# STATISTICAL MECHANICS OF THE FOCUSING NONLINEAR SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION - EXERCISES 

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## 1. Exercise session 1

Exercise 1. Let $A: D \subseteq L^{2}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right) \rightarrow L^{2}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)$ be a densely defined, nonnegative, self-adjoint operator which is translation invariant. Recall that this implies that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}$, there exists $\lambda_{n} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that for every $f \in D$,

$$
\widehat{A f}(n)=\lambda_{n}^{2} \widehat{f}(n)
$$

Moreover,

$$
D=\left\{f: \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}} \lambda_{n}^{4}|\widehat{f}(n)|^{2}<\infty\right\} .
$$

Suppose moreover that for some $s_{0}>0, c>0$, we have

$$
\langle A u, u\rangle \geq c\|u\|_{H^{s_{0}}}^{2} .
$$

We want to build a measure $\mu$, formally given by

$$
\mu \sim \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2}\langle A u, u\rangle\right) d u d \bar{u},
$$

which has the following properties
i. There exists $s \in \mathbb{R}$ such that the measure $\mu$ is a Gaussian measure on $H^{s}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)$.
ii. For every $f, g \in C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)$, we have that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int\langle f, u\rangle d \mu(u) & =0 \\
\int\langle f, u\rangle \overline{\langle g, u\rangle} d \mu(u) & =\left\langle A^{-1} f, g\right\rangle .
\end{aligned}
$$

Show the following.
(1) Let $\left\{g_{n}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{T}^{d}}$ be a family of i.i.d. complex valued standard random variables. ${ }^{1}$ Define

$$
X=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{g_{n}}{\lambda_{n}} e^{i n \cdot x} .
$$

Firstly, show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\|X\|_{H^{s}}^{2}<\infty
$$

for every $s<s_{0}-\frac{d}{2}$. Then, show that $\mu=\operatorname{Law}(X)$ satisfies ii.

[^0](2) Now suppose that $\mu$ is a measure that satisfies both i. and ii. Show that if $\operatorname{Law}(u)=\mu$, then the random variables
$$
G_{n}:=\frac{\lambda_{n}}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}}\left\langle u, e^{i n \cdot x}\right\rangle
$$
are i.i.d. complex valued standard random variables.
(3) Let $s<s_{0}-\frac{d}{2}$ be such that $\mu$ is concentrated on $H^{s}$. For $G_{n}$ as in (2), show that

- $\int\|u\|_{H^{s}}^{2} d \mu(u)<\infty$,
- $\lim _{N \rightarrow \infty} \int\left\|u-\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_{|n| \leq N} \frac{G_{n}}{\lambda_{n}} e^{i n \cdot x}\right\|_{H^{s}}^{2} d \mu(u)=0$.

Deduce that i. and ii. uniquely determine the measure $\mu$, and that every such measure admits a random series representation

$$
\mu=\operatorname{Law}\left(\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{g_{n}}{\lambda_{n}} e^{i n \cdot x}\right) .
$$

Exercise 2. Let

$$
X=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}} \frac{g_{n}}{\langle n\rangle^{\alpha}} e^{i n \cdot x} .
$$

We want to show that the property $X \in H^{\alpha-\frac{d}{2}-\varepsilon}$ is optimal, or in other words, that

$$
\|X\|_{H^{\alpha-\frac{d}{2}}}^{2}=\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^{d}}\langle n\rangle^{2 \alpha-d}|\widehat{X}(n)|^{2}=\infty \quad \text { a.s. }
$$

For $N \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$, define

$$
X_{N}:=\frac{1}{(2 \pi)^{\frac{d}{2}}} \sum_{\frac{N}{2}<|n| \leq N} \widehat{X}(n) e^{i n \cdot x}
$$

(1) Show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left\|X_{N}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2} \sim N^{d-2 \alpha}
$$

(2) Show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left|\left\|X_{N}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}-\mathbb{E}\left\|X_{N}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}\right|^{2} \lesssim N^{d-4 \alpha}
$$

(3) Deduce that

$$
\sum_{N} N^{2 \alpha-d}\left|\left\|X_{N}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}-\mathbb{E}\left\|X_{N}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}\right|<\infty \quad \text { a.s. }
$$

(4) From $\|X\|_{H^{\alpha-\frac{d}{2}}}^{2} \gtrsim \sum_{N} N^{2 \alpha-d}\left\|X_{N}\right\|_{L^{2}}^{2}$, deduce that

$$
\|X\|_{H^{\alpha-\frac{d}{2}}}^{2}=\infty \quad \text { a.s. }
$$

Exercise 3 (Wick renormalisation). Let $X \sim N\left(0, \sigma^{2}\right)$. Define recursively the Wick powers of $x$ in the following way.

$$
\begin{aligned}
: x^{0}: & =1 \\
: x: & =x \\
: x^{n+1} & :=x \cdot: x^{n}:-\sigma^{2} \partial_{x}\left(: x^{n}:\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

i. Show that for every $n \geq 1, \partial_{x}\left(: x^{n}:\right)=n: x^{n-1}:$.
ii. Proceeding inductively, show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[: x^{n}:: x^{m}:\right]=n!\delta_{n m} \sigma^{2 n}
$$

It might be useful to recall that

$$
\left(x+\sigma^{2} \partial_{x}\right) e^{-\frac{x^{2}}{2 \sigma}}=0
$$

iii. For $z \in \mathbb{R}$, seeing : $x^{k}$ : as a polynomial in $x$, show that

$$
:(x+z)^{k}:=\sum_{h=0}^{k}\binom{n}{k}: x^{n-k}: z^{k}
$$

iv. Let $(x, y)$ be jointly Gaussian with zero average, and let $: x^{n}:,: y^{m}:$ be their Wick powers. Show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[: x^{n}:: y^{m}:\right]=n!\delta_{n m} \mathbb{E}[x y]^{n} .
$$

It might be useful to write $y=\lambda x+w$, with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $w$ independent from $x$.
Exercise 4 (Wick renormalisation of the Gaussian free field). Consider the random series on $\mathbb{T}^{2}$,

$$
X=\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{2 \pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}} \frac{g_{n}}{\langle n\rangle} e^{i n \cdot x} .
$$

Our goal is to show that for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the Wick powers : $X^{k}$ : are well-defined distributions, and moreover

$$
(1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}: X^{k}: \in L^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)
$$

for every $s>0$.
For a distribution $u$, define

$$
u_{N}:=\frac{1}{2 \pi} \sum_{|n| \leq N} \widehat{u}(n) e^{i n \cdot x} .
$$

Recall that for any $f \in C^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)$, and for every $0<s<2$, we have that

$$
(1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}} f(x)=\int K_{s}(x-y) f(y) d y
$$

where $K_{s}$ satisfies

$$
\left|K_{s}\right|(x) \lesssim \frac{1}{|x|^{2-s}}
$$

i. Let $N \leq M$. show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[X_{N}(x) X_{M}(y)\right]=K_{N}(x-y),
$$

where

$$
\widehat{K_{N}}(n)=\frac{\mathbf{1}_{\{|n| \leq N\}}}{\langle n\rangle^{2}} .
$$

Deduce that for every $1 \leq p<\infty$,

$$
\sup _{N}\left\|K_{N}\right\|_{L^{p}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)}<\infty
$$

ii. Exploiting point iv. of Exercise 3, show that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$
\sup _{N} \mathbb{E}\left|\left((1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}: X_{N}^{k}:\right)(x)\right|^{2}<\infty .
$$

iii. Recall the (simplified) variational formula

$$
\mathbb{E}[\exp (F(X))] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\sup _{V \in H^{1}} F(X+V)-\frac{1}{2}\|V\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
$$

for any measurable functional $F$ bounded below.
Show that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $\varepsilon_{0}=\varepsilon_{0}(k, s) \ll 1$ such that

$$
\sup _{N} \mathbb{E}\left[\exp \left(\varepsilon_{0}\left|\left((1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}: X_{N}^{k}:\right)(x)\right|^{\frac{2}{k}}\right)\right]<\infty .
$$

Deduce that for every $1 \leq q<\infty$,

$$
\sup _{N} \mathbb{E}\left\|(1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}: X_{N}^{k}:\right\|_{L^{p}}^{q}<\infty .
$$

iv. (optional) Show that for $N \leq M$,

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\left(: X_{M}^{k}:-: X_{N}^{k}:\right)(x)\left(: X_{M}^{k}:-: X_{N}^{k}:\right)(y)\right]=k!\left(K_{M}(x-y)-K_{N}(x, y)\right) .
$$

Arguing as in ii.-iii., deduce that for some $\varepsilon_{0}=\varepsilon_{0}(k, s)>0$ and some $\delta=\delta(k, s)>0$, we have that

$$
\sup _{N \leq M} \mathbb{E}\left[\exp \left(\varepsilon_{0} N^{\delta}\left|\left((1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}\left(: X_{M}^{k}:-: X_{N}^{k}:\right)\right)(x)\right|^{\frac{2}{k}}\right)\right]<\infty,
$$

and hence show that for every $1 \leq p<\infty$, the sequence

$$
(1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}: X_{N}^{k}:
$$

is a Cauchy sequence in $L^{p}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)$.
v. Denote by $: X^{k}$ : the a.s. limit of $: X_{N}^{k}:$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Show that for every $s>0$, there exists $\varepsilon_{0}=\varepsilon_{0}(k, s)$ such that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[\exp \left(\varepsilon_{0}\left\|(1-\Delta)^{-\frac{s}{2}}: X^{k}:\right\|_{L^{\infty}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)}^{\frac{2}{k}}\right)\right]<\infty .
$$

## 2. Exercise session 2

Exercise 5. Recall the Boué-Dupuis formula: for every real-valued functional $F$ on distributions, Borel and bounded, we have

$$
\log \int \exp (F(u)) d \mu(u)=\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
$$

where

$$
X(t)=\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{2 \pi} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}} \frac{W_{n}(t)}{\langle n\rangle} e^{i n \cdot x},
$$

and

$$
\mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}:=\left\{V \in L^{2}\left(\mathbf{P}, H^{1}\right): V(0)=0,\|\dot{V}\| \in L^{2}\left([0,1], H^{1}\right)\right. \text { a.s. }
$$

$$
V \text { is adapted with respect to the filtration induced by } X\} \text {. }
$$

Our goal is to show that the similar formula

$$
\log \int \exp (F(u)) d \mu(u)=\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
$$

holds under more general hypotheses on $F$. Here $\mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}$ denotes

$$
\mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}=\mathbb{H}_{a}^{1} \cap\left\{\mathbb{E}\left[F_{-}(X(1)+V(1))\right]<\infty\right\} .
$$

We suppose the following on $F$.
(1) For every $V \in H^{1}$,

$$
F_{-}(X(1)+V) \leq G_{1}(X(1))+G_{2}(V),
$$

where

$$
\mathbb{E}\left|G_{1}(X(1))\right|<\infty,
$$

and $G_{2}: H^{1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded on every ball of $H^{1}$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]<\infty . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

We start by considering the case of $F$ bounded above by $F^{*}$, and satisfying (1). Notice that in this case $\mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}=\mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}$. Define $F_{M}=F \vee(-M)$.
Step 1. Notice that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int \exp \left(F_{M}(u)\right) d \mu(u) & =\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F_{M}(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \\
& \geq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Deduce that

$$
\int \exp (F(u)) d \mu(u) \geq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]>-\infty .
$$

Step 2. Let $L>0$. Using a stopping time argument, show that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \\
& \geq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[\left(F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2} d s \leq L\right\}}\right] \\
& \geq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1)) \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2} d s \leq L\right\}}-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Step 3. Let $V_{M}^{\varepsilon}$ be an almost optimiser for the following sup, in the sense that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[F_{M}\left(X(1)+V_{M}^{\varepsilon}(1)\right)-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\left\|\dot{V}_{M}^{\varepsilon}\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \geq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F_{M}(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]-\varepsilon .
$$

Exploiting the fact that $F \leq F^{*}<\infty$, show that

$$
\mathbf{P}\left(\int_{0}^{1}\left\|\dot{V}_{M}^{\varepsilon}\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2} d s \geq L\right) \lesssim L^{-1}
$$

where the implicit constant is independent of $M$ and of $\varepsilon \leq 1$. Using (1), exploit this to show that for every $L>0$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \lim _{M \rightarrow \infty} \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F_{M}(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \\
\leq & \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1)) \mathbf{1}_{\left\{\int_{0}^{1}\left\|\dot{V}^{\varepsilon}\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2} d s \leq L\right\}}-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]+O\left(L^{-1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

With steps 1,2 , deduce that

$$
\int \exp (F(u)) d \mu(u) \leq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
$$

We now move to the general case of $F$ satisfying both (1) and (2). For $M>0$, define $F^{M}:=F \wedge M$. Note that $F^{M}$ satisfies (1) and it is bounded above, so by the previous steps, the Boué-Dupuis fomula applies to $F^{M}$.

Step 4. Show that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int \exp (F(u)) d \mu(u) & =\lim _{M \rightarrow \infty} \int \exp \left(F^{M}(u)\right) d \mu(u) \\
& \leq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Step 5. Let $V^{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}$ be an almost optimiser for the sup, in the sense that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[F\left(X(1)+V^{\varepsilon}(1)\right)-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\left\|\dot{V}^{\varepsilon}\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \geq \sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]-\varepsilon
$$

Show that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left[F\left(X(1)+V^{\varepsilon}(1)\right)-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\left\|\dot{V}^{\varepsilon}\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \leq \lim _{M \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[F^{M}\left(X(1)+V^{\varepsilon}(1)\right)-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
$$

Deduce that

$$
\log \int \exp (F(u)) d \mu(u)=\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
$$

Exercise 6. Let $d=2,3$. Given $M \gg 1$, define $X_{M}$ by its Fourier coefficients as follows. For $|n| \leq M, \widehat{X}_{M}(n, t)$ is a solution of the following differential equation:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
d \widehat{X}_{M}(n, t)=\frac{M}{\langle n\rangle}\left(\widehat{X}(n, t)-\widehat{X}_{M}(n, t)\right) d t \\
\left.\widehat{Z}_{M}\right|_{t=0}=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

and we set $\widehat{X}_{M}(n, t) \equiv 0$ for $|n|>M$. Show that $X_{M}(t)$ is a centered Gaussian process in $L^{2}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)$, which is frequency localized on $\{|n| \leq M\}$, satisfying for every fixed function
$f \in H^{-1}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}\left[X_{M}^{2}(x)\right] \sim \begin{cases}\log M & \text { if } d=2, \\
M & \text { if } d=3,\end{cases} \\
& \mathbb{E}\left[2 \int_{\mathbb{T}^{d}} X X_{M} d x-\int_{\mathbb{T}^{d}} X_{M}^{2} d x\right]=(2 \pi)^{d} \mathbb{E}\left[X_{M}^{2}(x)\right](1+o(1)), \\
& \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\int_{\mathbb{T}^{d}} X_{M} f d x\right|^{2}\right] \lesssim\|f\|_{H^{-1}}^{2}, \\
& \mathbb{E}\left[\left|\int_{\mathbb{T}^{d}}:\left(X-X_{M}\right)^{2}: d x\right|^{2}\right] \lesssim \begin{cases}M^{-2} \log M & \text { if } d=2, \\
M^{-1} & \text { if } d=3,\end{cases} \\
& \mathbb{E}\left[\int_{0}^{1}\left\|\frac{d}{d s} X_{M}(s)\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2} d s\right] \lesssim M^{d},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $X=X(1), X_{M}=X_{M}(1)$, and

$$
:\left(X-X_{M}\right)^{2}:=\left(X-X_{M}\right)^{2}-\mathbb{E}\left[\left(X-X_{M}\right)^{2}\right]
$$

Hint: Write and solve the SDE satisfied by $Y_{n}(s, n):=\widehat{X}(s, n)-\widehat{X_{M}}(s, n)$.
Exercise 7. Let $d=2, p>4$. Show that there exists $\gamma>0$ such that for every $\sigma>0$,

$$
\int \exp \left(\frac{\sigma}{4} \int_{\mathbb{T}^{2}}: u^{4}: d x-\|u\|_{W^{-\frac{1}{2}, p}\left(\mathbb{T}^{2}\right)}^{\gamma}\right) d \mu(u)<\infty
$$

Here

$$
\|u\|_{W^{s, p}}:=\left\|(1-\Delta)^{\frac{s}{2}} u\right\|_{L^{p}} .
$$

The simplified variational formula is enough to show the above. It might be convenient to use the following interpolation inequalities.

- (Gagliardo-Nirenberg-Sobolev). For every $0 \leq \theta \leq 1, s_{j} \in \mathbb{R}, 1<p_{j}<\infty, \frac{1}{r}=$ $\frac{\theta}{p_{1}}+\frac{1-\theta}{p_{2}}$, we have that

$$
\|u\|_{W^{\theta s_{1}+(1-\theta) s_{2}, r}} \lesssim\|u\|_{W^{s_{1}, p_{1}}}^{\theta}\|u\|_{W^{s_{2}, p_{2}}}^{1-\theta} .
$$

- (Sobolev embeddings). Suppose that $1<q<4, s>0$, and

$$
\frac{s}{d} \geq \frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{4}
$$

Then

$$
\|u\|_{L^{4}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)} \lesssim\|u\|_{W^{s, q}\left(\mathbb{T}^{d}\right)} .
$$

## 3. Exercise session 3

Let $F$ be a real-valued functional on distributions that satisfies (1) and (2) in Exercise 5. Define the probability measure

$$
d \rho_{F}=\frac{\exp (-F(u)) d \mu(u)}{\int F(u) d \mu(u)}
$$

Let $V^{n} \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}$ be a sequence of almost optimisers for the variational formula associated to $\exp (F(u))$, or more precisely,

$$
\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[F\left(X(1)+V^{n}(1)\right)-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\left\|\dot{V}^{n}\right\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] .
$$

Let now $g$ be a real-valued, bounded, Borel functional on distributions. We want to show that

$$
\int g(u) d \rho_{F}(u)=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[g\left(X(1)+V^{n}(1)\right)\right]
$$

Step 1. Show that

$$
\int g(u) d \rho_{F}(u)=\lim _{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\lambda} \log \left(\int \exp (\lambda g(u)) d \rho_{F}(u)\right)
$$

Step 2. Show that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, the functional $\lambda g+F$ satisfies (1) and (2) in Exercise 5, and deduce that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \log \left(\int \exp (\lambda g(u)) d \rho_{F}(u)\right) \\
& =\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[\lambda g(X(1)+V(1))+F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right] \\
& \quad-\sup _{V \in \mathbb{H}_{a,+}^{1}} \mathbb{E}\left[F(X(1)+V(1))-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1}\|\dot{V}\|_{H^{1}}^{2}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Step 3. Deduce that, for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$
\log \left(\int \exp (\lambda g(u)) d \rho_{F}(u)\right) \leq \liminf _{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda \mathbb{E}\left[g\left(X(1)+V^{n}(1)\right]\right.
$$

Step 4. By considering separately the cases $\lambda \uparrow 0$ and $\lambda \downarrow 0$, show that

$$
\limsup _{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[g\left(X(1)+V^{n}(1)\right] \leq \log \left(\int \exp (\lambda g(u)) d \rho_{F}(u)\right) \leq \liminf _{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[g\left(X(1)+V^{n}(1)\right] .\right.\right.
$$

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ We say that $g$ is a complex valued standard random variable if $\operatorname{Re} g \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right), \operatorname{Im} g \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$, and they are independent.

