STOCHASTIC PDEs WITH FUNCTION-VALUED SOLUTIONS*)

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Abstract

The paper provides necessary and sufficient conditions under which stochastic heat and wave equations on \mathbb{R}^d have function-valued solutions. The results extend, to all dimensions d and to all spatially homogeneous perturbations, recent characterizations by Dalang and Frangos [DaFr]. The paper proposes a natural framework for a study of nonlinear stochastic equations. It is based on the harmonic analysis technique and on the stochastic integration theory in functional spaces. Generalizations to the d-dimensional torus and to nonlinear equations are discussed as well.

1 Introduction

The paper is concerned with the stochastic heat and wave equations:

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$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t,\theta) = \Delta u(t,\theta) + \frac{\partial W_{\Gamma}}{\partial t}(t,\theta), & t > 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0,\theta) = 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

and

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(t,\theta) = \Delta u(t,\theta) + \frac{\partial W_{\Gamma}}{\partial t}(t,\theta), & t > 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0,\theta) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0,\theta) = 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$
(1.2)

where W_{Γ} is a spatially homogeneous Wiener process with the space correlation Γ . The correlation Γ can be any positive definite distribution. It defines the covariance operator of the Wiener process by the formula $Q\varphi = \Gamma * \varphi, \varphi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

It is well-known, see [Wa], that if $\frac{\partial W_{\Gamma}}{\partial t}$ is a space-time white noise, or equivalently if $\Gamma = \delta_{\{o\}}$, then the equations (1.1), (1.2) have function-valued solutions if and only if the space dimension d = 1. It is therefore of interest to find out in dimensions $d \ge 1$ for what space-correlated noise, equations (1.1) and (1.2), have function-valued solutions. This problem has been recently investigated, for stochastic wave equation, by Dalang and Frangos [DaFr], see also Mueller [Mu], when d = 2. Let $W_{\Gamma}(t,\theta), t \ge 0, \theta \in \mathbb{R}^2$, be a Wiener process with a space correlation function Γ :

$$\mathbb{E}W_{\Gamma}(t,\theta)W_{\Gamma}(s,\eta) = t \wedge s\Gamma(\theta-\eta), \qquad \theta,\eta \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

where $\Gamma(\theta) = f(|\theta|), \theta \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and f is non-negative function, continuous outside 0. It has been shown in [DaFr] that the stochastic wave equation (1.2) has a function-valued solution if and only if

$$\int_{|\theta| \leqslant 1} f(|\theta|) \ln \frac{1}{|\theta|} d\theta < +\infty.$$
(1.3)

The proof in [DaFr] is based on explicit representation of the fundamental solution of the deterministic wave equation in dimension d = 2 and can not be extended to higher dimensions.

In the present note we treat the general case of arbitrary dimension d and of arbitrary spatially homogeneous noise for both stochastic heat and wave equations. Spatially homogeneous noise processes were introduced by Holley and Stroock [HoSt] and Dawson and Salehi [DaSa] in connection with particle systems, see also Nobel [No], Da Prato and Zabczyk [DaPrZa1] and Peszat and Zabczyk [PeZa] for more recent investigations. We consider also equations (1.1) and (1.2) on the *d*-dimensional torus T^d . It is interesting that for both equations, (1.1) and (1.2) on \mathbb{R}^d and on T^d , the necessary and sufficient conditions are exactly the same. Obtained characterizations form a natural framework in which nonlinear heat and wave equations can be studied. Similar results can be formulated for linear parts of Navier-Stokes equations and other equations of fluid dynamics. Techniques developed in the paper apply also to equations (1.1) and (1.2) with Δ replaced by fractional Laplacien $-(-\Delta)^{\alpha}$, $\alpha \in (0, 2]$. However, those generalizations are not studied here.

To formulate our main theorems let us recall, see [GeVi], that positive definite, tempered distrubutions Γ are precisely Fourier transforms of tempered measures μ . The measure μ will be called the *spectral measure* of Γ and of the process W_{Γ} .

Theorem 1. Let Γ be a positive definite, tempered distribution on \mathbb{R}^d , with the spectral measure μ . Then the equations (1.1) and (1.2) have function-valued solutions if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \,\mu(d\lambda) < +\infty. \tag{1.4}$$

Theorem 2. Assume that Γ is not only a positive definite distribution but also a non-negative measure. The equations (1.1) and (1.2) have function-valued solutions:

- i) for all Γ if d = 1;
- ii) for exactly those Γ for which $\int_{|\theta| \leq 1} \ln |\theta| \Gamma(d\theta) < +\infty$ if d = 2; iii) for exactly those Γ for which $\int_{|\theta| \leq 1} \frac{1}{|\theta|^{d-2}} \Gamma(d\theta) < +\infty$ if $d \geq 3$.

Note that condition (1.3) is a special case of ii).

Similar theorems hold for stochastic heat and ware equations on the d-dimensional torus, see Theorem 3 and Theorem 4 in §5.

The paper is organized as follows. Preliminaries and formulation of the problem will be given in section 2. Section 3 contains proofs of the results for the case of \mathbb{R}^d . Applications are discussed in section 4. Extensions to *d*-dimensional torus are contained in section 5. We finish the paper with two conjectures in section 6.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Heat and wave semigroups

Let $S_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denote the space of all infinitely differentiable functions ψ on \mathbb{R}^d taking complex values, for which the seminorms

$$\|\psi\|_{\alpha,\beta} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |x^{\alpha} D^{\beta} \psi(x)|$$

are finite. The adjoint space $S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is then the space of tempered distributions. By $S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we denote the spaces of real functions from $S_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and the space of real functionals on $S(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

For $\psi \in S_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ define $\psi_{(s)}(x) = \overline{\psi(-x)}, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. By $S_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $S'_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ denote the spaces of $\psi \in S_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $\psi(x) = \psi_{(s)}(x)$ and the space of all $\xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that $(\xi, \psi) = (\xi, \psi_{(s)})$ for all $\psi \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

If \mathcal{F} is the Fourier transform on $S_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$:

$$\mathcal{F}(\psi)(\lambda) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{t\langle x,\lambda\rangle} \psi(x) dx, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \psi \in S_c(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

then its inverse \mathcal{F}^{-1} is given by the formula

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\psi(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-t\langle x,\lambda\rangle} \psi(\lambda) d\lambda, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \psi \in S_c(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

We use the same notation for the Fourier transforms acting on $S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Note that the operators \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{F}^{-1} transform $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ onto $S'_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $S'_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ onto $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$, respectively. The Fourier transforms of $\varphi \in S_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ will be denoted by $\hat{\varphi}$ and $\hat{\xi}$.

Consider first the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u, \quad t \ge 0 \quad u(0) = \xi \tag{2.1}$$

where $\xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$. If \hat{u} denotes the Fourier transform of u then

$$\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial t} = -|\lambda|^2 \hat{u} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{u}(0) = \hat{\xi},$$

and therefore

$$\hat{u}(t) = e^{-|\lambda|^2 t} \hat{\xi}.$$

Consequently, for arbitrary $\xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$, equation (2.1) has a unique solution in $S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and the solution is given by the formula

$$u(t,x) = p(t) * \xi(x) = (\xi, p(t,x-\cdot))$$
(2.2)

where $\hat{p}(t)(\lambda) = e^{-t|\lambda|^2}$, $p(t, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4\pi t)^d}} e^{\frac{-|x|^2}{4t}}$, t > 0, $\lambda, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. The family

$$S(t)\xi = p(t) * \xi, \quad t \ge 0, \quad \xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$$
(2.3)

forms a semigroup of operators, continuous in the topology of $S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$. The formula (2.2) shows that the semigroup $S(t), t \ge 0$ has a smoothing property: for all $\xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d), S(t)\xi$ is represented by C^{∞} function.

Similarly, for the wave equation,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = v, \qquad u(0) = \xi$$
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \Delta u, \qquad v(0) = \zeta,$$

one gets, passing again to the Fourier transforms \hat{u} and \hat{v} , that:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{u}}{\partial t} = \hat{v}, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial t} = -|\lambda|^2 \hat{u}$$

By direct computation we have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\left(|\lambda|t\right), & \frac{\sin\left(|\lambda|t\right)}{|\lambda|} \\ -|\lambda|\sin\left(|\lambda|t\right), & \cos\left(|\lambda|t\right) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\xi} \\ \hat{\zeta} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$\hat{u}(t) = \left[\cos\left(|\lambda|t\right)\right]\hat{u}(0) + \left[\frac{\sin\left(|\lambda|t\right)}{|\lambda|}\right]\hat{v}(0), \qquad (2.4)$$

$$\hat{v}(t) = -[|\lambda|\sin(|\lambda|t)]\hat{u}(0) + [\cos(|\lambda|t)]\hat{v}(0).$$
(2.5)

Note that for each $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$ functions $\cos(|\lambda|t)$, $\frac{\sin(|\lambda|t)}{|\lambda|}$ and $|\lambda| \sin(|\lambda|t)$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d$, are smooth and polynomially bounded together with all their partial derivatives. Therefore the formulae (2.4), (2.5) define distributions belonging to $S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Let $p_{1,1}(t)$, $p_{1,2}(t)$, $p_{2,1}(t)$, $p_{2,2}(t)$ $t \in \mathbb{R}^1$, be elements from $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that,

$$\cos\left(|\lambda|t\right) = \mathcal{F}\left(p_{1,1}(t)\right)(\lambda), \quad \frac{\sin\left(|\lambda|t\right)}{|\lambda|} = \mathcal{F}\left(p_{1,2}(t)\right)(\lambda)$$

$$-|\lambda|\sin\left(|\lambda|t\right) = \mathcal{F}\left(p_{2,1}(t)\right)(\lambda), \quad \cos(|\lambda|t) = \mathcal{F}\left(p_{2,2}(t)\right)(\lambda), \ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Then

$$u(t) = p_{1,1}(t) * u(0) + p_{1,2}(t) * v(0),$$

$$v(t) = p_{2,1}(t) * u(0) + p_{2,2}(t) * v(0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

As for the heat equation, explicit formulae for the distributions $p_{i,j}(t)$, i, j = 1, 2 are known, see [Mi, pp. 280–282]. In particular, they have bounded supports.

We shall use the following notation

$$R(t)\xi = p_{1,2}(t) * \xi, \quad t \ge 0, \xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d).$$
 (2.6)

2.2 Spatially homogeneous Wiener process

Let Γ be a positive definite, tempered distribution. By W_{Γ} we denote an $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -valued Wiener process defined on a probability space (Ω, F, \mathbb{P}) such that

$$\mathbb{E}(W(t),\varphi)(W(s),\psi) = t \wedge s(\Gamma,\varphi * \psi_{(s)}),$$

where $\psi_{(s)}(x) = \overline{\psi(-x)}, x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, see [PeZa]. It is well-known that this way one can describe all space homogeneous $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -valued Wiener processes, see e.g. [PeZa].

The crucial role for stochastic integration with respect to W_{Γ} is played by the Hilbert space $S'_{\Gamma} \subset S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ consisting of all distributions $\xi \in S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for which there exists a constant C such that,

$$|(\xi,\psi)| \leq C\sqrt{(\Gamma,\psi*\psi_{(s)})}, \quad \psi \in S.$$

The norm in S'_{Γ} is given by the formula:

The formula:

$$|\xi|_{S'_{\Gamma}} = \sup_{\psi \in S} \frac{|(\xi, \psi)|}{\sqrt{(\Gamma, \psi * \psi_{(s)})}}.$$

The space S'_{Γ} is called the *kernel* of W_{Γ} , see [PeZa].

Let H be a Hilbert space and let $L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, H)$ be the space of Hilbert-Schmidt operators from S'_{Γ} into H. Assume that Ψ is a predictable $L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, H)$ -valued process such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t \|\Psi(s)\|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma},H)}^2 ds\right) < +\infty \quad \text{for all } t \ge 0.$$

Then the stochastic integral

$$\int_0^t \Psi(s) dW_{\Gamma}(s), \quad t \ge 0$$

can be defined in a standard way, see [Itô], [DaPrZa], [PeZa]. It is an H-valued martingale for which

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t \Psi(s) dW_{\Gamma}(s)\right) = 0, \quad t \ge 0$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}|\int_0^t \Psi(s)dW_{\Gamma}(s)|_H^2 = \mathbb{E}\left(\int_0^t \|\Psi(s)\|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma},H)}^2 ds\right), \quad t \ge 0.$$

We will need a characterization of the space S'_{Γ} from [PeZa, Proposition 1.2]. In the proposition below $L^2_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d,\mu)$ denotes the subspace of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d,\mu;\mathbb{C})$ consisting of all functions u such that $u_{(s)} = u$, see §2.1.

Proposition 1. A distribution ξ belongs to S'_{Γ} if and only if $\xi = \widehat{u\mu}$ for some $u \in L^2_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$. Moreover, if $\xi = \widehat{u\mu}$ and $\eta = \widehat{v\mu}$, then $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle_{S'_{\Gamma}} = \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu)}$.

2.3 Questions

By a solution X to the stochastic heat equation we understand the process

$$X(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s) dW_{\Gamma}(ds), \quad t > 0,$$
(2.7)

where $S(\cdot)$ is given by (2.3). Similarly, solution Y to the stochastic wave equation is of the form

$$Y(t) = \int_0^t R(t-s)dW_{\Gamma}(ds), \quad t \ge 0,$$
(2.8)

with $R(\cdot)$ defined by (2.6). It is not difficult to show that the processes X(t), $t \ge 0$, and Y(t), $t \ge 0$, are weak solutions of the corresponding equations and take values in $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$, see [Itô].

Let us recall that a family Z(x), $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, of real random variables is called a stationary, Gaussian, random field if and only if, Z is a measurable transformation from $\mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega$ into \mathbb{R} and for arbitrary $h, x_1, \ldots, x_m \in \mathbb{R}^d$, random vectors $(Z(x_1 + h), \ldots, Z(x_m + h))$ are Gaussian with the law independent of h.

The main questions considered in the paper can be stated as follows.

Question 1. Under what conditions on Γ , for each $t \ge 0$, X(t) is a stationary, Gaussian random field?

Question 2. Under what conditions on Γ , for each $t \ge 0$, Y(t) is a stationary, Gaussian random field?

Note that if Z is a stationary, Gaussian random field then, for all positive, integrable functions $\rho(x), x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Z^2(x)\rho(x)dx\right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\mathbb{E}Z^2(x))\rho(x)dx = \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x)dx\right)\mathbb{E}(Z^2(o)) < +\infty.$$

Consequently, $\mathbb{P}(Z \in L^2_{\rho}(\mathbb{R}^d)) = 1$, where $L^2_{\rho}(\mathbb{R}^d) = L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \rho(x)dx)$ and the questions can be reformulated as follows.

Question 1. Under what conditions on Γ the process X takes values in $L^2_{\rho}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for some (any) positive integrable weight ρ ?

Question 2. Under what conditions on Γ the process Y takes values in $L^2_{\rho}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for some (any) positive integrable weight ρ ?

Answers to these questions have been formulated in the Introduction as Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. The case of *d*-dimensional forms T^d is treated in §5.

3 Proofs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2

3.1 Proof of Theorem 1.

(a) Stochastic heat equation

Let us recall that we denote by S'_{Γ} the kernel of the Wiener process W_{Γ} and that $S(t)\xi = p(t) * \xi, \quad t \ge 0.$

It follows from $\S2.2$ that the stochastic integral

$$\int_0^t S(t-s)dW_{\Gamma}(s), \quad t>0$$

takes values in $L^2_{\rho}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ if and only if

$$\int_0^t \parallel S(\sigma) \parallel_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma},L^2_{\rho})}^2 d\sigma < +\infty.$$

Let $\{u_k\}$ be an orthonormal basis in $L^2_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d,\mu)$. Then by Proposition 1.2 of [PeZa], $e_k = \widehat{u_k\mu}, \ k \in \mathbb{N}$, is an orthonormal basis in S'_{Γ} . Thus we have

$$\| S(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, L^{2}_{\rho})}^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |S(\sigma)\widehat{u_{k}\mu}|_{L^{2}_{\rho}}^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} |p(\sigma) \ast \widehat{u_{k}\mu}(x)|^{2} \rho(x) dx, \quad \sigma > 0.$$

However, $p(\sigma) \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and therefore

$$p(\sigma) * \widehat{u_k \mu}(x) = (p(\sigma, x - \cdot), \widehat{u_k \mu}) = (u_k \mu, \hat{p}(\sigma, x - \cdot)).$$

The last identity follows from the definition of the Fourier transform of the distribution $u_k \mu$. However,

$$\hat{p}(\sigma, x - \cdot)(\lambda) = e^{i\langle x, \lambda \rangle} e^{-\sigma|\lambda|}$$

and therefore

$$(u_k\mu, \hat{p}(\sigma, x - \cdot)) = (u_k\mu, e^{i\langle x, \cdot \rangle}e^{-\sigma|\cdot|^2}).$$

Consequently

$$\| S(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S_{\Gamma}'L_{\rho}^{2})}^{2} = \sum_{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| (u_{k}\mu, e^{i\langle x, \cdot \rangle} e^{-\sigma|\cdot|^{2}}) \right|^{2} \rho(x) dx$$
$$= \sum_{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} u_{k}(\lambda) e^{i\langle x, \lambda \rangle} e^{-\sigma|\lambda|^{2}} \mu(d\lambda) \right|^{2} \rho(x) dx$$
$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left[\sum_{k} \left| \langle u_{k}, e^{-i\langle x, \cdot \rangle} e^{-\sigma|\cdot|^{2}} \rangle_{L_{(s)}^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{d}, \mu)} \right|^{2} \right] \rho(x) dx.$$

By the Parseval identity in $L^2_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d,\mu)$,

$$\sum_{k} \left| \langle u_{k}, e^{-i\langle x, \cdot \rangle} e^{-\sigma|\cdot|^{2}} \rangle_{L^{2}_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^{d}, \mu)} \right|^{2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| e^{-i\langle x, \lambda \rangle} e^{-\sigma|\lambda|^{2}} \right|^{2} \mu(d\lambda) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} e^{-2\sigma|\lambda|^{2}} \mu(d\lambda).$$

Finally,

$$\begin{split} \int_0^t \parallel S(\sigma) \parallel_{L_{HS}(S_{\Gamma}',L_{\rho}^2)}^2 d\sigma &= \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x) dx \right] \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\sigma |\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) d\sigma = \\ &= \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x) dx \right] \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1 - e^{-2t|\lambda|^2}}{|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda). \end{split}$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^t \| S(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, L^2_{\rho})}^2 d\sigma < +\infty$$

if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) < +\infty.$$

(b) Stochastic wave equation

Let us recall that $R(\sigma)\xi = p_{1,2}(\sigma) * \xi$, $\sigma \ge 0$, $\xi \in S'_c(\mathbb{R}^d)$, see (2.6). The process Y(t), $t \ge 0$, is well defined as an $L^2_{\rho}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -valued process if and only if

$$\int_0^t \| R(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, L^2_{\rho})}^2 d\sigma < +\infty.$$

But

$$\| R(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, L^{2}_{\rho})}^{2} = \sum_{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} |p_{1,2}(\sigma) * \widehat{u_{k}\mu}(x)|^{2} \rho(x) dx.$$

However

$$p_{1,2}(\sigma) * \widehat{u_k \mu}(x) = (p_{1,2}(\sigma, x - \cdot), \widehat{u_k \mu}) = (\widehat{p}_{1,2}(\sigma)(x - \cdot), u_k \mu).$$
(3.1)

To justify the identity (3.1) we need the following lemma, see [GeSh].

Lemma 1. Let ξ and η be distributions with bounded supports. Then the convolution $\xi * \hat{\eta}$ exists and is a function of class C^{∞} . Moreover

$$\xi * \hat{\eta}(x) = (\xi(x - \cdot), \eta), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Note that the distribution $p_{1,2}$ has bounded support and one can assume also that functions $u_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$, have bounded supports as well. But

$$\hat{p}_{1,2}(\sigma)(x-\cdot)(\lambda) = e^{i\langle x,\lambda\rangle} \frac{\sin(|\lambda|\sigma)}{|\lambda|}.$$

Therefore

$$\| R(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, L^{2}_{\rho})}^{2} = \sum_{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| \left(u_{k}\mu, e^{i\langle x, \cdot \rangle} \frac{\sin\left(|\cdot|\sigma\right)}{|\cdot|} \right) \right|^{2} \rho(x) dx =$$
$$= \sum_{k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| \langle u_{k}, e^{i\langle x, \cdot \rangle} \frac{\sin\left(|\cdot|\sigma\right)}{|\cdot|} \rangle_{L^{2}_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^{d}, \mu)} \right|^{2} \rho(x) dx.$$

Again, by the Parseval identity,

$$\| R(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma}, L^{2}_{\rho})}^{2} = \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \rho(x) dx \right] \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \frac{(\sin(|\lambda|\sigma))^{2}}{|\lambda|^{2}} \mu(d\lambda)$$

Consequently,

$$\int_0^t \| R(\sigma) \|_{L_{HS}(S'_{\Gamma},L^2_{\rho})}^2 d\sigma = \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho(x) dx \right] \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[\int_0^t \frac{(\sin(|\lambda|\sigma))^2}{|\lambda|^2} d\sigma \right] \mu(d\lambda).$$

By an elementary argument one shows now that the integral is finite, for all t > 0, if and only if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) < +\infty.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

3.2 Proof of Theorem 2.

Let

$$G_d(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-t} p(t, x) dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

where

$$p(t,x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4\pi t)^d}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4t}}, \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Thus G_d is the resolvent kernel of the *d*-dimensional Wiener process. It is easy to see that

$$G_d(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-i\langle x,\lambda\rangle} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} d\lambda, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

The following properties of G_d are well-known, see [La], [GlJa], [GeSh]:

Proposition 2. One has that:

$$G_1(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^1; \qquad G_3(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi|x|}e^{-|x|}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

and, in general, for $d \ge 2$,

$$G_d(x) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} \frac{1}{|x|^{\frac{d-2}{2}}} K_{\frac{d-2}{2}}(|x|),$$

where $K_{\gamma}, \gamma \ge 0$, denotes the modified Bessel function of the third order.

We will need also a characterization of the behaviour of G_d near 0 and near ∞ , see [GlJa, Proposition 7.2.1].

Proposition 3. The function G_d has the following properties: (a) for $d \ge 1$, for |x| bounded away from a neighbourhood of zero and for a constant c > 0

$$G_d(x) \leqslant \frac{c}{|x|^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} e^{-|x|};$$

(b) for $d \ge 3$ and for a constant c > 0, in a neighbourhood of zero $G_d(x) \sim \frac{c}{|x|^{d-2}};$

(c) for d = 2 and for a constant c > 0, in a neighbourhood of zero $G_2(x) \sim -c \ln |x|.$

We will need also the following lemma:

Lemma 2. Assume that the distribution Γ is not only positive definite but it is also a non-negative measure. Then

$$(\Gamma, G_d) = (2\pi)^d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda).$$

Proof of Lemma 2. Since $\mu = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\Gamma)$ and $e^{-t|\cdot|^2} \frac{1}{1+|\cdot|^2} \in S(\mathbb{R}^d)$, by the definition of the Fourier transform of a distribution,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{e^{-t|\lambda|^2}}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) = \left(\frac{e^{-t|\cdot|^2}}{1+|\cdot|^2}, \mu\right) = \left(\frac{e^{-t|\cdot|^2}}{1+|\cdot|^2}, \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\Gamma)\right) = \\ = \left(\mathcal{F}^{-1}\left(\frac{e^{-t|\cdot|^2}}{1+|\cdot|^2}\right), \Gamma\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \left(p(t) * G_d, \Gamma\right).$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{t\downarrow 0} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} (p(t) * G_d, \Gamma) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1 + |\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda).$$

Moreover

$$p(s) * G_d = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-t} p(t) * p(s) dt =$$
$$= e^s \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-(t+s)} p(t+s) dt = e^s \int_s^{+\infty} e^{-\sigma} p(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

 So

$$e^{-s}p(s) * G_d = \int_s^{+\infty} e^{-\sigma}p(\sigma)d\sigma$$

and then

$$e^{-s}p(s) * G_d \uparrow G_d$$
 as $s \downarrow 0$.

Hence, if Γ is a non-negative distribution on \mathbb{R}^d , then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} e^{-t} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} (p(t) * G_d, \Gamma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} (G_d, \Gamma).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 2.

We pass now to the proof of the theorem. It is well-known that a non-negative measure Γ belongs to $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ if and only if for some r > 0,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|x|^r} \Gamma(dx) < +\infty.$$
(3.2)

Moreover, for arbitrary $d \ge 1$,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G_d(x) \Gamma(dx) = \int_{|x| \leq 1} G_d(x) \Gamma(dx) + \int_{|x| > 1} G_d(x) \Gamma(dx).$$

But, by Proposition 3 (a),

$$\int_{|x|>1} G_d(x)\Gamma(dx) \leqslant c \int_{|x|>1} e^{-|x|} \Gamma(dx)$$

and from (3.2)

$$\int_{|x|>1} G_d(x)\Gamma(dx) < +\infty.$$

Since the function G_1 is continuous,

$$\int_{|x|\leqslant 1}G_1(x)\Gamma(dx)<+\infty$$

and the theorem is true for d=1.

If d=2 then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G_2(x)\Gamma(dx) < +\infty$ if and only if $\int_{|x| \leq 1} G_2(x)\Gamma(dx) < +\infty$. But $G_2(x) \sim c \ln \frac{1}{|x|}$ for some c > 0 in the neighbourhood of 0, so

$$G_2(x)/c \ln \frac{1}{|x|} \to 1 \text{ as } |x| \to 0.$$

Therefore, for some $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$:

$$c_2 \ln \frac{1}{|x|} \leqslant G_2(x) \leqslant c_1 \ln \frac{1}{|x|}$$
, for $|x| \leqslant 1$.

Consequently,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G_2(x)\Gamma(dx) < +\infty \text{ if and only if } \int_{|x| \leq 1} \ln \frac{1}{|x|} \Gamma(dx) < +\infty.$$

If $d \ge 3$, in the same way,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G_d(x) \Gamma(dx) < +\infty \text{ if and only if } \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{|x|^{d-2}} \Gamma(dx) < +\infty.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

4 Applications

We illustrate the main results by several examples. We start with the case of bounded functions Γ .

Proposition 4. If the positive definite distribution Γ is a bounded function then the equations (1.1) and (1.2) have function-valued solutions in any dimension d. **Proof**: If the positive definite distribution Γ is a bounded function then Γ is a continuous function and the corresponding spectral measure μ is finite. Since the function $\frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d$, is bounded therefore

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) < +\infty$$

and by Theorem 1 the result follows.

Stochastic evolution equations with noise of such type have been introduced by Dawson and Salahi [DaSa] with an extra requirement that μ is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^d . In the case of d=2 they have appeared in the recent paper by Mueller [Mu].

Example 1. It is well-known that functions $\Gamma(x) = e^{-|x|^{\alpha}}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, for $\alpha \in (0, 2]$ are positive definite. In fact, they are Fourier transforms of the so called symmetric stable distributions, see [La] or [Fe]. Consequently with such covariances Γ the equations (1.1) and (1.2) have function-valued solutions.

We consider now some examples of unbounded covariances Γ .

Proposition 5. For arbitrary $\alpha \in (0, d)$ the function $\Gamma_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{|x|^{\alpha}}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a positive definite distribution. Equations (1.1) and (1.2) with the covariance Γ_{α} have function-valued solutions if and only if $\alpha \in (0, 2 \wedge d)$.

Proof. It is well-known, see [Mi], [GeSh] or [La], that Γ_{α} is the Fourier transform of the function $c_1 \frac{1}{|\lambda|^{d-\alpha}}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^d$, where c_1 is a positive constant. The condition (1.4) is equivalent to

$$I := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \frac{1}{|\lambda|^{d-\alpha}} d\lambda < +\infty.$$

By standard calculation

$$I = c_2 \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(1+r^2)} \frac{1}{r^{d-\alpha}} r^{d-1} dr,$$

where c_2 is a constant. One obtains, that $I < +\infty$ if and only if

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{r^{1-\alpha}} dr < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{r^{3-\alpha}} dr < +\infty,$$

or equivalently, $\alpha > 0$ and $\alpha < 2$. Since $\alpha \in (0, d)$, the result follows.

Remark: Note that Proposition 5 contains, as a special case, an application from the paper [DaFr, see Examples].

We pass now to examples for which Γ are genuine distributions.

Example 2. If $\frac{\partial W_{\Gamma}}{\partial t}$ is the space-time white noise then $\Gamma = \delta_{\{o\}}$ and the corresponding spectral measure μ has a constant density, say c > 0. Since

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} d\lambda < +\infty$$

if and only if d = 1, the equations (1.1) and (1.2), perturbed by such noise, have function-valued solutions iff d = 1.

Example 3. Walsh [Wa], in his study of particle systems, arrived at the following equation for fluctuations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t,\xi) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2}(t,\xi) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} W_{\delta_{\{o\}}}(t,\xi) \right]$$

$$u(0,\xi) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}^1.$$
(4.1)

It is easy to calculate that the covariance function corresponding to $\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} W_{\delta_{\{o\}}}(t,\xi), t \ge 0$, is $\Gamma = -\delta''_{\{0\}}$ and the appropriate spectral measure μ has the following density $d_{\mu}(\lambda) = \lambda^2 d\lambda$.

Since

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+\lambda^2} \lambda^2 d\lambda = +\infty$$

the equation (4.1) does not have a function-valued solution. This fact has already been noticed by Walsh [Wa].

5 Equations on *d*-dimensional torus

Many of the previous considerations can be extended from \mathbb{R}^d to stochastic equations on more general groups. As an illustration we discuss here the case of *d*-dimensional torus T^d , for more details we refer to [KaZa]. The *d*-dimensional torus T^d can be identified with the Cartesian product, $(-\pi, \pi]^d$, regarded as a group with the addition modulo 2π (coordinate-wise). We assume that W_{Γ} is a $D'(T^d)$ -valued Wiener process spatially homogeneous with the space correlation Γ . Distribution Γ can be uniquelly expanded into its Fourier series

$$\Gamma(\theta) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{i \langle n, \theta \rangle} \gamma_n$$

with the non-negative coefficients such that $\gamma_n = \gamma_{-n}$ and $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\gamma_n}{1+|n|^{+\infty}} < r$ for some r > 0.

Denote $\mathbb{Z}_s^1 = \mathbb{N}$ and, by induction, $\mathbb{Z}_s^{d+1} = (\mathbb{Z}_s^1 \times \mathbb{Z}^d) \cup \{(0,n); n \in \mathbb{Z}_s^d\}$. Then $\mathbb{Z}^d = \mathbb{Z}_s^d \cup (-\mathbb{Z}_s^d) \cup \{0\}.$

The corresponding spatially homogeneous Wiener process W(t), $t \ge 0$ can be represented in the form:

$$W(t,\theta) = \sqrt{\gamma_0}\beta_0(t) + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_s^d} \sqrt{2\gamma_n} \left((\cos\langle n, \theta \rangle) \beta_n^1(t) + (\sin\langle n, \theta \rangle) \beta_n^2(t) \right),$$

$$\theta \in T^d, \quad t \ge 0$$
(5.1)

where $\beta_0, \beta_n^1, \beta_n^2, n \in \mathbb{Z}_s^d$ are independent, real Brownian motions and the convergence is in the sense of $D'(T_d)$.

Denote $H = H^0 = L^2(T^d)$, $H^\alpha = H^\alpha(T^d)$ and $H^{-\alpha} = H^{-\alpha}(T^d)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$, the real Sobolev spaces of order α and $-\alpha$, respectively. The norms are expressed in terms of the Fourier coefficients, see [Ad]

$$\|\xi\|_{H_{-\alpha}} = \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (1+|n|^2)^{\alpha} |\xi_n|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(|\xi_0|^2 + 2\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d_s} (1+|n|^2)^{\alpha} \left((\xi_n^1)^2 + (\xi_n^2)^2\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

and

$$\|\xi\|_{H^{-\alpha}} = \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d} (1+|n|^2)^{-\alpha} |\xi_n|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(|\xi_0|^2 + 2\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^d_s} (1+|n|^2)^{-\alpha} \left((\xi_n^1)^2 + (\xi_n^2)^2\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where $\xi_n = \xi_n^1 + i\xi_n^2$, $\xi_n = \overline{\xi}_{-n}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$.

We have the following result

Theorem 3. Equations (1.1) and (1.2) on the torus T^d have $H^{\alpha+1}(T^d)$ -valued solution if and only if the Fourier coefficients (γ_n) of the kernel Γ satisfy:

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}^d}\frac{\gamma_n}{(1+|n|^2)^{\alpha}} < +\infty.$$
(5.2)

Remark: Recently, the problem of existence of solution to stochastic wave equation in $S'(\mathbb{R}^d)$ has been recently considered by Gaveau [Ga].

As in the case of \mathbb{R}^d , condition (5.1) can be written in a more explicit way.

Theorem 4. Assume that Γ is not only a positive definite distribution but is also a non-negative measure. Then equations (1.1) and (1.2) have function-valued solutions:

- i) for all Γ if d = 1;
- ii) for exactly those Γ for which $\int_{|\theta| \leq 1} \ln |\theta| \Gamma(d\theta) < +\infty$ if d = 2;
- iii) for exactly those Γ for which $\int_{|\theta| \leq 1}^{|\eta| < 1} \frac{1}{|\theta|^{d-2}} \Gamma(d\theta) < +\infty$ if $d \ge 3$.

The proofs of both theorems are similar to those for \mathbb{R}^d . For details we refer to our preprint [KaZa].

In fact the proof of Theorem 3 can be done in a different way by taking into account the expansion (5.1) of the Wiener process W, with respect to the basis 1, $\cos\langle n, \theta \rangle$, $\sin\langle n, \theta \rangle$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_s^d$, $\theta \in T^d$. Equations (1.1) and (1.2) can be solved coordinatwise with the following explicit formulae for the solutions:

$$X(t,\theta) = \sqrt{\gamma_0}\beta_0(t) + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_s^d} \sqrt{2\gamma_n} \left[\cos\langle n, \theta \rangle \int_0^t e^{-|n|^2(t-s)} d\beta_n^1(s) + \sin\langle n, \theta \rangle \int_0^t e^{-|n|^2(t-s)} d\beta_n^2(s) \right],$$
(5.3)

$$Y(t,\theta) = \sqrt{\gamma_0}\beta_0(s)ds + \sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}_s^d}\sqrt{2\gamma_n} \left[\cos\langle n,\theta\rangle \int_0^t \frac{\sin(|n|(t-s))}{|n|}d\beta_n^1(s) + \sin\langle n,\theta\rangle \int_0^t \frac{\sin|n|(t-s)}{|n|}d\beta_n^2(s)\right].$$
(5.4)

Therefore

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}|X(t)|_{H}^{2} &= (2\pi)^{d} \left[\gamma_{0}t + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{s}^{d}} 2\gamma_{n} \int_{0}^{t} e^{-2|n|^{2}s} ds \right], \\ \mathbb{E}|Y(t)|_{H}^{2} &= (2\pi)^{d} \left[\gamma_{0} \frac{t^{3}}{3} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{s}^{d}} \frac{2\gamma_{n}}{|n|^{2}} \int_{0}^{t} \sin^{2}(|n|s) ds \right], \ t \ge 0. \end{split}$$

Since, for arbitrary t > 0,

$$|n|^2 \int_0^t e^{-2|n|^2 s} ds \to \frac{1}{2}, \text{ as } |n| \to +\infty,$$
$$\int_0^t \sin^2(|n|s) ds \to \int_0^t \sin^2 \sigma d\sigma, \text{ as } |n| \to +\infty,$$

therefore $\mathbb{E}|X(t)|_{H}^{2} < +\infty$, $\mathbb{E}|Y(t)|_{H}^{2} < +\infty$ if and only if $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{(s)}^{d}} \frac{\gamma_{n}}{|n|^{2}} < +\infty$, as required, $(\alpha = 0)$.

Expansions (5.1), (5.2) lead also to more refined results.

Theorem 5. Assume that

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}^d}\frac{\gamma_n}{1+|n|^{\alpha}}<+\infty,$$

for some $\alpha \in (0,2)$. Then solutions X(t), Y(t), $t \ge 0$ are Hölder continuous with respect to t > 0 and $\theta \in T^d$ with any exponent smaller than $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{4}$.

The theorem is a consequence of Theorem 5.20 and Theorem 5.22 from [DaPrZa]. For the case of R^2 and the stochastic wave equation a similar result was obtained in [DaFr].

We finish the section with some applications of Theorems 3 and 4.

Corollary 1. Assume that $\Gamma \in L^2(T^d)$ and d = 1, 2, 3. Then the stochastic heat and wave equations (1.1) and (1.2) have solutions with values in $L^2(T^d)$.

Corollary 2. Assume that for some $1 \leq p \leq 2$, $\hat{\Gamma} \in l^p(\mathbb{Z}^d)$. If $d < \frac{2p}{p-1}$, then the stochastic heat and wave equations (1.1) and (1.2) have solutions in $L^2(T^d)$.

Conjectures 6

Taking into account Theorem 1 it is natural to expect that the following conjecture is true.

Conjecture 1. If $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) < +\infty$ and functions $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, b: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ are Lipschitz then nonlinear heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u(t,\theta)}{\partial t} = \Delta u(t,\theta) + g(u(t,\theta)) + b(u(t,\theta)) \frac{\partial W_{\Gamma}}{\partial t}(t,\theta), \quad t > 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0,\theta) = 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$
(6.1)

and nonlinear wave equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u(t,\theta)}{\partial t^2} = \Delta u(t,\theta) + g(u(t,\theta)) + b(u(t,\theta)) \frac{\partial W_{\Gamma}}{\partial t}(t,\theta), \quad t > 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0,\theta) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0,\theta) = 0, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$
(6.2)

have solutions.

At the moment there are only partial confirmations of the conjectures. Namely, the following result concerned with nonlinear heat equation (6.1) is contained in the paper [PeZa].

Theorem 6. Assume that g and b are Lipschitz. Nonlinear heat equation (6.1) has a unique Markovian solution in $L^2_{\rho_{\kappa}}$, where $\kappa > 0$, $\rho_{\kappa}(\theta) = e^{-\kappa|\theta|}$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$, if either the spectral measure μ of W_{Γ} is finite or μ is infinite and has a density $\frac{d\mu}{d\theta}$ such that:

- i) if d = 1, $\frac{d\mu}{d\theta} \in L^p$ for some $p \in [1, +\infty]$; ii) if d = 2, $\frac{d\mu}{d\theta} \in L^p$ for some $p \in [1, +\infty)$; iii) if $d \ge 3$, $\frac{d\mu}{d\theta} \in L^p$ for some $p \in [1, \frac{d}{d-2})$.

A general existence result for nonlinear stochastic wave equations was proved in the paper [DaFr] by Dalang and Frangos. They showed the following result.

Theorem 7. If correlation Γ is a function of the form $\Gamma(\theta) = f(|\theta|)$, with f positive and continuous outside 0, and if the dimension d = 2 and the condition (1.3) is satisfied then the equation (6.2) has a local solution.

It is interesting to note that conditions of Theorem 5 imply that the reproducing kernel space S'_{Γ} consists only of functions, namely, $S'_{\Gamma} \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) + C_b(\mathbb{R}^d)$, see [PeZa]. This seems to be essential for the definition of the stochastic integral with the integrands being multiplication operators. We therefore pose the following conjecture.

Conjecture 2. If $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) < +\infty$ then elements of S'_{Γ} are represented by locally integrable functions.

The following proposition is a partial confirmation of Conjecture 2.

Proposition 6. If $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \mu(d\lambda) < +\infty$ then $\delta_{\{o\}} \notin S'_{\Gamma}$.

Proof: Assume, to the contrary, that for some $u \in L^2_{(s)}(\mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$, $\widehat{u\mu} = \delta_{\{o\}}$. Then, for a constant c > 0, $u(x)\mu(dx) = c \, dx$ and u(x) > 0 for almost all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and measure μ can be identified with its density $\gamma(x) = \frac{c}{u(x)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$. We also have

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{1+|\lambda|^2} \gamma(x) dx < +\infty$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u^2(x)\mu(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{c^2}{\gamma^2(x)} \gamma(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{c^2}{\gamma(x)} dx < +\infty$$

Consequently

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\lambda|^2}} \frac{\gamma(x)}{\sqrt{1+|\lambda|^2}} dx < +\infty,$$
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\lambda|^2}} \frac{\sqrt{1+|\lambda|^2}}{\gamma(x)} dx < +\infty.$$

Adding both inequalities and taking into account that $a + \frac{1}{a} \ge 2$ for all a > 0, one arrives at $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|\lambda|^2}} d < +\infty$, a contradiction.

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