Nonintersecting Brownian bridges in the flat-to-flat geometry

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How to simulate a Brownian motion?

Let us start with the simple Brownian motion

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \sqrt{2D} \eta(t) \quad , \quad x(0) = a$$

Gaussian white noise with
 $\langle \eta(t) \rangle = 0 \quad , \quad \langle \eta(t)\eta(t') \rangle = \delta(t-t')$

and D is the diffusion constant

 $^{\blacksquare}$ To simulate it numerically we discretize time with increments $\Delta t \ll 1$

$$x(0) = a$$

$$x(n \Delta t) = x((n-1)\Delta t) + \sqrt{2D} \eta(t) \Delta t \quad , \quad n = 1, 2, \cdots$$
Gaussian random variable with zero
mean and variance $2D \Delta t$

How to simulate a Brownian bridge?

A Brownian bridge is a Brownian motion, starting from $x_B(0) = a$ and conditioned to end at $x_B(t_f) = b$



Conditioning stochastic processes is a classical problem in proba. theory e.g., Doob (1957)

There exist various efficient ways to simulate a Brownian bridge, e.g.

 $x_B(t) = x(t) + \frac{t}{t_f}(b - x(t_f)) \qquad \text{where } x(t) \text{ is a std Brownian motion} \\ \text{starting at } x(0) = a$

One can also write an effective Langevin equation

Chetrite, Touchette (2015) Majumdar, Orland (2015)

$$\frac{dx_B(t)}{dt} = \frac{b - x_B(t)}{t_f - t} + \sqrt{2D} \eta(t) \quad , \quad x_B(0) = a$$

Effective Langevin Eq. for a Brownian bridge



P(x, t | a,0) satisfies the forward Fokker-Planck Eq. $\partial_t P = D \partial_x^2 P$

Q(b, t_f | x, t) satisfies the backward Fokker-Planck Eq. ∂_tQ = - D∂²_xQ
 The product \$\tilde{P}\$ = P Q satisfies \$\partial_t \tilde{P}\$ = D∂²_xP - 2D \$\partial_t (\tilde{P}\$ \$\partial_t \lefta_x \ln Q)\$

This corresponds to the effective Langevin Eq. $\frac{dx_B}{dt} = 2D\partial_x \ln Q + \sqrt{2D} \eta(t) \quad \text{with } Q(b, t_f | x_B, t) = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x_B - b)^2}{4D(t_f - t)}}}{\sqrt{4\pi D(t_f - t)}}$

Effective Langevin Eq. for a Brownian bridge



Discretizing in time \implies generates a Brownian bridge trajectory in a rejection free way

Our main motivation

Q: is it possible to generalise the effective Langevin approach from a single Brownian bridge to multiple Brownian bridges with interaction between them?

A natural setting is the nonintersecting (vicious) Brownian bridges, which has many applications in physics and maths

Karlin & McGregor (1959), de Gennes (1968), Fisher (1984),...

Soluble Model for Fibrous Structures with Steric Constraints

P.-G. DE GENNES



FIG. 1. Model for a two-dimensional fiber structure. The component chains are assumed to be attached to two plates I and F and placed under tension. The chains are bent by thermal fluctuations. Different chains cannot intersect each other.

Step fluctuations on vicinal surfaces





Maryland group (2003)

Applications in combinatorics/computer science

Watermelon uniform random generation with applications

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An algorithm to generate discrete time nonintersecting lattice bridges



Nonintersecting (vicious) Brownian bridges



for $a_i = b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

Q1: how to simulate such configurations efficiently (i.e., beyond the costly naive way) ? Q2: what is the average density at some

intermediate time $0 \le t \le t_f$?

A special case $a_i = b_i = 0$ \longrightarrow ``watermelons"

"Watermelons" and random matrix theory

 \blacksquare Vicious bridges with $a_i=b_i=0$ for all $i=1,2,\cdots,N$



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The average density at any intermediate $0 \le t \le t_f$ for large N

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$$\rho_N(x;t) \simeq \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{N}\sigma(t)} \sqrt{2 - \frac{x^2}{N\sigma^2(t)}}$$

$$-\sqrt{2N} \ \sigma(t) \le x \le \sqrt{2N} \ \sigma(t)$$

Wigner semi-circle for all $0 \le t \le t_f$

"Watermelons" and Dyson's Brownian motion



Watermelon configuration

with
$$t_f = 1$$

• Let H(t) be a $N \times N$ random Hermitian matrix with elements

$$H_{mn}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x_{mn}^{B}(t) + i \, \tilde{x}_{mn}^{B}(t) \right) , & m < n ,\\ x_{mm}^{B}(t) , & m = n \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(x_{nm}^{B}(t) - i \, \tilde{x}_{nm}^{B}(t) \right) , & m > n , \end{cases}$$

where x_{mn}^B , \tilde{x}_{mn}^B are independent Brownian bridges starting and ending at x = 0

Eigenvalues of H(t)

$$\underbrace{\left\{\Lambda_1(t) < \Lambda_2(t) < \cdots < \Lambda_N(t)\right\}}_{d} \stackrel{d}{=} \left\{x_1(t) < x_2(t) < \cdots < x_N(t)\right\}$$

special instance of ``Dyson 's Brownian bridge"

"Watermelons" and Dyson's Brownian motion



Watermelon configuration

with $t_f = 1$

Eigenvalues of H(t)

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Q: can one generalize such a construction (i.e., connection with Dyson's Brownian motion) to more general Vicious Brownian Bridges (VBB)?





Main results Grela, Majumdar, G. S. (2021)

Efficient numerical method to simulate N nonintersecting Brownian bridges, e.g. in the ``flat-to-flat" geometry, i.e., $a_i = b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$



In the limit $N \to \infty$, the density $\rho(x; t)$ has a finite support $[\lambda_{-}(t), \lambda_{+}(t)]$

$$\lambda_{\pm}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \pm \left[t_f \operatorname{arccosh}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \frac{t_f + T(t_f - 2t)}{2(t_f - t)}\right) - t \operatorname{arccosh}\left(\frac{(t_f - t)^2 + t^2 - T(t_f - 2t)^2}{2t(t_f - t)}\right) \right]$$

where $T = e^{-\frac{t_f}{t_f}}$



 $\frac{2}{3}t_f$

 $\frac{1}{\Delta}t_f$

 $\overline{3}^{t_f}$

 $\overline{2}^{t_f}$

 $\frac{3}{4}t_f$

 t_f

0

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i < j



$$= P_{\text{DBB},\beta=2}(\overrightarrow{\lambda},t | \overrightarrow{b}, \overrightarrow{a}, t_f)$$



Dyson Brownian bridge (DBB)



Grela, Majumdar, G. S. (2021)



- ^{\blacksquare} Write explicit Fokker-Planck Eq. for P and Q separately
- [•] Write the Fokker-Planck Eq. for the product $\tilde{P} = P Q$

For the flat final config. $b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ This FP Eq. for \tilde{P} simplifies

 \succ One can read off the effective Langevin Eq. associated to P



it automatically ensures (i) final flat config.

(ii) non-crossing during $[0, t_f]$



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Nonintersecting (vicious) Brownian bridges



for
$$a_i = b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$$
, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

Q2: what is the average density at some intermediate time $0 \le t \le t_f$?

Joint distribution of the positions of the VBB

λ

 a_{Λ}

 a_4

 a_3

 a_2

 b_N

 b_3

Vicious Brownian Bridges in flat-to-flat geometry

$$P_{\text{VBB}}(\overrightarrow{\lambda}, t | \overrightarrow{b}, \overrightarrow{a}, t_f) = \frac{P_{\text{VBM}}(\overrightarrow{\lambda}, t | \overrightarrow{a}, 0) P_{\text{VBM}}(\overrightarrow{b}, t_f | \overrightarrow{\lambda}, t)}{P_{\text{VBM}}(\overrightarrow{b}, t_f | \overrightarrow{a}, 0)}$$

using Karlin-Mc Gregor formula

for
$$a_i = b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$$
, $i = 1, 2, ..., N$

$$P_{\text{VBB}}\left(\overrightarrow{\lambda}, t \mid \overrightarrow{a}, 0; \overrightarrow{b}, t_f\right) \propto \det_{1 \le i, j \le N} \left(e^{-\frac{N}{2t}\left(\lambda_i - a_j\right)^2}\right) \det_{1 \le i, j \le N} \left(e^{-\frac{N}{2(t_f - t)}\left(b_i - \lambda_j\right)^2}\right)$$

$$P_{\text{VBB}}\left(\overrightarrow{\lambda}, t \mid \overrightarrow{a}, 0; \overrightarrow{b}, t_f\right) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{Nt_f}{2t(t_f - t)}\lambda_i^2 + \frac{(N-1)t_f}{2t(t_f - t)}\lambda_i}} \prod_{i < j} \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}{2t}\right) \prod_{i < j} \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_j}{2(t_f - t)}\right)$$

Chern-Simons model (Mariño 2005), bi-orthogonal Stieltjes-Wigert polynomials (Dolivet & Tierz 2007, Katori & Takahashi 2012)

Joint distribution of the positions of the VBB $P_{\text{VBB}}\left(\vec{\lambda}, t \mid \vec{a}, 0; \vec{b}, t_{f}\right) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{Nt_{f}}{2t(t_{f}-t)}\lambda_{i}^{2} + \frac{(N-1)t_{f}}{2t(t_{f}-t)}\lambda_{i}} \prod_{i < j} \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda_{i} - \lambda_{j}}{2t}\right) \prod_{i < j} \sinh\left(\frac{\lambda_{i} - \lambda_{j}}{2(t_{f}-t)}\right)$

• Muttalib-Borodin (MB) ensembles in the (X, θ) variables, $X_i = e^{\theta \frac{\lambda_i}{t}}$, $\theta = \frac{t}{t_f - t}$

$$\mathscr{P}_{\text{VBB}}\left(\overrightarrow{X},\theta \mid \overrightarrow{a},0;\overrightarrow{b},t_{f}\right) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{Nt_{f}}{2\theta}(\log X_{i})^{2} - \log X_{i}} \prod_{i < j} (X_{i} - X_{j}) \prod_{i < j} \left(X_{i}^{1/\theta} - X_{j}^{1/\theta}\right)$$
see also Claeys, Romano '14, Claeys, Wang '22 with parameter 1/ θ

Formal exact results for finite N were obtained by Takahashi & Katori (2012), e.g. for the density... but extracting the large N limit seems very difficult



Average density in the large N limit

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{P}_{\text{VBB}}\left(\overrightarrow{X},\theta \,|\, \overrightarrow{a},0;\, \overrightarrow{b},t_{f}\right) &\propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} e^{-\frac{Nt_{f}}{2\theta}(\log X_{i})^{2} - \log X_{i}} \prod_{i < j} (X_{i} - X_{j}) \prod_{i < j} \left(X_{i}^{1/\theta} - X_{j}^{1/\theta}\right) \\ X_{i} &= e^{\theta \frac{\lambda_{i}}{t}}, \ \theta = \frac{t}{t_{f} - t} \end{aligned}$$
 with parameter 1/ θ

For the special case $t = t_f/2$, i.e., $\theta = 1$, this becomes an orthogonal polynomial ensemble and the density for large N can be computed: NOT a semicircle !



M. Marino (2005), P. J. Forrester (2021)

Average density in the large N limit



For $t \neq t_f/2$, i.e., $\theta \neq 1$, hard to compute the average large N density

Bowever, our effective Langevin equation gives access to this average density, in principle for any $t \in [0, t_f]$

Towards computing the average density from the effective Langevin equation

For the equi-spaced/flat final condition: $b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\frac{d\lambda_i}{dt} = -\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t} + \frac{1}{N(t_f - t)} \sum_{j(\neq i)} \frac{e^{\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t}}}{e^{\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t}} - e^{\frac{\lambda_j}{t_f - t}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \xi_i(t) \qquad i = 1, \dots, N$$

To compute the density, a convenient change of variables

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_i = \frac{t_f}{1+\theta} \log X_i , \quad X_i > 0 \\ t = t_f \frac{\theta}{1+\theta} \end{cases}, \quad X_i > 0 \end{cases},$$

$$\frac{dX_i}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{Nt_f} \sum_{j(\neq i)} \frac{X_i^2}{X_i - X_j} + \frac{1 + \theta}{t_f} X_i \tilde{\xi}_i(\theta), \quad X_i(\theta = 0) = e^{\frac{a_i}{t_f}}$$

N indep. Gaussian white noises

> multiplicative noise (Ito prescription)

From Langevin to Burgers' equation

The goal is to compute the density in the original variables (λ, t)

$$\frac{d\lambda_i}{dt} = -\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t} + \frac{1}{N(t_f - t)} \sum_{j(\neq i)} \frac{e^{\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t}}}{e^{\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t}} - e^{\frac{\lambda_j}{t_f - t}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \xi_i(t) \quad , \quad \lambda_i(t = 0) = a_i$$

$$\rho_N^{(\lambda)}(\lambda; t) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\lambda - \lambda_i(t)) \right\rangle = \frac{e^{\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t}}}{t_f - t} \rho_N \left(X = e^{\frac{\lambda_i}{t_f - t}}; \theta = \frac{t}{t_f - t} \right)$$

But it is easier to compute the density in the variables (X, θ)

$$\frac{dX_i}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{Nt_f} \sum_{j(\neq i)} \frac{X_i^2}{X_i - X_j} + \frac{1 + \theta}{t_f} X_i \tilde{\xi}_i(\theta) \quad , \quad X_i(\theta = 0) = e^{\frac{a_i}{t_f}}$$
$$\rho_N(X;\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \delta\left(X - X_i(\theta)\right) \right\rangle$$

From Langevin to Burgers' equation

$$\rho_N(X;\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \delta\left(X - X_i(\theta)\right) \right\rangle \qquad \text{Q: how to compute it ?}$$

Introduce the resolvent (or Green 's function) with $X = e^y$

$$G_N(y;\theta) = \frac{e^y}{Nt_f} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{e^y - X_i(\theta)} \right\rangle$$

defined on the complex y-plane

The density is obtained from the Sochocki-Plemelj formula

$$\rho_N(X;\theta) = \frac{t_f}{\pi} \lim_{\epsilon \to 0_+} \operatorname{Im} \left[\frac{1}{y} G_N(\ln y;\theta) \right]_{y=X-i\epsilon}$$

Can one derive an evolution equation (i.e., a PDE) for G_N ?

Average particle density via Burgers' equation

• One can show that as $N \to \infty$

$$G(y;\theta) = \lim_{N \to \infty} G_N(y;\theta)$$

satisfies

 $\partial_{\theta}G + G \,\partial_{y}G = 0$

Inviscid complex Burgers' equation

with initial condition
$$G(y,0) = G_0(y) = \frac{e^y}{t_f} \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{e^y - e^{\frac{a_i}{t_f}}}$$

This is different from the « standard » Burgers' equation for DBM Blaizot, Nowak (2010), Allez, Bouchaud, Guionnet (2012), Blaizot, Grela, Nowak, Warchol (2015), Krajenbrinck, Le Doussal, O'Connel (2020) Solving the Burgers' equation in "flat-to-flat" geometry

$$\partial_{\theta}G + G \partial_{y}G = 0$$
 , $G(y,0) = G_{0}(y)$

The Burgers' equation can be solved via the method of characteristics

Solution for the « flat-to-flat » geometry $a_i = b_i = \frac{i-1}{N}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$H(y;\theta) = e^{-G(y;\theta)} , \text{ where } X = e^{y} \text{ and } T = e^{-1/t_{f}}$$
$$H^{\theta} = \frac{1}{X} \frac{1-H}{T-H} , \quad \theta = \frac{t}{t_{f}-t}$$

• Limiting density: $\rho(X;\theta) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \rho_N(X;\theta) = \frac{t_f}{\pi} \lim_{\epsilon \to 0_+} \operatorname{Im} \left[\frac{1}{y} G(\ln y;\theta) \right]_{y=X-i\epsilon}$

From $\rho(X; \theta)$ we can compute the average density in the original (λ, t) coordinates

Solving the Burgers' equation in "flat-to-flat" geometry Grela, Majumdar, G. S. (2021)

$$\partial_{\theta}G + G \partial_{y}G = 0$$
 , $G(y,0) = G_{0}(y)$

The Burgers' equation can be solved via the method of characteristics

allows to compute the edges of the support $[\lambda_{-}(t), \lambda_{+}(t)]$ $\lambda_{\pm}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \pm \left[t_{f} \operatorname{arccosh} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \frac{t_{f} + T(t_{f} - 2t)}{2(t_{f} - t)} \right) - t \operatorname{arccosh} \left(\frac{(t_{f} - t)^{2} + t^{2} - T(t_{f} - 2t)^{2}}{2t(t_{f} - t)} \right) \right]$

By solving $H^{\theta} = \frac{1}{X} \frac{1-H}{T-H}$, $\theta = \frac{t}{t_f - t}$, for $\theta = 2,3,4$ we obtain the density explicitly for $t = \frac{t_f}{4}, \frac{t_f}{3}, \frac{t_f}{2}, \frac{2t_f}{3}, \frac{3t_f}{4}$

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 \blacksquare Mapping between N nonintersecting Brownian Bridges and N Dyson Brownian Bridges of index $\beta=2$

Efficient numerical method to generate Dyson Brownian Bridges via an effective Langevin equation



can be extended to generate discrete time random bridges De Bruyne, Majumdar, G. S. (2021)

Exploit this effective Langevin equation to derive a Burgers' equation (in the inviscid limit) for the Green 's function (resolvent)

> exact results for the density in the limit $N \to \infty$

Extensions to other models (e.g. deformed GOE...)

Mergny, Majumdar (2022)