

Particle systems as solutions of SDEs systems

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- A β -Dyson BM is non-colliding iff $\beta \geq 1$ (Rogers, Shi, 1993)
- For $\beta < 1$ the repulsion force $\frac{\beta}{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}$ is too little w.r. to the colliding martingales dB_i .

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is harmonic for the generator of (X_1, \dots, X_p)

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Proposition

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Suppose that X_t satisfies the SDE

$$dX_t = h(X_t)dW_t g(X_t) + g(X_t)dW_t^T h(X_t) + b(X_t)dt$$

where the functions $g, h, b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ act spectrally on Sym_p .

If $\lambda_1(0) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_p(0)$, then the process Λ_t is a semimartingale, satisfying for $t < T = \text{first collision time}$ the SDEs system:

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Brownian particles with nearest neighbour repulsion

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- non-Lipschitz functions \sqrt{x} in martingale parts (Yamada-Watanabe th. is 1-dimensional!)
- The drift part contains singularities $(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^{-1}$ (physicists want to start from $(0, \dots, 0)$!)

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(these are standard conditions which give finiteness of the solutions for every $t \geq 0$;

the sublinear growth of b_i can be replaced by non-positivity of $b_i(x)x$ for large x)

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