

# Renormalisation in regularity structures

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We should change our model ! Namely find  $R_\varepsilon : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  such that

$$\hat{\Phi} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}, \quad \hat{\Phi}(m) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Phi_\varepsilon \circ R_\varepsilon(m).$$



# The stochastic heat equation

Let  $v : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  solve the heat equation with external forcing

$$\partial_t v = \Delta v + \xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

where  $\xi = \xi(t, x)$  is a space-time white noise on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^d$ , i.e. a centered Gaussian field such that

$$\mathbb{E}(\xi(x, t)\xi(y, s)) = \delta(x - y) \delta(t - s), \quad t, s \geq 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

A concrete realisation: for all  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $t \geq 0$

$$\int_{[0, t] \times \mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x) \xi(s, x) ds dx := \sum_k B_k(t) \langle e_k, \psi \rangle,$$

where  $(B_k)_k$  is an IID sequence of Brownian motions and  $(e_k)_k$  is a complete orthonormal system in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

# The stochastic heat equation

The stochastic heat equation

$$\partial_t v = \Delta v + \xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

has a unique solution given by

$$v(t, x) = \int G_t(x - y) v(0, y) dy + \int G_{t-s}(x - y) \xi(ds, dy)$$

where  $G$  is the heat kernel.

The path properties of this "process" depend heavily on the dimension, since for  $v(0, \cdot) = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}((v(t, x))^2) = \int (G_{t-s}(y))^2 ds dy = \int_0^t \frac{C_d}{s^{\frac{d}{2}}} ds \begin{cases} < +\infty, & d = 1 \\ = +\infty, & d \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

# Random distributions

Therefore  $v$  is a well-defined process only for  $d = 1$ . For  $d \geq 2$  it makes sense as a **random field**: for all  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$

$$\mathbb{E}(\langle \varphi, v(t, \cdot) \rangle^2) = \int \varphi(x) G_{2(t-s)}(x - x') \varphi(x') ds dx dx'$$

which is finite for all  $d \geq 1$ . This random field is a.s.  $C(\mathbb{R}_+, H^{1-\frac{d}{2}-\kappa})$  for all  $\kappa > 0$ .

In particular if we want to study equations like

$$\partial_t u = \Delta u + F(u) + \xi, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

we write the equation in the **mild form**

$$\begin{aligned} u(t, x) &= \int G_t(x - y) u(0, y) dy + \int G_{t-s}(x - y) \xi(ds, dy) \\ &\quad + \int G_{t-s}(x - y) F(u)(s, y) ds dy \end{aligned}$$

and  $u$  has the same regularity as  $v$ . This is a problem if  $F$  is non-linear.

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Even for polynomial non-linearities, we do not know how to properly define **products of (random) distributions**.

This is where **infinities** arise.

# Regularisation

Let  $\xi_\varepsilon = \rho_\varepsilon * \xi$  a regularisation of  $\xi$  and let  $u_\varepsilon$  solve

$$\partial_t u_\varepsilon = \Delta u_\varepsilon + F(u_\varepsilon, \nabla u_\varepsilon, \xi_\varepsilon), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

What happens as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  ?

If we fix a Banach space of generalised functions  $\mathcal{H}^{-\alpha}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$  such that  $\xi \in \mathcal{H}^{-\alpha}$  a.s. for some fixed  $\alpha > 0$ , then the map  $\xi_\varepsilon \mapsto u_\varepsilon$  is **not** continuous.

We need a topology such that

- ▶ the map  $\xi_\varepsilon \mapsto u_\varepsilon$  is continuous
- ▶  $\xi_\varepsilon \rightarrow \xi$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

The theory of regularity structures (**RS**) considers these two problems separately.

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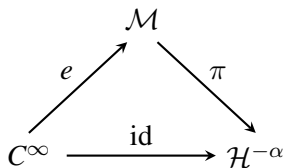
More precisely, the **RS** theory gives (for a class of equations)

- ▶ a metric space  $(\mathcal{M}, d)$
- ▶ a **non-linear canonical** embedding

$$C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{d+1}) \ni \zeta \mapsto e(\zeta) \in \mathcal{M}$$

- ▶ a **canonical surjective** projection  $\pi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{-\alpha}$  such that

$$\pi \circ e(\zeta) = \zeta, \quad \forall \zeta \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{d+1}).$$





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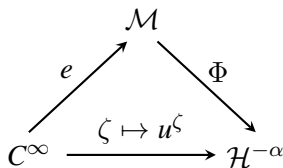
Moreover we have

- ▶ a **continuous map**  $\Phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{-\alpha}$  such that if for  $\zeta \in C^\infty$ ,  $u^\zeta$  is defined by

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then

$$\Phi \circ e(\zeta) = u^\zeta$$

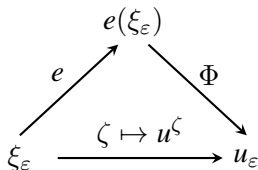


In this diagram, all elements are **canonical**. However there is no canonical extension  $e : \mathcal{H}^{-\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  since  $e$  is not continuous in the topology of  $\mathcal{H}^{-\alpha}$ .

Now we can write our regularised SPDE as follows

$$u_\varepsilon = \Phi \circ e(\xi_\varepsilon)$$

where  $\xi$  is white noise and  $\xi_\varepsilon = \rho_\varepsilon * \xi$ .



The convergence problem factorises in two separate problems:

- ▶ **(Analytic step)** Construction of  $(\mathcal{M}, d)$  and continuity of  $\Phi$ .
- ▶ **(Probabilistic step)** Convergence of  $e(\xi_\varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  to an  $\mathcal{M}$ -valued random variable that we call  $e(\xi)$ .

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Question: does  $P_i(\rho_\varepsilon * \xi)$  converge as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  ?

# One polynomial

Let  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$ . Then we define  $z := (t, x)$  and for the polynomial  $\zeta(G * \zeta)$

$$T_\varepsilon := \int \varphi(z) \xi_\varepsilon(z) (G * \xi_\varepsilon)(z) dz.$$

Now

$$\mathbb{E}[T_\varepsilon] = \int \varphi(z) \mathbb{E}[\xi_\varepsilon(G * \xi_\varepsilon)](z) dz = \int \varphi(z) \rho_\varepsilon * G * \rho_\varepsilon(0) dz$$

and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{Var}[T_\varepsilon] = \int \varphi^2(z) G^2(z - x) dz dx < +\infty.$$

However  $\rho_\varepsilon * G * \rho_\varepsilon(0) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ : a first example of the famous **infinities**.

# Lack of convergence

In fact as soon as  $P_i$  is non-linear,  $P_i(\xi_\varepsilon)$  tends not to converge as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , even as a Schwartz distribution.

Therefore, our

► **(Probabilistic step)** If  $\xi$  is white noise and  $\xi_\varepsilon = \rho_\varepsilon * \xi$  then  $e(\xi_\varepsilon)$  converges to an  $\mathcal{M}$ -valued random variable that we call  $e(\xi)$  seems to **fail**.

In particular there is no **canonical**  $e(\xi)$ .

However if  $e(\xi_\varepsilon)$  does not converge, how can  $u_\varepsilon = \Phi \circ e(\xi_\varepsilon)$  ?

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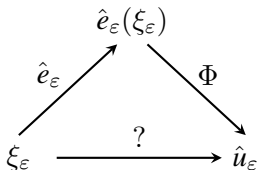
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That means choosing **another**  $\hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon) \in \pi^{-1}(\xi_\varepsilon)$  (see slide 9)

If  $e(\xi_\varepsilon)$  becomes  $\hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon)$ , then  $u_\varepsilon$  becomes  $\hat{u}_\varepsilon := \Phi \circ \hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon)$ .





# Renormalisation

In our example it is reasonable to modify  $\xi_\varepsilon(G * \xi_\varepsilon)$  into

$$\xi_\varepsilon(G * \xi_\varepsilon) - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\varepsilon(G * \xi_\varepsilon)].$$

We have **renormalised this product**.

The modification should change **as little as possible** the solution.

The **non-linear** character of  $\mathcal{M}$  imposes **constraints** on the possible modifications (and viceversa).

We want at least that

$$\pi \circ \hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon) = \xi_\varepsilon, \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon) = \hat{e}(\xi) \quad \text{in } \mathcal{M}.$$

Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \hat{u}_\varepsilon = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Phi \circ \hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon) =: \hat{u} \quad \text{in } \mathcal{H}^{-\alpha}.$$

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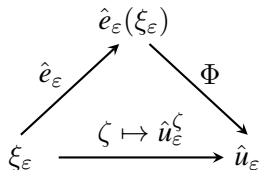
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for any constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  and this still defines a good  $\hat{e}$ .

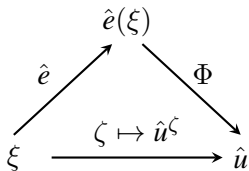
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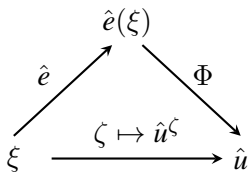
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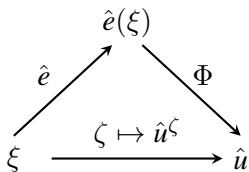


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# Renormalisation group

For a class of equations we have

## Theorem

There exists a finite-dimensional Lie group  $\mathfrak{R}$  acting on  $\mathcal{M}$  and deterministic  $R_\epsilon \in \mathfrak{R}$  such that  $\hat{e}_\epsilon(\xi_\epsilon) = R_\epsilon e(\xi_\epsilon)$ , namely

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow{R_\epsilon} & \mathcal{M} \\ e \uparrow & & \uparrow \hat{e}_\epsilon \\ \xi_\epsilon & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \xi_\epsilon \end{array}$$

Moreover if  $\hat{e}_\epsilon^i(\xi_\epsilon)$  converges for  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $(R_\epsilon^1)^{-1} R_\epsilon^2 \rightarrow R \in \mathfrak{R}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{R}$  parametrises the possible renormalised solutions  $\hat{u}$ .

Remember that  $\hat{u}_\epsilon$  solves a modified equation with non-linearity  $\hat{F}_\epsilon$ . Then  $\mathfrak{R}$  has a dual action  $F \mapsto \hat{F}_\epsilon$ .

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Now, most of this can be found in Martin's paper

- ▶ M. Hairer (2014), *A theory of regularity structures*. Invent. Math.

However in this paper the renormalisation group has to be **guessed**.

# The beginning of my talk

Remember that  $e(\zeta) = (P_1(\zeta), \dots, P_K(\zeta))$ .

We have now  $K$  random variables  $P_1(\xi_\varepsilon), \dots, P_K(\xi_\varepsilon)$ , polynomial functions of  $\xi_\varepsilon$ .

More precisely, for a fixed  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty$  we consider the random variables

$$X_i := \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d+1}} \varphi(z) P_i(\xi_\varepsilon(z)) dz, \quad i = 1, \dots, K.$$

To each such random variable we associate a **rooted tree**  $T_i$ .

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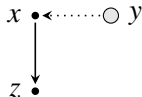
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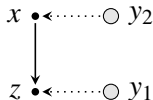
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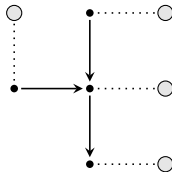
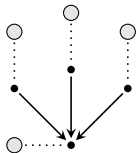
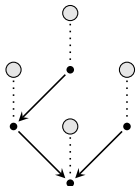
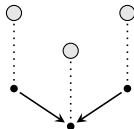
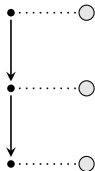
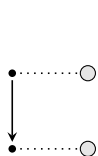
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# Examples

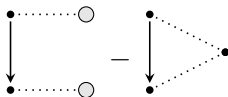


# Feynman diagrams

Do you remember? We noticed that  $\xi_\varepsilon G * \xi_\varepsilon$  can be renormalised by subtracting its expectation:

$$\xi_\varepsilon G * \xi_\varepsilon - \mathbb{E}[\xi_\varepsilon G * \xi_\varepsilon] = \xi_\varepsilon G * \xi_\varepsilon - \rho_\varepsilon * G * \rho_\varepsilon(0).$$

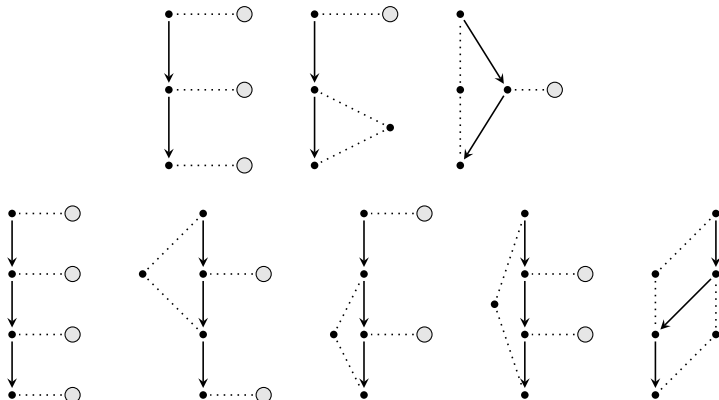
In terms of graphs (**Feynman diagrams**), this can be written as



Note that graphically the second graph is obtained from the first after a **contraction of two leaves**.

# Feynman diagrams

Other contractions:





# Negative trees

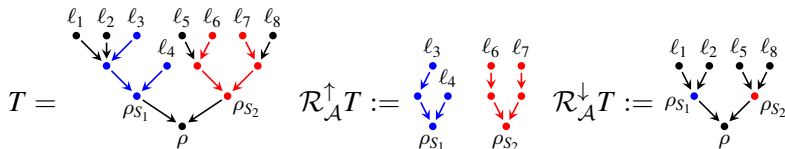
Some of these contractions create diverging quantities, some do not.

When a diverging pattern appears, we call the subtree containing the contracted leaves **negative**.

Given a rooted tree  $T$ , we call

$$\mathfrak{A}(T) := \{(S_1, \dots, S_n) : S_i \subset T \text{ negative subtree, } S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset, i \neq j\}$$

and for  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathfrak{A}(T)$  we define a forest  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\uparrow} T$  and a tree  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\downarrow} T$



# Renormalisation group

Then we have a **general systematic** description of  $\mathfrak{R}$ .

## Theorem

The renormalisation group  $\mathfrak{R}$  is given by

$$M_\ell T := \sum_{A \in \mathfrak{A}(T)} \ell(\mathcal{R}_A^\uparrow T) \mathcal{R}_A^\downarrow T$$

where  $\ell$  is a multiplicative functional on forests

$$\ell(S_1, \dots, S_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \ell(S_i).$$

We have an **explicit description** of the product and the inverse in  $\mathfrak{R}$ :

$$M_\ell M_{\ell'} = M_{\ell \circ \ell'}, \quad (M_\ell)^{-1} = M_{\ell'}$$

based on **Hopf Algebras of Trees**. Note that  $\mathfrak{R}$  depends on the equation.

We also need a **general systematic** result on convergence of renormalised models.

The following result is still in progress

## Theorem

- ▶ *There exists a family  $(\ell(\varepsilon))$  such that*

$$\hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon) := M_{\ell(\varepsilon)} e(\xi_\varepsilon)$$

*converges in  $\mathcal{M}$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .*

- ▶ *All possible limits of  $\hat{e}_\varepsilon(\xi_\varepsilon)$  (and therefore of  $\hat{u}_\varepsilon$ ) are parametrised by  $\mathfrak{R}$ .*

Thanks !

Sorry !