T) - W(0)) \neq 0$ is equivalent to

$$W(T) - W(0) \neq \ln\left(-\frac{H_0}{H_1}\right).$$

This is not ensured even when W is bounded.

8 Young differential equations

In this section we wish to extend previous results to a framework with long-range dependence. This generally involves more regular processes and the Young integration suffices. We consider in this section $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$. If U is a Banach space we denote by $C^{\alpha}([0, T], U)$ the space of α -Hölder rough paths X and define

$$||X||_{\alpha,T} = \sup_{0 \le s \ne t \le T} \frac{|X(s,t)|}{|t-s|^{\alpha}} < \infty.$$

The metric on $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U})$ is defined by

$$\varrho_{\alpha,T}(X_1, X_2) = \sup_{0 \le s \ne t \le T} \frac{|X_1(s, t) - X_2(s, t)|}{|t - s|^{\alpha}}$$

for all X_1 and X_2 in $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$. If V is another Banach space, $f \in C_b^2(\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{L}(\mathbb{U}, \mathbb{V}))$ and $a \in \mathbb{V}$ then the following differential equation

$$Y(t) = a + \int_0^t f(Y(s)) dX(s) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T]$$

(in the Young sense) has a unique solution $Y \in C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$. If we denote this solution by I(a,X) to take account of the dependence on (a,X), then it defines the Itô map I from $V \times C^{\alpha}([0,T], U)$ to $C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$. Moreover it can be proved that, if we set

$$\mathcal{B}_{M,T} = \{ X \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbf{U}) \mid ||X||_{\alpha,T} \leq M \},$$

that there exists a positive constant $C_{\alpha,f,M}$ depending only on α , f and M such that for all $a, b \in V$, and for all X_1 and $X_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}$,

$$||I(a, X_1) - I(b, X_2)||_{\alpha, T} \le C_{\alpha, f, M} (|a - b| + \rho_{\alpha, T}(X_1, X_2)).$$
 (22)

In particular, for every $X \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T],\mathbb{U})$ there exists a positive constant $C_{\alpha,f,X}$ depending only on α , f and $\|X\|_{\alpha,T}$ such that for all a and $b \in \mathbb{V}$,

$$||I(a,X) - I(b,X)||_{\alpha,T} \le C_{\alpha,f,X}|a-b|.$$
 (23)

From (22), we can deduce the following result whose proof is similar to that of Theorem 1.

Theorem 7. Let $\tau > 0$ such that

$$\tau < \frac{1}{(|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,X})^{1/\alpha}}. (24)$$

If $H := H_0 + H_1$ is invertible, then there exists a unique solution $Y \in C^{\alpha}([0,T],V)$ to

$$\begin{cases} dY(t) = f(Y(t)) dX(t) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0Y(0) + H_1Y(\tau) = v. \end{cases}$$
 (25)

We fix M > 0 and $\tau > 0$ such that

$$\tau < \frac{1}{(|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M})^{1/\alpha}}. (26)$$

Theorem 7 enables us to define the function $\overline{I}: \mathcal{B}_{M,T} \to C^{\alpha}([0,T], V)$ such that for every $X \in \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}([0,T], U)$, $\overline{I}(X)$ is the unique solution of (25). The following theorem states that \overline{I} is continuous. Its proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.

Theorem 8. The map \overline{I} is Lipschitz continuous with respect to $\varrho_{\alpha,T}$ on $\mathcal{B}_{M,T}$, with constant

$$C_{\alpha,f,M} + \frac{|H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}{1 - |H^{-1}H_1|C_{\alpha,f,M}\tau^{\alpha}}.$$

We can deduce the following limit theorem.

Theorem 9. We assume that U is separable and that (26) is satisfied. Let X and $(X^n)_n$ be a random variable and a sequence of random variables with values in $C^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ such that X^n converges in distribution to X in $C^{0,\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{U})$ and $\mathbb{P}(\|X\|_{\alpha,T} = M) = 0$. For every continuous bounded function $h: C^{\alpha}([0,T], \mathbb{V}) \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{E}(h(\overline{I}(X^n))\mathbf{1}_{X^n\in\mathcal{B}_{M,T}}) = \mathbb{E}(h(\overline{I}(X))\mathbf{1}_{X\in\mathcal{B}_{M,T}}).$$

Now we give an application of the above result. We consider for every $\varepsilon \in (0,1]$ the problem

$$\begin{cases}
\frac{\mathrm{d}Y^{\varepsilon}(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = \sum_{j=1}^{d} \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\gamma_{j}}} m_{j} \left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon^{2}}\right) f_{j}(Y^{\varepsilon}(t)) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\
H_{0}Y^{\varepsilon}(0) + H_{1}Y^{\varepsilon}(\tau) = v,
\end{cases}$$
(27)

where for every $j, \gamma_j \in (0,1)$ and m_j is a continuous stationary Gaussian process with mean zero and such that there exists c_j such that the covariance satisfies as $t \to \infty$,

$$\mathbb{E}(m_j(0)m_j(t)) \sim \frac{c_j}{t^{\gamma_j}}.$$

Moreover we assume that m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_d are independent, and without loss of generality, that $\gamma_1 \ge \cdots \ge \gamma_d$.

We define for every ε the Lipschitz continuous process w^{ε} such that for all (s,t),

$$w^{\varepsilon}(s,t) = (w_1^{\varepsilon}(s,t), \dots, w_d^{\varepsilon}(s,t))$$

where for all j,

$$w_j^{\varepsilon}(s,t) = \int_s^t \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\gamma_j}} m_j\left(\frac{r}{\varepsilon^2}\right) dr.$$

The following result deals with the asymptotic behavior of (27).

Theorem 10. Consider $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2-\gamma_1}{2})$. For every continuous bounded function $h: C^{\alpha}([0,T], V) \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{E}(h(Y^{\varepsilon}) \mathbf{1}_{w^{\varepsilon} \in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}}) = \mathbb{E}(h(Y) \mathbf{1}_{W \in \mathcal{B}_{M,T}}), \tag{28}$$

where Y is the solution of

$$\begin{cases} dY(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{d} f_j(Y(t)) dW_j(t) \text{ for all } t \in [0, T], \\ H_0Y(0) + H_1Y(\tau) = v \end{cases}$$

and $W = (W_1, ..., W_d)$ is a multidimensional fractional Brownian motion such that for all (j, k),

$$\mathbb{E}(W_j(t)W_k(s)) = \delta_{j=k} \frac{\rho_j}{2} \left(|t|^{2H_j} + |s|^{2H_j} - |t-s|^{2H_j} \right)$$

with
$$H_j = (2 - \gamma_j)/2$$
 and $\rho_j = H_j^{-1}(2H_j - 1)^{-1}c_j$.

Proof. Since $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2-\gamma_1}{2})$ and by [19, Theorem 5], w^{ε} converges in distribution to W in $\mathcal{C}^{0,\alpha}([0,T], V)$ as $\varepsilon \to 0$. By Theorem 9, the proof is completed.

9 Conclusion

We reduced the affine boundary value problem (9) to a fixed-point problem. This approach may be used whenever the Itô map is well defined. This is especially suitable for a large range of driving rough signals (semi-martingales, fractional Brownian motion and many more) and enable us to avoid any technical difficulties related to anticipating stochastic calculus.

For every time τ small enough, using properties of the Itô map we established the existence and uniqueness of a solution, regularity results, and limit theorems.

Using the Brouwer degree we proved a global existence result. The number of solutions is finite for almost every v. We also gave counterexample showing that, if f is not bounded, then the existence of a solution for every time τ is not ensured. This is related to the behavior of the Itô map and to the operators H_0 and H_1 .

Further studies could concern sharper hypotheses, counterexamples for the existence or the uniqueness of a solution, as well as asymptotic results and their applications in multiscale modeling.

Finally, let us mention that the use of regularity structures [10] could lead to similar results where the ordinary/rough differential equations are replaced by (rough) partial differential equations.

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