

Short- and long-time behavior in (hypo)coercive ODE-systems and Fokker-Planck equations

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2) **short-time** decay estimate:

- ▶ $\|f(t) - f_\infty\| \leq [1 - ct^a + \mathcal{O}(t^{a+1})] \|f(0) - f_\infty\|, t \rightarrow 0+$
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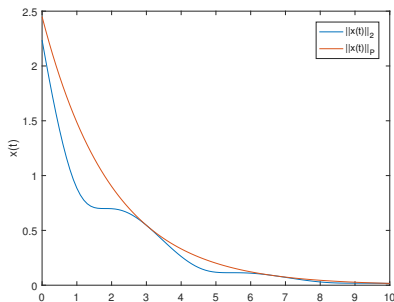
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- \mathbf{C} not coercive \Rightarrow no decay of $\|x(t)\|_2$ by trivial energy method!
- But decay of **modified norm** $\|x(t)\|_{\mathbf{P}} := \sqrt{x^T \mathbf{P} x}$; $\mathbf{P} := [2 \ -1; -1 \ 2]$



How to find \mathbf{P} / the Lyapunov functional?

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Conditions for hypo-coercivity:

- 1 $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$; $\mathbf{C}_1^* = -\mathbf{C}_1$, $\mathbf{C}_2^* = \mathbf{C}_2 \geq 0$ (w.l.o.g.)
- 2 No (non-trivial) subspace of $\ker \mathbf{C}_2$ is invariant under \mathbf{C}_1

Hypo-coercivity index

Conservative-dissipative system:

$$\dot{x} = -(\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2)x, \quad \mathbf{C}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \dots \text{anti-Hermitian}; \mathbf{C}_2 \geq 0 \text{ Hermit.} \quad (2)$$

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The *hypo-coercivity index* of $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2$ is the smallest integer

$m_{HC} \in \mathbb{N}_0$, such that
$$\sum_{j=0}^{m_{HC}} \mathbf{C}_1^j \mathbf{C}_2 (\mathbf{C}_1^*)^j > 0.$$

- \mathbf{C} is coercive $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C}_2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow m_{HC} = 0$
- \mathbf{C} is hypo-coercive $\Leftrightarrow m_{HC} < \infty$
- If \mathbf{C} is hypo-coercive: $\frac{n - \text{rank } \mathbf{C}_2}{\text{rank } \mathbf{C}_2} \leq m_{HC} \leq n - \text{rank } \mathbf{C}_2$
- m_{HC} describes the structural complexity of (2).

Hypo-coercivity index for $\dot{x} = -(\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2)x$

ex: $\mathbf{C}_2 = \text{diag}(0, 0, 1, 1)$

(a) $\mathbf{C}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, HC index = 1 (direct connection)

(b) $\mathbf{C}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, HC index = 2 (indirect connection)

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ex: 2-velocity BGK model, 1D (Goldstein-Taylor model)

for $f(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_+(x, t) \\ f_-(x, t) \end{pmatrix}$ corresponding to $v = \pm 1$:

$$\partial_t f_{\pm} = \mp \partial_x f_{\pm} \pm \frac{1}{2}(f_- - f_+) =: -L f_{\pm}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad 2\pi\text{-periodic in } x$$

• $\|e^{-Lt}\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^2)}$ decays like $1 - t^3/3 + o(t^3)$ [Miclo-Monmarché '13];

via x -modal decomposition: $\frac{d}{dt} u_k = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ik \\ ik & 1 \end{pmatrix} u_k$; $m_{HC} = 1$ for $k \neq 0$

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Definition 2 (Villani 2009)

Consider L on Hilbert space H with $\mathcal{K} = \ker L$; let $\tilde{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}^\perp$ (densely)
(e.g. H ... weighted L^2 , \tilde{H} ... weighted H^1).

L is called **hypocoercive** on \tilde{H} if $\exists \lambda > 0, c \geq 1$:

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

- typically $c > 1$

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Condition A for hypo coercivity:

- 1 No (nontrivial) subspace of $\ker \mathbf{D}$ is invariant under \mathbf{C}^\top .
(equivalent: L is hypoelliptic.)
- 2 Let $\mathbf{C}_s \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \geq 0$.

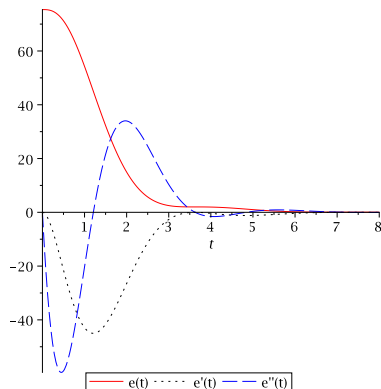
$\Rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is positive stable (i.e. $\Re \lambda_{\mathbf{C}} > 0$).

\exists confinement potential; drift towards $x = 0$.

- hypoelliptic + confinement = hypo coercive (for FP eq.)

typical decay of degenerate Fokker-Planck equation

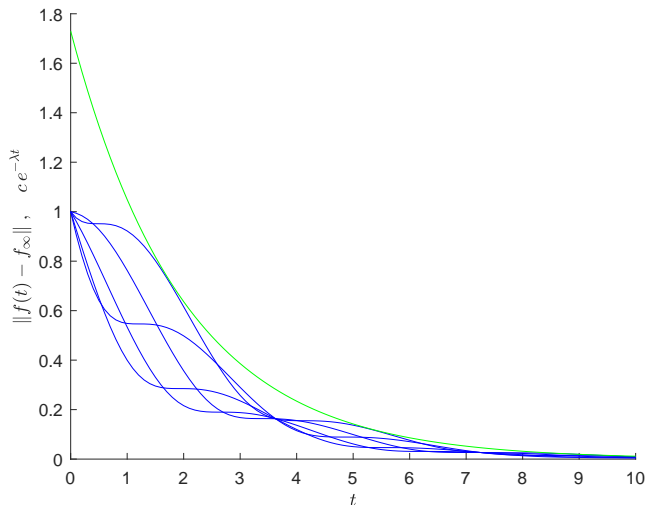
decay of $e(t) := \|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1})}^2$:



degenerate FP eq. with $\mathbf{D} \geq 0$: $e(t)$ is not convex;
 $e'(t) = 0$ for some $f \neq f_\infty$

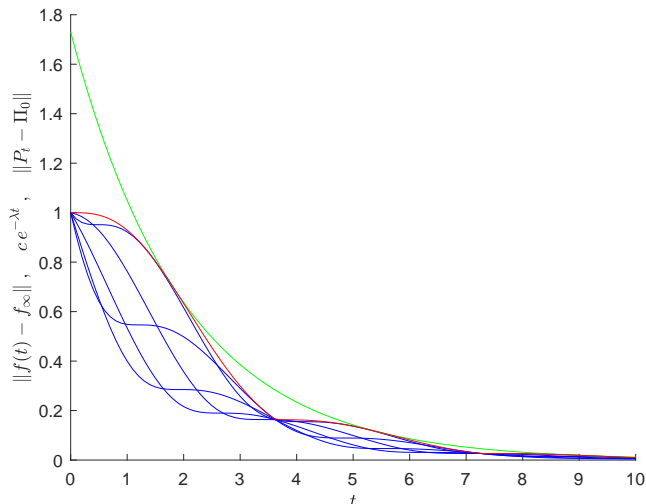
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Goal 1: best exponential decay $\|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq c e^{-\lambda t} \|f(0) - f_\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}}$



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Goal 2: find exact PDE-propagator norm $\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} \Rightarrow$ **Goal 1**



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normalized Fokker-Planck: $\mathbf{C}_a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{a} \\ \sqrt{a} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $a > 0$

$$\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = C_a(t) \exp\left(-\frac{1 - \sqrt{(1 - 4a)_+}}{2} t\right),$$

$C_a(t) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ for $a \neq \frac{1}{4}$, $C_{1/4}(t) = \mathcal{O}(t)$, $t \rightarrow \infty$

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ex: For $d = 2$, $\Re \lambda_1^{\mathbf{C}} = \Re \lambda_2^{\mathbf{C}}$: $c_1 = \sqrt{\operatorname{cond}(\mathbf{P})}$

Rem: For \mathbf{C} defective (in eigenvalues with $\Re \lambda = \mu$): $\text{rate} = p(t)e^{-\mu t}$

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GOAL: Make this connection concrete, not just for one example.

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$$f_t = \operatorname{div} \left(\mathbf{D} \nabla f + \mathbf{C} \times f \right), \quad \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{C}_s \quad (5)$$

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Corollary 4 (of main Theorem: $\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = \|e^{-\mathbf{C}t}\|_2$)

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proof: HC-index of (5) = HC-index of ODE ($\dot{x} = -\mathbf{C}x$),

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- For Fokker-Planck eq. this is equivalent to the short time decay:

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$$\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = 1 - ct^a + o(t^a), \quad t \rightarrow 0+$$

iff regularization (6) holds with rate $t^{-a/2}$.

Proof of main result (step 1)

main Theorem 2 (AA-Schmeiser-Signorello 2019)

Let $L = -\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \nabla \cdot + \mathbf{C} x \cdot)$ satisfy Condition A (i.e. L is hypocoercive).

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• L ... nonsymmetric. Still, \exists a partially orthogonal decomposition:

$$\mathcal{H} := L^2(f_\infty^{-1}) = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}^\perp V^{(m)}; \quad V^{(m)} = \operatorname{span}[g_\alpha(x) := (-1)^{|\alpha|} \nabla^\alpha f_\infty, |\alpha| = m]$$

$$\sigma(L) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j \lambda_j, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \right\}; \quad \lambda_j \dots \text{eigenvalues of } \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

main proof (step 2): evolution in subspaces $V^{(m)}$

$d_\alpha(t)$... coefficient of $g_\alpha(x)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$

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\Rightarrow FP = 2nd quantization of ODE in Bosonic Fock space of \mathbb{R}^2

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- ingredient for evolution equation in $V^{(m)}$:
rank-1 decomposition of order- m tensors:

$$D^{(m)} = \sum_{k=1}^s \mu_k v_k^{\otimes m}, \quad \mu_k \in \mathbb{R}, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (7)$$

Lemma 2

Let (7) be the decomposition of $D^{(m)}(0)$. Then, the evolution in $V^{(m)}$ is given by

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- I.e., decay behavior determined only by 1st subspace!

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