

Laplace Approximations for Diffusion Processes on Torus: Nondegenerate Case

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Abstract. Let $\mathbf{T}^d = \mathbf{R}^d/\mathbf{Z}^d$, and consider the family of probability measures $\{P_x\}_{x \in \mathbf{T}^d}$ on $C([0, \infty); \mathbf{T}^d)$ given by the infinitesimal generator $L_0 \equiv \frac{1}{2}\Delta + b \cdot \nabla$, where $b : \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$ is a continuous function. Let Φ be a mapping $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$. Under a nuclearity assumption on the second Fréchet differential of Φ , an asymptotic evaluation of $Z_T^{x,y} \equiv E^{P_x} \left[\exp \left(T\Phi \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \right) \middle| X_T = y \right]$, up to a factor $(1 + o(1))$, has been gotten in Bolthausen-Deuschel-Tamura [2]. In this paper, we show that the same asymptotic evaluation holds without the nuclearity assumption.

1. Introduction

We consider the torus $\mathbf{T}^d = \mathbf{R}^d/\mathbf{Z}^d$, which is a compact manifold. The tangent space $T(\mathbf{T}^d)$ can be identified with \mathbf{R}^d . Let $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{T}^d)$ be the set of all Borel sets in \mathbf{T}^d .

Let $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d)$ be the dual space of $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d)$ is the set of all signed measures on \mathbf{T}^d with finite total variation, and denote the norm derived by it, the total variation, by $\|\cdot\|$. We also think of the weak*-topology in $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Let $\wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$ and $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$ be the set of all probability measures on \mathbf{T}^d and the set of all signed measures on \mathbf{T}^d with total measure 0, respectively. Let $\text{dist}(\cdot, \cdot)$ denote the Prohorov metric on $\wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Note that the topology induced by the Prohorov metric and the weak*-topology coincide.

The path space $\Omega = C([0, \infty), \mathbf{T}^d)$ is the set of continuous functions $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{T}^d$. Let $X_t(\omega) = \omega(t)$, $t \geq 0$, let $\mathcal{F}_t = \sigma\{\omega(s); s \leq t\}$, and let $\mathcal{F} = \vee_t \mathcal{F}_t$.

Let $L_0 = \frac{1}{2}\Delta + b_0 \cdot \nabla$, where $b_0 : \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^d$ is a C^∞ function. Let $\{P_x\}_{x \in \mathbf{T}^d}$ be the family of probability measures on Ω of the martingale

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problem L_0 , *i.e.*, for any $f \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d; \mathbf{R})$,

- (1) $f(\omega_t) - f(\omega_0) - \int_0^t L_0 f(\omega_s) ds$ is a $(\Omega, \{\mathcal{F}_t\}, P_x)$ martingale,
- (2) $P_x(\omega_0 = x) = 1$.

Denote the corresponding semigroup of linear operators in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ by $\{P_t\}_{t \geq 0}$. $\{P_x\}$ has a unique invariant probability measure μ , which is absolutely continuous with respect to the Riemann volume on \mathbf{T}^d , and $\frac{d\mu}{dx}$ is a strictly positive smooth function. For any $T > 0$, the distribution law of $\{X_{T-t}(\omega)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ under $P_\mu(d\omega)$ is also a diffusion process. The infinitesimal generator of it is the adjoint operator of L_0 in $L^2(d\mu)$, and can be written as $L_0^{*\mu} = \frac{1}{2}\Delta + b_0^* \cdot \nabla$ for some $b_0^* \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d; \mathbf{R}^d)$. Actually, $b_0^* = \nabla(\log \frac{d\mu}{dx}) - b_0$.

Also, for each $t > 0$, there exist transition probability densities $(p_t(x, y))_{x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d}$ of P_t with respect to μ , which satisfy $p_t \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$ and p_t is strictly positive.

Let $\Phi : \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a bounded and three times continuously Fréchet differentiable function satisfying the following:

A 1. *There exist functions $\Phi^{(1)} \in C(\wp(\mathbf{T}^d) \times \mathbf{T}^d, \mathbf{R})$, $\Phi^{(2)} \in C(\wp(\mathbf{T}^d) \times \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d, \mathbf{R})$, and $\Phi^{(3)} \in C(\wp(\mathbf{T}^d) \times (\mathbf{T}^d)^3, \mathbf{R})$, such that for any $\nu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$ and any $R_1, R_2, R_3 \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d)$,*

$$\begin{aligned} D\Phi(\nu)(R_1) &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \Phi^{(1)}(\nu, x) R_1(dx), \\ D^2\Phi(\nu)(R_1, R_2) &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \Phi^{(2)}(\nu, x, y) R_1(dx) R_2(dy), \\ D^3\Phi(\nu)(R_1, R_2, R_3) &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \Phi^{(3)}(\nu, x, y, z) R_1(dx) R_2(dy) R_3(dz). \end{aligned}$$

Then by Donsker-Varadhan [4], we have (*c.f.* Lemma 4.4)

$$\frac{1}{T} \log E^{P_x} \left[\exp \left(T \Phi \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \middle| X_T = y \right) \right] \rightarrow \lambda, \quad T \rightarrow \infty$$

for every $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$, where $\lambda = \sup\{\Phi(\nu) - I(\nu); \nu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)\}$ and I is given by

$$I(\nu) = \sup \left\{ - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \frac{L_0 u}{u} d\nu; u \in C^\infty, u \geq 1 \right\}, \quad \nu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d).$$

The aim of this paper is to give a more precise evaluation of

$$Z_T^{x,y} \equiv E^{P_x} \left[\exp \left(T \Phi \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \right) \middle| X_T = y \right]$$

up to order $1 + o(1)$ under some assumptions given below.

Define

$$K = \{ \nu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d) : \Phi(\nu) - I(\nu) = \lambda \}.$$

We can easily see that K is not empty and is compact in $\wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$. In this paper, we assume that

A 2. *There exists only one element in K , say ν_0 , that is, $K = \{\nu_0\}$.*

Now, let us construct a diffusion which has ν_0 as its invariant measure following Bolthausen-Deuschel-Tamura [2] and Bolthausen-Deuschel-Schmock [1]. For any $\varphi \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, let

$$P_t^\varphi(x, A) = E^{P_x} [\exp(\int_0^t \varphi(X_s) ds), X_t \in A], \quad A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{T}^d),$$

and

$$\Lambda(\varphi) = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \varphi d\nu - I(\nu), \nu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d) \right\}.$$

Then P_t^φ has strictly positive right- and left-hand principal eigenfunctions h^φ and $l^\varphi \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, *i.e.*,

$$\begin{aligned} P_t^\varphi h^\varphi &= \exp(\Lambda(\varphi)t) h^\varphi, & t \geq 0, \\ \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \mu(dy) l^\varphi(y) P_t^\varphi(y, dz) &= \exp(\Lambda(\varphi)t) l^\varphi(z) \mu(dz). \end{aligned}$$

They are unique if they are appropriately normalized by

$$\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} (h^\varphi)^2 d\mu = 1, \quad d\pi^\varphi \equiv l^\varphi h^\varphi d\mu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d).$$

PROPOSITION 1.1. *π^φ is the stationary measure of the diffusion process whose transition probability $Q_t^\varphi(x, dy)$ is given by*

$$Q_t^\varphi(x, dy) \equiv e^{-\Lambda(\varphi)t} \frac{1}{h^\varphi(x)} P_t^\varphi(x, dy) h^\varphi(y).$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{\nu_0}(x) &= D\Phi(\nu_0)(\delta_x - \nu_0) + \Phi(\nu_0) \\ &= \Phi^{(1)}(\nu_0, x) - D\Phi(\nu_0)(\nu_0) + \Phi(\nu_0), \quad x \in \mathbf{T}^d.\end{aligned}$$

Then we have $\lambda = \Lambda(\phi^{\nu_0})$. Denote $h^{\phi^{\nu_0}}$ by h , and $l^{\phi^{\nu_0}}$ by l .

Let $\{Q_x\}_{x \in \mathbf{T}^d}$ be the probability measures given by

$$\frac{dQ_x}{dP_x}(\omega) \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_t} = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{h(X_t(\omega))}{h(x)} \exp\left(\int_0^t \phi^{\nu_0}(X_s(\omega)) ds\right).$$

$\{Q_x\}$ is a diffusion process. Denote the corresponding semigroup of linear operators in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ by $\{Q_t\}$, and the infinitesimal generator of $\{Q_t\}$ by L . Actually, $h \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and $L = L_0 + \frac{\nabla h}{h} \cdot \nabla$. (c.f. Proposition 2.3). As has been shown in Bolthausen-Deuschel-Tamura [2], $\pi^{\phi^{\nu_0}} = \nu_0$. So by proposition 1.1, we have

LEMMA 1.2. $\{Q_x\}_{x \in \mathbf{T}^d}$ has ν_0 as its invariant measure.

As a result, ν_0 is absolutely continuous with respect to μ , and $\frac{d\nu_0}{d\mu} > 0$ is continuous, also, $\text{supp}\nu_0 = \mathbf{T}^d$.

Now, for any $t > 0$ and any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, let $q_t(x, \cdot)$ be the density function of $Q_t(x, \cdot)$ with respect to ν_0 with $q_t \in C^+(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$. We will write it as $q(t, x, y)$ sometimes, too. By Boltuausen-Deuschel-Tamura [2] and Bolthausen-Deuschel-Schmock [1], $\sup_{x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d} |q_t(x, y) - 1| \rightarrow 0$ exponentially fast as $t \rightarrow \infty$. So we can define

$$(1.1) \quad g(x, y) = \int_0^\infty (q_t(x, y) - 1) dt.$$

Define $G : L^2(d\nu_0) \rightarrow L^2(d\nu_0)$ by

$$Gf(x) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} g(x, y) f(y) \nu_0(dy) = \int_0^\infty (Q_t f(x) - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f d\nu_0) dt.$$

Let G^* be the adjoint operator of it in $L^2(d\nu_0)$, i.e., $G^*f(x) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} g(y, x) f(y) \nu_0(dy)$, and let $\overline{G} = G + G^*$.

In this paper, we will need the following operators: For $f_1, f_2 \in L^2(d\nu_0)$, let $(\overline{G} \otimes \overline{G})(f_1 \otimes f_2)(x, y) = (\overline{G}f_1)(x)(\overline{G}f_2)(y)$, and denote the continuous

linear expansion of it on $L^2(d\nu_0) \otimes L^2(d\nu_0)$ as $\overline{G} \otimes \overline{G}$, too. Define $\overline{G}_x \equiv \overline{G} \otimes I$ and $\overline{G}_y \equiv I \otimes \overline{G}$ in the same way, where I means the identify operator on $L^2(d\nu_0)$. (So $\overline{G}_x \overline{G}_y = \overline{G} \otimes \overline{G}$.) G_x, G_x^*, G_y, G_y^* are defined similarly.

Let $\Gamma(f_1, f_2) \equiv \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f_1 \overline{G} f_2 d\nu_0$, $f_1, f_2 \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Then it is easy to see (c.f. Proposition 2.5 below) that $\Gamma(f, f) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla(Gf)(x)\|^2 \nu_0(dx) \geq 0$, so $\Gamma(f, f) = 0$ if and only if $f \equiv \text{constant}$. Let us define a equivalent relation \sim by $f \sim g \Leftrightarrow f - g \equiv \text{constant}$, and let $\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d) \equiv C(\mathbf{T}^d) / \sim$. Then Γ is a inner product on $\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Let $H \equiv \left(\overline{\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)}^\Gamma \right)^*$, where $\overline{\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)}^\Gamma$ means the completion of $\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with respect to Γ . Since $\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)^*$ is identified with $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$, H can be regarded as a dense subset of $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$, (see Proposition 2.6). H is a Hilbert space with norm $\|\overline{G}f d\nu_0\|_H^2 \equiv \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f \overline{G} f d\nu_0$.

Also, as has been shown in Bolthausen-Deuschel-Tamura [2], for any $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$,

$$(f, \overline{G}f)_{L^2(d\nu_0)} \geq D^2\Phi(\nu_0)(\overline{G}f d\nu_0, \overline{G}f d\nu_0),$$

which means that all of the eigenvalues of $D^2\Phi(\nu_0)\Big|_{H \times H}$ are less than or equal to 1. In addition, we assume the following

A 3. All of the eigenvalues of $D^2\Phi(\nu_0)\Big|_{H \times H}$ are smaller than 1.

A 4. For any $\delta > 0$, there exist a constant $\varepsilon > 0$ and a symmetric continuous function $K_\delta : \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, such that the function \widetilde{K}_δ given by $\widetilde{K}_\delta(R_1, R_2) \equiv \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} K_\delta(x, y) R_1(dx) R_2(dy)$, $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$, satisfies

$$\|\widetilde{K}_\delta\Big|_{H \times H}\|_{H.S.} \leq \delta,$$

and

$$D^3\Phi(R)(\nu - \nu_0, \nu - \nu_0, \nu - \nu_0) \leq \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} K_\delta(x, y) (\nu - \nu_0)(dx) (\nu - \nu_0)(dy)$$

for any $R \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with $\text{dist}(R, \nu_0) < \varepsilon$ and any $\nu \in \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with $\text{dist}(\nu, \nu_0) < \varepsilon$.

Our main result is the following

THEOREM 1.3. Under the assumptions above, for any $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} e^{-T\lambda} Z_T^{x,y} &= \frac{h(x)}{h(y)} \cdot \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0, \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(u,u)} \nu_0(du) \right\} \\ &\quad \times \det_2(I_H - D^2\Phi(\nu_0))^{-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

REMARK 1. The fact that $D^2\Phi(\nu_0)\Big|_{H\times H}$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt type function, which ensures that the factor $\det_2(I_H - D^2\Phi(\nu_0))$ above is well-defined, can be seen from the Proposition 2.8.

2. Preparations

In this section, we will show in the first half an extended Ito's formula for Gf , where f is a continuous function. Also, we will give the proofs of the several facts claimed in section 1.

In general, consider a operator L given by $L \equiv \frac{1}{2}\Delta + b \cdot \nabla$, where $b \in C(\mathbf{T}^d; \mathbf{R}^d)$. For each $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, let P_x^L denote the probability law of the diffusion process generated by L starting at x . Write the invariant measure of $\{P_x^L\}$ as μ_L . Let $\{P_t^L\}_{t \geq 0}$ denote the corresponding semigroup of linear operators in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Also, let G_L be the corresponding Green operator, *i.e.*, $G_L f \equiv \int_0^\infty (P_t^L f - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f d\mu_L) dt$, $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Let $\|\cdot\|_{op}$ denote the operator norm in $C(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Then we have the following

PROPOSITION 2.1. P_t^L is a compact operator on $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $t > 0$.

PROOF. Let $L_B \equiv \frac{1}{2}\Delta$ and let P_t^0 be the semigroup of linear operators on $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ corresponding to it. Then P_t^0 maps $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ to $C^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and $\|\nabla P_t^0\|_{op} \leq \frac{2\sqrt{d}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$ for any $t > 0$. So P_t^0 is a compact operator for any $t > 0$. Also,

$$P_t^L = P_t^0 + \int_0^t P_s^L b \cdot \nabla P_{t-s}^0 ds,$$

where $b \cdot \nabla P_s^0$ is compact for any $s > 0$, Thus, P_t^L is compact for any $t > 0$. \square

By Proposition 2.1, every number in the spectrum of P_t^L except 0 is a eigenvalue of it. Let $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ denote the Sobolev space, *i.e.*, $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d) = \{(1 - \Delta)^{-1}f; f \in L^p\}$. Then we have the following

LEMMA 2.2. G_L maps $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ into $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $p \in [1, \infty)$, and it is a bounded linear map. Also, for any $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with $\int f d\mu_L = 0$, $u \equiv -G_L f$ is a solution of the equation $Lu = f$ in the sense of generalized functions. Also, if $v \in W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$, $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v d\mu_L = 0$, and $Lv = f$ in L^p for some

$p > 1$, then $u = v$ in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Moreover, let $\{X_t\}$ be the diffusion process generated by L , and let $B_t = X_t - X_0 - \int_0^t b(X_s)ds$. Then $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is a Brownian motion, and

$$(2.1) \quad u(X_t) = u(X_0) + \int_0^t \nabla u(X_s)dB_s + \int_0^t f(X_s)ds.$$

PROOF. The fact that $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is a Brownian motion is trivial since by the definition of $\{X_t\}$, $g(X_t) - g(X_0) - \int_0^t (Lg)(X_s)ds$ is a \mathcal{F}_t -martingale for any $g \in C^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$.

Since $b \in C(\mathbf{T}^d; \mathbf{R}^d)$ and $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, we can find $b_n \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d; \mathbf{R}^d)$ and $f_n \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d)$, such that $b_n \rightarrow b \in C(\mathbf{T}^d; \mathbf{R}^d)$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$ in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and $\int f_n d\mu_L = 0$. Let $L_n \equiv \frac{1}{2}\Delta + b_n \cdot \nabla$, and write the invariant probability measure, the semigroup of linear operators on $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ and the Green operator corresponding to it as μ_n , P_t^n and G_n , respectively. Also, let $u_n \equiv -G_n f_n$. Then $u_n \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and $L_n u_n = f_n - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f_n d\mu_n$. Therefore, by Ito's formula,

$$(2.2) \quad u_n(X_t) = u_n(X_0) + \int_0^t \nabla u_n(X_s)dB_s + \int_0^t L u_n(X_s)ds.$$

By using Cameron-Martin-Maruyama-Girsanov formula, we get from the definition of P_t^n and P_t^L that $P_t^n \rightarrow P_t^L$ in the operator norm as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for any $t > 0$. Therefore, by Perron-Frobenius argument, it is not difficult that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and $\langle \cdot \rangle_{\mu_{L_n}} \rightarrow \langle \cdot \rangle_{\mu_L}$ as linear operators on $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We show that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$, too. We first show that u_n , $n \in \mathbf{N}$, is bounded in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. From the definition of u_n , $\Delta u_n = 2(f_n - b_n \cdot \nabla u_n)$. So, from the boundedness of b_n in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for $n \in \mathbf{N}$, there exists a constant $C_3 > 0$, such that

$$\|u_n\|_{W_p^2} \leq C_3 (\|f_n\|_{L_p} + \|u_n\|_{L_p} + \|\nabla u_n\|_{L_p}).$$

By Friedman [5, Theorem 1.8.1], for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a $C(\varepsilon) > 0$, such that

$$\|g\|_{W_p^1} \leq \varepsilon \|g\|_{W_p^2} + C(\varepsilon) \|g\|_{L_p}, \quad \text{for all } g \in W_p^2.$$

So we get

$$(2.3) \quad (1 - \varepsilon C_3) \|u_n\|_{W_p^2} \leq C_3 (1 + C(\varepsilon)) (\|f_n\|_{L_p} + \|u_n\|_{L_p}), \quad n \geq 1,$$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$. Take $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough such that $1 - \varepsilon C_3 > 0$, and we see that $\sup_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \|u_n\|_{W_p^2} < \infty$. Now, using the boundedness of u_n in W_p^2 , in the same way, we can show that u_n , $n \in \mathbf{N}$, is a Cauchy sequence in W_p^2 . Therefore, from the convergence on u_n to u in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ and the completeness of $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$, we see that $u \in W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $p > 1$, and $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Now, take $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.2), since $Lu_n = f_n - \int f_n d\mu_n + (b - b_n) \cdot \nabla u_n \rightarrow f$ in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get (2.1).

The linearity of $G_L : C(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ is trivial. Also, from (2.3), there exists a constant $C > 0$ independent to f , such that

$$(2.4) \quad \|u\|_{W_p^2} \leq C_5(\|f\|_{L^p} + \|u\|_{L^p}).$$

So the boundedness of $G_L : C(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ follows from that of $G_L : C(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow C(\mathbf{T}^d)$.

For the uniqueness of the solution of the equation $Lu = f$ in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ *s.t.* $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} u d\mu_L = 0$, let $v \in W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ satisfies $Lv = f$ and $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v d\mu_L = 0$, we show that $v = u (= -G_L f)$ in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Since $v \in W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$, there exist $v_n \in C^\infty(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v_n d\mu_L = 0$, such that $v_n \rightarrow v$ in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Let $g_n = Lv_n$, then $v_n = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} v_n d\mu_L - G_L g_n = -G_L g_n$. Therefore, from the completeness of W_p^2 , we only need to show that $G_L g_n \rightarrow G_L f$ in L^p . But $g_n \rightarrow f$ in L^p from the definition, so this is easy to see from the definition of G and the fact that $\sup_{x,y \in \mathbf{T}^d} \left| \frac{P_t^L(x,dy)}{\mu_L(dy)} \right| \rightarrow 0$ exponentially as $t \rightarrow \infty$. \square

Now, let us come back to our situation described in section 1, *i.e.*, let L be the infinitesimal generator corresponding to $\{Q_x\}$. Let $L^{*\nu_0}$ denote the adjoint operator of L in $L^2(d\nu_0)$. $L^{*\nu_0}$ is the infinitesimal generator of the diffusion process $\{X_{T-t}(\omega)\}_{0 \leq t \leq T}$ under $Q_{\nu_0}(d\omega)$ for any $T > 0$. Note that the G^* defined in section 1 is nothing but the Green operator with respect to $L^{*\nu_0}$. We have the following

PROPOSITION 2.3. $h \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and $L = L_0 + \frac{\nabla h}{h} \cdot \nabla$. Also, $\ell \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and $L^{*\nu_0} = L_0^{*\mu} + \frac{\nabla \ell}{\ell} \cdot \nabla$.

PROOF. As the proof is the same, we only give the proof of the first assertion. By the definition of h , $h = h^{\phi^{\nu_0}}$, (and $\Lambda(\phi^{\nu_0}) = \lambda$), for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$,

$$E^{P_x} \left[\exp \left(\int_0^t \phi^{\nu_0}(X_s) ds \right) h(X_t) \right] = e^{\lambda t} h(x).$$

So we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t}(P_t h - h) = \lambda h - \phi^{\nu_0}(x)h$ in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Acting G_0 on the both side, since $G_0(P_t h - h) = t \int h d\mu - \int_0^t P_s h ds$, from the continuity of G_0 we get that

$$h - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} h d\mu = G_0(\phi^{\nu_0} h - \lambda h).$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.2 applied to L_0 , $h \in W_p^2$ for any $p > 1$, which implies $h \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and

$$h(X_t) = h(X_0) + \int_0^t \nabla h(X_s) dB_s + \int_0^t (\lambda h - \phi^{\nu_0} h)(X_s) ds.$$

Therefore, by Ito's formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \log h(X_t) &= \log h(X_0) + \int_0^t \frac{\nabla h}{h}(X_s) dB_s \\ &\quad + \lambda t - \int_0^t \phi^{\nu_0}(X_s) ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left| \frac{\nabla h}{h}(X_s) \right|^2 ds, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{h(X_t)}{h(X_0)} \exp\left(\int_0^t \phi^{\nu_0}(X_s) ds\right) \\ = \exp\left(\int_0^t \frac{\nabla h}{h}(X_s) dB_s - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left| \frac{\nabla h}{h}(X_s) \right|^2 ds\right). \end{aligned}$$

The left hand side above is nothing but $\frac{dQ_{X_0}}{dP_{X_0}}(\omega) \Big|_{\mathcal{F}_t}$. This gives our assertion. \square

From Lemma 2.2 and Proposition 2.3, we have the following

COROLLARY 2.4. *G maps $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ into $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $p > 1$, and it is a bounded linear map. Also, for any $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, $u \equiv -Gf$ is the unique solution of the equation $Lu = f$ in the sense of generalized functions. Moreover, let $\{X_t\}$ be the diffusion process generated by L , and let $B_t \equiv X_t - X_0 - \int_0^t (b_0 + \frac{\nabla h}{h})(X_s) ds$, $t \geq 0$, then $\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is a Brownian motion, and*

$$(2.5) \quad u(X_t) = u(X_0) + \int_0^t \nabla u(X_s) dB_s + \int_0^t f(X_s) ds, \quad a.s.$$

PROPOSITION 2.5. *For any $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$,*

$$\Gamma(f, f) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla(Gf)\|^2 d\nu_0 = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla(G^*f)\|^2 d\nu_0.$$

PROOF. We only give the proof of the first equality. The second is the same.

First, since ν_0 is $\{Q_t\}$ invariant, and L is the infinitesimal generator of it, we have that $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} Lg d\nu_0 = 0$ for any $g \in C^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Also, by Proposition 2.3, for any $g \in C^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$,

$$gLg = \frac{1}{2}L(g^2) - \frac{1}{2}\|\nabla g\|^2,$$

so

$$-2 \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} Lg \cdot g d\nu_0 = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla g\|^2 d\nu_0$$

for any $g \in C^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$. So the same is true for any $g \in \cap_{p>1} W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ (actually, with some $p > 1$ large enough, for any $g \in W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$).

Now, for any $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, let $g \equiv Gf$. Then by Corollary 2.4, $g \in W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $p > 1$. Also, $f = -Lg + a$ as generalized functions, where $a = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f d\nu_0$, and $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} g d\nu_0 = 0$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f \overline{G}f d\nu_0 &= 2 \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f Gf d\nu_0 \\ &= -2 \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} Lg \cdot g d\nu_0 + 2a \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} g d\nu_0 \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla g\|^2 d\nu_0 = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla Gf\|^2 d\nu_0. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 2.6. *H can be regarded as a subset of $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$, which is dense in $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with respect to the weak*-topology.*

PROOF. The fact that $H \subset \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$ is trivial since $H = \overline{(\tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)^\Gamma)^*}$ and $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d) = \tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)^*$. So to finish the proof, we only need to show that $\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d) \subset \overline{H}^{weak^*}$. If not, there will exist a $\nu \in \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$ satisfying $\nu \notin \overline{H}^{weak^*}$. For the sake of simplicity, we denote the equivalent class which contains f by f , too. So there exists a function $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, such that

$(f, \nu) = 1$, and $(f, h) = 0$ for any $h \in H$. So $f = 0 \in H^*$, which means $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f \overline{G} f d\nu_0 = 0$. Therefore $f \equiv \text{constant}$, and so $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} f d\nu = 0$, which makes a contradiction. \square

PROPOSITION 2.7. *For any symmetric continuous function $V : \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, let $U_1(x, y) \equiv -G_x V(x, y)$, and let $U \equiv -G_y^* U_1$, then $U \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$, $\nabla_x U(x, y)$ is continuously differentiable with respect to y , and $\nabla_y \nabla_x U(x, y) \in C(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$. Also,*

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \overline{G}_x \overline{G}_y V(x, y) \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy) \\ &= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y U(x, y)\|^2 \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. From the compactness of \mathbf{T}^d and the continuity of V , V is uniformly continuous, and the map $\mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, $y \mapsto V(\cdot, y)$, is continuous.

$U_1(x, y) = -G_x V(x, y)$, so by Corollary 2.4, $U_1(\cdot, y) \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $y \in \mathbf{T}^d$, and $y \mapsto \nabla_x U_1(\cdot, y) \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ is continuous.

Now, from the definition of G^* , we see that G^* is continuous in $C(\mathbf{T}^d)$. So $\nabla_x U(x, y) = -\nabla_x (G_y^* U_1(x, y)) = -G_y^* (\nabla_x U_1(x, y))$. Therefore, $\nabla_x U(x, \cdot) \in C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, and the function $x \mapsto \nabla_y \nabla_x U(x, \cdot) \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ is continuous. *i.e.*, $\nabla_y \nabla_x U(x, y) \in C(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$.

We show (2.6) now. First, if V can be expressed as $V(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^n \varphi_k(x) \psi_k(y)$ for some $n \in \mathbf{N}$ and some $\varphi_k, \psi_k \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, then (2.6) is obvious by Proposition 2.5. For general V , by Weierstrass-Stone Theorem, there exist V_n , such that V_n has the expression above, and $V_n \rightarrow V$ in $C(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$. From the boundedness of $\overline{G}_x \overline{G}_y$ in $C(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$, the left hand side of (2.6) for V_n converges to that for V . For the right hand side, we have from Sobolev's inequality and (2.4) that for any $f \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$, $u = -Gf$ is in $C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and for $p > 1$ large enough, we have

$$\|\nabla u\|_\infty \leq C_6 \|\nabla u\|_{W_p^1} \leq C_7 \|u\|_{W_p^2} \leq C_8 (\|f\|_{L^p} + \|u\|_{L^p}) \leq C_9 \|f\|_\infty$$

for some proper constants C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9 . So the right hand converges, too. Therefore, (2.6) is true for general V . \square

PROPOSITION 2.8. *Given any continuous symmetric function $V : \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, define a bilinear and continuous function $A_V : \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d) \times$*

$\mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by $A_V(R_1, R_2) \equiv \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) R_1(dx) R_2(dy)$. Then $A_V|_{H \times H}$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt type function.

PROOF. Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a complete orthonormal base of H^* with $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)$. Then by Proposition 2.5 and Proposition 2.7,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A_V\|_{H.S.}^2 &= \sum_{n,m=1}^\infty A_V(\overline{G}f_n d\nu_0, \overline{G}f_m d\nu_0)^2 \\
&= \sum_{m=1}^\infty \sum_{n=1}^\infty \left(\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \overline{G}f_n(x) \overline{G}f_m(y) \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy) \right)^2 \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^d \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \sum_{m=1}^\infty \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} G_x V(x, \cdot), f_m \right)_{H^*}^2 \nu_0(dx) \\
&= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y G_x G_y V(x, y)\|^2 \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy) \\
&= \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \overline{G}_x \overline{G}_y V(x, y) \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy) \\
&< \infty,
\end{aligned}$$

since V and $\overline{G}_x \overline{G}_y V$ are bounded. \square

3. Lemmas

The following lemma is easy to see, from the definition of multiple integral.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let $\{W_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ be a Brownian motion. Then for any $T > 0$, and any symmetric function $h(\cdot, \cdot) : [0, T] \times [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ that satisfies*

$$\int_0^T \int_0^T h(t_1, t_2)^2 dt_1 dt_2 < \frac{1}{4},$$

we have

$$E^W \left[\exp \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T h(t_1, t_2) dW_{t_1} dW_{t_2} \right) \right] \leq \exp \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T h(t_1, t_2)^2 dt_1 dt_2 \right).$$

PROOF. Let A be the symmetric operator on $L^2[0, T]$ given by $A : L^2[0, T] \rightarrow L^2[0, T]$,

$$Af(t) = \int_0^T h(t, s)f(s)ds.$$

A is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. Therefore, it has discrete spectrum (except 0). So all of its spectrums except 0 are its eigenvalues. Write them as $\{\lambda_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$. By the assumption,

$$\sum_{k=1}^\infty \lambda_k^2 = \|A\|_{H.S.}^2 = \int_0^T \int_0^T h(s, t)^2 dsdt < \frac{1}{4},$$

so $|\lambda_k| < 1/2$ for any $k \in \mathbf{N}$. Write the corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors as e_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots$, so $h(s, t) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \lambda_k e_k(s)e_k(t)$ in $L^2([0, T] \times [0, T])$. $\int_0^T e_k(s)dW_s$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, are *i. i. d.* normal distributed random variables. Note that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2x}}e^{-x} \leq e^{x^2}$ for any $x < 1/2$, so we get

$$\begin{aligned} & E^W \left[\exp \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T h(t_1, t_2)dW_{t_1}dW_{t_2} \right) \right] \\ &= E^W \left[\exp \left(\sum_{k=1}^\infty \lambda_k \left[\left(\int_0^T e_k(s)dW_s \right)^2 - 1 \right] \right) \right] \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2\lambda_i}} e^{-\lambda_i} \leq \exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i^2 \right) \\ &= \exp \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T h(t_1, t_2)^2 dt_1 dt_2 \right). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 3.2. For any probability measure ν on $(\Omega, \{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0})$, any continuous ν -local-martingale (M_t) with $M_0 = 0$, any pair of dual numbers $p_1, q_1 > 1$, *i. e.*, $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{q_1} = 1$, any $T > 0$, and any $A \in \mathcal{F}_T$,

$$E^\nu \left[e^{M_T}, A \right] \leq E^\nu \left[\exp \left(\frac{p_1 q_1}{2} \langle M \rangle_T \right), A \right]^{1/q_1}.$$

PROOF. Since (M_t) is a continuous ν -local-martingale, $(p_1 M_t)$ is a continuous ν -local-martingale, too, so $\exp(p_1 M_t - \frac{p_1^2}{2} \langle M \rangle_t)$ is also a continuous

ν -local-martingale, and so a ν -super-martingale. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} E^\nu \left[e^{M_T}, A \right] &\leq E^\nu \left[\exp(p_1 \cdot (M_T - \frac{p_1}{2} \langle M \rangle_T)) \right]^{1/p_1} \\ &\quad \times E^\nu \left[\exp(q_1 \cdot (\frac{p_1}{2} \langle M \rangle_T)), A \right]^{1/q_1} \\ &\leq E^\nu \left[\exp(\frac{p_1 q_1}{2} \langle M \rangle_T), A \right]^{1/q_1}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Now, we are ready to proof the following:

LEMMA 3.3. *Let $V : \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a symmetric, continuous function that satisfies the following:*

1. $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \nu_0(dy) = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$,
2. $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \overline{G}_x \overline{G}_y V(x, y) \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy) < \frac{1}{128}$.

Then there exists a constant $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, such that for any $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$, and any $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{T > 0} E^{Q_x} \left[\exp\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_t, X_s) ds dt\right), \right. \\ \left. \text{dist}\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \nu_0\right) < \varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. First, we have that for any $T > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_s, X_t) ds dt - \frac{1}{T} \int_1^{T-1} \int_1^{T-1} V(X_s, X_t) ds dt \right| \\ &\leq \frac{4T-4}{T} \|V\|_\infty \leq 4 \|V\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Let $C_{10} = \sup_{x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d} \{q(1, x, y), q^*(1, x, y)\} < \infty$, where $q^*(1, x, y) \equiv \frac{Q_1^*(x, dy)}{\nu_0(dy)} \in C(\mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d)$ and $q^*(1, x, y) > 0$. Then for any $A \in \mathcal{F}_T$,

$$E^{Q_x} \left[\exp\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_t, X_s) ds dt\right), A \mid X_T = y \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[q(1, x, X_1) q^*(1, y, X_{T-1}) \right. \\
&\quad \left. \cdot \exp\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_1^{T-1} \int_1^{T-1} V(X_t, X_s) ds dt + 4\|V\|_\infty\right), A \right] \\
&\leq C_{10}^2 e^{8\|V\|_\infty} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_t, X_s) ds dt\right), A \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is sufficient to prove that

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_t, X_s) ds dt\right), \text{dist}\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \nu_0\right) < \varepsilon \right] < \infty.$$

Since ν_0 is the invariant measure of (Q_x) as mentioned before, $(X_{T-t})_{t=0}^T$ under (Q_{ν_0}) is still a diffusion process for any $T > 0$, with the infinitesimal generator $L^{*\nu_0} = L_0^{*\mu} + \frac{\nabla \ell}{\ell} \cdot \nabla$. Let $U_1(x, y) \equiv -(G_x V)(x, y)$ and $U(x, y) \equiv -(G_y^* U_1)(x, y)$ as in Proposition 2.7. By condition, $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \nu_0(dy) = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, so

$$L_x L_y^{*\nu_0} U(x, y) = L_y^{*\nu_0} L_x U(x, y) = V(x, y), \quad \text{for any } x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$$

in the sense of generalized functions. From the condition (2) and Proposition 2.7, we have that $\nabla_x \nabla_y U$ exists, is continuous, and

$$\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y U(x, y)\|^2 \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy) < \frac{1}{128}.$$

Let $\rho_T \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt$ and $A_\varepsilon \equiv \{\text{dist}(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \nu_0) < \varepsilon\}$. Then from the boundedness of $\|\nabla_x \nabla_y U(x, y)\|^2$, there exists a constant $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, such that for any $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$,

$$\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y U(x, y)\|^2 \rho_T(dx) \rho_T(dy) < \frac{1}{128} \quad \text{on } A_\varepsilon.$$

From the definition of U_1 and Corollary 2.4,

$$U_1(X_T, X_t) = U_1(X_t, X_t) + \int_t^T \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dB_s + \int_t^T V(X_s, X_t) ds,$$

where $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is the Brownian motion defined in Corollary 2.4. Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_s, X_t) ds dt = \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T \int_t^T V(X_s, X_t) ds dt$$

$$= \frac{2}{T} \left(\int_0^T (U_1(X_T, X_t) - U_1(X_t, X_t)) dt \right) \\ - \frac{2}{T} \int_0^T dt \left(\int_t^T \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dB_s \right).$$

Here, $\|U_1\|_\infty < \infty$ from the continuity of U_1 and the compactness of \mathbf{T}^d , and the second term is equal to $-\frac{2}{T} \int_0^T (\int_0^s \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dt) dB_s$ by stochastic Fubini's theorem (*c.f.* Ikeda-Watanabe [6, Lemma 3.4.1]), hence a continuous Q_{ν_0} -martingale. So by Lemma 3.2 (with $p_1 = 2$ and $\nu = Q_{\nu_0}$),

$$E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_t, X_s) ds dt\right), A_\varepsilon \right] \\ \leq \exp(4\|U_1\|_\infty) \cdot E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{2}{T} \int_0^T dB_s \left(\int_0^s \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dt\right)\right), A_\varepsilon \right] \\ \leq \exp(4\|U_1\|_\infty) \cdot E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp\left(2 \int_0^T \left|\frac{2}{T} \int_0^s \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dt\right|^2 ds\right), A_\varepsilon \right]^{1/2}.$$

So, the problem now turns to show that

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp\left(\frac{8}{T^2} \int_0^T ds \left|\int_0^s \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dt\right|^2\right), A_\varepsilon \right] < \infty$$

for some $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $(X_{T-t})_{t=0}^T$ under Q_{ν_0} is a diffusion process for any $T > 0$, we have by Lemma 2.2 and the definition of U that $\hat{B}_t^T \equiv X_{T-t} - X_T - \int_0^t (b_0^* + \frac{\nabla \ell}{\ell}(X_{T-s})) ds$, $t \in [0, T]$, is a Brownian motion, and for any $s' \in (0, T)$,

$$\nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_0) = \nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-s'}) + \int_{s'}^T \nabla_y \nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-t'}) d\hat{B}_{t'}^T \\ + \int_{s'}^T \nabla_x U_1(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-t'}) dt'.$$

So we have

$$\frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T ds \left|\int_0^s \nabla_x U_1(X_s, X_t) dt\right|^2 \\ = \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T ds' \left|\int_{s'}^T \nabla_x U_1(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-t'}) dt'\right|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{2}{T^2} \int_0^T |\nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_0) - \nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-s'})|^2 ds' \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{T^2} \int_0^T \left| \int_{s'}^T \nabla_y \nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-t'}) d\hat{B}_{t'}^T \right|^2 ds'. \end{aligned}$$

Here the first term is bounded by the compactness of \mathbf{T}^d and the continuity of $\nabla_x U$. So it is sufficient to show that for some $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough,

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{16}{T^2} \int_0^T \left| \int_{s'}^T \nabla_y \nabla_x U(X_{T-s'}, X_{T-t'}) d\hat{B}_{t'}^T \right|^2 ds' \right), A_\varepsilon \right] < \infty.$$

Let W_t be another d -dimension Brownian motion which is independent to $\{X_t\}_{t \in [0, \infty)}$. Write $g(t, s) \equiv \nabla_y \nabla_x U(X_{T-t}, X_{T-s})$, then by Lemma 3.2,

$$\begin{aligned} &E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{16}{T^2} \int_0^T \left| \int_t^T \nabla_y \nabla_x U(X_{T-t}, X_{T-s}) d\hat{B}_s^T \right|^2 dt \right), A_\varepsilon \right] \\ &= E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[E^W \left[\exp \left(\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{T} \int_0^T \left(\int_t^T g(t, s) d\hat{B}_s^T \right) dW_t \right) \right], A_\varepsilon \right] \\ &= E^W \left[E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{T} \int_0^T \left(\int_0^s g(t, s) dW_t \right) d\hat{B}_s^T \right) \right], A_\varepsilon \right] \\ &\leq E^W \left[E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{64}{T^2} \int_0^T \left| \int_0^s g(t, s) dW_t \right|^2 ds \right) \right], A_\varepsilon \right]^{1/2} \\ &= E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[E^W \left[\exp \left(\frac{64}{T^2} \int_0^T \left| \int_0^s g(t, s) dW_t \right|^2 ds \right) \right], A_\varepsilon \right]^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \left| \int_0^s g(t, s) dW_t \right|^2 ds \\ &= \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T \left(\int_{t_1 \vee t_2}^T g(t_1, s) \otimes g(t_2, s) ds \right) dW_{t_1} dW_{t_2} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T \left(\int_t^T |g(t, s)|^2 ds \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

The second term is bounded from the compactness of \mathbf{T}^d and Proposition 2.7. So we only need to show that

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[E^W \left[\exp \left(\frac{64}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T \right) \right] \right]$$

$$\left(\int_{t_1 \vee t_2}^T g(t_1, s) \otimes g(t_2, s) ds dW_{t_1} dW_{t_2} \right), A_\varepsilon \Big] < \infty.$$

On the other hand, as shown before, $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y U(x, y)\|^2 \rho_T(dx) \rho_T(dy) < \frac{1}{128}$ on A_ε , so

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad & \frac{64^2}{T^4} \int_0^T \int_0^T dt_1 dt_2 \left\| \int_{t_1 \vee t_2}^T g(t_1, s) \otimes g(t_2, s) ds \right\|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{64^2}{T^4} \int_0^T dt_1 \int_0^T dt_2 \left(\int_{t_1}^T \|g(t_1, s)\|^2 ds \right) \left(\int_{t_2}^T \|g(t_2, s)\|^2 ds \right) \\ & = (64)^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{T^2} \int_0^T dt \left(\int_t^T \|g(t, s)\|^2 ds \right) \right\}^2 \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{64}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T \|g(t, s)\|^2 dt ds \right\}^2 \\ & = \left\{ 64 \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla_x \nabla_y U(x, y)\|^2 \rho_T(dx) \rho_T(dy) \right\}^2 \\ & < 64^2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{128} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{on } A_\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

So from Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[E^W \left[\exp \left(\frac{64}{T^2} \int_0^T \int_0^T \left(\int_{t_1 \vee t_2}^T g(t_1, s) \otimes g(t_2, s) ds \right) \right. \right. \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \left. \left. \times dW_{t_1} dW_{t_2} \right) \right], A_\varepsilon \right] \\ & \leq E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{64^2}{T^4} \int_0^T \int_0^T dt_1 dt_2 \right. \right. \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \left. \times \left| \int_{t_1 \vee t_2}^T g(t_1, s) \otimes g(t_2, s) ds \right|^2 \right), A_\varepsilon \right] < e^{\frac{1}{4}}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

LEMMA 3.4. *For any $e \in C(\mathbf{T}^d)$ with $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} e(y) \nu_0(dy) = 0$ and $\|e\|_{H^*} = 1$, and any $a < 1$, there exists a constant $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, such that for any $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$,*

$$\sup_{T > 0} E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(\frac{a}{2T} \left(\int_0^T e(X_t) dt \right)^2 \right), A_\varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] < \infty,$$

where $A_\varepsilon = \{\text{dist}(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \nu_0) < \varepsilon\}$ as in Lemma 3.3.

PROOF. As in the proof of Lemma 3.3, we only need to show the assertion without the condition that $X_0 = x$ and $X_T = y$, *i.e.*, it is sufficient if we prove

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{a}{2T} \left(\int_0^T e(X_t) dt \right)^2 \right), A_\varepsilon \right] < \infty.$$

Also, as there, since $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} e(x) \nu_0(dx) = 0$, by Corollary 2.4, the function u defined by $u \equiv -Ge$ is in $W_p^2(\mathbf{T}^d)$ for any $p > 1$, hence in $C^1(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and

$$u(X_T) - u(X_0) = \int_0^T \nabla u(X_t) dB_t + \int_0^T e(X_t) dt.$$

So from the boundedness of u , it is sufficient if

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_{\nu_0}} \left[\exp \left(\frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \left(\int_0^T \nabla u(X_t) dB_t \right)^2 \right), A_\varepsilon \right] < \infty$$

for $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough. Choose and fix a constant $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{a} - 1)$ first. Since

$$\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla u(x)\|^2 \nu_0(dx) = \|e\|_{H^*}^2 = 1,$$

and $\|\nabla u(x)\|^2$ is bounded on \mathbf{T}^d , there exists an $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, such that for any $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$, $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla u(x)\|^2 \rho_T(dx) \leq 1 + \delta$ on A_ε . So, by Ikeda-Watanabe [6, Theorem II.7.2], there exists a standard Brownian motion \tilde{B} , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^T \nabla u(X_t) dB_t \right)^2 &= \left(\tilde{B} \left(\int_0^\cdot \nabla u(X_t) dB_t, \int_0^\cdot \nabla u(X_t) dB_t \Big|_T \right) \right)^2 \\ &= \tilde{B} \left(\int_0^T \|\nabla u(X_t)\|^2 dt \right)^2 \\ &= \tilde{B} \left(T \cdot \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \|\nabla u(x)\|^2 \rho_T(dx) \right)^2 \\ &\leq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq (1+\delta)T} |\tilde{B}(t)|^2 \quad \text{on } A_\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

By the reflection principle, for any $T_0 > 0$ and any x ,

$$P \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T_0} |\tilde{B}(t)| \geq x \right) \leq 2P \left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T_0} \tilde{B}(t) \geq x \right) = 2P(|\tilde{B}(T_0)| \geq x).$$

Therefore, since $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{a} - 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{T>0} E^{Q\nu_0} \left[\exp\left(\frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \left(\int_0^T \nabla u(X_t) dB_t\right)^2\right), A_\varepsilon \right] \\
& \leq \sup_{T>0} E \left[\exp\left(\frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq (1+\delta)T} |\tilde{B}(t)|^2\right) \right] \\
& = \sup_{T>0} \int_0^\infty P\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq (1+\delta)T} |\tilde{B}(t)| \geq x\right) d(e^{\frac{a}{2T}x^2}) + 1 \\
& \leq 2 \sup_{T>0} E \left[\exp\left(\frac{a}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{T} |\tilde{B}((1+\delta)T)|^2\right) \right] - 1 \\
& = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 - a(1+\delta)}} - 1 < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

Using the two lemmas above, we get the following:

LEMMA 3.5. *For any continuous symmetric function $V : \mathbf{T}^d \times \mathbf{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, which satisfies $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) \nu_0(dy) = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, define a symmetric, bilinear, and continuous function $A_V : \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d) \times \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by $A_V(R_1, R_2) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} V(x, y) R_1(dx) R_2(dy)$. Suppose that all of the eigenvalues of $A_V|_{H \times H}$ are smaller than 1. Then there exists a constant $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, such that for any $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{T>0} E^{Qx} \left[\exp\left(\frac{1}{2T} \int_0^T \int_0^T V(X_t, X_s) dt ds\right), \right. \\
& \left. \text{dist}\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \nu_0\right) < \varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

PROOF. By Proposition 2.8, $A_V|_{H \times H}$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt type function. Combining this with the condition, we see that the maximum of its eigenvalues, say a_0 , is also smaller than 1. Choose and fix a $p > 1$ such that $a_0 p < 1$.

Write the eigenvalues of $A_V|_{H \times H}$ as $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ with $|a_1| \geq |a_2| \geq |a_3| \geq \dots$, and the corresponding eigenvectors as $\{\overline{G}e_m d\nu_0\}_{m=1}^\infty$ with $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} e_m(x) \overline{G}e_n(x) \nu_0(dx) = \delta_{mn}$. Then $A_V(\overline{G}e_m d\nu_0, R) = a_m \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} e_m(x) R(dx)$

for any $R \in \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$. So for any $m \in \mathbf{N}$ with $a_m \neq 0$, from the continuity of $V(x, y)$, we can assume that $e_m \in \tilde{C}(\mathbf{T}^d)$.

Let q be the dual number of $p > 1$, that is, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Since $A_V|_{H \times H}$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt function as claimed, there exists a $N \in \mathbf{N}$ large enough such that $\sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} q^2 a_i^2 < \frac{1}{128}$. Apply lemma 3.3 to

$$V_1(x, y) := q \left(V(x, y) - \sum_{i=1}^N a_i e_i(x) \cdot e_i(y) \right), \quad x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d,$$

and use Hölder's inequality, so it is sufficient if

$$\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p}{2T} \int_0^T \int_0^T a_i e_i(X_t) e_i(X_s) ds dt \right), A_\varepsilon | X_T = y \right] < \infty$$

for $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough, where A_ε is as before.

Obviously, we can assume that $a_1, \dots, a_N \geq 0$, as if not, we can just omit the term corresponding to it. As in Kusuoka-Tamura [9], in general, we have that for any $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, there exists an integer $m > 0$ and $\xi_i = (\xi_i^1, \dots, \xi_i^N) \in \mathbf{R}^N$, $i = 1, \dots, m$, such that $\|\xi_i\|_{\mathbf{R}^N} = 1$, $i = 1, \dots, m$, and

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^m \left\{ x \in \mathbf{R}^N : (x, \xi_i) \leq \frac{1}{(1 + \varepsilon_1)^{1/2}} \right\} \subset \{x \in \mathbf{R}^N : \|x\| < 1\},$$

so

$$\|x\|^2 \leq (1 + \varepsilon_1) \max_{i=1, \dots, m} (x, \xi_i)^2, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}^N.$$

Replace ε_1 by $1 - pa_0$ in the above. Let $\tilde{e}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \xi_i^j e_j$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. Then $(\overline{G\tilde{e}_i}, \tilde{e}_i)_{L^2(d\nu_0)} = 1$, $\int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \tilde{e}_i(x) \nu_0(dx) = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, m$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\int_0^T e_j(X_t) dt \right)^2 &\leq (1 + \varepsilon_1) \max_{i=1, \dots, m} \sum_{j=1}^N \left(\int_0^T e_j(X_t) dt \cdot \xi_i^j \right)^2 \\ &= (1 + \varepsilon_1) \max_{i=1, \dots, m} \left(\int_0^T \tilde{e}_i(X_t) dt \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{T>0} E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{p}{2T} \int_0^T \int_0^T a_i e_i(X_t) e_i(X_s) ds dt \right), A_\varepsilon | X_T = y \right] \\ &\leq \sup_{T>0} \sum_{i=1}^m E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(\frac{1 - \varepsilon_1^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{T} \left(\int_0^T \tilde{e}_i(X_t) dt \right)^2 \right), A_\varepsilon | X_T = y \right], \end{aligned}$$

which is finite for $\varepsilon > 0$ small enough by Lemma 3.4.

This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

4. Proof of the Theorem

In this section, we will give the proof of the main theorem. Let

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Phi}(\nu) &\equiv \Phi(\nu) - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \phi^{\nu_0}(y)\nu(dy), \\ &= \Phi(\nu) - \Phi(\nu_0) - D\Phi(\nu_0)(\nu - \nu_0), \quad \nu \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{T}^d).\end{aligned}$$

Also, let $A_\varepsilon = \{\text{dist}(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \nu_0) < \varepsilon\}$ as before. Since for any $A \in \mathcal{F}_T$,

$$\begin{aligned}&e^{-\lambda T} E^{P_x} \left[\exp \left(T\Phi \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \right), A \mid X_T = y \right] \\ &= \frac{h(x)}{h(y)} E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(T\tilde{\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \right), A \mid X_T = y \right],\end{aligned}$$

the theorem will be shown if we can show the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 4.1.

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(T\tilde{\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \right), A_\varepsilon^C \mid X_T = y \right] < 0$$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

LEMMA 4.2.

$$\begin{aligned}&\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(T\tilde{\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \right), A_\varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0, \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(u,u)} \nu_0(du) \right\} \times \det_2(I_H - D^2\Phi(\nu_0))^{-1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

We prove Lemma 4.1 in the first. By Donsker-Varadhan [4], we have the following

PROPOSITION 4.3.

(1) For any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and any closed set $C \subset \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P_x \left[\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \delta_{X_s} ds \in C \right] \leq -\inf\{I(\nu); \nu \in C\},$$

(2) for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and any open set $G \subset \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \log P_x \left[\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \delta_{X_s} ds \in G \right] \geq -\inf\{I(\nu); \nu \in G\}.$$

From this, we get the following

LEMMA 4.4.

1. For any $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and any closed set $C \subset \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$,

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log P_x \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_s} ds \in C \mid X_T = y \right] \leq -\inf\{I(\nu); \nu \in C\}.$$

2. For any $x, y \in \mathbf{T}^d$ and any open set $G \subset \wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$,

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log P_x \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_s} ds \in G \mid X_T = y \right] \geq -\inf\{I(\nu); \nu \in G\}.$$

PROOF. We only give the proof of the first assertion, the second one can be proved in the same way.

First, for any path $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$, $\|\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \frac{1}{T-1} \int_0^{T-1} \delta_{X_t} dt\| \leq \frac{2}{T}$, therefore, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a $t_\varepsilon > 0$, such that for any $T > t_\varepsilon$ and any path $\{X_t\}_t$, $\text{dist}(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt, \frac{1}{T-1} \int_0^{T-1} \delta_{X_t} dt) \leq \varepsilon$. Now, let C_ε be the ε -neighborhood of C in $\wp(\mathbf{T}^d)$, and let C_{10} be the constant defined in the proof of Lemma 3.3, *i.e.*, $q^*(1, x_1, x_2) \leq C_{10}$ for any $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{T}^d$, then for any $T > t_\varepsilon$,

$$P_x \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \in C \mid X_T = y \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq P_x \left[\frac{1}{T-1} \int_0^{T-1} \delta_{X_t} dt \in C_\varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] \\
&= E^{P_x} \left[1_{\left\{ \frac{1}{T-1} \int_0^{T-1} \delta_{X_t} dt \in C_\varepsilon \right\}} q^*(1, y, X_{T-1}) \right] \\
&\leq C_{10} P_x \left[\frac{1}{T-1} \int_0^{T-1} \delta_{X_t} dt \in C_\varepsilon \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log P_x \left[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \in C \mid X_T = y \right] \\
&\leq \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log P_x \left[\frac{1}{T-1} \int_0^{T-1} \delta_{X_t} dt \in C_\varepsilon \right] \\
&\leq -\inf\{I(\nu); \nu \in C_\varepsilon\}
\end{aligned}$$

for any $\varepsilon > 0$. The right hand side above converges to $-\inf\{I(\nu); \nu \in C\}$ as ε goes to 0. \square

Lemma 4.1 can now be seen by the same method as used for the not pinned one.

For Lemma 4.2, we follow the way as used in Kusuoka-Tamura [9] and Kusuoka-Liang [8].

LEMMA 4.5. *There exist constants $p > 1$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, such that*

$$\sup_{T > 0} E^{Q_x} \left[e^{pT\tilde{\Phi}\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt\right)}, A_\varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] < \infty.$$

PROOF. The proof is similar with the one in Kusuoka-Liang [8]. Let $R(\nu_0, \cdot)$ be the 3rd remainder of the Taylor expansion around ν_0 , *i.e.*, $R(\nu_0, \nu - \nu_0) = \tilde{\Phi}(\nu) - D^2\tilde{\Phi}(\nu_0)(\nu - \nu_0, \nu - \nu_0)$. Then for any $p > 1$ and any $r, s > 1$ with $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$, by Hölder's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
&E^{Q_x} \left[e^{pT\tilde{\Phi}\left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt\right)}, A_\varepsilon \mid X_T = y \right] \\
&= E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left\{ p \cdot \frac{T}{2} D^2\tilde{\Phi}(\nu_0) \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0 \right) \right. \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + p \cdot TR(\nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0) \Big\}, A_\varepsilon | X_T = y \Big] \\
(4.1) \quad & \leq E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left\{ p \cdot \frac{T}{2} \cdot r D^2 \Phi(\nu_0) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \times \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0 \right) \right\}, A_\varepsilon | X_T = y \right]^{1/r} \\
(4.2) \quad & \times E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left\{ p \cdot T \cdot s R(\nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0) \right\}, A_\varepsilon | X_T = y \right]^{1/s}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, for any function $U(\cdot, \cdot)$, define

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{U}(x, y) \quad & \equiv U(x, y) - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} U(x, y) \nu_0(dx) - \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} U(x, y) \nu_0(dy) \\
& + \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} U(x, y) \nu_0(dx) \nu_0(dy),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{U}(R_1, R_2) = \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} U(x, y) R_1(dx) R_2(dy),$$

then $\int \bar{U}(x, y) \nu_0(dx) = 0$ for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, and $\tilde{\bar{U}}(R_1, R_2) = \tilde{U}(R_1, R_2)$ for any $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{M}_0(\mathbf{T}^d)$.

Since the maximum a_0 of the eigenvalues of $D^2 \Phi(\nu_0) \Big|_{H \times H}$ is smaller than 1 by the assumption 4, we can find a $p > 1$ such that $a_0 \cdot p < 1$. For this p , there exists a $r > 1$ such that $a_0 \cdot p \cdot r < 1$. So since

$$\begin{aligned}
& T \cdot D^2 \Phi(\nu_0) \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dy - \nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dy - \nu_0 \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T \overline{\Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0, \cdot, \cdot)} \Big|_{(X_t, X_s)} dt ds,
\end{aligned}$$

we get by Lemma 3.5 that (4.1) is bounded for $T > 0$ if $\varepsilon > 0$ is small enough.

For (4.2), let s be the dual number of $r > 1$, choose a $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{2ps})$ and fix it. By the assumption 4, for this $\delta > 0$, there exist a constant $\varepsilon' > 0$ and a K_δ , such that $\|\widetilde{K_\delta}\|_{H \times H} ||_{H.S.} \leq \delta$, and

$$|TR(\nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0)|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq T \cdot \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} K_\delta(x, y) \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dy - \nu_0 \right)^{\otimes 2} (dx \otimes dy) \\
&= \frac{1}{T} \cdot \int_0^T \int_0^T \overline{K}_\delta(X_t, X_s) ds dt \quad \text{on } A_{\varepsilon'}.
\end{aligned}$$

So by using Lemma 3.5 again, we get that (4.2) is bounded for $T > 0$ if $\varepsilon' > 0$ is small enough.

This completes the proof of the lemma. \square

PROOF OF LEMMA 4.2. As in Kusuoka-Tamura [9], Q_x has the strong mixing property, so X_T and $\sqrt{T}(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0)$ are asymptotically independent as $T \rightarrow \infty$ under Q_x for any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$, also,

$$\begin{aligned}
&E^{Q_x} \left[\exp \left(\sqrt{-1} \sqrt{T} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} u(x) \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0 \right) (dx) \right) \right] \\
&\rightarrow \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} u(y) \overline{G}u(y) \nu_0(dy) \right), \quad \text{as } T \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

for any $u \in L^2(\mathbf{T}^d, d\nu_0)$.

Take a separable Hilbert space H_1 such that the set $\{\overline{G}u d\nu_0 \mid \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} u \overline{G}u d\nu_0 < \infty\}$ is a dense linear subspace of H_1 , and the inclusion map is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator. Let W be an H_1 -valued random variable with distribution γ such that

$$E \left[\exp(\sqrt{-1}(u, W)) \right] = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} u(y) \overline{G}u(y) \nu_0(dy) \right)$$

for any $u \in H_1^*$.

So from the central limit theorem for Hilbert space valued random variables, the distribution of $(X_T, \sqrt{T}(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt - \nu_0))$ under Q_x converges weakly to $\nu_0 \otimes \gamma$ as $T \rightarrow \infty$ on $\mathbf{T}^d \times H_1$.

As before, $D^2\Phi(\nu_0)(\cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{H \times H}$ is a Hilbert-Schmidt function. Write the eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors as a_m and $\overline{G}e_m d\nu_0$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$. Then $\sum_{m=1}^N a_m ((e_m, W)^2 - 1)$ converges in $L^2(d\gamma)$. Let $: D^2\Phi(\nu_0)(W, W) :$ be the $L^2(d\gamma)$ -limit of $\sum_{m=1}^N a_m ((e_m, W)^2 - 1)$.

It is easy that

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T \sum_{m=1}^N a_m e_m(X_s) e_m(X_t) ds dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sum_{m=1}^N a_m e_m(X_s) \overline{G} e_m(X_s) ds \\
\rightarrow & \sum_{m=1}^N a_m \left((e_m, W)^2 - 1 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

under Q_x in distribution as $T \rightarrow \infty$ for any $N \in \mathbf{N}$ and any $x \in \mathbf{T}^d$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{T>0} E^{Q_x} \left[\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; X_t, X_s) ds dt \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \left. - \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(X_s, X_s)} ds \right) \right. \\
& - \left. \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T \sum_{m=1}^N a_m e_m(X_s) e_m(X_t) ds dt \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sum_{m=1}^N a_m e_m(X_s) \overline{G} e_m(X_s) ds \right) \right\}^2 \Big] \\
\rightarrow & 0
\end{aligned}$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \int_0^T \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; X_t, X_s) ds dt - \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(X_s, X_s)} ds \\
\rightarrow & : D^2 \Phi(\nu_0)(W, W) :
\end{aligned}$$

in distribution as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Also,

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(X_s, X_s)} ds \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(u, u)} \nu_0(du)$$

Q_x -almost surely as $T \rightarrow \infty$, and

$$TR(\nu_0, \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt) \rightarrow 0$$

under Q_x in distribution as $T \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, we have that

$$T \tilde{\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \delta_{X_t} dt \right) \rightarrow : D^2 \Phi(\nu_0)(W, W) : + \int_{\mathbf{T}^d} \overline{G}_x \Phi^{(2)}(\nu_0; \cdot, \cdot) \Big|_{(u, u)} \nu_0(du)$$

in distribution as $T \rightarrow \infty$. This together with Lemma 4.5 gives our assertion. \square

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