

## Central limit theorem for a simple diffusion model of interacting particles

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### § 1. Introduction

Given a smooth function  $b(x, y)$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ , we set

$$b[x, u] = \int_{\mathbf{R}} b(x, y)u(y)dy \quad (\text{or } = \int_{\mathbf{R}} b(x, y)u(dy))$$

for a function  $u(y)$  (or a measure  $u(dy)$ ), and consider

$$(1.1a) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (b[x, u]u),$$

$$(1.1b) \quad u(0, x) = u(x),$$

where  $u(x)$  is a probability density function. In connection with Kac's work [4] on the propagation of chaos for Boltzmann's equation, McKean [7] described the diffusion process  $\{X(t)\}$  associated with (1.1) as the limit process, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , of any single component process of the diffusion  $X^{(n)}(t) = (X_1^{(n)}(t), \dots, X_n^{(n)}(t))$  with generator

$$(1.2) \quad K^{(n)}\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x_i^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k \neq i} b(x_i, x_k) \right) \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i}$$

and with initial density  $u(x_1)u(x_2)\cdots u(x_n)$ ; in fact, it was shown that for each fixed  $m$  the process  $\{(X_1^{(n)}(t), \dots, X_m^{(n)}(t))\}$  converges in law to  $\{(X_1(t), \dots, X_m(t))\}$  where  $\{X_k(t)\}$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$ , are independent copies of  $\{X(t)\}$ . Thus we have the following law of large numbers:

$$(1.3) \quad U^{(n)}(t) = n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_{X_k^{(n)}(t)} \longrightarrow u(t);$$

here  $\delta_x$  denotes the  $\delta$ -distribution at  $x$  and  $u(t) = \int u(t, x)dx$  where  $u(t, x)$  is the solution of (1.1). The next stage is the central limit theorem which investigates the limit of

$$(1.4) \quad S^{(n)}(t) = n^{1/2}(U^{(n)}(t) - u(t)),$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This kind of problem was considered by Kac [5] and McKean [8] for Boltzmann's equation, and by Martin-Löf [6] and Itô [3] for non-interacting

Markovian particles. The present diffusion model differs from that of [6], [3] in the sense that there are intermolecular interactions due to the dependence of  $b(x, y)$  upon  $y$ .

The purpose of this paper is to find the limit process  $\{S(t)\}$  of  $\{S^{(n)}(t)\}$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , in a very simple case in which  $b(x, y) = -\lambda(x - y)$  for a positive constant  $\lambda$ . In this case, the diffusion process  $\{X(t)\}$  associated with (1.1) can be obtained as the solution of the stochastic differential equation (SDE)

$$(1.5) \quad dX(t) = dB(t) - \lambda(X(t) - \mu)dt,$$

where  $\{B(t)\}$  is a 1-dimensional Brownian motion and  $\mu = E\{X(0)\} = E\{X(t)\}$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\mu = 0$  in which case the generator of  $\{X(t)\}$  yields

$$(1.6) \quad K\varphi = 2^{-1}\varphi'' - \lambda x\varphi'.$$

Although the process  $\{S^{(n)}(t)\}$  is signed-measure-valued, the limit process  $\{S(t)\}$  turns out to be distribution-valued. Our result is that  $\{S(t)\}$  is a diffusion process on an appropriate space  $\Phi'_{3/2}$  of distributions and satisfies the SDE

$$(1.7) \quad d\langle S(t), \varphi \rangle = d\langle B(t), \varphi \rangle + \langle S(t), (K + L_t)\varphi \rangle dt, \quad \varphi \in \Phi_{3/2},$$

where  $\{B(t)\}$  is certain  $\Phi'_{3/2}$ -Brownian motion (continuous Lévy process on  $\Phi'_{3/2}$ ), determined by (3.7) of §3, and  $(L_t\varphi)(x) = \lambda\mu(t, \varphi')x$  with  $\mu(t, \varphi') = E\{\varphi'(X(t))\}$ . Making use of Hermite polynomials, the SDE (1.7) will be solved in an explicit form.

## §2. The limiting Gaussian random field

The diffusion process  $X^{(n)}(t) = (X_1^{(n)}(t), \dots, X_n^{(n)}(t))$  with generator  $K^{(n)}$  can be obtained as the solution of the SDE

$$(2.1) \quad X_k^{(n)}(t) = X_k + B_k(t) + \frac{n}{n-1} \int_0^t b[X_k^{(n)}(s), U^{(n)}(s)] ds, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n,$$

for  $b(x, y) = -\lambda(x - y)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , where the initial values  $X_k$ 's are mutually independent random variables with common distribution  $u$  and  $\{B_k(t)\}$ 's are independent copies of a 1-dimensional Brownian motion; it is also assumed that  $\{X_k; k \geq 1\}$  and  $\{B_k(t); k \geq 1\}$  are independent. If  $u$  has a finite expectation, that is, if  $E\{|X_k|\} < \infty$ , then by the result of McKean [7] (propagation of chaos) we have  $E\{|X_k^{(n)}(t) - X_k(t)|\} \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ) for each fixed  $k$ , where  $X_k(t)$  is the solution of

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} X_k(t) = X_k + B_k(t) + \int_0^t b[X_k(s), u(s)] ds \\ u(s) = \text{the probability distribution of } X_k(s). \end{cases}$$

If in addition  $u$  has a smooth density, then  $u(t)$  has also a smooth density which is the solution of (1.1).

Let  $W$  be the space of continuous paths  $w: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , and denote by  $\mathfrak{U}$  the probability measure on  $W$  induced by the process  $\{X_k(t)\}$ . Any continuous process in  $\mathbf{R}$  may be regarded as a  $W$ -valued random variable which is denoted by the corresponding bold face letter. The law of large numbers (1.3) is now elaborated as follows:

$$(2.3) \quad U^{(n)} = n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_{X_k^{(n)}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{U} \quad (\text{in probability}).$$

If we set

$$(2.4) \quad S^{(n)} = n^{1/2}(U^{(n)} - \mathfrak{U}),$$

then it is expected that  $S^{(n)}$  converges in law to some Gaussian random field  $S$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In this section we calculate the characteristic functional of this limiting random field  $S$ .

We notice that  $E\{X_k(t)\} = E\{X_k\} = \mu$ . Therefore, by making use of a translation in the phase space if necessary, we may consider only the case  $\mu = 0$ . In what follows we assume that  $\mu = 0$ , and estimate the speed of convergence of  $\{X_k^{(n)}(t)\}$  to  $\{X_k(t)\}$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *We have*

$$(2.5) \quad X_k^{(n)}(t) = X_k(t) + n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t),$$

where

$$(2.6) \quad Y_k^{(n)}(t) = \lambda \int_0^t Z^{(n)}(s) ds + \frac{\lambda}{n-1} \int_0^t \exp \left\{ -\frac{n\lambda(t-s)}{n-1} \right\} Z^{(n)}(s) ds \\ - \frac{n^{1/2}}{n-1} \int_0^t \exp \left\{ -\frac{n\lambda(t-s)}{n-1} \right\} X_k(s) ds,$$

$$Z^{(n)}(t) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j(t).$$

PROOF. Solving the differential equation

$$\dot{Y}_k^{(n)}(t) = n^{1/2} \left\{ \frac{n}{n-1} b[X_k^{(n)}(t), U^{(n)}(t)] - b[X_k(t), u(t)] \right\} \\ = -\frac{n\lambda}{n-1} Y_k^{(n)}(t) + \frac{\lambda}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j^{(n)}(t) + \frac{n\lambda}{n-1} Z^{(n)}(t) - \frac{n^{1/2}\lambda}{n-1} X_k(t),$$

we obtain (2.6).

Denote by  $\mathcal{E}_0$  the set of functions  $\zeta(w)$  which are expressed as

$$(2.7) \quad \xi(w) = \varphi(w(t_1), \dots, w(t_m))$$

with some  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m \geq 0$  and polynomials  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ .

LEMMA 2.2. *In addition to  $\mu=0$ , we assume that the initial distribution  $u$  has finite absolute  $p$ -th moments for all  $p>0$ . Then  $\Xi_0 \subset L^2(W, \mathfrak{U})$ .*

PROOF. If  $X$  is a  $u$ -distributed random variable independent of a 1-dimensional Brownian motion  $\{B(t)\}$ , then the probability law in the path space  $W$  of the process

$$(2.8) \quad X(t) = e^{-\lambda t} X + \int_0^t e^{-\lambda(t-s)} dB(s)$$

is  $\mathfrak{U}$ . Since  $E\{|X(t)|^p\} \leq C_p$  for any  $p \geq 0$ , we have

$$\int \xi^2 \mathfrak{U}(dw) = E\{\varphi(X(t_1), \dots, X(t_m))^2\} < \infty$$

and hence  $\Xi_0 \subset L^2(W, \mathfrak{U})$ .

We define  $S_0^{(n)}$  and  $U_0^{(n)}$  by

$$(2.9) \quad S_0^{(n)} = n^{1/2}(U_0^{(n)} - \mathfrak{U}) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{k=1}^n (\delta_{x_k} - \mathfrak{U}).$$

LEMMA 2.3. *Under the same assumption for  $u$  as in the preceding lemma, we have*

$$\langle S^{(n)}, \xi \rangle = \langle S_0^{(n)}, \xi \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^m \overline{\partial_j \varphi} Y^{(n)}(t_j) + R_n,$$

for  $\xi(w) = \varphi(w(t_1), \dots, w(t_m)) \in \Xi_0$ , where

$$Y^{(n)}(t) = \lambda \int_0^t Z^{(n)}(s) ds,$$

$$\overline{\partial_j \varphi} = E\{\partial_j \varphi(X_k(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m))\},$$

and  $R_n \rightarrow 0$  in probability as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

PROOF. We can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi(X_k^{(n)}) - \xi(X_k) \\ &= \varphi(X_k(t_1) + n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m) + n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t_m)) - \varphi(X_k(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m)) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \partial_j \varphi(X_k(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m)) n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t_j) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i,j=1}^m \int_0^1 \int_0^t \partial_{ij}^2 \varphi(X_k(t_1) + n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t_1)s, \dots, X_k(t_m) + n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t_m)s) ds dt \\ & \quad \quad \quad \times Y_k^{(n)}(t_i) Y_k^{(n)}(t_j) / n \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m \partial_j \varphi(X_k(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m)) n^{-1/2} Y_k^{(n)}(t_j) + R_{nk}, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle S^{(n)}, \xi \rangle &= \langle S_0^{(n)}, \xi \rangle + n^{1/2} \langle U^{(n)} - U_0^{(n)}, \xi \rangle \\ &= \langle S_0^{(n)}, \xi \rangle + \sum_{j=1}^m \{n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \partial_j \varphi(X_k(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m))\} Y_k^{(n)}(t_j) + n^{-1/2} \sum_{k=1}^n R_{nk} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $E\{|X_k(t)|^p\} \leq C_p$  for any  $p > 0$ , it follows from the expression (2.6) that  $n^{-1/2} \sum_{k=1}^n R_{nk} \rightarrow 0$  in probability as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover, by the law of large numbers we have  $n^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \partial_j \varphi(X_k(t_1), \dots, X_k(t_m)) \rightarrow \overline{\partial_j \varphi}$  in probability, proving the lemma.

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of functions  $\xi$  on  $W$  which are expressed as

$$(2.10) \quad \xi = \xi_0 + \int_a^b \theta_t \xi_1 \alpha(t) dt,$$

with some  $\xi_0, \xi_1 \in \mathcal{E}_0, 0 \leq a < b < \infty$  and a continuous function  $\alpha(t)$  on  $[0, \infty)$ , where  $\theta_t$  denotes the shift:  $(\theta_t w)(s) = w(t+s), s \geq 0$  and  $(\theta_t \xi_1)(w) = \xi_1(\theta_t w)$ . We introduce a linear operator  $A: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow L^2(W, \mathfrak{U})$  by

$$\begin{aligned} A\xi &= \lambda \sum_{j=1}^m \overline{\partial_j \varphi} \int_0^{t_j} w(s) ds, & \text{if } \xi \text{ is of the form (2.7)} \\ &= A\xi_0 + \int_a^b A(\theta_s \xi_1) \alpha(s) ds, & \text{if } \xi \text{ is of the form (2.10).} \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *We assume that the initial distribution  $u$  has finite absolute  $p$ -th moments for all  $p \geq 0$  and  $\mu = 0$ . Then for any  $\xi \in \mathcal{E}$*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E\{e^{i\langle S^{(n)}, \xi \rangle}\} = e^{-Q(\xi)/2},$$

where  $Q(\xi) = \|\xi + A\xi\|^2 - (\xi + A\xi, 1)^2$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  denote the norm and the inner product of  $L^2(W, \mathfrak{U})$ , respectively.

**PROOF.** It may be enough to consider only when  $\xi$  is of the form (2.7). Introducing the evaluation map  $e_t: W \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $e_t(w) = w(t)$ , we have  $\langle S_0^{(n)}, e_t \rangle = Z^{(n)}(t)$ , and hence

$$Y^{(n)}(t) = \lambda \int_0^t Z^{(n)}(s) ds = \lambda \int_0^t \langle S_0^{(n)}, e_s \rangle ds = \langle S_0^{(n)}, \lambda \int_0^t e_s ds \rangle.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E e^{i\langle S^{(n)}, \xi \rangle} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \exp \{i\langle S_0^{(n)}, \xi \rangle + i \sum_{j=1}^m \overline{\partial_j \varphi} Y^{(n)}(t_j)\} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \exp \{i\langle S_0^{(n)}, \xi + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^m \overline{\partial_j \varphi} \int_0^{t_j} e_s ds \rangle\} \\ &= e^{-Q(\xi)/2}, \end{aligned}$$

in which we have used the classical central limit theorem.

**§3. The SDE for  $\{S(t)\}$**

Let  $\{S(\xi), \xi \in \mathcal{E}\}$  be a Gaussian random field such that

$$E\{e^{i\langle S, \xi \rangle}\} = e^{-Q(\xi)/2}, \quad \xi \in \mathcal{E},$$

where  $Q(\xi)$  is defined in Theorem 2.1, and define  $S(t)$  by  $\langle S(t), \varphi \rangle = \langle S, \varphi(w(t)) \rangle$  for any polynomial  $\varphi$  of  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E\{e^{i\langle S^{(n)}(t), \varphi \rangle}\} = E\{e^{i\langle S(t), \varphi \rangle}\}.$$

In this section we derive the SDE for  $\{S(t)\}$  by making use of a method of Itô [3].

In what follows we assume that a probability distribution  $u$ , which is to be the initial distribution of the diffusion process  $\{X(t)\}$  with generator  $K$ , has a density  $u(x)$  satisfying  $\mu = \int xu(x)dx = 0$  and

$$(3.1) \quad u(x) < \text{const. } g(x),$$

where  $g(x) = (\lambda/\pi)^{1/2} e^{-\lambda x^2}$ . Denote by  $u(t)$  the probability distribution of  $X(t)$ . Then it has a density  $u(t, x)$  which also satisfies  $u(t, x) < \text{const. } g(x)$ , the const. being the same as the one in (3.1).

We introduce the following notations:

$$H_n(x) = H_n(x; \lambda) = (-1)^n \{n!(2\lambda)^n\}^{-1/2} e^{\lambda x^2} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-\lambda x^2}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots,$$

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{\varphi = \sum a_k H_k \text{ (finite sum), } a_k = \text{real}\},$$

$$\|\varphi\|_\alpha^2 = (2\lambda)^{2\alpha} \sum_k a_k^2 (k+1/2)^{2\alpha}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbf{R},$$

$$\Phi_\alpha = \|\cdot\|_\alpha\text{-completion of } \mathfrak{B},$$

$$\Phi'_\alpha = \text{the dual space of } \Phi_\alpha \text{ (} \cong \Phi_{-\alpha}\text{)},$$

$$\Phi = \bigcap_\alpha \Phi_\alpha, \quad \Phi' = \bigcup_\alpha \Phi'_\alpha.$$

For  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{B}$  we set

$$M_t(\varphi, w) = \varphi(w(t)) - \varphi(w(0)) - \int_0^t (K\varphi)(w(s)) ds.$$

Then  $\{M_t(\varphi, w)\}$  is a  $\mathbf{U}$ -martingale, and it is not hard to prove

$$(3.2) \quad |M_t(\varphi, w)|^2 = \int_0^t \|\varphi'\|_{u(\tau)}^2 d\tau,$$

$$(3.3) \quad (M_t(\varphi, w), M_s(\psi, w)) = \int_0^{t \wedge s} (\varphi', \psi')_{u(\tau)} d\tau,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{u(\tau)}$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)_{u(\tau)}$  denote the usual norm and inner product, respectively, in  $L^2(\mathbf{R}, u(\tau))$ .

LEMMA 3.1. *If we set*

$$\xi_t(\varphi, w) = M_t(\varphi, w) - \lambda \int_0^t \mu(s, \varphi') w(s) ds$$

for  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}$ , where  $\mu(s, \varphi') = E\{\varphi'(X(s))\}$ , then

$$(3.4) \quad \xi_t(\varphi, w) + \Lambda \xi_t(\varphi, w) = M_t(\varphi, w),$$

$$(3.5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E\{i\langle S^{(n)}, \xi_t(\varphi, w) \rangle\} = \exp \left\{ - \int_0^t \|\varphi'\|_{u(s)}^2 ds / 2 \right\}.$$

PROOF. It is enough to prove that  $\Lambda \xi_t(\varphi, w) = \lambda \int_0^t \mu(s, \varphi') w(s) ds$ . By the definition of  $\Lambda$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda \xi_t(\varphi, w) &= \lambda \mu(t, \varphi') \int_0^t w(s) ds - \lambda \int_0^t \mu(s, (K\varphi)') ds \int_0^s w(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad - \lambda^2 \int_0^t \mu(s, \varphi') ds \int_0^s w(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\dot{\mu}(s, \varphi') = \mu(s, K\varphi') = \mu(s, (K\varphi)' + \lambda\varphi')$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda \xi_t(\varphi, w) &= \lambda \mu(t, \varphi') \int_0^t w(s) ds - \lambda \int_0^t \dot{\mu}(s, \varphi') ds \int_0^s w(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \lambda \int_0^t \mu(s, \varphi') w(s) ds \quad (\text{integration by part}), \end{aligned}$$

as was to be proved.

For  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{F}$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad \langle S(t), \varphi \rangle - \langle S(0), \varphi \rangle &= \langle S, \varphi(w(t)) - \varphi(w(0)) \rangle \\ &= \langle S, \xi_t(\varphi, w) \rangle + \langle S, \int_0^t (K\varphi)(w(s)) ds + \lambda \int_0^t \mu(s, \varphi') w(s) ds \rangle \\ &= \langle S, \xi_t(\varphi, w) \rangle + \int_0^t \langle S(s), K\varphi \rangle ds + \lambda \int_0^t \mu(s, \varphi') \langle S(s), \varphi_1 \rangle ds \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_1(x) \equiv x$ . A method of Itô [3] is to derive the SDE for  $\{S(t)\}$  from (3.6) by noticing that

$$B_t(\varphi) = \langle S, \xi_t(\varphi, w) \rangle$$

defines a  $\Phi'$ -Brownian motion. In fact, by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$E\{e^{i(B_t(\varphi) - B_s(\varphi))}\} = \exp \left\{ - \int_s^t \|\varphi'\|_{u(\tau)}^2 d\tau / 2 \right\}, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t,$$

and because of the bound

$$\|\varphi'\|_{u(\tau)}^2 \leq \text{const.} \|\varphi'\|_0^2 \leq \text{const.} \|\varphi\|_{1/2}^2$$

there exists a Brownian motion (=continuous Lévy process)  $\{\mathbf{B}(t)\}$  in  $\Phi'_{3/2}$  such that

$$(3.7) \quad E\{e^{i\langle \mathbf{B}(t), \varphi \rangle}\} = \exp\left\{-\int_0^t \|\varphi'\|_{u(\tau)}^2 d\tau/2\right\}, \quad \varphi \in \Phi,$$

$$(3.8) \quad \langle \mathbf{B}(t), \varphi \rangle = B_t(\varphi), \quad \text{a.s.} \quad \text{for } \varphi \in \mathfrak{F}.$$

Now (3.6) yields

$$(3.9) \quad d\langle S(t), \varphi \rangle = d\langle \mathbf{B}(t), \varphi \rangle + \langle S(t), K\varphi + L_t\varphi \rangle dt,$$

where  $L_t: \varphi \rightarrow \lambda\mu(t, \varphi')\varphi_1$ .

Our next problem is to solve the SDE (3.9). Here, the test function  $\varphi$  is taken from  $\Phi$ . Setting

$$B_k(t) = \langle \mathbf{B}(t), H_k \rangle, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$S_k(t) = \langle S(t), H_k \rangle, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

and noting that  $H_k$ 's are eigenfunctions of  $K$  ( $KH_k = -2\lambda kH_k$ ), we have from (3.9)

$$dS_k(t) = dB_k(t) - 2\lambda kS_k(t)dt + (\lambda/2)^{1/2}\mu(t, H'_k)S_1(t)dt.$$

This can be solved easily; the result is

$$S_0(t) \equiv 0,$$

$$S_k(t) = e^{-2\lambda kt} S_k(0) + \int_0^t e^{-2\lambda k(t-s)} dB_k(s) \\ + R_k(t) \int_0^t \mu(s, H_{k-1}) ds S_1(0) + \int_0^t R_k(t-s) \int_s^t \mu(\tau, H_{k-1}) d\tau dB_1(s),$$

where

$$R_k(t) = k^{1/2}(2k-1)^{-1}(e^{-\lambda t} - e^{-2\lambda kt})t^{-1},$$

and  $\{S_k(0), k \geq 1\}$  is a Gaussian system with

$$E\{S_j(0)S_k(0)\} = (H_j - \bar{H}_j, H_k - \bar{H}_k)_u,$$

$$E\{S_j(0)\} = 0, \quad \bar{H}_j = \int H_j(x)u(x)dx.$$

Thus,  $\{S(t)\}$  is a diffusion process on  $\Phi'_{3/2}$  and we obtain the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *For any polynomials  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_m$  of  $x (\in \mathbf{R})$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_m \geq 0$ ,*

the joint distribution of  $\langle S^{(n)}(t_1), \varphi_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle S^{(n)}(t_m), \varphi_m \rangle$  converges to that of  $\langle S(t_1), \varphi_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle S(t_m), \varphi_m \rangle$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $\{S(t)\}$  is a diffusion process on  $\Phi'_{3/2}$  satisfying the SDE (3.9).

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