

# Local stability of Dirac masses in a kinetic model of alignment on the sphere

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# Alignment models for oriented particles



Framework: Spatially homogeneous version of the “Bertin, Droz and Grégoire” model [2006].

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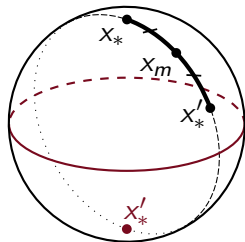
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Example:  $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{S}$  (unit sphere of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ),  
with  $K(\cdot, x_*, x'_*) = \delta_{x_m}$ , where  $x_m = \frac{x_* + x'_*}{\|x_* + x'_*\|}$ .



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## Useful Lemma – Markov inequalities

For  $\rho \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{S})$ , there exists  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{S}$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{S}$ :

$$W_2(\rho, \delta_{\bar{x}})^2 \leq E(\rho) \leq 4 W_2(\rho, \delta_x)^2,$$

For such a  $\bar{x}$  and for all  $\kappa > 0$ , we have

$$\int_{\{x \in \mathbb{S}; d(x, \bar{x}) \geq \kappa\}} d\rho(x) \leq \frac{1}{\kappa^2} E(\rho),$$

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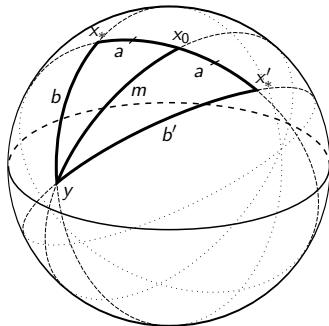
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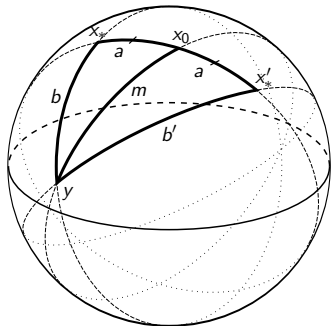
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Flat case (we get  $-a^2$ ):

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# Error estimates in Apollonius' formula

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Lemma: local estimate, more precise

For all  $\kappa_1 < \frac{2\pi}{3}$ , there exists  $C_1 > 0$  such that for all  $\kappa \leq \kappa_1$ , and all  $x_*, x'_*, y \in \mathbb{S}$  with  $\max(d(x_*, y), d(x'_*, y), d(x_*, x'_*)) \leq \kappa$ , we have

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Spherical Apollonius:  $\frac{1}{2}(\cos b + \cos b') = \cos a \cos m$ .

# Decreasing energy – Control on displacement

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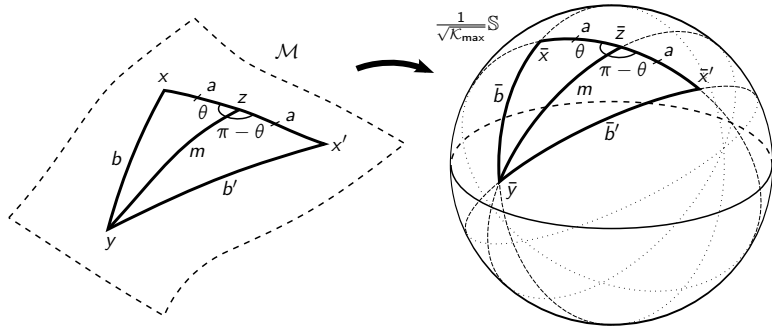
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### Theorem: local stability of Dirac masses

There exists  $C_1 > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$  such that for all solution  $\rho \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{S}))$  with initial condition  $\rho_0$  satisfying  $W_2(\rho_0, \delta_{x_0}) < \eta$  for a  $x_0 \in \mathbb{S}$ , there exists  $x_\infty \in \mathbb{S}$  such that

$$W_2(\rho_t, \delta_{x_\infty}) \leq C_1 W_2(\rho_0, \delta_{x_0}) e^{-\frac{1}{4}t}.$$

# Comparison lemmas



$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Sectional curvature} \leq \mathcal{K}_{\max} \\ \text{Positive injectivity radius} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{Same result, same rate of convergence (sharp)}$

# Larger class of models

(H1) Contraction property: there exists  $\beta \in [0, 1)$  such that for all  $x_*, x'_* \in \mathcal{M}$ , we have

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}} d(x, x_*)^2 K(x, x_*, x'_*) dx \leq \frac{1}{4}(1 + \beta)d(x_*, x'_*)^2,$$

(H2) Midpoint symmetry for small distances,

(H3) Control of a moment  $> 2$ .

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Under (H1), (H2) and (H3), sectional curvature bounded below and above, and positive injectivity radius, same result with

$$W_2(\rho_t, \delta_{x_\infty}) \leq C_1 W_2(\rho_0, \delta_{x_0}) e^{-\frac{1}{4}(1-\beta)t}.$$

Thanks !