

Large-time behavior in Fokker-Planck equations

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1. Entropy method for symmetric Fokker-Planck equations

Outline:

- 1 (non)symmetric Fokker-Planck equations
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- 5 comparison to spectral methods

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$$Lf = \operatorname{div}\left(f_\infty \mathbf{D}(x) \nabla \frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) \dots \text{symmetric in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^n, f_\infty^{-1})$$

$$\mathbf{D}(x) > 0 \dots \text{positive definite matrix } \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$A(x) \dots \text{scalar confinement potential, i.e. } A(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty;$$

$$\text{idea : } A(x) \gtrsim c|x|^2$$

applications: Brownian motion, kinetic Fokker-Planck equation (for plasmas)

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non-symmetric examples:

- kinetic Fokker-Planck equation (for plasmas): degenerate parabolic $\rightarrow$ hypocoercive
- quantum-kinetic (Wigner-) Fokker-Planck equation (for dissipative quantum systems: electron transport in crystal lattice, e.g.)

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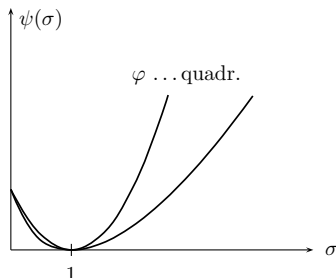
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examples 1) $\psi_1(\sigma) = \sigma \ln \sigma - \sigma + 1$

2) $\psi_p(\sigma) = \sigma^p - 1 - p(\sigma - 1), \quad 1 < p \leq 2$

$$e_\psi(f_1|f_2) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi\left(\frac{f_1}{f_2}\right) f_2 \, dx \geq 0 \quad \dots \text{relative entropy}$$

for $f_{1,2}$... probability densities



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- as a by-product:
derivation of functional inequalities (of Poincaré / Sobolev type)

entropy dissipation in 1D; $A, D \dots$ time independent

$$f_{\infty} = e^{-A(x)} ;$$

$$f_t = \left(D(x) [A_x f + f_x] \right)_x = \left[D(x) f_{\infty} \left(\frac{f}{f_{\infty}} \right)_x \right]_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} e_{\psi}(f(t)|f_{\infty}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi' \left(\frac{f(x,t)}{f_{\infty}(x)} \right) f_t dx \\ &= \int \psi' \left(\frac{f}{f_{\infty}} \right) \left[D(x) f_{\infty} \left(\frac{f}{f_{\infty}} \right)_x \right]_x dx \\ &= - \int \psi'' \left(\frac{f}{f_{\infty}} \right) D(x) \left(\partial_x \frac{f}{f_{\infty}} \right)^2 f_{\infty} dx \\ &=: -I_{\psi}(f|f_{\infty}) \leq 0 \quad \dots \text{ (negative) Fisher information} \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma 1

Let $f(t), g(t)$ solve Fokker-Planck equation (1)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} e_{\psi}(f(t)|g(t)) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi''\left(\frac{f(t)}{g(t)}\right) \nabla^{\top} \frac{f}{g} \cdot \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \nabla \frac{f}{g} g(t) d\mathbf{x} \leq 0$$

Rem: No *explicit* steady state needed.

Drift term does not enter the r.h.s.

2 trajectories approach each other.

Ref's: [Bolley-Gentil] J. Math. Pures Appl. 2010;

[Fontbona-Jourdain] preprint 2013

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Lemma 2

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Proof: bound e_ψ by a quadratic super entropy e_φ :

$$0 \leq e_\psi(f(t)|f_\infty) \leq \psi''(1) \|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n; f_\infty^{-1})}^2 \searrow 0$$

with spectral representation of *symmetric* evolution of $z(t) := \frac{f(t)}{\sqrt{f_\infty}}$ in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$:

$$z(t) = \sqrt{f_\infty} + \int_{(0,\infty)} e^{-\lambda t} d\left(P_\lambda \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{f_\infty}}\right)$$

P_λ ... projection valued spectral measure of $H = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{f_\infty}} L(\sqrt{f_\infty} \cdot)$

Idea: use spectral theory



exponential decay of entropy dissipation for $\mathbf{D} \equiv \text{const.}$

$$\mathbf{D} = \text{const. in } x, \quad f_\infty(x) = e^{-A(x)}$$

Theorem 1

Let $I_\psi(f_0|f_\infty) < \infty$. Let $\mathbf{D}, A$ satisfy a

$$\boxed{\text{Bakry - Emery condition} \quad \frac{\partial^2 A(x)}{\partial x^2} \geq \underbrace{\lambda_1}_{>0} \mathbf{D}^{-1}} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_\psi(f(t)|f_\infty) \leq e^{-2\lambda_1 t} I_\psi(f_0|f_\infty), \quad t \geq 0$$

$A \dots$ uniformly convex if $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}$

Ref's: [Bakry-Emery] 1984/85;

[Arnold-Markowich-Toscani-Unterreiter] Comm. PDE 2001

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Proof: from proof of Theorem 1 :

$$\frac{d}{dt} I(t) \leq -2\lambda_1 \underbrace{I(t)}_{=-e'(t)} \quad \Bigg| \int_t^\infty \dots dt$$

Since $I(t), e(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$:

$$\frac{d}{dt} e(t) \leq -2\lambda_1 e(t) \tag{3}$$

(+ density argument)

comparison to spectral methods

example:

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entropy methods:

- Bakry-Emery condition $\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} \geq \lambda_1 \mathbf{D}^{-1}$ elementary to check
- but rate λ_1 often not sharp
- robust to many non-linear generalizations (porous medium equation, Boltzmann, ...)

2. Non-symmetric Fokker-Planck equations, generalized Bakry-Emery condition

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decomposition of $L = L^s + L^{as}$:

$$L^s f := \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot [\nabla A(x) f + \nabla f] \right) \quad \dots \text{ symmetric in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^n, f_\infty^{-1})$$

$$L^{as} f := \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot \vec{F} f \right) \quad \dots \text{ skew-symmetric in } L^2(\mathbb{R}^n, f_\infty^{-1})$$

decomposition of generator

general situation:

$$f_t = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot [\vec{G}(x)f + \nabla f])$$

→ find decomposition $\vec{G} = \nabla A + \vec{F}$, with $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}\vec{F}f_\infty) = 0$, $f_\infty = e^{-A}$;
is equivalent to find f_∞ (similar to Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition).

orthogonality:

$$0 = \int \vec{F} \cdot \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla A f_\infty \, dx = - \int \vec{F} \cdot \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla(e^{-A}) \, dx$$

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$\Theta[V]$ is in general a pseudo-differential operator (convolution in v for
“nice” V) $\Rightarrow$

no maximum principle;

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Ref's: [Sparber-Carrillo-Dolbeault-Markowich] Monatshefte f. Math. 2004:
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[Arnold-Gamba-Gualdani-Mischler-Mouhot-Sparber] M3AS 2012:
 $V = |x|^2$ + small perturbation; expon. convergence via spectral theory

entropy dissipation

$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot \underbrace{[\{\nabla A(x) + \vec{F}(x)\}}_{=\vec{G}(x)} f + \nabla f \right)$$

$$f_\infty(x) = e^{-A(x)} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}\vec{F}e^{-A}) = 0.$$

$$\text{relative entropy: } e_\psi(f|f_\infty) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi\left(\frac{f(x)}{f_\infty(x)}\right) f_\infty dx \geq 0$$

entropy dissipation (from Lemma 1):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} e_\psi(f(t)|f_\infty) &= -I_\psi(f(t)|f_\infty) \\ &= - \int \psi''\left(\frac{f(t)}{f_\infty}\right) \nabla^\top \frac{f(t)}{f_\infty} \cdot \mathbf{D}(x) \cdot \nabla \frac{f(t)}{f_\infty} f_\infty dx \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

... independent of $\vec{F}$!

$\Rightarrow e, e' = -I$ coincide for symmetric & non-symmetric FP equation

exponential entropy decay for non-symmetric FP: method 1

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$$\Rightarrow e(f(t)|f_\infty) \leq e^{-2\lambda_1 t} e(f_0|f_\infty), \quad t \geq 0$$

Proof.

use **convex Sobolev inequality** $e' \leq -2\lambda_1 e$ from Theorem 2 for each fixed $f(t)$.



Ref: [Arnold-Markowich-Toscani-Unterreiter] Comm. PDE 2001

exponential entropy decay for non-symmetric FP: method 2

$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot [\vec{G}(x)f + \nabla f] \right)$$

same strategy as for symmetric FP equation:

- ❶ derive dissipation inequality $e'' \geq -\lambda_2 e'$ (*)
- ❷ $\Rightarrow$ decay of entropy dissipation $I = -e'$: $I(t) \leq e^{-2\lambda_2 t} I(0)$
- ❸ integrate inequality (*) over $[t, \infty) \Rightarrow e' \leq -2\lambda_2 e$
technical difficulty:
 $e(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$ (since non-symmetric eq. $\Rightarrow$ no functional calculus)
- ❹ $\Rightarrow e(t) \leq e^{-2\lambda_2 t} e(0)$

Ref's: [Arnold-Carlen-Ju] Comm. Stoch. Analysis 2008;
[Bolley-Gentil] J. Math. Pures Appl. 2010;
[Fontbona-Jourdain] preprint 2013

exponential entropy decay for non-symmetric FP: method 2

$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot [\vec{G}(x)f + \nabla f] \right) \quad (6)$$

Theorem 4 (Bolley-Gentil)

Assume (6) has a unique steady state f_∞ (not explicit). Let $\mathbf{D} \equiv \text{const}$; let $\vec{G}(x)$ satisfy **generalized Bakry-Emery Condition** for some $\lambda_2 > 0$:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \vec{G}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \vec{G}^\top}{\partial x} \right) \geq \lambda_2 \mathbf{D}^{-1} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

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Rem: sometimes Theorem 3 better, sometimes Theorem 4 better.

entropy decay for (non)symmetric FP: combined method

$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot \underbrace{[\{\nabla A(x) + \kappa \vec{F}(x)\} f + \nabla f]}_{=\vec{G}_\kappa(x)} \right), \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R} \quad (7)$$

with $\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}\vec{F}(x)f_\infty) = 0$, $f_\infty = e^{-A}$

Corollary 5 (Arnold-Bolley)

Let $\mathbf{D} \equiv \text{const.}$ For ONE fixed κ , let $\vec{G}_\kappa(x)$ satisfy *generalized Bakry-Emery Condition* for some $\lambda_3 > 0$:

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$$\Rightarrow \quad e(f(t)|f_\infty) \leq e^{-2\lambda_3 t} e(f_0|f_\infty), \quad \text{in (7) with ALL } \kappa \in \mathbb{R}$$

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open questions:

- Which κ yields the best (i.e. largest) decay rate?
- For fixed f_∞ , which div-free drift field $\vec{F}(x)$ yields the best decay rate?

3. Logarithmic & convex Sobolev inequalities

Outline:

- 1 convex Sobolev inequalities from entropy method
- 2 log. Sobolev & weighted Poincaré inequality
- 3 sharpness, extremal functions

Sobolev inequality

$$\|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq c_n \|\nabla f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad \forall f \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^n); \quad n \geq 3 \quad (8)$$

$$2 < p = \frac{2n}{n-2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 2$$

So: No additional information (from $f \in H^1$) on local singularities / integrability “survives” as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$n \rightarrow \infty$ relevant in quantum field theory.

logarithmic Sobolev inequality 1

consider entropy inequality (3) for log. entropy at $t=0$: $e(0) \leq \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \underbrace{I(0)}_{=-e'(0)}$

i.e.

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Ref: [Federbush] J. Math. Phys. 1969, [Gross] Amer. J. of Math. 1975

logarithmic Sobolev inequality 2

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comparison of Sobolev inequality (8) and LSI (9):

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- $f^2 \ln f$ provides less information on local singularities than f^p ; $p > 2$, but it “survives” as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- The constant a in (9) is independent of n ; c_n in (8) is not.
- (9) is a non-linear inequality $\Rightarrow$ makes the normalization $\int f^2 M_a dx = 1$ necessary (otherwise additional terms appear in (9))

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meaning: Hamiltonian $H = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{f_\infty}} L(\sqrt{f_\infty} \cdot)$ has spectral gap $\geq \lambda_1$ on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$

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note: $\tilde{e}_1(f_1|f_2) \leq e_\psi(f_1|f_2) \leq \tilde{e}_2(f_1|f_2)$

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- recall derivation of CSI for symmetric FP with $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{I}$:

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with remainder $r_\psi(f(t)) \geq 0$.

- integrate w.r.t. t :

$$e_\psi(f_0|f_\infty) = \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} I_\psi(f_0|f_\infty) - \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \int_0^\infty r_\psi(f(s)) \, ds$$

sharpness conditions for CSI

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$$\det Y = |u|^4 \sum_{i,j} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}\right)^2 - (u^\top \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} u)^2 = 0$$

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$$u^\top \left(\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}\right) u = 0$$

- saturation only for logarithmic or quadratic entropies (from $\det X = 0$)

extremal functions for logarithmic Sobolev inequality

Theorem 6

For $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{I}$ and $\psi_1(\sigma) = \sigma \ln \sigma - \sigma + 1$, the LSI is an equality iff:

1

$$A(x(y)) = \frac{\lambda_1}{2} y_1^2 + \beta y_1 + B(y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

for some Cartesian coordinates $y(x) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and some $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$;

2

$$f = \exp \left[-A(x(y)) + \xi y_1 - \frac{\xi^2}{2\lambda_1} + \frac{\beta \xi}{\lambda_1} \right] \quad (12)$$

for some $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$.

extremal functions for weighted Poincaré inequality

Theorem 7

For $\mathbf{D} \equiv \mathbf{I}$ and $\psi_2(\sigma) = (\sigma - 1)^2$, the Poincaré is an equality iff:

1

$$A(x(y)) = \frac{\lambda_1}{2} y_1^2 + \beta y_1 + B(y_2, \dots, y_n);$$

2

$$f = (1 + \xi y_1) e^{-A(x(y))} \quad (13)$$

for some $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$.

note: For $p = 2$, $f < 0$ is allowed.

(12), (13) are “**extremal functions**”;

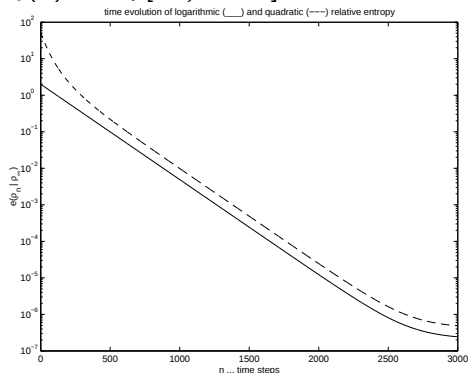
(13) is first eigenfunction of L .

extremal functions for LSI: example

extremal function as $f_0 \Rightarrow$ exponential decay of $e_1(f(t)|f_\infty)$ is the *slowest* !

$$A(x) = \frac{x^2}{2}, \quad n = 1$$

$$\text{extremal function: } f_0(x) = \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{2} + 2x\right] > 0$$



decay of relative entropies $e_1(t)$, $e_2(t)$

For large times numerical effects are visible.

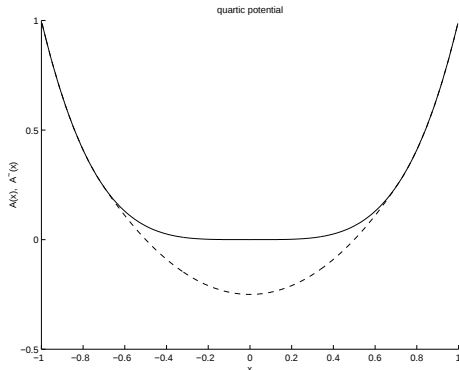
4. Perturbation results & application to a semi-linear model

Outline:

- 1 Holley-Stroock perturbation in CSI
- 2 a drift-diffusion-Poisson model

Holley-Stroock perturbation for CSI: example

$A(x) = x^4$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$; $\mathbf{D} \equiv 1$ violates BE-condition $A''(x) \geq \lambda_1 > 0$ at $x = 0$.
But L has a positive spectral gap; also: exponential decay of relative entropy



$\tilde{A}(x) = x^4$ (—) is a bounded perturbation
of the uniformly convex function $A(x)$ (- - -).

Holley-Stroock perturbation for CSI: idea

Let $[f_\infty = e^{-A(x)}, \mathbf{D}(x)]$ satisfy the Convex Sobolev Inequality
(use $\frac{f_0}{f_\infty} =: \frac{f^2}{\|f\|^2}$; $\|f\|^2 := \|f\|_{L^2(f_\infty)}^2$):

$$\int \psi \left(\frac{f^2}{\|f\|^2} \right) f_\infty \, dx \leq \frac{2}{\lambda_1} \int \frac{f^2}{\|f\|^4} \psi'' \left(\frac{f^2}{\|f\|^2} \right) \nabla^\top f \cdot \mathbf{D} \cdot \nabla f f_\infty \, dx \quad (14)$$

$\forall f \in L^2(f_\infty)$, for some $\psi = \psi_p(\sigma) \geq 0$; $1 \leq p \leq 2$.

$\Rightarrow$ **perturbed measure** $\tilde{f}_\infty := e^{-A(x)-v(x)}$ with $v \in L^\infty$ also satisfies a CSI.

Holley-Stroock perturbation for CSI

Theorem 8

Let $[f_\infty = e^{-A(x)}, \mathbf{D}(x)]$ satisfy the CSI (14).

Let $\tilde{f}_\infty := e^{-\tilde{A}(x)}$ with $\int f_\infty dx = \int \tilde{f}_\infty dx = 1$,

$$\tilde{A}(x) := A(x) + v(x), \quad 0 < a \leq e^{-v(x)} \leq b < \infty, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

$\Rightarrow [\tilde{f}_\infty, \mathbf{D}(x)]$ also satisfy a CSI (14), with constant $\tilde{\lambda}_1 := \frac{a}{b} \lambda_1 < \lambda_1$.

[Holley-Stroock] JSP 1987 (for logarithmic entropy e_1);

[AMTU] CPDE 2001 (for general admissible entropies e_ψ)

Holley-Stroock perturbation: proof 1

Proof for $\psi_p(\sigma) := \sigma^p - 1 - p(\sigma - 1)$; $1 < p \leq 2$:

Idea: use homogeneity of ψ_p'' .

$$k(t) := t^p \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi_p\left(\frac{f(x)^2}{t}\right) \tilde{f}_\infty(x) \, dx, \quad t > 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{t>0} k(t) = \|f\|_{\tilde{f}_\infty}^2$$

Holley-Stroock perturbation: proof 2

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- model for electron transport in plasma, semiconductor
($f(x, t)$... electron density)
- (external) *confinement potential* $V_{\text{ext}} = \frac{|x|^2}{2}$ can be removed by time-dependent rescaling:

$$u(\xi, \tau) := R(\tau)^{-3} f\left(\frac{\xi}{R(\tau)}, \ln R(\tau)\right), \quad R(\tau) = \sqrt{2\tau + 1} \quad (16)$$

Also transforms FP equation for $f(x, t)$ into heat equation for $u(\xi, \tau)$.

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- **relative entropy-type functional**:

$$e(f) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \psi_1\left(\frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) f_\infty \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} |\nabla(V[f] - V_\infty)|^2 \, dx \geq 0 \quad (17)$$

drift-diffusion-Poisson: exponential convergence

Theorem 9

Let $f_0 \in L^1_+(\mathbb{R}^3) \cap L^{\frac{3}{2}+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}^3)$

$\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\lambda}_1 > 0$ such that

$$e(f(t)) \leq e^{-2\tilde{\lambda}_1 t} \cdot e(f_0), \quad t \geq 0; \quad \|\nabla V(t) - \nabla V_\infty\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)} = c(f_0) e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_1 t}.$$

Proof:

$$\frac{d}{dt} e(t) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} f(t) \left| \nabla \ln \frac{f(t)}{N(t)} \right|^2 dx \leq 0,$$

with t -local equilibrium state:

$$N(t) := \exp \left[-\frac{|x|^2}{2} - V(x, t) \right] / \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \exp \left[-\frac{|y|^2}{2} - V(y, t) \right] dy$$

Ref: [AMTU] CPDE 2001

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$\Rightarrow$ a LSI holds for the potential $\frac{|x|^2}{2} + V(x, t)$ by Holley-Stroock:
 $\exists \tilde{\lambda}_1 > 0$ (independent of t) with:

$$\underbrace{\int f \ln \frac{f}{N(t)} \, dx}_{\text{rel. entropy w.r.t. } t\text{-local equilibrium}} \leq \frac{1}{2\tilde{\lambda}_1} \underbrace{\int f \left| \nabla \ln \frac{f}{N(t)} \right|^2 \, dx}_{\text{true entropy dissipation}}, \quad \forall \int f \, dx = 1$$

drift-diffusion-Poisson: convergence proof 2

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} e(t) &\stackrel{\text{LSI}}{\leq} -2\tilde{\lambda}_1 \int f \ln \frac{f}{N} \, dx \\ &\stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} N - 2\tilde{\lambda}_1 \int f \ln \frac{f}{f_\infty} \, dx - 2\tilde{\lambda}_1 \int (V(t) - V_\infty) f \, dx \\ &\quad - 2\tilde{\lambda}_1 \ln \left(\int e^{V_\infty - V(t)} f_\infty \, dx \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} -2\tilde{\lambda}_1 \int f \ln \frac{f}{f_\infty} \, dx - 2\tilde{\lambda}_1 \int (V(t) - V_\infty) (f(t) - f_\infty) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

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Use Poisson equation: $f(t) - f_\infty = -\Delta(V(t) - V_\infty)$

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drift-diffusion-Poisson: Philosophy of convergence proof

- 1 Holley-Stroock perturbation theorem $\Rightarrow$ t -uniform LSI
- 2 LSI between $e'(t)$ and relative entropy w.r.t. t -local equilibrium ($\neq e(t)$ for nonlinear equation)
- 3 differential inequality between $e'(t)$, $e(t)$

5. Fokker-Planck model for polymeric fluid-flow

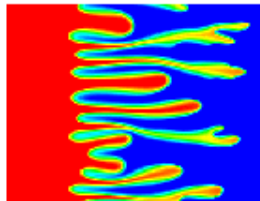
Outline:

- 1 multi-scale polymeric fluid-flow model
- 2 fixed flow $\rightarrow$ linear non-symmetric FP equation
- 3 convergence of nonlinear model

Dilute polymer suspension – applications

- multi-grade motor oil:
polymer additives to improve/tune viscosity $\nu(p, T)$

enhanced (tertiary) oil recovery:
strong fingering at oil/water interface
- → front stabilization with polymer additives (increase viscosity of water)
- food industry:
polymer additives to thicken sauces, ...



Macro Model: fluid flow

- dilute solution of polymers in homogeneous fluid
- coupled micro-macro model
- incompressible Navier-Stokes for **macro flow** $u(t, x)$:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t + (u \cdot \nabla_x)u &= \Delta_x u - \nabla_x p + \operatorname{div}_x \tau, \quad \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ \operatorname{div}_x u &= 0\end{aligned}$$

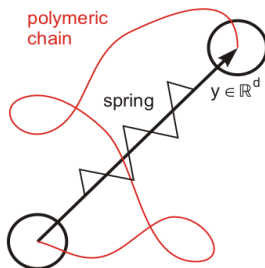
- coupling to **polymer-model** via extra stress tensor:

$$\tau(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (y \otimes \nabla_y \Pi(y)) f(t, x, y) dy$$

(all parameters :=1)

Micro Model: polymer distribution

- dumbbell model for **polymeric chains**: $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$... extension, orientation



- micro-distribution** (probability density in y) at each $x \in \Omega$: $f(t, x, y)$ in Fokker-Planck equ.:

$$f_t + \underbrace{u \cdot \nabla_x f}_{\text{transport in flow}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{div}_y \left(\underbrace{[\nabla_y \Pi(y)]}_{\text{spring force in dumbbells}} - 2 \underbrace{(\nabla_x \otimes u)^T \cdot y}_{\text{drag force of inhom. flow field } u} \right) f + \frac{1}{2} \Delta_y f$$

Results from [Jourdain-LeBris-Lelièvre-Otto, ARMA 2006]

linear FP: $f_t = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div}_y ([\nabla_y \Pi(y) - 2\kappa y]f + \nabla f)$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $\underbrace{\text{const. } \kappa \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}}_{= (\nabla_x \otimes u)^T}$

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③ coupled nonlin. model ($\rightarrow$ log. relative entropy of $f + \|u - u_\infty\|_{L^2}^2$)

Theorem 12

FENE, if $|\kappa^s| < \frac{1}{2}$, $\operatorname{Tr} \kappa = 0$, $[\kappa, \kappa^T]$ small (κ from BC/ u_∞ -steady state)

$\Rightarrow$ exp. convergence of $(u, f) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} (u_\infty, f_\infty)$; **Hookean open !**

linear polymer model with Hookean dumbbells: $\Pi(y) = \frac{|y|^2}{2}$

$$f_t = Lf = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{div}([y - 2 \underbrace{\kappa}_{:=(\nabla_x \otimes u)^T} y]f + \nabla f), \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (18)$$

Theorem 13 (steady state [AA-Carrillo-Manzini, CMS 2010])

Let $-(I - 2\kappa)$ be stable (otherwise no confinement pot.), i.e.
 $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_j(\kappa) < \frac{1}{2}$:

$\Rightarrow \exists!$ normalized steady state of (18):

$$f_\infty(y) = c \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} y^T \Sigma^{-1} y\right),$$

$$0 < \Sigma = \Sigma^T = 2 \int_0^\infty e^{-(I-2\kappa)s} e^{-(I-2\kappa^T)s} ds$$

if κ normal: $\Sigma = (I - 2\kappa^s)^{-1}$. $\exists$ standard algorithms to compute Σ from κ

Proof. Fourier Transform of (18) $\Rightarrow$ matrix eq. for Σ

Proof.

Fourier transform of steady state equ: $\text{div}([y - 2\kappa y]f + \nabla f) = 0$

$$\xi^T (I - 2\kappa) \nabla_{\xi} \hat{f}(\xi) = -|\xi|^2 \hat{f}(\xi)$$

Use ansatz $\hat{f}(\xi) = c \exp(-\frac{1}{2}\xi^T \Sigma \xi)$:

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -(I - 2\kappa)\Sigma - \Sigma(I - 2\kappa)^T + 2I \dots \text{“continuous Lyapunov equ”}$$

Since $-(I - 2\kappa)$ stable; $2I$ pos.def, symm $\Rightarrow \exists! \Sigma$



$$A(y) = -\ln f_{\infty} = \frac{1}{2}y^T \Sigma^{-1}y + c \dots \quad \text{uniformly convex potential of symmetric part of } L \text{ in } L^2(f_{\infty}^{-1})$$

Theorem 14 (convergence in rel. entropy [AA-Carrillo-Manzini, 2010])

Let $-(I - 2\kappa)$ be stable

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Rem:

decay is **sharp** for quadratic potentials, also for non-symmetric Fokker-Planck equ. $\forall \vec{F}$ (same entropy dissipation for “optimal functions”)

Coupled micro-macro model for Hookean dumbbells:

$t \rightarrow \infty$ convergence

Navier-Stokes for $u(t, x)$ on Ω :

Choose BC $u|_{\partial\Omega} = \kappa x$ for some $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ($\operatorname{div} u = \operatorname{Tr} \kappa = 0$) $\Rightarrow$

$$u_\infty = \kappa x, f_\infty = c e^{-\frac{1}{2} y^T \Sigma^{-1} y} \quad \text{is steady state.}$$

$\rightarrow$ decay of “relative entropy” (formal; if solution $\exists$):

$$E(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u(t) - u_\infty|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(t) \ln \frac{f(t)}{f_\infty} dy dx$$

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- differential inequality between $\frac{dE}{dt}$, $E(t)$
- logarithmic Sobolev inequality for $f_\infty(y)$... Gaussian
- new weighted Csiszár-Kullback inequality for

$$\tau(t, x) - \tau_\infty = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (y \otimes \underbrace{\nabla_y \Pi(y)}_{=y}) [f(t, x, y) - f_\infty(y)] dy$$

(was “missing link” in [Jourdain-LeBris-Lelièvre-Otto])



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with $\mathcal{A} := \{f(y) \neq g(y)\}$; ζ = some intermediate value in (f, g)

$$\int_{\mathcal{A}} |y|^2 |f - g| \, dy \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\leq} \left(\int_{\mathcal{A}} \frac{1}{\zeta} (f - g)^2 \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\int_{\mathcal{A}} |y|^4 \zeta \, dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



6. Fokker-Planck equations with non-local terms [Stürzer-Arnold 2014]

Outline:

- 1 appropriate weight in L^2
- 2 spectrum of Fokker-Planck operator in L^2 with non-standard weight
- 3 perturbation by non-local operators

Fokker-Planck equation with non-local perturbation

motivation for the model:

Wigner-Fokker-Planck eq. for quantum-kinetic quasi-probability density $f(x, v, t)$ with potential $|x|^2/2 + V(x)$:

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toy model with similar structure for $f(x, t)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$; $t \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} f_t &= \operatorname{div}(\nabla f + x f) + \vartheta * f \\ f(x, 0) &= f_0(x) \\ \vartheta &\in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}^n), \quad \int \vartheta(x) \, dx = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{mass conservation} \end{aligned}$$

1D case: analytical problems

example:

$$f_t = \underbrace{(f_x + x f)_x}_{=: L f} + \underbrace{f(x + \alpha) - f(x - \alpha)}_{=: \Theta f}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

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→ find new L^2 -weight $\omega(x)$

2 opposing aspects:

- slow enough growth $\Rightarrow \Theta \in \mathcal{B}(L^2(\omega)), f_\infty \in L^2(\omega)$
- too slow growth $\Rightarrow$ spectral gap of L is lost ($= 1$ in $L^2(e^{x^2/2})$)
[Metafun] Ann. SNS Pisa 2001:
in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$: $\sigma(L) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Re \lambda \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$

new L^2 -weight

good weight: $\omega(x) = \cosh(\beta x)$, $\beta > 0$

practical for computations:

Lemma 5

$f \in L^2(\omega) \iff \hat{f}$ has an analytic continuation to the strip

$$\Omega_{\beta/2} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\Im z| < \beta/2\} < \infty$$

with

$$\sup_{|b| < \beta/2, b \in \mathbb{R}} \|\hat{f}(\cdot + ib)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} < \infty$$

Fokker-Planck operator in $L^2(e^{x^2/2})$

$L f := (f_x + x f)_x$ in $L^2(e^{x^2/2})$:

Theorem 16

- L symmetric
- $\sigma(L) = \sigma_P(L) = -\mathbb{N}_0$
- eigenfunctions: $\mu_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} H_k e^{-x^2/2}$, $H_k \dots$ Hermite polynomials
- $\|e^{tL} f_0 - C\mu_0\| \leq \|f_0\| e^{-t}$, $t \geq 0$

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Theorem 17

- L non-symmetric
- $\sigma(L) = \sigma_P(L) = -\mathbb{N}_0$
- eigenfunctions: μ_k , $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ (not orthogonal !)
- semigroup $(e^{tL})_{t \geq 0}$ is uniformly bounded
- $\|e^{tL} f_0 - C \mu_0\|_\omega \leq C_1 \|f_0\|_\omega e^{-t}$, $t \geq 0 \quad \forall f_0 \in L^2(\omega)$

FP operator in $L^2(\omega)$: proof-ideas

- resolvent of L is compact in $L^2(\omega)$
- solution formula:

$$\widehat{e^{tL}f}(\xi) = \exp\left(-\frac{\xi^2}{2}(1 - e^{-2t})\right) \hat{f}(\xi e^{-t})$$

can be estimated on $\Omega_{\beta/2}$

- study e^{tL} on the invariant subspaces

$$\mathcal{E}_k := \text{cl}_{L^2(\omega)} \text{span}\{\mu_k, \mu_{k+1}, \dots\}$$

→ decay: $c_k e^{-kt}$

perturbation operator Θ

$$\Theta f := \vartheta * f$$

conditions on ϑ :

❶ $\vartheta \in \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$, $\int \vartheta(x) \, dx = 0$

❷ $\hat{\vartheta} \in C^\omega(\Omega_{\beta/2}) \cap L^\infty(\Omega_{\beta/2}) \Rightarrow \Theta \in \mathcal{B}(L^2(\omega))$

❸ map $\mathbb{C} \ni \xi \mapsto \hat{\psi}(\xi) := \Re \int_0^1 \hat{\vartheta}(\xi s)/s \, ds$ is in $L^\infty(\Omega_{\beta/2})$

results on the operator Θ

- $\Theta : \mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_{k+1} \subset \mathcal{E}_k \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0$
- $\sigma(L + \Theta) = \sigma_P(L + \Theta) = \sigma(L) = -\mathbb{N}_0$
 Θ is an **isospectral perturbation** of L !
- $\Psi : f \mapsto f * \psi$ on $L^2(\omega)$ yields the similarity transformation
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$$\|e^{t(L+\Theta)}f_0 - C\tilde{\mu}_0\|_\omega \leq C_1 \|f_0\|_\omega e^{-t}, \quad t \geq 0 \quad \forall f_0 \in L^2(\omega)$$

Ref: [Stürzer-Arnold] Rend. Lincei Mat. Appl. 2014 (analysis in nD)

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$\Rightarrow$ **motivates** $\sigma(L) = \sigma(L + \Theta)$... trivial for matrices

7. Hypocoercive equations [Erb-Arnold 2014]

Outline:

- 1 hypocoercivity, prototypic examples
- 2 decay of modified “entropy dissipation” functional
- 3 regularization of semigroup $\rightarrow$ entropy decay
- 4 sharp decay rates

degenerate Fokker-Planck equations with linear drift

evolution of probability density $f(x, t)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $t > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}f_t &= \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \nabla f + \mathbf{C} x f) \\f(x, 0) &= f_0(x)\end{aligned}\tag{19}$$

$\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$... symmetric, const in x , **degenerate**

w.r.o.g. (via coordinate transformation, x -scaling):

let $\mathbf{D} = \operatorname{diag}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_k, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{n-k})$

$\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$... const in x

goals: existence & uniqueness of steady state $f_\infty(x)$;

convergence $f(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} f_\infty$ with sharp rates;

complete theory for the equation class (19)

(hypo)coercivity 1

example 1: standard Fokker-Planck equation on $\mathbb{R}^n$:

$$f_t = \operatorname{div}(\nabla f + x f) =: Lf \quad \dots \text{ symmetric on } H := L^2(f_\infty^{-1})$$

$$f_\infty(x) = c e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{2}}, \quad \ker L = \operatorname{span}(f_\infty)$$

L is dissipative, i.e. $\langle Lf, f \rangle_H \leq 0 \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{D}(L)$

$-L$ is **coercive** (has a spectral gap), in the sense:

$$\langle -Lf, f \rangle_H \geq \|f\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1})}^2 \quad \forall f \in \{f_\infty\}^\perp$$

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Definition 19 (Villani 2009)

Consider L on Hilbert space H with $\mathcal{K} = \ker L$; let $\tilde{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}^\perp$ (densely)
(e.g. $H \dots$ weighted L^2 , $\tilde{H} \dots$ weighted H^1).
 $-L$ is called **hypocoercive** on $\tilde{H}$ if $\exists \lambda > 0, c > 0$:

$$\|e^{Lt} f\|_{\tilde{H}} \leq c e^{-\lambda t} \|f\|_{\tilde{H}} \quad \forall f \in \tilde{H}$$

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rewritten:

$$f_t = \operatorname{div}_{x,v} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \nabla_{x,v} f + \begin{pmatrix} -v \\ \nabla_x V + \nu v \end{pmatrix} f \right]$$

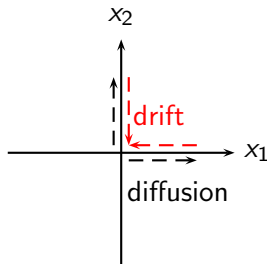
problem 1: steady state

standard Fokker-Planck equation $f_t = \operatorname{div}(\nabla f + x f)$:

unique steady state $f_\infty(x) = c e^{-|x|^2/2}$ as a balance of drift & diffusion;

sharp decay rate = 1

$n = 2$:



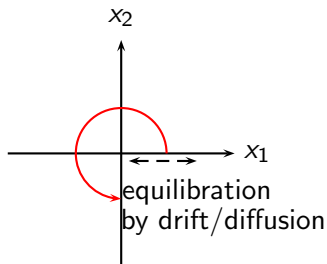
2 degenerate prototypes

prototype (a): degenerate diffusion (1D Fokker-Planck) + **rotation**

$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left[\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{=D} \nabla f + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 - \omega x_2 \\ \omega x_1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=C_x} f \right]$$

$$f_\infty(x) = c e^{-|x|^2/2};$$

sharp decay rate = $\frac{1}{2}$ ($= \min \Re \lambda_C$) for fast enough rotation ($|\omega| > \frac{1}{2}$)

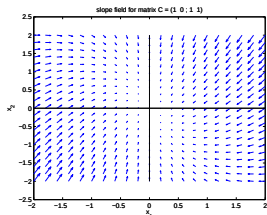


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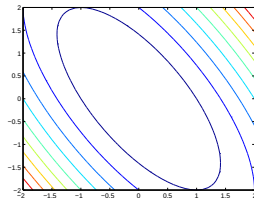
prototype (b): degenerate diffusion – not aligned with drift characteristics

$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left[\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{=D} \nabla f + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{pmatrix}}_{=Cx} f \right]$$

$f_\infty(x) = c e^{-(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2)}$; (sharp) decay rate = $1 - \varepsilon$ ($< \min \Re \lambda_C$)



characteristics of drift: $\dot{x}_t = -Cx$



contours of steady state potential
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coefficients $\mathbf{C}$, $\mathbf{D}$ in Fokker-Planck equation

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Condition B: Condition A + let $\mathbf{C}$ be positively stable (i.e. $\Re \lambda_C > 0$)
 $\rightarrow \exists$ confinement potential; drift towards $x = 0$.

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proof - idea:

Fourier transformed equation for $\hat{f}(\xi, t)$:

$$\hat{f}_t = -(\xi^\top \mathbf{D} \xi) \hat{f} - (\mathbf{C}^\top \xi) \cdot \nabla_\xi \hat{f}$$

$\mathbf{D} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \exists ! \mathbf{K} \geq 0$; $\mathbf{K} > 0$ from Condition B.

decomposition of the generator L :

$$\partial_t f = Lf = \operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{D}\nabla f + \mathbf{C}x f\right) \quad \text{in } L^2(f_\infty^{-1}), \quad (22)$$

$$L = L^s + L^{as} \quad \text{with} \quad L^s f_\infty = L^{as} f_\infty = 0,$$

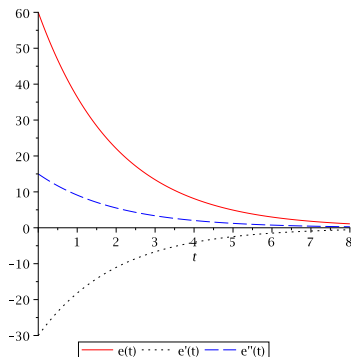
$$L^s f = \operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{D}\left(\nabla \frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) f_\infty\right) \quad \dots \text{ like in non-degenerate case,}$$

$$L^{as} f = \operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{R}\left(\nabla \frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) f_\infty\right),$$

$$\mathbf{R} := -\mathbf{R}^\top = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{C}^\top) \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad (22) \text{ is non-symmetric.}$$

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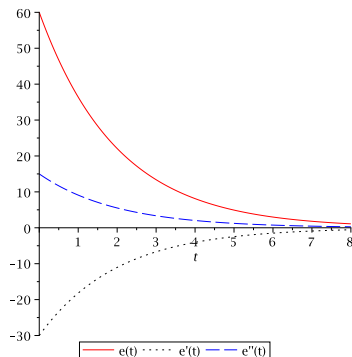
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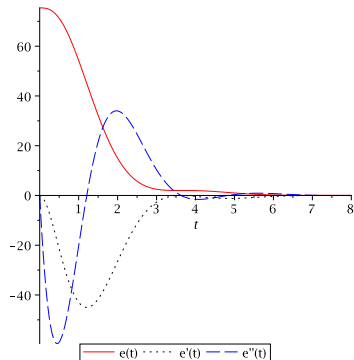
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degenerate prototype ex. (a):
 $\rightarrow$ $e(t)$ is not convex;
 $e'(t) = 0$ for some $f \neq f_\infty$;
 $e' \leq -\mu e$ wrong (in general)

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goal: estimate between $S(f(t))$, $\frac{d}{dt} S(f(t))$ for “good” choice of $\mathbf{P} > 0$.
Then:

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Proof: $\mathbf{P}$ can be constructed explicitly; e.g. for $\mathbf{C}$ non-defective / diagonalizable:

$$\mathbf{P} := \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{z}_j \otimes \bar{\mathbf{z}}_j^\top ; \quad \mathbf{z}_j \dots \text{eigenvectors of } \mathbf{Q}$$

- $\mathbf{P}$ not unique; but decay rates independent of $\mathbf{P}$

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notation:

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use (similar to non-degenerate case)

$$\mathbf{X} := \begin{pmatrix} \psi'' & \psi''' \\ \psi''' & \frac{1}{2}\psi^{\text{IV}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f \\ f_\infty \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \quad ;$$

$$\mathbf{Y} := \begin{pmatrix} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{P} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}) & u^\top \mathbf{D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{P} u \\ u^\top \mathbf{D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{P} u & (u^\top \mathbf{P} u)(u^\top \mathbf{D} u) \end{pmatrix} \geq 0, \quad \text{with}$$

$$\text{Cauchy-Schwarz for } (u^\top \mathbf{D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \mathbf{P} u)^2 = \text{Tr}(\sqrt{\mathbf{P}} u u^\top \sqrt{\mathbf{D}} \cdot \sqrt{\mathbf{D}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \sqrt{\mathbf{P}})^2$$

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Proof: Consider non-degenerate (auxiliary) symmetric FP equation:

$$g_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{P} \left(\nabla \frac{g}{f_\infty} \right) f_\infty \right) ; \quad g_\infty = f_\infty = c_K e^{-V(x)} \quad (23)$$

It satisfies the Bakry-Emery condition $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \geq \lambda_P \mathbf{P}^{-1}$.

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Remark: $S_\psi(g)$ is the true entropy dissipation for (23) !

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Ref: [Villani] 2009: exponential decay in weighted H^1 , but *no sharp rates*

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Remark:

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