

Critical trajectories in kinetic geometry

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Kolmogorov equation

Here: $(t, x, v) \in \Omega_T = (0, T) \times \Omega_x \times \Omega_v \subset \mathbb{R}^{1+2d}$,

Study particle density $f = f(t, x, v): \Omega_T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ solution to

$$(\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla_x) f = \nabla_v \cdot (a(t, x, v) \nabla_v f)$$

with $a: \Omega_T \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ measurable such that

$$(H1) \quad 0 < \lambda := \inf_{\substack{0 \neq \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ (t, x, v) \in \Omega_T}} \frac{\langle a(t, x, v) \xi, \xi \rangle}{|\xi|^2}$$

$$(H2) \quad \Lambda := \sup_{\substack{0 \neq \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \\ (t, x, v) \in \Omega_T}} \frac{|a(t, x, v) \xi|^2}{\langle a(t, x, v) \xi, \xi \rangle} < \infty.$$

Weak solutions

$$(1) \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot (a \nabla_v f)$$


Definition:

A function $f \in L_t^\infty L_{x,v}^2(\Omega_T) \cap L_{t,x}^2 \dot{H}_v^1(\Omega_T)$ is a weak (sub-, super-) solution to (1) if for all $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\Omega_T)$ with $\varphi \geq 0$ we have

$$\int_{\Omega_T} \left[-f(\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla_x)\varphi + \langle a \nabla_v f, \nabla_v \varphi \rangle \right] d(t, x, v) = (\leq, \geq) 0.$$

Literature:

- Regularity, existence and uniqueness of weak solutions together with P. Auscher and C. Imbert 24
- previous works: Degond 86, Albritton-Armstrong-Mourrat-Novack 24, N.-Zacher 21, Nyström-Litsgård 21



Kinetic De Giorgi-Nash-Moser theory

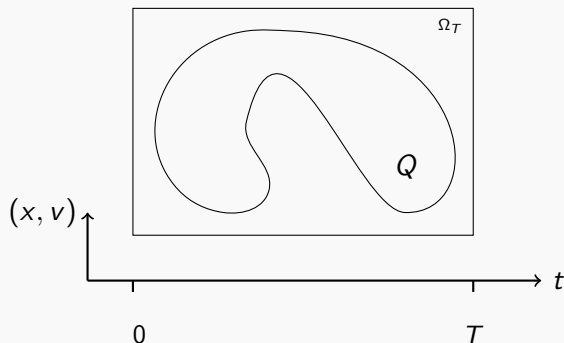
Hölder continuity

$$(1) \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot (a \nabla_v f)$$

Theorem (Zhang 11, Wang & Zhang 09,11):

Let f be a weak solution to (1) and $Q \subset\subset \Omega_T$. Then, there exist constants $\varepsilon, C > 0$ such that $f \in \dot{C}_{\text{kin}}^\varepsilon(\bar{Q})$ and

$$\|f\|_{\dot{C}_{\text{kin}}^\varepsilon(\bar{Q})} \leq C \|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_T)}.$$



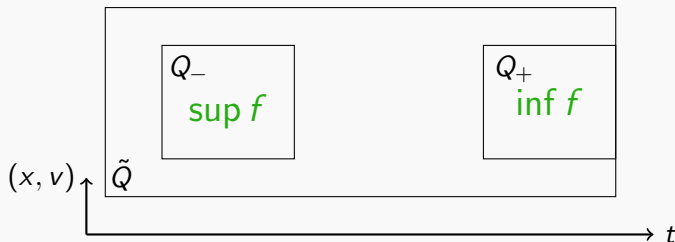
Harnack inequality

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Theorem (GIMV 19, GI 22, GM 22):

There exists a universal const $C = C(d, \lambda, \Lambda) > 0$ such that for any nonnegative weak solution f of (1) in \tilde{Q} we have

$$\sup_{Q_-} f \leq C \inf_{Q_+} f.$$



Weak L^1 -estimate for $\log f$

$$(1) \quad \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot (a \nabla_v f)$$

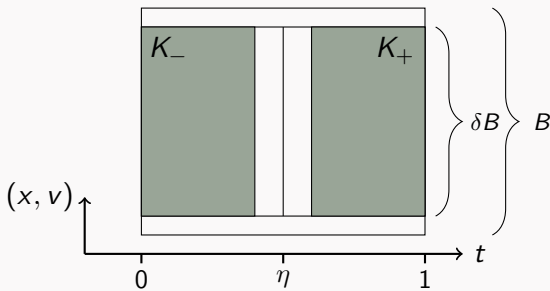
Theorem (DMNZ 25):

Let $\delta, \eta \in (0, 1)$. Then for any supersolution $f > 0$ to (1) there exists a constant $C = C(d, \delta, \eta) > 0$ such that

$$s |\{(t, x, v) \in K_- : \log f(t, x, v) - c(f) > s\}| \leq C \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} + \Lambda \right)$$

$$s |\{(t, x, v) \in K_+ : c(f) - \log f(t, x, v) > s\}| \leq C \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} + \Lambda \right)$$

for all $s > 0$ with $c(f) = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_B \log f(\eta, y, w) \varphi^2(y, w) d(y, w)$.



The logarithm

Suppose that f is a positive weak supersolution

$$(\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla_x) f \geq \nabla_v \cdot (a \nabla_v f)$$

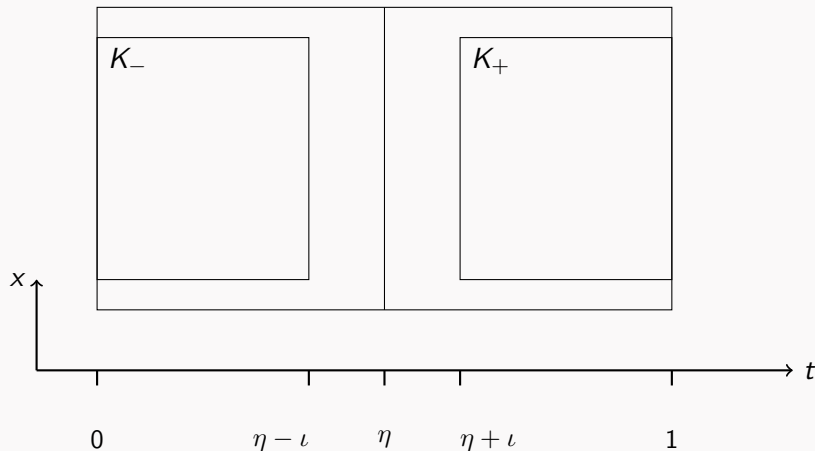
then the $g = \log f$ is a weak supersolution to

$$(\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla_x) g \geq \nabla_v \cdot (a \nabla_v g) + \langle a \nabla_v g, \nabla_v g \rangle.$$

Proof of the weak L^1 -estimate

Unit scale. $\mathfrak{a} = \text{Id}$ for simplicity. $f \geq \varepsilon$ and $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$. Goal:

$$s \left| \{(t, x, v) \in K_- : \log f(t, x, v) - c(f) > s\} \right| \leq C, \quad s > 0$$



Proof of the weak L^1 -estimate

Recall

$$c(f) = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_B [\log f](\eta, y, w) \varphi^2(y, w) d(y, w).$$

where

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Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & s |\{(t, x, v) \in K_- : \log(f) - c(f) > s\}| \\ & \leq \int_0^{\eta-\iota} \int_B ([\log f](t, x, v) - c(f))_+ d(t, x, v) \end{aligned}$$

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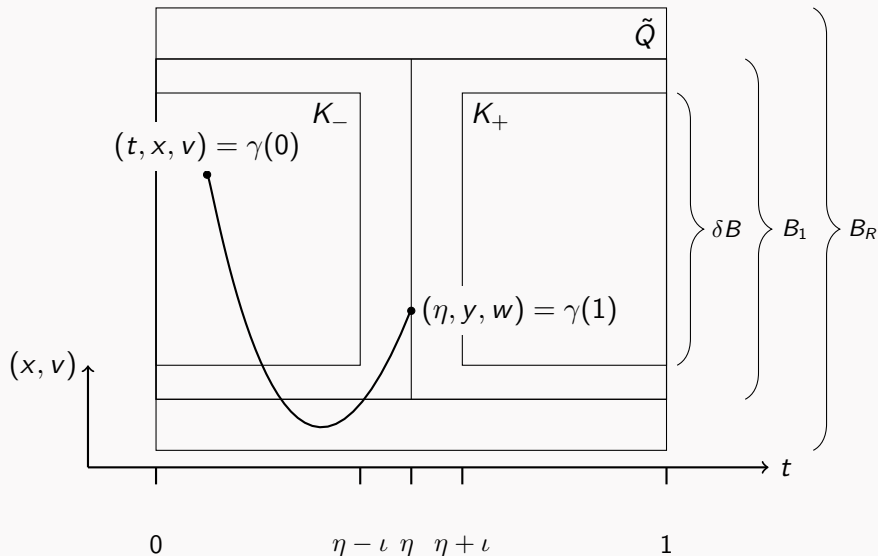
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For $g = \log f$ we have

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Critical kinetic trajectories



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Idea: use **quadratic** gradient term to absorb all gradients

The forcing terms

Recall that $|\dot{\gamma}_v| \lesssim r^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_B \int_0^1 \dot{\gamma}_v(r) \cdot [\nabla_v g](\gamma(r)) dr \, \varphi^2(y, w) d(y, w) \\ & \lesssim \int_B \int_0^1 r^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) dr \, \varphi(y, w) d(y, w) \end{aligned}$$

Partial integration

$$(1) \gamma_{x,v} = \mathcal{A}\binom{y}{w} + \mathcal{B}\binom{x}{v}$$

$$\int_B [\Delta_v g](\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y, w) d(y, w)$$

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Distributing the good term

$$\begin{aligned} & (g(t, x, v) - c(f))_+ \\ & \lesssim \int_0^1 \int_B \left(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) \varphi(y, w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y, w) \right)_+ \mathrm{d}(y, w) \mathrm{d}r \end{aligned}$$

for some constant $M > 0$.

Integrating on K_-

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{\eta-\epsilon} \int_B (g(t,x,v) - c(f))_+ d(t,x,v) \\ &\leq \int_0^\eta \int_B \int_0^1 \int_B \Big(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) \varphi(y,w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y,w) \Big)_+ d(y,w) dr d(t,x,v) \end{aligned}$$

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 & \leq \int_0^\eta \int_B \int_0^1 \int_B \left(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) \varphi(y, w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y, w) \right)_+ d(y, w) dr d(t, x, v) \\
 & = \int_0^\eta \int_B \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_B \left(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) \varphi(y, w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y, w) \right)_+ d(y, w) dr d(t, x, v) \\
 & \quad + \int_0^\eta \int_B \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \int_B \left(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) \varphi(y, w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y, w) \right)_+ d(y, w) dr d(t, x, v)
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for some $C > 0$ by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Estimating I_1

(1) $\gamma_{x,v} = \mathcal{A}(\frac{y}{w}) + \mathcal{B}(\frac{x}{v})$

Substitute $(\tilde{x}, \tilde{v}) = \Psi_{r,t,\eta,y,w}(x, v) := \gamma_{x,v}(r)$ and $\tilde{t} = t + r(\eta - t)$.

$$I_1 = \int_0^\eta \int_B \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_B \Big(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\gamma(r)) \varphi(y, w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\gamma(r)) \varphi^2(y, w) \Big)_+ \\ \mathrm{d}(y, w) \mathrm{d}r \mathrm{d}(x, v) \mathrm{d}t$$

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$$I_1 \leq \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_B \int_0^\eta \int_{\Psi(B)} \Big(Mr^{-1/2} |\nabla_v g|(\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{v}) \varphi(y,w) - |\nabla_v g|^2(\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{v}) \varphi^2(y,w) \Big)_+ \\ \frac{1}{1-r} |\det \mathcal{B}(r)|^{-1} d(\tilde{x}, \tilde{v}) d\tilde{t} d(y,w) dr$$

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as $\Psi(B) \subset \tilde{B}$ and $\det \mathcal{B}(r) \sim 1$ on $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$.

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Calculating the r -integral from 0 to $\min\{1/2, M^2/p^2\}$ yields

$$\int_0^{1/2} \Big(r^{-1/2} Mp - p^2 \Big)_+ \mathrm{d}r \lesssim M^2$$

for all $p > 0$. Here $p = |\nabla_v g|(\tilde{t}, \tilde{x}, \tilde{v}) \varphi(y, w)$.

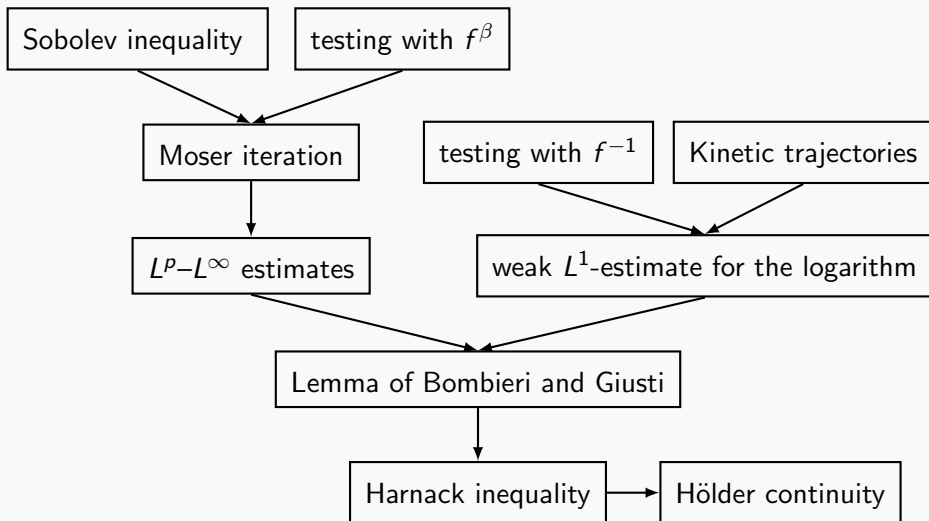
Conclusion of the L^1 -estimate

We have proven

$$\int_0^{\eta^{-\iota}} \int_B ([\log f](t, x, \nu) - c(f))_+ d(t, x, \nu) \leq C$$

for universal constant $C > 0$.

Moser's 1971 method in kinetic theory



Harnack inequality

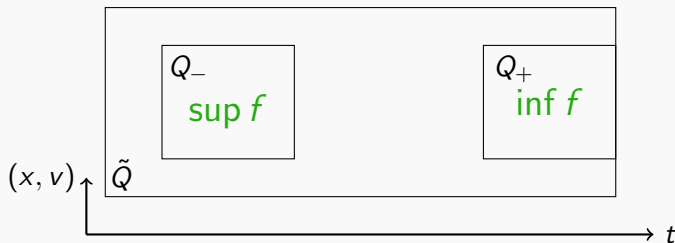
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Theorem (DMNZ 25):

There exists a universal constant $C = C(d) > 0$ such that for any nonnegative weak solution f of (1) in \tilde{Q} we have

$$\sup_{Q_-} f \leq C^\mu \inf_{Q_+} f.$$

Here, $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \Lambda$. Optimal in μ !



Weak Harnack inequality

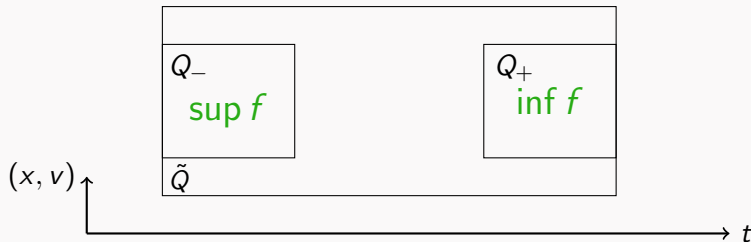
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There exists a universal $C(d, \mu) > 0$ such that for all $p \in (0, 1 + \frac{1}{2d})$ and any nonnegative weak supersolution f to (1) in \tilde{Q} we have

$$\left(\int_{Q_-} f^p d(t, x, v) \right)^p \leq C \inf_{Q_+} f.$$

Optimal range for p .



Kinetic mollification

Consider $\gamma^{\mathbf{m}}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{1+2d}$ with $\mathbf{m} = (m_0, m_1, m_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+2d}$, $m_0 \neq 0$ as

$$\gamma^{\mathbf{m}}(r; (t, x, v)) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_t^{\mathbf{m}}(r) \\ \gamma_x^{\mathbf{m}}(r) \\ \gamma_v^{\mathbf{m}}(r) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t + m_0 r \\ \mathcal{E}_{m_0}(r) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{D}_{m_0} \mathcal{W}(r) \mathcal{D}_{m_0}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathcal{W}(r) := \begin{pmatrix} g_1(r) & g_2(r) \\ \dot{g}_1(r) & \dot{g}_2(r) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{m_0} := \begin{pmatrix} m_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}_{m_0}(r) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m_0 r \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define the kinetic mollification operator as

$$[S_r(f)](t, x, v) = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{1+2d}} f(\gamma^{\mathbf{m}}(r; (t, x, v))) \varphi^2(\mathbf{m}) d\mathbf{m}.$$

Kinetic Sobolev embedding

Theorem (DMNZ 25):






Let $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+d}; H^1(\mathbb{R}^d))$ such that $(\partial_t + v \cdot \nabla_x)f = \nabla_v \cdot S$
for some $S \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+2d}; \mathbb{R}^d)$, then

$$\|f\|_{L^{2\kappa}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2d})} \leq C \left(\|\nabla_v f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+2d})} + \|S\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+2d}; \mathbb{R}^d)} \right)$$

with $\kappa = 1 + \frac{1}{2d}$ and $C = C(d) > 0$.

Local versions. No fundamental solution needed.

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