

Entropy method for hypocoercive Fokker-Planck equations with linear drift

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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 (1)

hypoconvex example

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rewritten:

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

Outline:

- 1 review of standard entropy method for non-degenerate Fokker-Planck equations
- 2 hypocoercivity, prototypic examples
- 3 decay of modified “entropy dissipation” functional
- 4 regularization of semigroup \rightarrow entropy decay
- 5 sharp decay rates

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$$f_\infty(x) = e^{-A(x)} \dots \text{(unique) normalized steady state}$$

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

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

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

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

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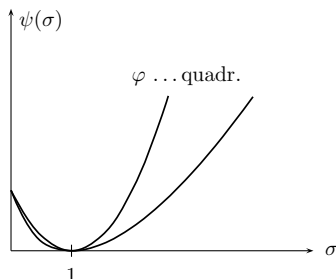
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examples 1) $\psi_1(\sigma) = \sigma \ln \sigma - \sigma + 1$

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 $f_{1,2} \dots$ probability densities



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- convergence in relative entropy $\Rightarrow L^1$ -convergence by (generalized) Csiszár-Kullback inequality:

$$\|f_1 - f_2\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 \leq \frac{2}{\psi''(1)} e_\psi(f_1|f_2)$$

Lemma 1

Let $f(t)$ solve Fokker-Planck equation $f_t = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}(x) \cdot [\nabla A(x)f + \nabla f])$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} e_{\psi}(f(t)|f_{\infty}) &= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi'' \left(\frac{f(t)}{f_{\infty}} \right) \nabla^{\top} \frac{f(t)}{f_{\infty}} \cdot \mathbf{D}(x) \cdot \nabla \frac{f(t)}{f_{\infty}} f_{\infty} dx \\ &=: -I_{\psi}(f(t)|f_{\infty}) \leq 0 \dots \text{(negative) Fisher information} \end{aligned}$$

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 ... uniformly convex if $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{I}$

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

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

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$$\stackrel{2 \text{ int. by parts}}{=} - \int \psi^{IV}\left(\frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) u^4 f_\infty dx - 2 \int \psi'''\left(\frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) u_x u^2 f_\infty dx$$

$$- 2 \int \underbrace{\psi''\left(\frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) A'' u^2 f_\infty}_{\geq 0} dx - 2 \int \psi'''\left(\frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) u^2 u_x f_\infty dx - \psi''\left(\frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) u_x^2 f_\infty dx =$$

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Proof: from proof of Theorem 1 :

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

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

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

(+ density argument)

(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 3 (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 $\exists \lambda > 0, c > 0$:

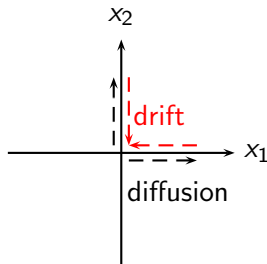
$$\|e^{Lt} f\|_{\tilde{H}} \leq c e^{-\lambda t} \|f\|_{\tilde{H}} \quad \forall f \in \tilde{H}$$

problem 1 (cp. standard entropy method): steady state

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

unique steady state $f_\infty(x) = c e^{-|x|^2/2}$ as a balance of drift & diffusion;
sharp decay rate = 1

$n = 2$:



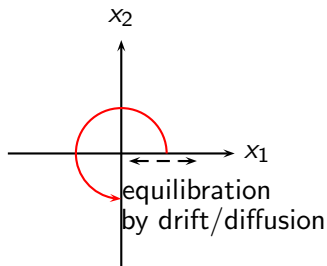
2 degenerate prototypes

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

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$$f_\infty(x) = c e^{-|x|^2/2} \quad \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{unique for } \omega \neq 0);$$

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

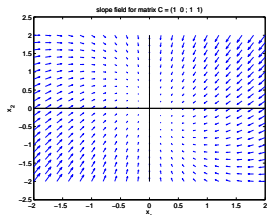


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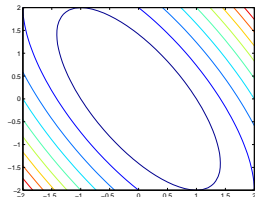
prototype (b): degenerate diffusion – not aligned with drift characteristics

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

$f_\infty(x) = c e^{-(x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2^2)}$; (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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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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$$f_t = \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}\nabla f + \mathbf{C}_x f) \quad (5)$$

Theorem 4

(5) has a unique (normalized) steady state $f_\infty \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ iff Condition B holds.

Then: $f_\infty(x) = c_K e^{-\frac{x^\top \mathbf{K}^{-1} x}{2}}$... non-isotropic Gaussian
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proof - idea:

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

$$\hat{f}_t = -(\xi^\top \mathbf{D} \xi) \hat{f} - (\mathbf{C}^\top \xi) \cdot \nabla_\xi \hat{f}, \quad \text{ansatz: } \hat{f}_\infty = c e^{-\frac{\xi^\top \mathbf{K} \xi}{2}}$$

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

decomposition of the generator L :

$$\partial_t f = Lf = \operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{D}\nabla f + \mathbf{C}_x f\right) \quad \text{in } L^2(f_\infty^{-1}), \quad (6)$$

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

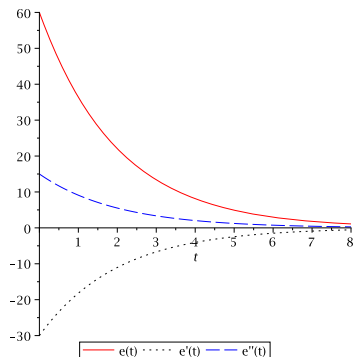
$$L^s f = \operatorname{div}\left(\mathbf{D}\left(\nabla \frac{f}{f_\infty}\right) f_\infty\right) \quad \dots \text{ like in non-degenerate case,}$$

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

$$\mathbf{R} := -\mathbf{R}^\top = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{K} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{C}^\top) \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad (6) \text{ is non-symmetric.}$$

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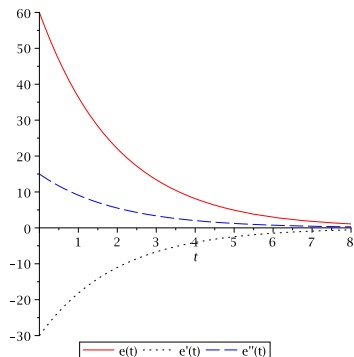
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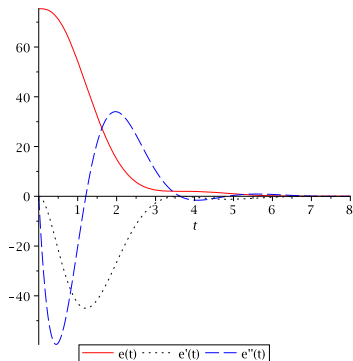
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degenerate prototype ex. (a):
 \rightarrow $e(t)$ is not convex;
 $e'(t) = 0$ for some $f \neq f_\infty$;
 $e' \leq -\mu e$ wrong (in general)

modified entropy method for degenerate FP equation

$e'(t) = 0$ for some $f \neq f_\infty \Rightarrow$ entropy dissipation:

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\Rightarrow define **modified “entropy dissipation”** as auxiliary functional:

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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 (7) !

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Prop. 3 is generalization to all admissible relative entropies of:

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and equality for $t = t_0 + n\tau$ (with some $t_0 \geq 0, \tau > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$).

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Remark:

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