

# Non symmetric diffusions on a Riemannian manifold

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# 1. Non-symmetric Diffusion on a Riemannian manifold

- $(M, g)$ :  $d$ -dimensional connected complete Riemannian manifold.
- $m = \text{vol}$  : the Riemannian volume.  $b$  : a vector field on  $M$ .

We consider the following operator in  $L^2(m)$ :

$$(1) \quad \mathfrak{A} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta + \nabla_b.$$

The dual operator is

$$\mathfrak{A}^* = \frac{1}{2}\Delta - \nabla_b - \text{div } b$$

and the symmetrization is

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{A} + \mathfrak{A}^*) = \frac{1}{2}\Delta - \frac{1}{2}\text{div } b$$

They are well-defined in  $C_0^\infty(M)$ .

The bilinear form  $\mathcal{E}$  associated with  $\mathfrak{A}$  is

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{E}(u, v) = -(\mathfrak{A}u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M (\nabla u, \nabla v) dm - \int_M (\nabla_b u) v dm.$$

The symmetrization of this is

$$(4) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M (\nabla u, \nabla v) dm + \frac{1}{2} \int_M uv \operatorname{div} b dm.$$

This corresponds to the operator  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{A} + \mathfrak{A}^*)$  in (2).

We are interested in **when the semigroup associated to  $\mathfrak{A}$  exists in  $L^2$ .**

We impose the following condition to ensure that  $-\mathfrak{A}$  is bounded from below.

$$(A.1) \quad \exists \gamma \in \mathbb{R} : \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div} b \geq -\gamma.$$

Under this condition,  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  is bounded from below and closable.

- $d$ : the distance function
- $p \in M$
- $\rho(x) = d(p, x)$

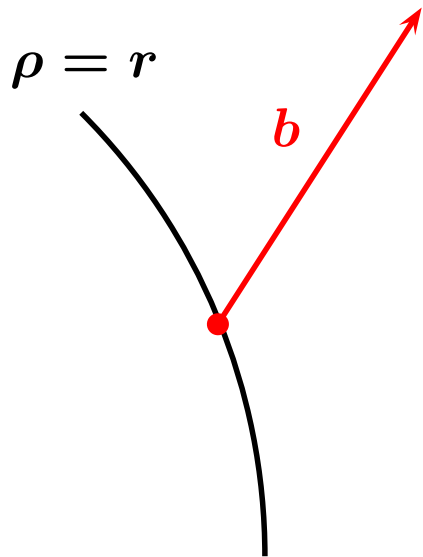
We add the following condition for  $b$  :

(A.2)  $\exists \kappa: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^\infty \kappa(x) dx = \infty$  so that

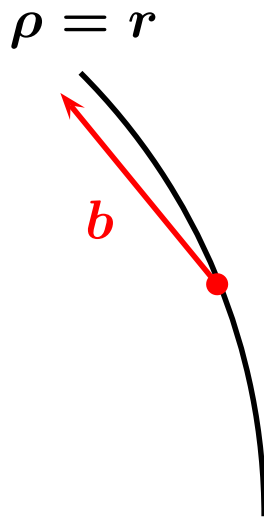
$$\kappa(\rho) \nabla_b \rho \geq -1.$$

- A typical example is  $\kappa(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .  $\nabla_b \rho(x) \geq -\rho(x)$ .

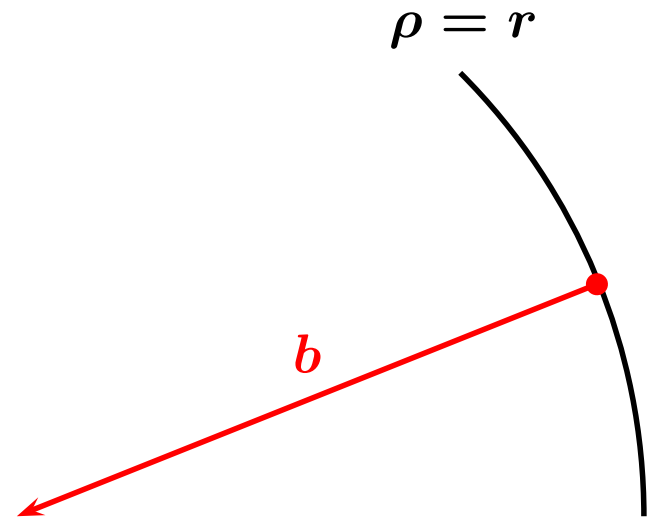
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**Theorem 1.** Under the assumptions (A.1) and (A.2), the closure of  $(\mathfrak{A}, C_0^\infty(M))$  generates a Markovian  $C_0$ -semigroup in  $L^2(m)$ .

We claim the following:

- the dissipativity:  $((\mathfrak{A} - \gamma)u, u)_2 \leq 0$ .
- the maximality:  $(\mathfrak{A} - \gamma - 1)(C_0^\infty(M))$  is dense in  $L^2$ .

In fact,

$$((\mathfrak{A} - \gamma)u, u)_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_M (|\nabla u|^2 + u^2 \operatorname{div} b) dm - \int_M \gamma u^2 dm \leq 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{A} - \gamma - 1)^* u = 0 &\Rightarrow u \in C^\infty(M) \\ &\Rightarrow (u, (\mathfrak{A} - \gamma - 1)(\chi_n u))_2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow u = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The Markovian property is checked by the following criterion:

$$(5) \quad (\mathfrak{A}u, u - u \wedge 1)_2 \leq \gamma \|u - u \wedge 1\|_2^2.$$

Here  $a \wedge b = \min\{a, b\}$  .

We can also show the  $L^1$ -contraction property.

**Proposition 2.** Under the assumptions (A.1) and (A.2),  $\{e^{-2t\gamma}T_t\}$  satisfies the  $L^1$ -contraction property.

We check the following criterion:

$$((\mathfrak{A} - 2\gamma)u, u_+ \wedge 1)_2 \leq -\gamma \|u_+ \wedge 1\|_2^2.$$

As for  $\mathfrak{A}^*$

$$\mathfrak{A}^* = \frac{1}{2} \Delta - \nabla_b - \operatorname{div} b$$

We need the following condition:

(A.2)\*  $\exists \kappa: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^\infty \kappa(x) dx = \infty$  so that

$$\kappa(\rho) \nabla_b \rho \leq 1.$$

**Theorem 3.** Under the assumptions (A.1), (A.2)\*, the closure of  $(\mathfrak{A}^*, C_0^\infty(M))$  generates a  $C_0$ -semigroup in  $L^2(m)$ . It satisfies  $L^1$ -contraction property. If, in addition,  $\operatorname{div} b \geq 0$ , then the semigroup is Markovian.



## 2. Generator domain

If the Ricci curvature is bounded from below, then  $\text{Dom}(\Delta) = \text{Dom}(\nabla^2)$ . We can get similar result for  $\mathfrak{A}$ . To do so, we need the [intertwining property](#). The following intertwining property is well known:

$$\nabla \Delta = \square_1 \nabla.$$

Here  $\square_1 = -(dd^* + d^*d)$  is the Hodge-Kodaira operator.

Now we define an operator  $\vec{\mathfrak{A}}$  acting on 1-forms by

$$\vec{\mathfrak{A}}\theta = \frac{1}{2}\square_1\theta + \nabla_b\theta + \langle \nabla \cdot b, \theta \rangle.$$

Then we have

$$\nabla \mathfrak{A} = \vec{\mathfrak{A}} \nabla.$$

As before, the bilinear form associated with the symmetrization of  $\vec{\mathfrak{A}}$  is given by

$$\vec{\mathcal{E}}(\theta, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\theta, \nabla\eta)_2 + \int_M \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{Ric}(\theta, \eta) + \frac{1}{2} \text{div } b(\theta, \eta) - (B\theta, \eta) \right\} dm.$$

where  $B$  is the symmetrization of  $\nabla b$  :  $B = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla b + (\nabla b)^*)$ .

We have

$$(-\mathfrak{A}\theta, \theta)_2 = \vec{\mathcal{E}}(\theta, \theta).$$

We impose the following condition so that  $\vec{\mathcal{E}}$  is bounded from below.

(A.3)  $\text{Ric}$  is bounded from below and  $\exists \delta : \frac{1}{2} \text{Ric} + \frac{1}{2} \text{div } b - B \geq -\delta$ .

Note that

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla \theta\|_2^2 \leq \vec{\mathcal{E}}_\delta(\theta, \theta).$$

**Theorem 4.** Assume (A.1), (A.2), (A.2)\* and (A.3). Then  $u \in \text{Dom}(\mathfrak{A})$  if and only if  $u \in \text{Dom}(\Delta)$  and  $\nabla_b u \in L^2(m)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
((\mathfrak{A} - \delta - 1)u, \Delta u) &= -((\mathfrak{A} - \delta - 1)u, \nabla^* \nabla u) \\
&= -(\nabla(\mathfrak{A} - \delta - 1)u, \nabla u) \\
&= -((\vec{\mathfrak{A}} - \delta - 1)\nabla u, \nabla u) \\
&= \vec{\mathcal{E}}_{\delta+1}(\nabla u, \nabla u).
\end{aligned}$$

### As for $\mathfrak{A}^*$

We have to handle  $\operatorname{div} b$ .

Define an operator  $\vec{\mathfrak{D}}$  acting on 1-forms by

$$\vec{\mathfrak{D}}\theta = \frac{1}{2}\square_1\theta - \nabla_b\theta - \langle \nabla \cdot b, \theta \rangle - \theta \operatorname{div} b.$$

The intertwining property holds as

$$\nabla \mathfrak{A}^* u = \vec{\mathfrak{D}} \nabla u - u \nabla \operatorname{div} b.$$

The bilinear form associated with the symmetrization of  $\vec{\mathfrak{D}}$  is

$$\vec{\mathcal{E}}'(\theta, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\theta, \nabla\eta)_2 + \int_M \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{Ric}(\theta, \eta) + \frac{1}{2}(\theta, \eta) \text{div } b + (B\theta, \eta) \right\} dm$$


We impose the following condition:

- (A.4) Ric is bounded from below and  $\exists \delta : \text{Ric} + \frac{1}{2} \text{div } b + B \geq -\delta'$  and  $\frac{\nabla \text{div } b}{\text{div } b + 2\gamma + 2}$  is bounded.

**Theorem 5.** Assume (A.1), (A.2), (A.2)\* and (A.4). Then  $u \in \text{Dom}(\mathfrak{A})$  if and only if  $u \in \text{Dom}(\Delta)$  and  $\nabla_b u + \frac{1}{2}u \text{div } b \in L^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((\mathfrak{A}^* - \delta' - 1)u, \Delta u)_2 \\
&= -((\mathfrak{A}^* - \delta' - 1)u, \nabla^* \nabla u)_2 \\
&= -(\nabla(\mathfrak{A}^* - \delta' - 1)u, \nabla u)_2 \\
&= -((\vec{\mathfrak{D}} - \delta' - 1)\nabla u, \nabla u)_2 + (u \nabla \operatorname{div} b, \nabla u)_2 \\
&= \vec{\mathcal{E}}'_{\delta'+1}(\nabla u, \nabla u) + (u \nabla \operatorname{div} b, \nabla u)_2.
\end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\nabla \operatorname{div} b}{\operatorname{div} b + 2\gamma + 2}$  is bounded



### 3. $L^p$ semigroup

So far, we have considered in  $L^2$  setting. **What about in  $L^p$  case?** ( $1 < p < \infty$ )

**Theorem 6.** Under the assumptions (A.1) and (A.2), the closure of  $(\mathfrak{A}, C_0^\infty(M))$  generate a  $C_0$ -semigroup in  $L^p$ . The semigroup satisfies Markovian property. Further  $\{e^{-2t\gamma}T_t\}$  satisfies the  $L^1$ -contraction property.

We set  $\gamma_p = \frac{p}{2}\gamma$ .

We claim the following:

- the dissipativity:  $\int_M (\mathfrak{A} - \gamma_p)u \operatorname{sgn}(u) |u|^{p-1} dm \leq 0$ .
- the maximality:  $(\mathfrak{A} - \gamma - 1)(C_0^\infty(M))$  is dense in  $L^p$ .

To see

$$(6) \quad \int_M \Delta u \operatorname{sgn}(u) |u|^{p-1} dm \leq 0,$$

define  $\varphi_\varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon > 0$ ) by

$$\varphi_\varepsilon(t) = t(t^2 + \varepsilon)^{(p/2)-1}.$$

$\varphi'_\varepsilon(t) \geq 0$ . Hence

$$\int_M \Delta u \varphi_\varepsilon(u) dm = - \int_M \nabla u \varphi'_\varepsilon(u) \nabla u dm = - \int_M \varphi'_\varepsilon(u) |\nabla u|^2 dm \leq 0.$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we have (6).

As for  $\nabla_b u$ , set  $\varphi(t) = |t|^p$ . Then  $\varphi'(t) = p \operatorname{sgn}(t)|t|^{p-1}$ .

$$\nabla_b(|u|^p) = \nabla_b \varphi(u) = p \operatorname{sgn}(u)|u|^{p-1} \nabla_b u.$$

Hence

$$\int_M \nabla_b u \operatorname{sgn}(u)|u|^{p-1} dm = \frac{1}{p} \int_M \nabla_b(|u|^p) dm = -\frac{1}{p} \int_M |u|^p \operatorname{div} b dm.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M (\mathfrak{A} - \gamma_p) u \operatorname{sgn}(u)|u|^{p-1} dm \\ &= \int_M \Delta u \operatorname{sgn}(u)|u|^{p-1} - \int_M \left(\frac{1}{p} \operatorname{div} b + \gamma_p\right) |u|^p dm \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$



- the Markovian property:

$$\int_M \mathfrak{A}u (u - 1)_+^{p-1} dm \leq \frac{2\gamma}{p} \|(u - 1)_+\|_p^p$$

- the  $L^1$ -contraction property:

$$\int_M (\mathfrak{A} - 2\gamma)u (u_+ \wedge 1)^{p-1} dm \leq 2\gamma \left(\frac{1}{p} - 1\right) \|u_+ \wedge 1\|_p^p.$$

## 4. Ultracontractivity

A semigroup  $\{T_t\}$  is called **ultracontractive** if  $T_t: L^1 \rightarrow L^\infty$  is bounded for all  $t > 0$ .

It is well-known that the following three conditions are equivalent for a **Markovian symmetric semigroup**.

Let  $\mu > 0$  be given.

(i)  $\exists c_1 > 0, \forall t > 0, \forall f \in L^1$ :

$$\|T_t f\|_\infty \leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \|f\|_1.$$

(ii)  $\exists c_2 > 0, \forall f \in \text{Dom}(\mathcal{E}) \cap L^\infty$ :

$$\|f\|_2^{2+4/\mu} \leq c_2 \mathcal{E}(f, f) \|f\|_1^{4/\mu}.$$

(iii)  $\mu > 2, \exists c_3 > 0, \forall f \in \text{Dom}(\mathcal{E})$ :

$$\|f\|_{2\mu/(\mu-2)}^2 \leq c_3 \mathcal{E}(f, f).$$

We assume that  $\operatorname{div} b \geq 0$  and (A.2) and (A.2)\*. Then the following implication holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_t f\|_\infty &\leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \|f\|_1 \\ &\uparrow \\ \|f\|_2^{2+4/\mu} &\leq c_2 \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(f, f) \|f\|_1^{4/\mu} \\ &\uparrow \\ \|f\|_{2\mu/(\mu-2)}^2 &\leq c_3 \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(f, f) \end{aligned}$$

To show this, set  $u(t) = \|T_t f\|_2^2$ . Then

$$-\frac{du}{dt} = -2(\mathfrak{A}T_t f, T_t f) \geq 2\|T_t f\|_2^{2+4/\mu} / (c_2 \|T_t f\|_1^{4/\mu}) \geq 2u^{1+2/\mu} / (c_2 \|f\|_1^{4/\mu}).$$

Hence

$$\frac{d}{dt}(u^{-2/\mu}) \geq \frac{4}{c_2 \mu \|f\|_1^{4/\mu}}.$$

The rest is the same as the symmetric case.

**Theorem 7.** Assume that  $\operatorname{div} b \geq 0$  and (A.2), (A.2)\*. If there exists  $c_2 > 0$  so that

$$\|f\|_2^{2+4/\mu} \leq c_2 \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(f, f) \|f\|_1^{4/\mu}$$

then, there exists  $c_1 > 0$  so that

$$\|T_t f\|_\infty \leq c_1 t^{-\mu/2} \|f\|_1.$$

**Remark 1.** Under the above condition, we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_M |\nabla u|^2 dm \leq \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(u, u).$$

Thanks a lot!