

Numerical methods for conservation laws with a stochastically driven flux

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Motivation

For the mean-field SDE

$$dX^i = \sigma \left(X^i, \frac{1}{L-1} \sum_{j \neq i} \delta_{X^j} \right) \circ dW, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, L,$$

with $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, one has that

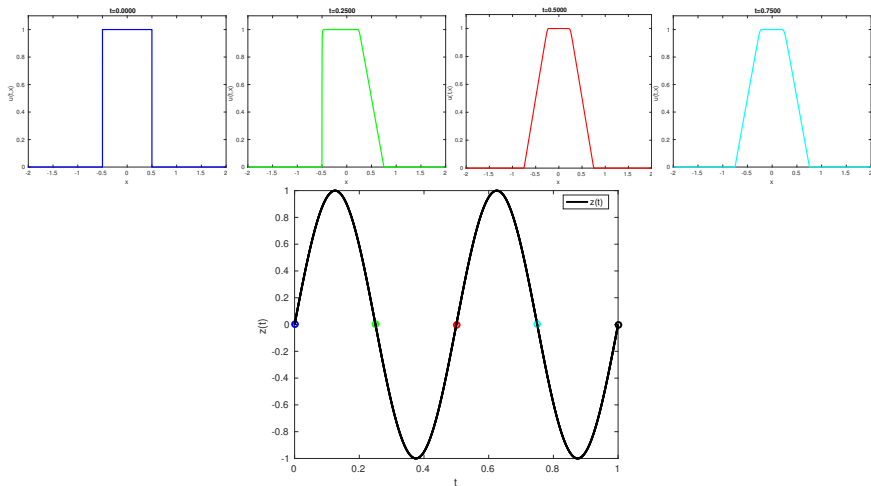
$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \delta_{X^i(t)} \rightarrow \pi(t) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})), \text{ as } L \rightarrow \infty.$$

The measure's density satisfies the dynamics

$$d\rho_\pi + \partial_x \sigma(x, \rho_\pi) \circ dW = 0.$$

Our contribution

- Develop numerical methods for solving the SSCL
- Show that oscillations in z may lead to cancellations in the flow map.



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is difficult to work with: If w is a standard Wiener process, then

$$\partial_x q(u) \circ dw = \dots + \eta''(u)(f'(u))^2 (u_x)^2 dt.$$

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Definition 5 (Pathwise entropy solution (PES))

$u \in L^1 \cap L^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R})$ is a PES if there exists a non-negative, bounded measure m such that equation (1) holds for all ρ , as defined above.

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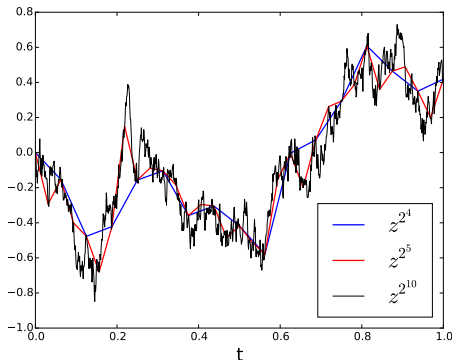
Numerical solution approach

- (i) Approximate the rough path z by a piecewise linear interpolation

$$z^n(t) = \left(1 - \frac{t - \tau_k}{\Delta\tau}\right) z(\tau_k) + \frac{t - \tau_k}{\Delta\tau} z(\tau_{k+1}), \quad t \in [\tau_k, \tau_{k+1}],$$

where $\tau_k = k\Delta\tau$ and $\Delta\tau = T/n$

- (ii) Solve the conservation law with driving noise z^n using a standard numerical method **in classical Kruzkov entropy sense**.



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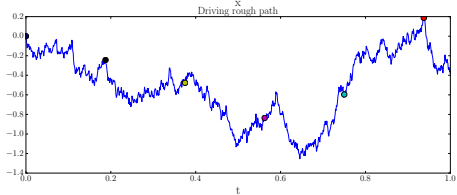
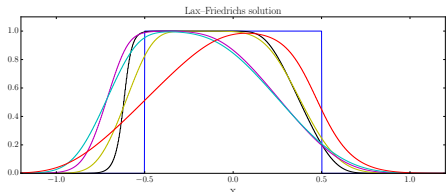
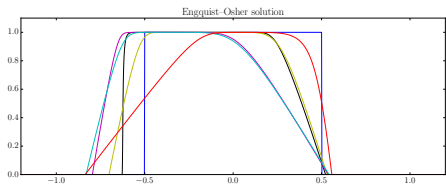
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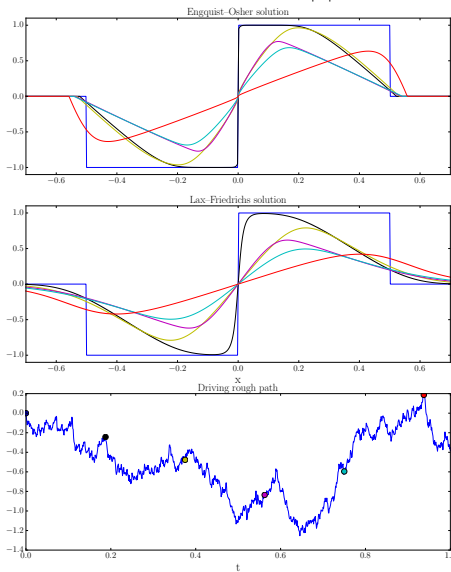
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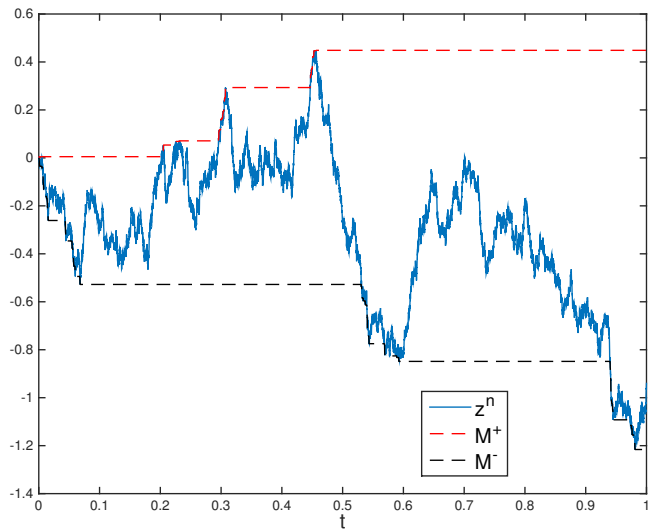
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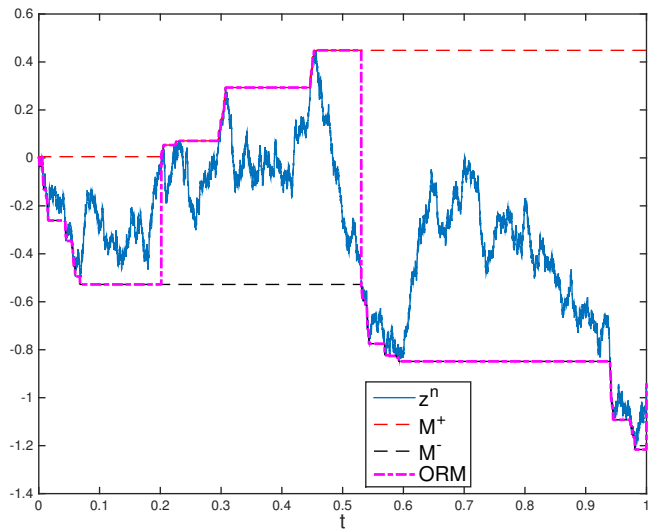
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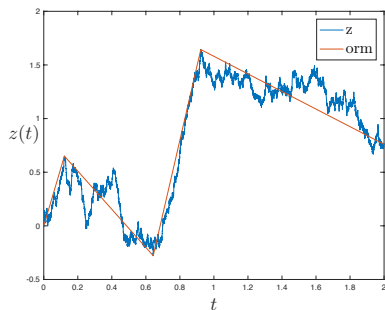
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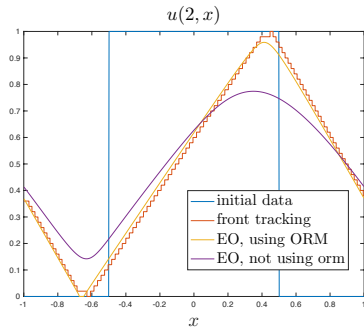
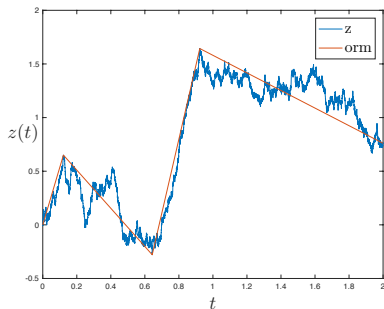
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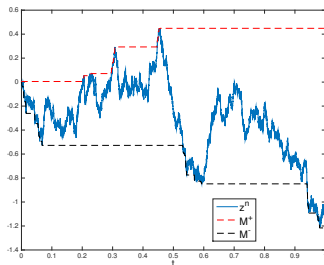
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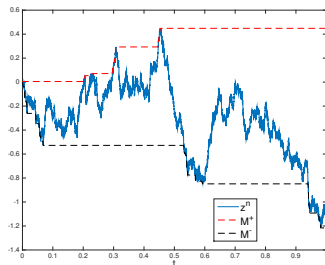
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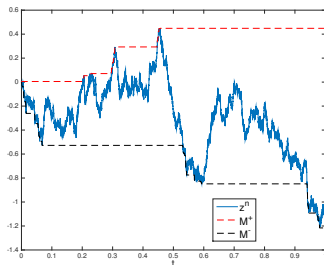
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