

# Convergence of Brownian motions on $\text{RCD}^*(K, N)$ spaces

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**Abstract** Suppose that a sequence of metric measure spaces  $(X_n, d_n, m_n)$  satisfies  $\text{RCD}^*(K, N)$  with  $\text{Diam}(X_n) \leq D$  and  $m_n(X_n) = 1$ . Then we show that the following (A) and (B) are equivalent: (A) the measured Gromov–Hausdorff convergence of  $(X_n, d_n, m_n)$ , (B) the weak convergence of the laws of Brownian motions on  $(X_n, d_n, m_n)$ .

## 1 Motivation

(Q) Does convergence of Brownian motions follow only from convergence of the underlying spaces?

Let

- $\mathcal{X}_n = (X_n, d_n, m_n)$  “good” metric measure spaces;
- $\text{Ch}_n$  Cheeger energies on  $\mathcal{X}_n$ ;
- $\mathbb{B}_n = (\{B_t^n\}_{t \geq 0}, \{\mathbb{P}_x^n\}_{x \in X_n})$  Brownian motions on  $\mathcal{X}_n$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X}_n & \xrightarrow{\text{(A) mGH}} & \mathcal{X}_\infty \\ \text{Ch}_n \downarrow & & \text{Ch}_\infty \downarrow \\ \mathbb{B}_n & \xrightarrow{\text{(B) in law}} & \mathbb{B}_\infty \end{array}$$

where mGH means *measured Gromov–Hausdorff convergence*.

The question (Q) means, more precisely,

(Q) Does (A) imply (B) (or, vice versa)?

## 2 $\text{RCD}^*(K, N)$ spaces

- $(\mathcal{P}_2(X, d), W_2)$ :  $L^2$ -Wasserstein space.
- $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_\infty(X, d, m) \xleftrightarrow{\text{def}} \mu \in \mathcal{P}_2(X, d)$  & bdd support & absol. cont. w.r.t.  $m$ .

Set, for  $\theta \in [0, \infty)$ ,

$$\Theta_\kappa(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(\sqrt{\kappa}\theta)}{\sqrt{\kappa}} & \text{if } \kappa > 0, \\ \theta & \text{if } \kappa = 0, \\ \frac{\sinh(\sqrt{-\kappa}\theta)}{\sqrt{-\kappa}} & \text{if } \kappa < 0, \end{cases}$$

and set for  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\sigma_\kappa^{(t)}(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Theta_\kappa(t\theta)}{\Theta_\kappa(\theta)} & \text{if } \kappa\theta^2 \neq 0 \text{ and } \kappa\theta^2 < \pi^2, \\ t & \text{if } \kappa\theta^2 = 0, \\ +\infty & \text{if } \kappa\theta^2 \geq \pi^2. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 1 ([1, 2]).** ( $\text{CD}^*(K, N)$  and  $\text{RCD}^*(K, N)$ ) Let  $K \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $1 < N < \infty$ .

- (i)  $(X, d, m)$  satisfies  $\text{CD}^*(K, N) \xleftrightarrow{\text{def}} \forall \mu_0 = \rho_0 m, \mu_1 = \rho_1 m \in \mathcal{P}_\infty(X, d, m), \exists$  opt. coupl.  $q$  of  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1 \exists$ geod.  $\mu_t = \rho_t m \in (\mathcal{P}_\infty(X, d, m), W_2)$  connect.  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$  s.t.

$\forall t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\forall N' \geq N$ ,

$$\int \rho_t^{-\frac{1}{N'}} d\mu_t \geq \int_{X \times X} \left[ \sigma_{K/N'}^{(1-t)}(d(x_0, x_1)) \rho_0^{-1/N'}(x_0) + \sigma_{K/N'}^{(t)}(d(x_0, x_1)) \rho_1^{-1/N'}(x_1) \right] dq(x_0, x_1).$$

(ii)  $(X, d, m)$  satisfies  $\text{RCD}^*(K, N) \xleftrightarrow{\text{def}}$

- $\text{CD}^*(K, N)$
- the Cheeger energy  $\text{Ch}$  is linear:

$$2\text{Ch}(u) + 2\text{Ch}(v) = \text{Ch}(u+v) + \text{Ch}(u-v),$$

$$u, v \in W^{1,2}(X, d, m),$$

where

$$\text{Ch}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \inf \left\{ \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int |\nabla u_n|^2 dm : u_n \in \text{Lip}(X), \int_X |u_n - u|^2 dm \rightarrow 0 \right\}$$

$$W^{1,2}(X, d, m) = \{u \in L^2(X, m) : \text{Ch}(u) < \infty\}.$$

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## 3 Main result

**Assumption 1.** Let  $1 < N < \infty$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < D < \infty$ . For  $n \in \bar{\mathbb{N}} := \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ , let  $\mathcal{X}_n = (X_n, d_n, m_n)$  be a metric measure space satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \text{RCD}^*(K, N) \\ \text{Diam}(X_n) \leq D \\ m_n(X_n) = 1. \end{cases}$$

□

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that Assumption 1 holds. Then the following (A) and (B) are equivalent:

- (A)  $\mathcal{X}_n \xrightarrow{mGH} \mathcal{X}_\infty$ ;  
 (B) There exist

$$\begin{cases} \text{a compact metric space } (X, d) \\ \text{isometric embeddings } \iota_n : X_n \rightarrow X \text{ (} n \in \bar{\mathbb{N}} \text{)} \\ x_n \in X_n \text{ (} n \in \bar{\mathbb{N}} \text{)} \end{cases}$$

such that

$$\iota_n(B_n^\#) \# \mathbb{P}_n^{x_n} \rightarrow \iota_\infty(B_\infty^\#) \# \mathbb{P}_\infty^{x_\infty} \text{ weakly}$$

in  $\mathcal{P}(C([0, \infty); X))$ . Here  $\#$  means *push-forward*.

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