

*Equations nonlinéaire stochastiques du type
Fokker–Planck*

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Introduction

$$\begin{aligned} dX - \operatorname{div}(DX)dt - \Delta\beta(X)dt &= X dW \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad T > 0, \\ X(0, \xi) &= x(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad 1 \leq d < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where W is a Wiener process in $H^{-1} := H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ over a stochastic basis $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}, \mathbb{P})$ with normal filtration $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ of the form

$$W = \sum_{j=1}^N \mu_j e_j \beta_j. \quad (2)$$

Here $\{e_1, \dots, e_N\}$ is an orthonormal system in $H^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ belonging to $C_b^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap W^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\mu_j \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\{\beta_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ are independent (\mathcal{F}_t) -Brownian motions on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$. As regards the functions $D : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\beta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we assume that

- (i) $D \in C_b^1(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$; $|D| \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\operatorname{div} D \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$.
- (ii) $\beta \in C(\mathbb{R}) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$ is monotonically nondecreasing, $\beta(0) = 0$, and there are $m \in [0, 1]$, $a_i \in (0, \infty)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, such that

$$|\beta(r)| \leq a_1 |r|^m, \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3)$$

$$|\beta''(r)r^2| + |\beta'(r)r| \leq a_2 |\beta(r)|, \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \quad (4)$$

$$\beta'(r) \neq 0 \text{ and } \operatorname{sign} r \beta''(r) \leq 0, \quad r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (5)$$

- (iii) There exists a decreasing function $\varphi : (0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\beta'(\lambda r) \leq \varphi(\lambda) \beta'(r), \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \quad \lambda \in (0, 1]. \quad (6)$$

The deterministic Fokker–Planck equation (1) is related to the so-called correspondence principle in statistical mechanics which associates this equation to the entropy function

$$S(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Phi(u) d\xi,$$

where the function $\Phi \in C(\mathbb{R}) \cap C^2(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$ satisfies

$$\Phi'' < 0, \quad \Phi' \geq 0, \quad \Phi'(0) = +\infty, \quad (7)$$

and β is defined by

$$\beta(r) = \Phi(r) - r\Phi'(r), \quad \forall r \geq 0. \quad (8)$$

For instance, if $\beta(r) \equiv a \operatorname{sign}(r) \log(1 + |r|)$, $a > 0$, and $\Phi(u) = -u \log u + (1 + u) \log(1 + u)$, then (1) is the classical boson equation in the Bose–Einstein statistics (see, e.g., [10]), while for $\beta(r) \equiv a|r|^{m-1}r$, one gets the so-called Plastino and Plastino model [11] in statistical mechanics.

Assumption (ii) leaves out the low diffusion case $m > 1$ which is relevant in porous media dynamics of low diffusion processes. (See, e.g., [3].)

However, for the examples in statistical mechanics mentioned above, the case $m > 1$ is not relevant. In fact, the entropy function corresponding to $\beta(u) = u^m$ is by (8) formally given in $1 - D$ by

$$S(u) = \frac{1}{1-m} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (u^m - u) d\xi, \quad \Phi(u) = \frac{1}{1-m} (u^m - u),$$

for which the entropic conditions (7) are not satisfied if $m > 1$.

For vanishing drift D , equation (1) reduces to the fast diffusion stochastic porous media equation studied in [7] (see, also, [3]).

By the transformation

$$X(t) = e^{W(t)}y(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad (9)$$

equation (1) reduces, via Itô's formula, to the random differential equation (see, e.g., [4], [5], [6])

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - e^{-W} \operatorname{div}(e^W D y) - e^{-W} \Delta \beta(e^W y) + \frac{1}{2} \mu y &= 0 \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ y(0, \xi) &= x(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where

$$\mu = \sum_{j=1}^N \mu_j^2 e_j^2. \quad (11)$$

Let

$$D_0 = \{x \in L^1 \cap L^\infty \cap H^1; \beta(x) \in H^1, \Delta x \in L^1, \Delta \beta(x) \in L^1\}.$$

Theorem 1.1

Theorem

Under Hypotheses (i)–(iii), for each $x \in D_0$, equation (10) has, for each $\omega \in \Omega$, at least one strong solution

$$y \in W^{1,2}([0, T]; H^{-1}) \cap L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^1), \quad (12)$$

$$y \in L^2(0, T; H^1), \quad (13)$$

$$\beta(e^W y) \in L^2(0, T; H^1). \quad (14)$$

Moreover, if $x \geq 0$, a.e. on \mathbb{R}^d , then $y \geq 0$, a.e. on $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d$.

If β is locally Lipschitz on \mathbb{R} and assumptions (i)–(iii) hold, then there is a unique strong solution y to (10). This solution is (\mathcal{F}_t) -adapted, the map $D_0 \ni x \rightarrow y(t, x)$ is Lipschitz from H^{-1} to $C([0, T]; H^{-1})$ on balls in $L^1 \cap L^\infty$ and y extends by density to a strong solution to (10), satisfying (12), (14), for all $x \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$.

A continuous $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -adapted process $X : [0, T] \rightarrow H^{-1}$ is called strong solution to (1) if the following conditions hold:

$$X \in L^2([0, T]; L^2), \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \quad (15)$$

$$\beta(X) \in L^2(0, T; H^1), \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \quad (16)$$

$$X(t) - \int_0^t \operatorname{div}(DX(s))ds - \int_0^t \Delta\beta(X(s))ds = x + \int_0^t X(s)dW(s), \quad (17)$$

$\forall t \in [0, T], \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$

Theorem 1.2

Theorem

If β is locally Lipschitz on \mathbb{R} and assumptions (i)–(iii) hold, then, for every $x \in D_0$, equation (1) has a unique strong solution $X = e^W y$, which satisfies

$$Xe^{-W} \in W^{1,2}([0, T]; H^{-1}), \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \quad (18)$$

and $X \geq 0$, a.e. on $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega$ if $x \geq 0$, a.e. on \mathbb{R}^d .

Moreover, the map $x \mapsto X(t, x)$ is H^{-1} -Lipschitz from balls in $L^1 \cap L^\infty$ to $C([0, T]; H^{-1})$.

Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let $\beta_j^\varepsilon \in C^1([0, T]; \mathbb{R})$, $1 \leq j \leq N$, be defined by $\beta_j^\varepsilon(t) = (\mathbf{1}_{[0, \infty)} \beta_j * \rho_\varepsilon)(t)$, where $\rho_\varepsilon(t) \equiv \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \rho\left(\frac{t}{\varepsilon}\right)$ is a standard mollifier with $\rho \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, $\rho \geq 0$.

We set

$$W_\varepsilon(t, \xi) = \sum_{j=1}^N \mu_j e_j(\xi) \beta_j^\varepsilon(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

$$(W_\varepsilon)_t \in C([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial y_\varepsilon}{\partial t} - e^{-W_\varepsilon} \operatorname{div}(e^{W_\varepsilon} D y_\varepsilon) - e^{-W_\varepsilon} \Delta(\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) + \varepsilon e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) \\ + \varepsilon e^{-W_\varepsilon} \beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) + \frac{1}{2} \mu y_\varepsilon = 0 \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$y_\varepsilon(0, \xi) = x(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Setting $z_\varepsilon = e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z_\varepsilon}{\partial t} - \Delta(\beta(z_\varepsilon) + \varepsilon z_\varepsilon) - \operatorname{div}(Dz_\varepsilon) + \varepsilon\beta(z_\varepsilon) \\ + \left(\frac{1}{2} \mu - (W_\varepsilon)_t \right) z_\varepsilon = 0 \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ z_\varepsilon(0, \xi) = x(\xi), \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Lemma 2.1

Lemma

Assume that $x \in H^1$ such that $\beta(x) \in H^1$.

Then, for each $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$, equation (19) considered on H^{-1} has a unique strong solution y_ε satisfying

$$y_\varepsilon \in W^{1,\infty}([0, T]; H^{-1}) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H^1). \quad (21)$$

Moreover, if

$x \in D(A) = \{y \in H^1 \cap L^1; \beta(z) \in H^1 \cap L^1; \Delta(\beta(z) + \varepsilon z) \in L^1\}$, then $y_\varepsilon \in C([0, T]; L^1)$ and $z_\varepsilon = e^{W_\varepsilon t_\varepsilon}$, obtained as the limit of a finite difference scheme is a mild solution to (20) in the space L^1 .

Lemma 2.2

Lemma

Let $x \in D(A)$. Then $y_\varepsilon \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^\infty(0, T; L^1)$ and

$$\sup_{\varepsilon \in (0, 1)} \{|y_\varepsilon|_{L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d)}\} \leq C(1 + |x|_\infty), \quad (22)$$

$$\sup_{\varepsilon \in (0, 1)} |y_\varepsilon|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^1)} \leq C(|x|_1 + 1), \quad (23)$$

where C is independent of x .

Proof. Let $M = |x|_\infty + 1$ and $\alpha \in C^1[0, T]$ be such that $\alpha(0) = 0$, $\alpha' \geq 0$. Since y_ε is a strong solution of (19) in H^{-1} , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (y_\varepsilon - M - \alpha(t)) - e^{-W_\varepsilon} \Delta (\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) + \varepsilon e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) \\
 & \quad + e^{-W_\varepsilon} \Delta (\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} (M + \alpha(t))) + \varepsilon e^{W_\varepsilon} (M + \alpha(t))) \\
 & \quad + \varepsilon e^{-W_\varepsilon} (\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) - \beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} (M + \alpha(t)))) \\
 & \quad - e^{-W_\varepsilon} \operatorname{div} (e^{W_\varepsilon} D(y_\varepsilon - M - \alpha(t))) \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \mu (y_\varepsilon - M - \alpha(t)) = F_\varepsilon - \alpha'.
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Now, we multiply (24) by $\operatorname{sign}(y_\varepsilon - M - \alpha(t))^+$ and integrate over $(0, t) \times \mathbb{R}^d$.

Lemma 2.3.

Lemma

Then there exists an increasing function $C : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\sup_{t \in [0, T]} |y_\varepsilon(t)|_2^2 + \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \beta(e^{W_\varepsilon y_\varepsilon})|^2 ds d\xi \leq C(|x|_\infty + |x|_1), \quad (25)$$

$$\forall \varepsilon \in (0, 1],$$

for a constant $C > 0$, independent of $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$.

Proof of existence. Assume first that Hypotheses (i)–(iii) hold. Let $x \in D_0$. It follows, by Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, that $\{\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon y_\varepsilon})\}$ is bounded in $L^2(0, T; H^1)$, $\{y_\varepsilon\}$ is bounded in $L^\infty(0, T; L^2) \cap L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\left\{\frac{dy_\varepsilon}{dt}\right\}$ is bounded in $L^2(0, T; H^{-1})$.

Moreover, taking into account that $\nabla\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon}y_\varepsilon) = \beta'(e^{W_\varepsilon}y_\varepsilon)\nabla(e^{W_\varepsilon}y_\varepsilon)$ and that by assumption (5) and estimate (22),

$$\beta'(e^{W_\varepsilon}y_\varepsilon) \geq \rho > 0, \text{ a.e. in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \quad (26)$$

it follows that $\{y_\varepsilon\}$ is bounded in $L^2(0, T; H^1)$. As a matter of fact, we have

$$\sup_{\varepsilon \in (0, 1]} \left\{ \|y_\varepsilon\|_\infty + \|y_\varepsilon\|_{L^\infty(0, T; L^1)} + \|e^{W_\varepsilon}y_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0, T; H^1)} + \|y_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0, T; H^1)} \right. \\ \left. + \|\beta(e^{W_\varepsilon}y_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(0, T; H^1)} + \left\| \frac{dy_\varepsilon}{dt} \right\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1})} \right\} \leq C^*(\omega), \quad \omega \in \Omega, \quad (27)$$

where C^* is \mathcal{F} -measurable and

$$0 < C^*(\omega) \leq C e^{\|W\|_\infty} (\exp(\|\nabla W\|_\infty + \|\Delta W\|_\infty) + 1), \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega.$$

Hence, for fixed $\omega \in \Omega$ along a subsequence, again denoted $\{\varepsilon\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_\varepsilon &\longrightarrow y && \text{strongly in } L^2((0, T); L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)) \\
 &&& \text{weak-star in } L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d) \\
 &&& \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; H^1), \\
 \beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) &\longrightarrow \eta && \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; H^1) \\
 \frac{dy_\varepsilon}{dt} &\longrightarrow \frac{dy}{dt} && \text{weakly in } L^2(0, T; H^{-1}) \\
 W_\varepsilon &\longrightarrow W && \text{in } C([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d),
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

and so, letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in equation (19), we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dt} - e^{-W} \operatorname{div}(De^{W}y) - e^{-W} \Delta \eta + \frac{1}{2} \mu y &= 0 \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\
 y(0) &= x \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^d.
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

To show that y is a solution to (10), it remains to be proven that $\eta = \beta(e^W y)$, a.e. in $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d$. Since the map $z \rightarrow \beta(z)$ is maximal monotone in each $L^2((0, T) \times B_R)$, it is closed and so the latter follows by (28). Moreover, if the solution y to (10) is unique (we shall see later on that this happens if β is locally Lipschitz), it follows that the sequence $\{y_\varepsilon\}$ arising in (28) is independent of $\omega \in \Omega$, and so y is $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -adapted.

Uniqueness.

Assume that, besides assumptions (i)-(iii), β is locally Lipschitz on \mathbb{R} and consider y_1, y_2 to be two solutions to equation (10) satisfying (12)–(14) and let $z = y_1 - y_2$. We have

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} - e^{-W} \operatorname{div}(e^W D z) - e^{-W} \Delta(\beta(e^W y_1) - \beta(e^W y_2)) + \frac{1}{2} \mu z = 0$$

in $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d$, (30)

$$z(0) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t} + (I - \Delta)(z\eta) &= e^{-W} \operatorname{div}(e^W D z) - e^W \Delta(e^{-W} z\eta) \\ &\quad - 2\nabla(e^{-W}) \cdot \nabla(e^W z\eta) - \frac{1}{2} \mu z + z\eta, \end{aligned}$$

(31)

$$\eta = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta(e^W y_1) - \beta(e^W y_2)}{e^W z} & \text{on } [(\xi, t); z(t, \xi) \neq 0], \\ 0 & \text{on } [(\xi, t); z(t, \xi) = 0]. \end{cases}$$

We note that, by Hypothesis (ii) (5), we have, for some $\alpha_i = C^i(|x|_1 + |x|_\infty)$, $i = 0, 1$, where $C^i : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ are increasing continuous functions,

$$0 < \alpha_0 \leq \eta \leq \alpha_1, \text{ a.e. in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d. \quad (32)$$

We multiply (31) by $(I - \Delta)^{-1}z$ and integrate over \mathbb{R}^d to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} |z(t)|_{-1}^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \eta z^2 ds d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |z(0)|_{-1}^2 + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-W} \operatorname{div}(e^W D z) (I - \Delta)^{-1} z ds d\xi \\ & \quad - \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^W \Delta(e^{-W}) z \eta (I - \Delta)^{-1} z ds d\xi \\ & \quad - 2 \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \nabla(e^{-W}) \cdot \nabla(e^W z \eta) (I - \Delta)^{-1} z ds d\xi \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \mu + \eta \right) z (I - \Delta)^{-1} z ds d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |z(0)|_{-1}^2 + \int_0^t (I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Then, by (33), we obtain that

$$\frac{d}{dt} |z(t)|_{-1}^2 \leq C_2 |z(t)|_{-1}^2, \text{ a.e. } t > 0.$$

The stochastic equation with nonlinear drift

We consider here the equation

$$\begin{aligned} dX - \operatorname{div}(a(X))dt - \Delta\beta(X)dt &= X dW \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ X(0, \xi) &= x(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where β and W are as in Section 1, while $a : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ satisfies the following assumption

(iv) a is Lipschitzian and $a(0) = 0$.

The strong solution X to equation (34) is defined as for equation (1).

$$u_\xi = \nabla u, \quad u_{\xi\xi} = \Delta u.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} - e^{-W} \operatorname{div}(a(e^W y)) - e^{-W} (\beta(e^W y))_{\xi\xi} + \frac{1}{2} \mu y &= 0 \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \\ y(t, \xi) &= x(\xi). \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Theorem 3.1

Theorem

If assumptions (ii), (iii), (iv) hold and β is locally Lipschitz, for each $x \in D_0$, there is a unique strong solution y to equation (35) satisfying (12)–(14).

Moreover, the process y is $(\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ -adapted and, if $x \geq 0$, a.e. on \mathbb{R}^d , then $y \geq 0$, a.e. on $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d$, and the map $D_0 \ni x \rightarrow y(\cdot, x)$ is Lipschitz from H^{-1} to $C([0, T], H^{-1})$ on balls in $L^1 \cap L^\infty$ and extends to a strong solution to (34) satisfying (12), (14), for all $x \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$.

We consider the approximating equation (see (19))

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial y_\varepsilon}{\partial t} - e^{-W_\varepsilon} \operatorname{div}(a(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon)) - e^{-W_\varepsilon} \beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) - \varepsilon e^{-W_\varepsilon} (e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon)_{\xi\xi} \\ + \varepsilon e^{-W_\varepsilon} \beta(e^{W_\varepsilon} y_\varepsilon) + \frac{1}{2} \mu y_\varepsilon = 0 \text{ in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$y_\varepsilon(0, \xi) = x(\xi), \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Uniqueness. If β is locally Lipschitz and y_1, y_2 are solutions to (34), for $z = y_1 - y_2$, we get (see (30))

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} - \operatorname{div}(a(e^W y_1) - a(e^W y_2)) - e^{-W}(\beta(e^W y_1) - \beta(e^W y_2))_{\xi\xi} + \frac{1}{2} \mu z = 0$$

$$z(0) = 0,$$

and, arguing as in the proof of uniqueness in Theorem 1, we get $z \equiv 0$. If $\beta \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$, then, multiplying scalarly in L^2 by $(I - \Delta)^{-1} z$ and using the local Lipschitzianity of β and a , we get as above the estimates (??)–(??). ■

By Theorem 3.1, we have

Corollary

If assumptions (ii), (iii), (iv) hold and β is locally Lipschitz, then for each $x \in D_0$ there is a unique strong solution X to the stochastic equation (34), which satisfies

$$Xe^{-W} \in W^{1,2}([0, T]; H^{-1}), \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}, \quad (37)$$

and $X \geq 0$, a.e. on $(0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega$ if $x \geq 0$, a.e. on \mathbb{R}^d . Moreover, the map $x \mapsto X(t, x)$ is H^{-1} -Lipschitz from balls in $L^1 \cap L^\infty$ to $C([0, T]; H^{-1})$.

Remark

If a is not Lipschitz, one cannot expect a strong solution for equation (34). In the deterministic case, if $\beta \equiv 0$, equation (34) reduces to a first order quasilinear equation previously studied by S. Kruzkov [13] (see, also, [8]), who introduced and proved existence of a generalized solution involving the so-called "entropy" conditions. (See also [2] for the case where β is present.) So, also in this case, one might expect to have a generalized solution in sense of Kruzkov, but this remains to be done.

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