

# From particle systems to mean field PDE's

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## Goal

We want to solve a for the evolution of  $N$  particles which interact according to an interaction kernel  $K : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ . In other words, the evolution of the  $N$  particles satisfy

$$\forall i \in [N] : y_i'(t) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N K(y_i(t), y_j(t))$$

We assume  $K \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$  and require the existence of a Lipschitz constant  $L \geq 1$  such that  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

1.  $\left| \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^d} \nabla_x K(x, y) \right| \leq L, \left| \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \nabla_y K(x, y) \right| \leq L$
2.  $K(y, x) = -K(x, y)$

The first point implies

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d : |K(x, y)| \leq |K(0, 0)| + L(|x| + |y|).$$

## Lemma

$\mathcal{K} : \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \text{Lip}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d); \mu \mapsto \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; x \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y) d\mu(y)$  is well defined where  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R}^d) := \{\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| d\mu(x) < \infty\}$

## Proof.

We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y) d\mu(y) \right| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(x, y)| d\mu(y) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(0)| + L(|x| + |y|) d\mu(y) \\ &\leq |K(0)| + L|x| \mu(\mathbb{R}^d) + L \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |y| d\mu(y) < \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, y) - K(z, y) d\mu(y) \right| \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} L|x - z| d\mu(y) = L|x - z| \mu(\mathbb{R}^d) < \infty$$

# Rescaling

Set

$$s : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; t \rightarrow \frac{t}{N}$$

$$z_i := y_i \circ s$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} z_i'(t) &= y_i'(s(t)) \frac{1}{N} \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1:j \neq i}^N K(y_i(s(t)), y_j(s(t))) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1:j \neq i}^N K(z_i(t), z_j(t)) \end{aligned}$$

We can recover  $y_i(t) = y_i(s(Nt)) = z_i(Nt)$ .

Now we can bound  $z'_i(t)$  in terms of  $K$  independent of  $N$  and it becomes sensible to assume the existence of a measure  $\mu(t)$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  for every  $t$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(z_i(t), z_j(t)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(z_i(t), y) d\mu(t)(y)$$

If we thus have infinitely many particles distributed according to  $\mu(t)$  at time  $t$  we get a new differential equation.

$$z'(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(z(t), y) d\mu(t)(y)$$

For  $\phi \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$  and  $N$  particles we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_t \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \phi(z_j(t)) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \nabla \phi(z_j(t)) z_j'(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \nabla \phi(z_j(t)) \mathcal{K}(f(t, \cdot))(z_j(t)) \end{aligned}$$

If we instead assume a general distribution we arrive at

$$d_t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \phi(z) d\mu(t, z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \nabla \phi(z) \cdot \mathcal{K}(\mu(t, z)) d\mu(t, z)$$

This mean field equation can be consisely denoted by

$$\partial_t \mu + \operatorname{div}_z(\mu \mathcal{K}(\mu)) = 0$$

## Lemma

Let  $U \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3, \mathbb{R})$  be the potential and  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^3)$  a solution of the Poisson-Vlasov model such that

$$\Delta_x U(t, x) = \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t, x, v) dv$$

Define  $K(x, v, y, w) = (v - w, \frac{q^2}{4\pi m \epsilon_0} \frac{x-y}{|x-y|})$ . Assume

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(0, x, v) dx dv = 1 \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} v \cdot f(0, x, v) dx dv = 0$$

Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} K(x, v, y, w) f(t, y, w) dy dw = (v, \frac{-q}{m} \nabla_x U(t, x))$$

In particular, this almost fits into our framework, except that the kernel is singular on  $\{(x, v, y, w) \in (\mathbb{R}^3)^4 | x = y\}$ .

# Proof

We calculate

$$\begin{aligned}d_t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t, x, v) dx dv &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \partial_t f(t, x, v) dx dv \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} v \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla_x f(t, x, v) dx dv - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} F(t, x) \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla_v f(t, x, v) dv dx = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } \forall t \in \mathbb{R} : \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t, x, v) dx dv = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(0, x, v) dx dv = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}d_t \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} v \cdot f(t, x, v) dx dv &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} v \cdot \partial_t f(t, x, v) dx dv \\ &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} v \cdot (v \cdot \nabla_x f(t, x, v)) dx dv - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} v \cdot (F(t, x) \cdot \nabla_v f(t, x, v)) dx dv \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$



where we use that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})) d\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i,j=1}^d v_i v_j \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \partial_{x_j} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{x} = 0$$

as well as the next computation

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{v} \cdot (F(t, \mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} (\mathbf{v} \cdot F(t, \mathbf{x})) f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v} \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} F(t, \mathbf{x}) f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{x} d\mathbf{v} = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} U(t, \mathbf{x}) \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) d\mathbf{v} d\mathbf{x} = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} U(t, \mathbf{x}) \rho(t, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \\ & = \frac{\epsilon_0}{q} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} U(t, \mathbf{x}) \Delta_{\mathbf{x}} U(t, \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

To calculate  $\mathcal{K}$  we observe

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}) f(t, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{y} d\mathbf{w} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{y} d\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \mathbf{w} f(t, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{y} d\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v}$$

# Fundamental solution of Laplace operator

Let  $G(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi|x|}$  be the fundamental solution with derivatives

$$\partial_i G(x) = \frac{x_i}{4\pi|x|^3}$$

$G$  as well as its first derivatives are locally integrable but not continuous at 0.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 m} \frac{x-y}{|x-y|^3} f(t, y, w) dy dw &= \frac{q}{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{x-y}{4\pi|x-y|^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{q}{\epsilon_0} f(t, y, w) dw dy \\ &= \frac{q}{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \nabla G(x-y) \Delta_y U(t, y) dy \\ &= \frac{-q}{m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} G(x-y) \Delta_y \nabla_y U(t, y) dy \\ &= \frac{-q}{m} \nabla_x U(t, x) \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem 3.2.1

Let  $Z = (Z_i)_{i \in [N]} \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^N$  be the starting points and denote

$$\mu_Z = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{Z_i}$$

the empirical measure. There is a unique solution  $(z_i)_{i \in [N]} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, (\mathbb{R}^d)^N)$  to the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} z'_i(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(z_i(t), z_j(t)) \\ (z_i(0))_{i \in [N]} = Z \end{cases}$$

Furthermore at time  $t$  the empirical measure

$\mu_{(z_i(t))_{i \in [N]}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{z_i(t)}$  is a weak solution of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \mu(t) + \operatorname{div}_x(\mu \mathcal{K}(\mu(t))) = 0 \\ \mu(0) = \mu_Z \end{cases}$$

## Proof

The function

$$f : \mathbb{R} \times (\mathbb{R}^d)^N \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^d)^N; (t, (x_i)_{i \in [N]}) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(x_i, x_j) \right)_{i \in [N]}$$

is continuous, Lipschitz in the location, and grows at most linearly. Hence the Picard-Lindelöf Theorem gives us the first claim.

Define  $\mu(t) := \mu_{(z_j(t))_{j \in [N]}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_{z_j(t)}$

Let  $\phi \in C_c^1((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R})$  and calculate

$$\mathcal{K}(\mu(t))(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(x, z) d\mu(t)(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(x, z_j(t))$$

$$d_t \phi(t, z_i(t)) = \partial_t \phi(t, z_i(t)) + \sum_{k=1}^d z_i'(t)_k \partial_k \phi(t, z_i(t))$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(z_i(t), z_j(t))_k = z_i'(t)_k$$

We calculate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \partial_t \phi(t, x) + \mathcal{K}(\mu(t))(x) \cdot \nabla_x \phi(t, x) d\mu(t)(x) dt \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\partial_t \phi(t, z_i(t)) + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(z_i(t), z_j(t))_k \partial_k \phi(t, z_i(t))] dt \\ &= \int_0^T \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [\partial_t \phi(t, z_i(t)) + \sum_{k=1}^N z_i'(t)_k \partial_k \phi(t, z_i(t))] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^T \partial_t \phi(t, z_i(t)) + \sum_{k=1}^N z_i'(t)_k \partial_k \phi(t, z_i(t)) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^T d_t \phi(t, z_i(t)) dt = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mu(t)$  is a weak solution of  $\partial_t \mu + \operatorname{div}_x(\mu \mathcal{K}(\mu)) = 0$  with initial condition  $\mu(0) = \mu_Z$ .

## Theorem 3.2.2

Let  $\mu^{in} \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be an initial measure.

Then there exists a unique solution  $Z \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$  of the system

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t Z(t, \zeta) = \mathcal{K}(\mu(t))(Z(t, \zeta)) \\ \mu(t) = Z(t, \cdot) \# \mu^{in} \\ Z(0, \zeta) = \zeta \end{cases}$$

such that for any  $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  the map

$$Z(\cdot, \zeta) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d; t \mapsto Z(t, \zeta)$$

lies  $C^1(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^d)$ .

## Proof

Set  $C := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| d\mu^{in}(x)$  and let

$$V := \left\{ v \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|v(x)|}{1 + |x|} < \infty \right\}$$

where  $\|v\|_V := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|v(x)|}{1 + |x|}$ .  $V$  is a Banach space with this norm.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(v(x), v(y)) d\mu^{in}(y) - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(w(x), w(y)) d\mu^{in}(y) \right| \\ & \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |K(v(x), v(y)) - K(v(x), w(y))| + |K(v(x), w(y)) - K(w(x), w(y))| d\mu^{in}(y) \\ & \leq L \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v(y) - w(y)| + |v(x) - w(x)| d\mu^{in}(y) \\ & \leq L \|v - w\|_V (1 + |x|) + L \|v - w\|_V \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 + |y|) d\mu^{in}(y) \\ & \leq L \|v - w\|_V (1 + |x| + 1 + C) \leq L \|v - w\|_V (1 + |x|)(2 + C) \end{aligned}$$

## Inductive Definition

$$\begin{cases} Z_{n+1}(t, \zeta) = \zeta + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z_n(s, \zeta), Z_n(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds \\ Z_0(t, \zeta) = \zeta \end{cases}$$

Then we have for  $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  that

$$\begin{aligned} |Z_1(t, \zeta) - Z_0(t, \zeta)| &\leq \left| \zeta + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z_0(s, \zeta), Z_0(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds - \zeta \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(\zeta, y) d\mu^{in}(y) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} L(|\zeta| + |y| + |K(0)|) d\mu^{in}(y) ds \right| \\ &\leq |t| L(|\zeta| + C) \leq L |t| (2 + C)(1 + |\zeta|) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\|Z_1(t, \cdot) - Z_0(t, \cdot)\|_V \leq L |t| (2 + C)$$



Inductively we see that

$$\|Z_{n+1}(t, \cdot) - Z_n(t, \cdot)\|_V \leq \frac{((2 + C)L|t|)^{n+1}}{n!}$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned} |Z_{n+2}(t, \zeta) - Z_{n+1}(t, \zeta)| &\leq \left| \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z_{n+1}(s, \zeta), Z_{n+1}(s, y)) - K(Z_n(s, \zeta), Z_n(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^t \|Z_{n+1}(s, \cdot) - Z_n(s, \cdot)\|_V (2 + C)(1 + |\zeta|) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_0^t \frac{((2 + C)L)^{n+2} |s|^{n+1}}{n!} ds \right| (1 + |\zeta|) \\ &= \frac{((2 + C)L|t|)^{n+2}}{(n + 1)!} (1 + |\zeta|) \end{aligned}$$

## Existence of the limit

The previous slide showed that for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  the sequence  $(Z_n(t, \cdot))_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}}$  is Cauchy in  $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$ . Let  $Z(t, \cdot) \in V$  be its limit for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . By the explicit estimate we have of the difference between  $Z_{n+k}(t, \cdot)$  and  $Z_n(t, \cdot)$ , we see that  $Z_n(\cdot, \cdot) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} Z(\cdot, \cdot)$  in  $V$  uniformly on  $[-T, T]$  for any  $T > 0$ . Hence we have for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  that

$$Z(t, \zeta) = \zeta + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z(s, \zeta), Z(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds$$

In particular,

$$Z(0, \zeta) = \zeta + \int_0^0 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z(s, \zeta), Z(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds = \zeta$$

## Continuity of the limit

We want to show  $Z : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V; t \mapsto Z(t, \cdot)$  is continuous.  
For  $r, t \in [-T, T]$  we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} |Z_{n+1}(r, x) - Z_{n+1}(t, x)| &\leq \left| \int_r^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z_n(s, x), Z_n(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_r^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} L|Z_n(s, x)| + L|Z_n(s, y)| + |K(0)| d\mu^{in}(y) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_r^t L(1 + |x|)(2 + C) \|Z_n(s, \cdot)\|_V ds \right| \\ &\leq L(1 + |x|)(2 + C) \left| \int_r^t \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{((2 + C)L|s|)^{k+1}}{k!} ds \right| \\ &\leq (1 + |x|) |t - r| L(2 + C) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{((2 + C)L(1 + |T|))^{k+1}}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $Z \in C(\mathbb{R}, V)$  and hence

$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d; s \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z(s, \zeta), Z(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y)$$

is continuous. Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t Z(t, \zeta) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z(t, \zeta), Z(t, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Z(t, \zeta), y) dZ(t, \cdot) \# \mu^{in}(y) \\ &= \mathcal{K}(\mu(t))(Z(t, \zeta)) \end{aligned}$$

and  $Z$  is indeed the desired solution of our initial value problem.

# Uniqueness

Suppose  $Y \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$  is another solution. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t Y(t, \zeta) &= \mathcal{K}(\mu(t))(Y(t, \zeta)) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Y(t, \zeta), y) d\mu^{in}(y) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Y(t, \zeta), Y(t, y)) d\mu^{in}(y)\end{aligned}$$

This shows  $Y(t, \zeta) = \zeta + \int_0^t \partial_s Y(s, \zeta) ds = \zeta + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Y(s, \zeta), Y(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds$   
so

$$Y(t, \zeta) - Z(t, \zeta) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} K(Y(s, \zeta), Y(s, y)) - K(Z(s, \zeta), Z(s, y)) d\mu^{in}(y) ds$$

$$\|Y(t, \cdot) - Z(t, \cdot)\|_V \leq L(2 + C) \left| \int_0^t \|Y(s, \cdot) - Z(s, \cdot)\|_V ds \right|$$

By Gronwall  $\|Y(t, \cdot) - Z(t, \cdot)\|_V = 0$  which implies  $Y = Z$ .

## Proposition 3.2.3

Let  $(Z_i)_{i \in [M]} \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^M$  be a tuple of initial points and let

$\mu^{in} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{Z_i}$  be the associated initial empirical measure.

If  $Z \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d)$  is the solution from Theorem 3.2.2 and  $(z_i)_{i \in [M]} \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, (\mathbb{R}^d)^M)$  is the solution from Theorem 3.2.1, then

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R} : z_i(t) = Z(t, Z_i)$$

## Proof

If  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is a measurable set, then

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(t)(A) &= Z(t, \cdot) \# \mu^{in}(A) = \mu^{in}(Z(t, \cdot)^{-1}(A)) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_{Z_j}(Z(t, \cdot)^{-1}(A)) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \delta_{Z(t, Z_j)}(A)\end{aligned}$$

Using this we calculate the differential

$$\begin{aligned}d_t Z(t, Z_i) &= \partial_t Z(t, Z_i) = \mathcal{K}(\mu(t))(Z(t, Z_i)) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N K(Z(t, Z_i), y) \delta_{Z(t, Z_j)}(y) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N K(Z(t, Z_i), Z(t, Z_j))\end{aligned}$$

We conclude using uniqueness and  $\forall i \in [N] : z_i(0) = Z_i = Z(0, Z_i)$  

## Lemma

For any  $\varphi \in C_c^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$  we have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \log(|x|) \Delta \varphi(x) dx = 2\pi \varphi(0)$$

Hence  $\Delta \frac{\log(x)}{2\pi} = \delta_0$  and  $\frac{\log(x)}{2\pi}$  is the fundamental solution of the Laplace operator in dimension 2.



# Proof

Let  $\Phi : (0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be polar coordinates and set  $\phi := \varphi \circ \Phi$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \log(|x|) \Delta \phi(x) dx &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^{2\pi} \log(r) \left( \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r \phi) + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 \phi \right) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} r \log(r) \partial_r \phi(r, \theta) \Big|_{r=0}^\infty - \int_0^\infty d_r(\log(r)) r \partial_r \phi dr d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty \frac{\log(r)}{r} \partial_\theta \phi(r, \theta) \Big|_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} dr \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 0 - \int_0^\infty \partial_r \phi dr d\theta + \int_0^\infty \frac{\log(r)}{r} 0 dr \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} -\varphi(0) d\theta = 2\pi \varphi(0)\end{aligned}$$

Thank you for your attention.