

On Decay Rates in Hypocoercive Kinetic Equations

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Two linear kinetic models

1. Fokker–Planck equation with linear drift
2. Goldstein–Taylor model

Similarities

1. “Defects” appearing
2. Hypocoercive dynamics

Tools

1. Spectral Theory
2. Entropy Method

Q: How fast do solutions converge to equilibrium?

Degenerate Fokker–Planck equation with linear drift

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t f(x, t) &= \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D}\nabla f(x, t) + \mathbf{C}x f(x, t)) =: Lf, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, t \geq 0 \\ f(x, 0) &= f_0(x) \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d), \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_0 dx = 1, f_0 \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

- $f(x, t)$ describes evolution of probability density of average particle of large particle system.

Two forces:

- **Collisions:** pos. semi-definite diffusion matrix $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$.
- **Transport:** drift matrix $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$.

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Hypoocoercivity conditions:

- **C is positive stable**, i.e. **spectral gap**

$$\mu_{\mathbf{C}} := \min\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) : \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{C})\} > 0.$$

- No eigenvector of \mathbf{C}^T is in $\ker(\mathbf{D})$.
(connection to Kalman rank condition)

e.g. [Villani '09] \implies there exists $\mathcal{C} \geq 1$ and $\alpha > 0$ s.t.

$$\|e^{-Lt}f(0)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \leq \mathcal{C}e^{-2\alpha t}\|f(0)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Our Focus: Sharp decay for **defective** drift matrix C .

Definition:

$\lambda \in \sigma(C)$ is **defective** of order $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if

$$(\text{algebraic multiplicity}) - (\text{geometric multiplicity}) = n.$$

E.g. for $d = 2$:

$$C = VJV^{-1},$$

where $J = \begin{pmatrix} \mu & 1 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$ is the **Jordan normal form**.

defective ODE of order 1:

$$\dot{x} = -Cx \implies |x(t)|^2 = |Ve^{-Jt}V^{-1}x(0)|^2 \leq c|x(0)|^2(1 + t^2)e^{-2\mu t}$$

Theorem 1 (Arnold, Einav, W.)

Let $f_0 \in L^2(f_\infty^{-1}dx)$ and let $n \geq 0$ be the maximum defect of \mathbf{C} associated to $\mu_{\mathbf{C}} := \min\{\operatorname{Re}(\lambda) : \lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{C})\}$. Then

$$\|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1}dx)}^2 \leq c \|f_0 - f_\infty\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1}dx)}^2 (1 + t^{2n}) e^{-2\mu_{\mathbf{C}}t}.$$

Proof:

Builds on [Arnold, Erb '14]:

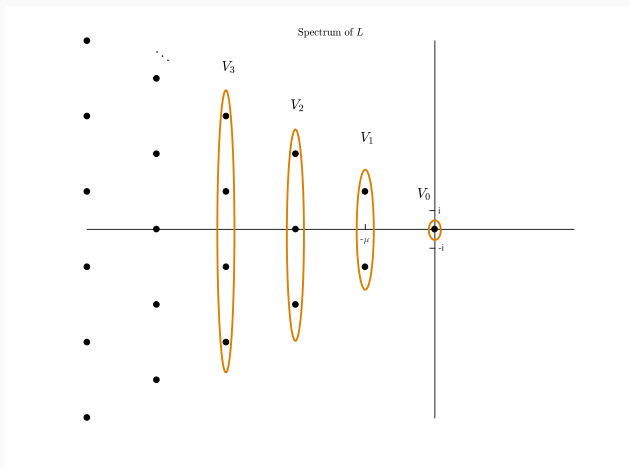
Drift matrix \mathbf{C} defective in $\mu_{\mathbf{C}}$:

$$\|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1}dx)}^2 \leq c \|f_0 - f_\infty\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1}dx)}^2 e^{-2(\mu_{\mathbf{C}} - \varepsilon)t}.$$

for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$.

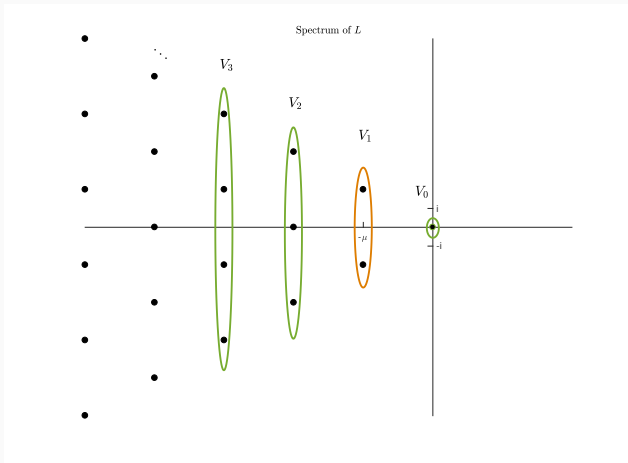
Proof: Spectral properties of L

$$\bigoplus_{m \geq 0} V_m = L^2(f_\infty^{-1} dx), \quad V_m \text{ are } L\text{-invariant}, \quad \dim(V_m) < \infty.$$



Proof: Splitting the solution

Idea: Split the solution $f = f_1 + f_2$ with $f_1 \in V_1$ and $f_2 \perp V_1$ has faster decay.



Fokker–Planck Equation with Added Uncertainty

Linear Fokker–Planck equation for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\partial_t f(x, z, t) = \partial_x [\partial_x f(x, z, t) + C(z)x f(x, z, t)] := L(z)f, \quad t \geq 0.$$

- **Uncertain parameter** $z \in \mathbb{R}$ representing:
 - Model coefficient uncertainty,
 - Measurement errors etc.
- **Drift coefficient** $C \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, $C(z) \geq \mu > 0$,
with $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} |\partial_z C(z)| < \infty$.

Question: *How sensitive is the large-time behaviour of solutions to the uncertainty?*

- **Sensitivity analysis of the model** w.r.t. the uncertain parameter z (here: no stochastic properties for z).
- $g(x, z, t) := \partial_z f(x, z, t)$, with $x, z \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0$.

Linear order sensitivity equation

$$\partial_t g(x, z, t) = L(z)g(x, z, t) + \partial_z L(z)f(x, z, t)$$

- **Goal:** Find sharp rate of decay for the system

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} L(z) & 0 \\ \partial_z L(z) & L(z) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix}$$

uniform in $z \in \mathbb{R}$.

Sensitivity Analysis for the Fokker–Planck Equation

Theorem 2 (Arnold, Jin, W.)

Solutions $\Phi(x, z, t) = (f, \partial_z f)^T \in \mathbb{R}^2$ of the system of sensitivity equations for FPE with coefficient $C \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, $\partial_z C \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, $C(z) \geq \mu > 0$ converges uniformly in z to equilibrium:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|\Phi(z, t) - \Phi^\infty(z)\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1} dx)}^2 \\ \leq c(1 + t^2)e^{-2\mu t} \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}} \|\Phi(z, 0) - \Phi^\infty(z)\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1} dx)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

- Eigenfunction expansion leads to ODEs on modal level.
- Construct **Lyapunov functionals for defective ODEs**:
Time-dependent $P(t)$ -norm.

The Two Velocity Goldstein–Taylor Model

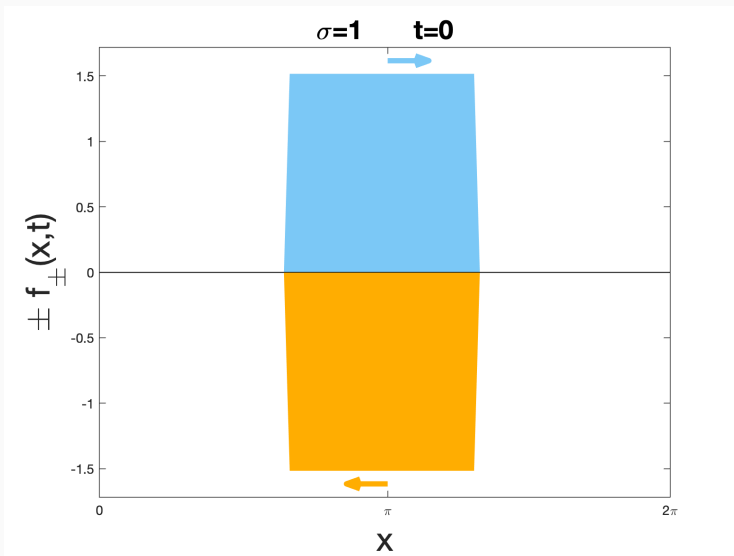
Two Velocity Goldstein–Taylor Model for $x \in \mathbb{T}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t f_+(x, t) + \partial_x f_+(x, t) &= \frac{\sigma(x)}{2} (f_-(x, t) - f_+(x, t)), \\ \partial_t f_-(x, t) - \partial_x f_-(x, t) &= -\frac{\sigma(x)}{2} (f_-(x, t) - f_+(x, t)).\end{aligned}\tag{GT}$$

- $f_{\pm}(\cdot, t)$ probability density of particles with $v = \pm 1$.
- Relaxation coefficient $\sigma(x) > 0$.

Goal: Find explicit decay rate for space-dependent relaxation $\sigma(x)$ via entropy method.

First: Understand $\sigma(x) \equiv \sigma > 0$.



Macroscopic variables

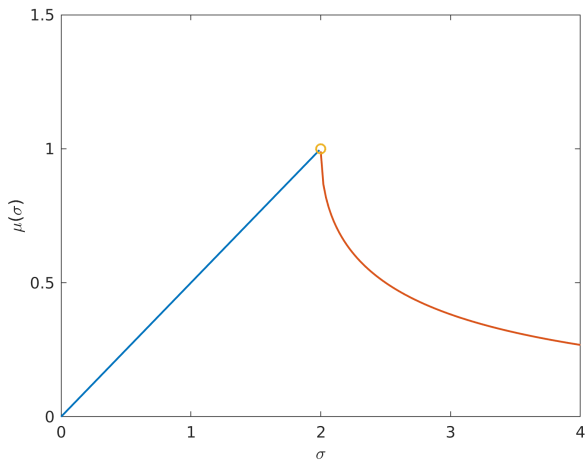
$$u := f_+ + f_-, \quad w := f_+ - f_-.$$

Goldstein–Taylor Model in Fourier Space:

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_k(t) \\ \hat{w}_k(t) \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ik \\ ik & \sigma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u}_k(t) \\ \hat{w}_k(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

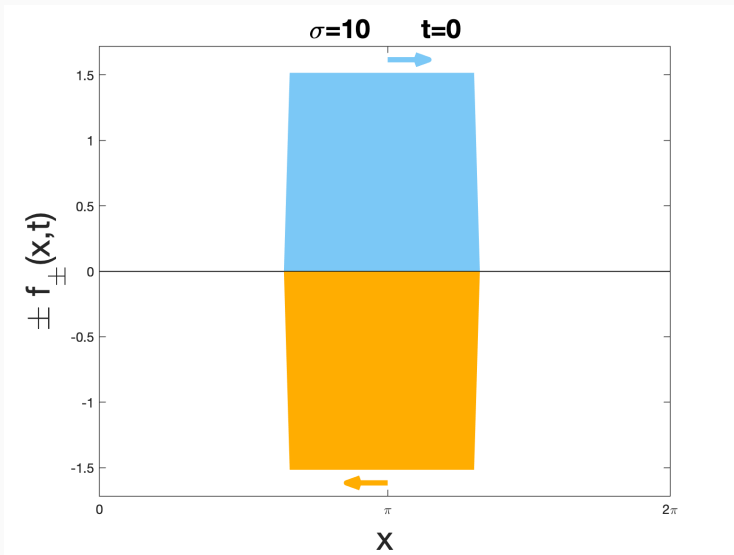
- uniform-in- k spectral gap

$$\mu(\sigma) := \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mu_k(\sigma) = \mu_1(\sigma) = \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{4} - 1} \right) \in (0, 1].$$



Sharp exponential decay rate of solutions

$$\mu(\sigma) = \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{\sigma}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{4} - 1} \right).$$



Entropy method:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt}E[u(t) - u^\infty, w(t)] &\leq -\lambda E[u(t) - u^\infty, w(t)] \\ \implies E[u(t) - u^\infty, w(t)] &\leq e^{-\lambda t} E[u(0) - u^\infty, w(0)].\end{aligned}$$

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“Norm equivalence”:

$$(1 - \frac{\theta}{2}) \|(u - u^\infty, w)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq E_\theta[u - u^\infty, w] \leq (1 + \frac{\theta}{2}) \|(u - u^\infty, w)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

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(iii) For $\sigma > 2$ with $\mu = \frac{\sigma}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{4} - 1}$,

$$E_{\frac{4}{\sigma}}[u(t) - u^{\infty}, w(t)] \leq E_{\frac{4}{\sigma}}[u(0) - u^{\infty}, w(0)]e^{-2\mu t}.$$

Theorem 4 (Arnold, Einav, Signorello, W.)

Let $(u, w)^T$ be a solution to (GT) with $u_0, w_0 \in L^2(\mathbb{T})$ and

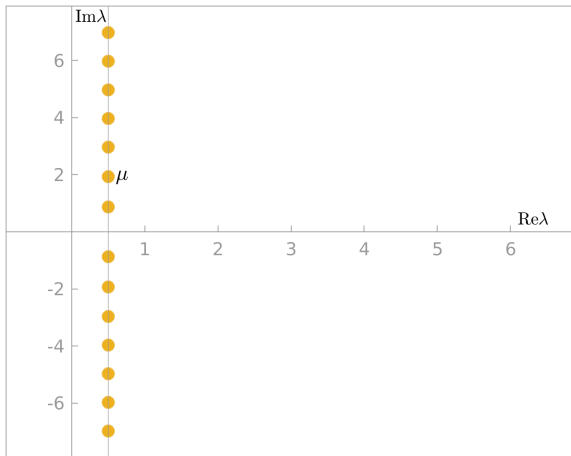
$$0 < \sigma_{\min} := \inf_{x \in \mathbb{T}} \sigma(x) \leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{T}} \sigma(x) =: \sigma_{\max} < \infty.$$

Then, for $\theta^* = \min\{\sigma_{\min}, \frac{4}{\sigma_{\max}}\}$ exists an explicit decay rate $\alpha^*(\sigma_{\min}, \sigma_{\max}) > 0$ such that

$$E_{\theta^*}[u(t) - u^\infty, w(t)] \leq e^{-\alpha^* t} E_{\theta^*}[u_0 - u^\infty, w_0].$$

- Proof: perturbative approach
- Decay rate $\alpha^*(\sigma_{\min}, \sigma_{\max})$ is not sharp.
- Extends to multi-velocity models with $\sigma(x)$.

Thank you for your attention.



Eigenvalues of $A_k(\sigma = 1)$ for Fourier modes $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.

