
Fast diffusions and generalized entropies

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Abstract

An overview of the connections between functional inequalities, nonlinear diffusions, (transport theory) and generalized entropy functionals

- From functional inequalities to rates in nonlinear diffusions (porous medium equation)
- Functional inequalities and gradient flows
- Large time asymptotics of nonlinear diffusions (fast diffusion equation)

Contents

- L^q Poincaré inequalities and application
 - characterization of some L^q Poincaré inequalities
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L^q Poincaré inequalities for general measures, porous media equation

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Goal

L^q -Poincaré inequalities, $q \in (1/2, 1]$

$$[\mathbf{Var}_\mu(f^q)]^{1/q} := \left[\int f^{2q} d\mu - \left(\int f^q d\mu \right)^2 \right]^{1/q} \leq C_P \int |\nabla f|^2 d\nu$$

Application to the weighted porous media equation, $m \geq 1$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u^m - \nabla \psi \cdot \nabla u^m, \quad t \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

(Ornstein-Uhlenbeck form). With $d\mu = d\nu = d\mu_\psi = e^{-\psi} dx / \int e^{-\psi} dx$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\psi}(u) = - \frac{8}{(m+1)^2} \int |\nabla u^{\frac{m+1}{2}}|^2 d\mu_\psi$$

Outline

Equivalence between the following properties:

- L^q -Poincaré inequality
- Capacity-measure criterion
- Weak Poincaré inequality
- BCR (Barthe-Cattiaux-Roberto) criterion

In dimension $d = 1$, there are necessary and sufficient conditions to satisfy the BCR criterion

Motivation: large time asymptotics in connection with functional inequalities

L^q -Poincaré inequality

We shall say that (μ, ν) satisfies a L^q -Poincaré inequality with constant C_P if for all non-negative functions $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(M)$ one has

$$[\mathbf{Var}_\mu(f^q)]^{1/q} \leq C_P \int |\nabla f|^2 d\nu$$

$q \in (0, 1]$ (false for $q > 1$ unless μ is a Dirac measure)

$$\mathbf{Var}_\mu(g^2) = \int g^2 d\mu - \left(\int g d\mu\right)^2 = \mu(g^2) - \mu(g)^2$$

$q \mapsto [\mathbf{Var}_\mu(f^q)]^{1/q}$ increasing wrt $q \in (0, 1]$: L^q -Poincaré inequalities form a hierarchy

Capacity-measure criterion

Capacity $\text{Cap}_\nu(A, \Omega)$ of two measurable sets A and Ω such that $A \subset \Omega \subset M$

$$\text{Cap}_\nu(A, \Omega) := \inf \left\{ \int |\nabla f|^2 d\nu : f \in \mathcal{C}^1(M), \mathbb{I}_A \leq f \leq \mathbb{I}_\Omega \right\}$$

$$\beta_P := \sup \left\{ \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{[\mu(\Omega_k)]^{1/(1-q)}}{[\text{Cap}_\nu(\Omega_k, \Omega_{k+1})]^{q/(1-q)}} \right\}^{(1-q)/q}$$

over all $\Omega \subset M$ with $\mu(\Omega) \leq 1/2$ and all sequences $(\Omega_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\Omega_k \subset \Omega_{k+1} \subset \Omega$

Theorem 1 (i) *If $q \in [1/2, 1)$, then $\beta_P \leq 2^{1/q} C_P$*

(ii) *If $q \in (0, 1)$ and $\beta_P < +\infty$, then $C_P \leq \kappa_P \beta_P$*

Weak Poincaré inequalities

Definition 2 [Röckner and Wang] (μ, ν) satisfies a weak Poincaré inequality if there exists a non-negative non increasing function $\beta_{\text{WP}}(s)$ on $(0, 1/4)$ such that, for any bounded function $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(M)$,

$$\forall s > 0, \quad \mathbf{Var}_\mu(f) \leq \beta_{\text{WP}}(s) \int |\nabla f|^2 d\nu + s [\mathbf{Osc}_\mu(f)]^2$$

$$\mathbf{Var}_\mu(f) \leq \mu((f - a)^2) \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$$

For $a = (\text{supess}_\mu f + \text{infess}_\mu f)/2$, $\mathbf{Var}_\mu(f) \leq [\mathbf{Osc}_\mu(f)]^2/4$: $s \leq 1/4$.

Proposition 3 Let $q \in [1/2, 1)$. If (μ, ν) satisfies the L^q -Poincaré inequality, then it also satisfies a weak Poincaré inequality with $\beta_{\text{WP}}(s) = (11 + 5\sqrt{5}) \beta_{\text{P}} s^{1-1/q}/2$, $K := (11 + 5\sqrt{5})/2$.

L^q -Poincaré \implies BCR criterion \implies weak Poincaré

Theorem 4 [Maz'ja] *Let $q \in [1/2, 1)$. For all bounded open set $\Omega \subset M$, if $(\Omega_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is a sequence of open sets such that $\Omega_k \subset \Omega_{k+1} \subset \Omega$, then*

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\mu(\Omega_k)^{1/(1-q)}}{[\text{Cap}_\nu(\Omega_k, \Omega_{k+1})]^{q/(1-q)}} \leq \frac{1}{1-q} \int_0^{\mu(\Omega)} \left(\frac{t}{\Phi(t)} \right)^{q/(1-q)} dt$$

where $\Phi(t) := \inf \{ \text{Cap}_\nu(A, \Omega) : A \subset \Omega, \mu(A) \geq t \}$

As a consequence: $\beta_P \leq (1-q)^{-(1-q)/q} \|t/\Phi(t)\|_{L^{q/(1-q)}(0, \mu(\Omega))}$

Corollary 5 *Let $q \in [1/2, 1)$. If (μ, ν) satisfies a weak Poincaré inequality with function β_{WP} , then it satisfies a L^q -Poincaré inequality with*

$$\beta_P \leq \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} \left(\frac{4}{1-q} \right)^{\frac{1-q}{q}} \|\beta_{\text{WP}}(\cdot/4)\|_{L^{\frac{q}{1-q}}(0, 1/2)}$$

$$L^q\text{-Poincaré} \implies \begin{array}{c} \text{Weak Poincaré} \\ \text{with } \beta_{\text{WP}}(s) = C s^{\frac{q-1}{q}} \end{array} \implies L^{q'}\text{-Poincaré} \\ \forall q' \in (0, q)$$

BCR criterion (1/2)

A variant of two results of [Barthe, Cattiaux, Roberto, 2005] (no absolute continuity of the measure μ with respect to the volume measure)

Theorem 6 [BCR] *Let μ be a probability measure and ν a positive measure on M such that (μ, ν) satisfies a weak Poincaré inequality with function $\beta_{\text{WP}}(s)$. Then for every measurable subsets A, B of M such that $A \subset B$ and $\mu(B) \leq 1/2$,*

$$\text{Cap}_\nu(A, B) \geq \frac{\mu(A)}{\gamma(\mu(A))} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma(s) := 4\beta_{\text{WP}}(s/4)$$

Proof \triangleleft Take f such that $\mathbb{I}_A \leq f \leq \mathbb{I}_B$: $\text{Osc}_\mu(f) \leq 1$

By Cauchy-Schwarz, $(\int f d\mu)^2 \leq \mu(B) \int f^2 d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2} \int f^2 d\mu$

$$\beta_{\text{WP}}(s) \int |\nabla f|^2 d\nu + s \geq \text{Var}_\mu(f) \geq \frac{1}{2} \int f^2 d\mu \geq \frac{\mu(A)}{2}$$

$$\frac{a}{\gamma(a)} = \frac{a}{4\beta_{\text{WP}}(a/4)} \leq \sup_{s \in (0, 1/4)} \frac{a/2-s}{\beta_{\text{WP}}(s)} \quad \text{with} \quad a/2 = \mu(A)/2 \leq 1/4 \quad \triangleright$$

BCR criterion (2/2)

Lemma 7 Take μ and ν as before, $\theta \in (0, 1)$, γ a positive non increasing function on $(0, \theta)$. If $\forall A, B \subset M$ such that $A \subset B$ are measurable and $\mu(B) \leq \theta$,

$$\text{Cap}_\nu(A, B) \geq \frac{\mu(A)}{\gamma(\mu(A))}$$

then for every function $f \in C^1(M)$ such that $\mu(\Omega_+) \leq \theta$, $\Omega_+ := \{f > 0\}$

$$\int f_+^2 \leq \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} \gamma(s) \int_{\Omega_+} |\nabla f|^2 d\nu + s \left[\text{supess}_\mu f \right]^2 \quad \forall s \in (0, 1)$$

Theorem 8 Same assumptions, $\theta = 1/2$. Then $\forall f \in C^1(M)$

$$\text{Var}_\mu(f) \leq \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} \gamma(s) \int |\nabla f|^2 d\nu + s [\mathbf{Osc}_\mu(f)] \quad \forall s \in (0, 1/4)$$

$\theta = 1/2$: use the median $m_\mu(f)$, $\mu(f \geq m_\mu(f)) \geq 1/2$, $\mu(f \leq m_\mu(f)) \geq 1/2$

Using the BCR criterion: a “Hardy condition”

[Muckenhoupt, 1972] [Bobkov-Götze, 1999] [Barthe-Roberto, 2003]
[Barthe-Cattiaux-Roberto, 2005]

$M = \mathbb{R}$, $d\mu = \rho_\nu dx$ with median m_μ , $d\nu = \rho_\nu dx$

$$R(x) := \mu([x, +\infty)) , \quad L(x) := \mu((-\infty, x])$$
$$r(x) := \int_{m_\mu}^x \frac{1}{\rho_\nu} dx \quad \text{and} \quad \ell(x) := \int_x^{m_\mu} \frac{1}{\rho_\nu} dx$$

Proposition 9 *Let $q \in [1/2, 1]$. (μ, ν) satisfies a L^q -Poincaré inequality if*

$$\int_{m_\mu}^{\infty} |r R|^{q/(1-q)} d\mu < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{m_\mu} |\ell L|^{q/(1-q)} d\mu < \infty$$

Proof

Proof \triangleleft Method: $\text{Var}_\mu(f) \leq \mu(|F_-|^2) + \mu(|F_+|^2)$ with $g = (f - f(m_\mu))_\pm$ and prove that

$$\mu(|g|^2) \leq \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} \gamma(s) \int |\nabla g|^2 d\nu + s [\text{supess}_\mu g]^2 \quad \forall s \in (0, 1/2)$$

Let $A \subset B \subset M = (m_\mu, \infty)$ such that $A \subset B$ and $\mu(B) \leq 1/2$

$$\text{Cap}_\nu(A, B) \geq \text{Cap}_\nu(A, (m_\mu, \infty)) = \text{Cap}_\nu((a, \infty), (m_\mu, \infty)) = \frac{1}{r(a)}$$

where $a = \inf A$. Change variables: $t = R(a)$ and choose

$\gamma(t) := t (r \circ R)^{-1}(t)$ for any $t \in (0, 1/2)$ \triangleright

Porous media equation

With $\psi \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $d\mu_\psi := \frac{e^{-\psi} dx}{Z_\psi}$, define \mathcal{L} on $\mathcal{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ by

$$\forall f \in \mathcal{C}^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad \mathcal{L}f := \Delta f - \nabla\psi \cdot \nabla f$$

Such a generator \mathcal{L} is symmetric in $L^2_{\mu_\psi}(\mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$\forall f, g \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \quad \int f \mathcal{L}g d\mu_\psi = - \int \nabla f \cdot \nabla g d\mu_\psi$$

Consider for $m > 1$ the weighted porous media equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \mathcal{L} u^m & \text{in } Q \\ u(\cdot, 0) = u_0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ n \cdot \nabla u = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, Q = \Omega \times [0, +\infty), \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times [0, +\infty)$$

$u \in \mathcal{C}^2$, L^1 -contraction, existence and uniqueness

Asymptotic behavior

Theorem 10 *Let $m \geq 1$ and assume that (μ_ψ, μ_ψ) satisfies a L^q -Poincaré inequality, $q = 2/(m + 1)$*

$$\mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\psi}(u(\cdot, t)) \leq \left([\mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\psi}(u_0)]^{-(m-1)/2} + \frac{4m(m-1)}{(m+1)^2} C_P t \right)^{-2/(m-1)}$$

Reciprocally, if the above inequality is satisfied for any u_0 , then (μ_ψ, μ_ψ) satisfies a L^q -Poincaré inequality with constant C_P

Proof \triangleleft

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{Var}_{\mu_\psi}(u) = 2 \int u_t u d\mu_\psi = 2 \int u \mathcal{L}u^m d\mu_\psi = -\frac{8m}{(m+1)^2} \int |\nabla u^{\frac{m+1}{2}}|^2 d\mu_\psi$$

Apply the L^q -Poincaré inequality with $u = f^{2/(m+1)}$, $q = 2/(m + 1)$

Reciprocally, a derivation at $t = 0$ gives the L^q -Poincaré inequality \triangleright

A conclusion on L^q -Poincaré inequalities

- Observe that we have only algebraic rates
- Weak logarithmic Sobolev inequalities [Cattiaux-Gentil-Guillin, 2006],
 L^q -logarithmic Sobolev inequalities [D.-Gentil-Guillin-Wang, 2006]

$$\left(\int f^{2q} \frac{\log f^{2q}}{\int f^{2q} d\mu} d\mu \right) =: \mathbf{Ent}_\mu (f^{2q})^{1/q} \leq C_{\text{LS}} \int |\nabla f|^2 d\mu$$

- Orlicz spaces, duality, connections with mass transport theory
[Bobkov-Götze, 1999] [Cattiaux-Gentil-Guillin, 2006] [Wang, 2006]
[Roberto-Zegarlinski, 2003] [Barthe-Cattiaux-Roberto, 2005]

The Bakry-Emery method revisited

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Consider a domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$, $d\gamma = g dx$, $g = e^{-F}$ and a generalized Ornstein-Uhlenbeck operator: $\Delta_g v := \Delta v - DF \cdot Dv$

$$\int_{\Omega} |Dv|^2 d\gamma = - \int_{\Omega} v \Delta_g v d\gamma \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega, d\gamma)$$

Let $s := v^{p/2}$ and $\alpha := (2 - p)/p$, $p \in (1, 2]$

$$v_t = \Delta_g v \quad x \in \Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$\nabla v \cdot n = 0 \quad x \in \partial\Omega, t \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$\mathcal{E}_p(t) := \frac{1}{p-1} \int_{\Omega} \left[v^p - 1 - p(v-1) \right] d\gamma$$

$$\mathcal{I}_p(t) := \frac{4}{p} \int_{\Omega} |Ds|^2 d\gamma$$

$$\mathcal{K}_p(t) := \int_{\Omega} |\Delta_g s|^2 d\gamma + \alpha \int_{\Omega} \Delta_g s \frac{|Ds|^2}{s} d\gamma$$

Written in terms of $s = v^{p/2}$, the entropy is

$$\mathcal{E}_p = \frac{1}{p-1} \int_{\Omega} \left[s^2 - 1 - p (s^{2/p} - 1) \right] d\gamma$$

and the evolution is governed by

$$s_t = \Delta_g s + \alpha \frac{|\mathbf{D}s|^2}{s}$$

A simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_p(t) &:= -\mathcal{I}_p(t) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{I}_p(t) &:= -\frac{8}{p} \mathcal{K}_p(t) \end{aligned}$$

Using the commutation relation $[D, \Delta_g] s = -D^2 F Ds$, we get

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Delta_g s)^2 d\gamma = \int_{\Omega} |D^2 s|^2 d\gamma + \int_{\Omega} D^2 F Ds \cdot Ds d\gamma - \underbrace{\sum_{i,j=1}^d \int_{\partial\Omega} \partial_{ij}^2 s \partial_i s n_j g d\mathcal{H}^{d-1}}_{\geq 0 \text{ if } \Omega \text{ is convex}}$$

Let $z := \sqrt{s}$. Using $2 D^2 s \cdot Dz \otimes Dz = D(|Dz|^2) : Dz$ and i.p.p., we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_p &= \int_{\Omega} |\Delta_g s|^2 d\gamma + 4\alpha \int_{\Omega} \Delta_g s |Dz|^2 d\gamma \\ &\geq \int_{\Omega} |D^2 s|^2 d\gamma + \int_{\Omega} D^2 F Ds \cdot Ds d\gamma \\ &\quad + 4^2 \alpha \int_{\Omega} |Dz|^4 d\gamma - 2 \cdot 4\alpha \int_{\Omega} D^2 s : Dz \otimes Dz d\gamma \\ &\geq (1 - \alpha) \int_{\Omega} |D^2 s|^2 d\gamma + \int_{\Omega} D^2 F Ds \cdot Ds d\gamma \end{aligned}$$

An extension of the criterion of Bakry-Emery

Let $V(x) := \inf_{\xi \in S^{d-1}} (\mathbf{D}^2 F(x) \xi, \xi)$ and define

$$\lambda_1(p) := \inf_{w \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \left(2 \frac{p-1}{p} |\mathbf{D}w|^2 + V |w|^2 \right) d\gamma}{\int_{\Omega} |w|^2 d\gamma}$$

Theorem 1 *Let $F \in C^2(\Omega)$, $\gamma = e^{-F} \in L^1(\Omega)$, and Ω be a convex domain in \mathbb{R}^d . If $\lambda_1(p)$ is positive, then*

$$\mathcal{I}_p(t) \leq \mathcal{I}_p(0) e^{-2 \lambda_1(p) t}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_p(t) \leq \mathcal{E}_p(0) e^{-2 \lambda_1(p) t}$$

Generalized entropies

Consider the weighted porous media equation

$$v_t = \Delta_g v^m$$

$d\gamma$ is a probability measure, $p \in (1, 2)$

$$\mathcal{E}_{m,p}(t) := \frac{1}{m+p-2} \int_{\Omega} \left[v^{m+p-1} - 1 \right] d\gamma$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(t) := c(m,p) \int_{\Omega} |Ds|^2 d\gamma$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{m,p}(t) := \int_{\Omega} s^{\beta(m-1)} |\Delta_g s|^2 d\gamma + \alpha \int_{\Omega} s^{\beta(m-1)} \Delta_g s \frac{|Ds|^2}{s} d\gamma$$

with $v =: s^\beta$, $\beta := \frac{1}{p/2+m-1}$, $\alpha := \frac{2-p}{p+2(m-1)}$ and $c(m,p) = \frac{4m(m+p-1)}{(2m+p-2)^2}$

adapting the Bakry-Emery method...

Written in terms of $s = v^{1/\beta}$, the evolution is governed by

$$\frac{1}{m} s_t = s^{\beta(m-1)} \left[\Delta_g s + \alpha \frac{|Ds|^2}{s} \right]$$

A computation shows that

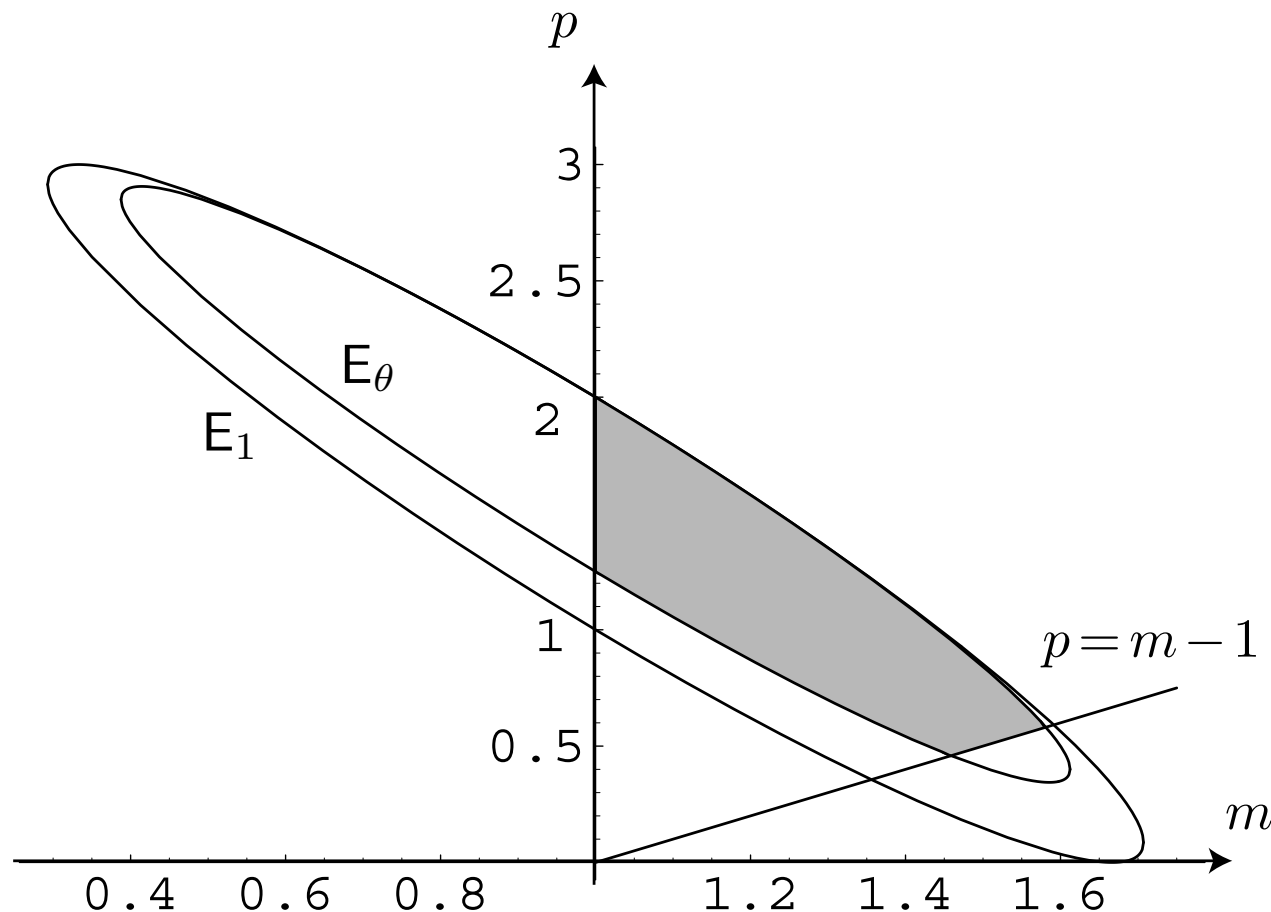
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_{m,p}(t) &:= -\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(t) \\ \frac{1}{m} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{I}_{m,p}(t) &:= -2 c(m,p) \mathcal{K}_{m,p}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Exactly as in the linear case, define for any $\theta \in (0, 1)$

$$\lambda_1(m, \theta) := \inf_{w \in H^1(\Omega, d\gamma) \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \left((1 - \theta) |Dw|^2 + V |w|^2 \right) d\gamma}{\int_{\Omega} |w|^2 d\gamma}$$

The non-local condition

Assume that for some $\theta \in (0, 1)$, $\lambda_1(m, \theta) > 0$. Admissible parameters m and p correspond to $(m, p) \in E_\theta$, $1 < m < p + 1$, where the set E_θ is defined by the condition: $b^2 - 4a(\theta)c < 0$.



Results for the fast diffusion equation

Lemma 1 *With the above notations, if Ω is convex and $(m, p) \in E_\theta$ are admissible, then*

$$\mathcal{I}_{m,p}^{\frac{4}{3}} \leq \frac{1}{3} [4c(m,p)]^{\frac{4}{3}} K^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[(m+p-2) \mathcal{E}_{m,p} + 1 \right]^{\frac{4-3q}{3(2-q)}} \mathcal{K}_{m,p}$$

Theorem 2 *Under the above conditions there exists a positive constant κ which depends on $\mathcal{E}_{m,p}(0)$ such that any smooth solution u of the porous media equation satisfies, for any $t > 0$,*

$$\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(t) \leq \frac{\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(0)}{\left[1 + \frac{\kappa}{3} \sqrt[3]{\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(0)} t \right]^3}$$
$$\mathcal{E}_{m,p}(t) \leq \frac{3 \left[\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(0) \right]^{\frac{8}{3}}}{2 \kappa \left[1 + \frac{\kappa}{3} \sqrt[3]{\mathcal{I}_{m,p}(0)} t \right]^2}$$

Entropies, transport and distances between measures

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Wasserstein distances

$p > 1$, μ_0 and μ_1 probability measures on \mathbb{R}^d

- **Transport plans between μ_0 and μ_1** : $\Gamma(\mu_0, \mu_1)$ is the set of probability measures on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ having μ_0 and μ_1 as marginals.
- **Wasserstein distance between μ_0 and μ_1**

$$W_p^p(\mu_0, \mu_1) = \inf \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} |x - y|^p d\Sigma(x, y) : \Sigma \in \Gamma(\mu_0, \mu_1) \right\}$$

- **The Benamou-Brenier characterization (2000)**

$$W_p^p(\mu_0, \mu_1) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\mathbf{v}_t|^p \rho_t dx dt : (\rho_t, \mathbf{v}_t)_{t \in [0,1]} \text{ admissible} \right\}$$

where admissible paths $(\rho_t, \mathbf{v}_t)_{t \in [0,1]}$ are such that

$$\partial_t \rho_t + \nabla \cdot (\rho_t \mathbf{v}_t) = 0, \rho_0 = \mu_0, \rho_1 = \mu_1$$

A generalization of the Benamou-Brenier approach

Given a function h on \mathbb{R}^+ , define the admissible paths by

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho_t + \nabla \cdot (h(\rho_t) \mathbf{v}_t) = 0, \\ \rho_0 = \mu_0, \rho_1 = \mu_1 \end{cases}$$

and consider the distance

$$W_h^p(\mu_0, \mu_1) = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\mathbf{v}_t|^p h(\rho_t) dx dt : (\rho_t, \mathbf{v}_t)_{t \in [0,1]} \text{ admissible} \right\}$$

$$h(\rho) = \rho^\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$$

• $\alpha = 1$: Wasserstein case

• $\alpha = 0$: homogeneous Sobolev distance on $\dot{W}^{-1,p}$. With $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$

$$\|\mu_1 - \mu_0\|_{\dot{W}^{-1,p}} = \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \xi d(\mu_1 - \mu_0) : \xi \in \mathcal{C}_c^1(\mathbb{R}^d), \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla \xi|^q \leq 1 \right\}$$

Gradient flows

- **Jordan-Kinderlehrer-Otto 98** : Formal Riemannian structure on $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$: the McCann interpolant is a geodesic. For an integral functional such as

$$\mathcal{F}(\rho) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} F(\rho(x)) dx$$

the gradient flow of \mathcal{F} is

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\rho \nabla (F'(\rho)))$$

- **Ambrosio-Gigli-Savaré 05** : Rigorous framework for JKO's calculus in the framework of length spaces (based on the optimal transportation)
- **Otto-Westdickenberg 05** : Use the Brenier-Benamou formulation to prove

$$W_2^2(\mu_0^t, \mu_1^t) \leq W_2^2(\mu_0, \mu_1)$$

along the heat flow on a compact Riemannian manifold

The heat equation as gradient flow w.r.t. W_φ

Denote by S_t the semi-group associated to the heat equation. Let $\alpha > 1 - \frac{2}{d}$ and consider the **generalized entropy functional**

$$\Psi_\alpha(\mu) = \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho^{2-\alpha}(x) dx, \text{ if } \mu = \rho \mathcal{L}^d$$

Theorem 1 *If $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\Psi_\alpha(\mu) < +\infty$, then $\Psi_\alpha(S_t\mu) < +\infty$ for all $t > 0$ and*

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} W_\alpha^2(S_t\mu, \sigma) + \Psi_\alpha(S_t\mu) \leq \Psi_\alpha(\sigma)$$

Corollary 2 *Ψ_α is geodesically convex w.r.t. W_α*

Fast diffusion equations: entropy methods and functional inequalities

$$u_t = \Delta u^m \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0$$

- Entropy methods for fast diffusion and porous media equations: intermediate asymptotics
- Entropy methods and functional inequalities

Porous media / fast diffusion equations

Generalized entropies and nonlinear diffusions (EDP, uncomplete):

[Del Pino, J.D.], [Carrillo, Toscani], [Otto], [Juengel, Markowich, Toscani], [Carrillo, Juengel, Markowich, Toscani, Unterreiter], [Biler, J.D., Esteban], [Markowich, Lederman], [Carrillo, Vázquez], [Cordero-Erausquin, Gangbo, Houdré], [Cordero-Erausquin, Nazaret, Villani], [Agueh, Ghoussoub],... [del Pino, Sáez], [Daskalopoulos, Sesum]...

1) [J.D., del Pino] relate entropy and entropy-production by Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequalities

Various alternative approaches:

2) “entropy – entropy-production method”

3) mass transport techniques

4) hypercontractivity for appropriate semi-groups

Heat equation, porous media & fast diffusion equation

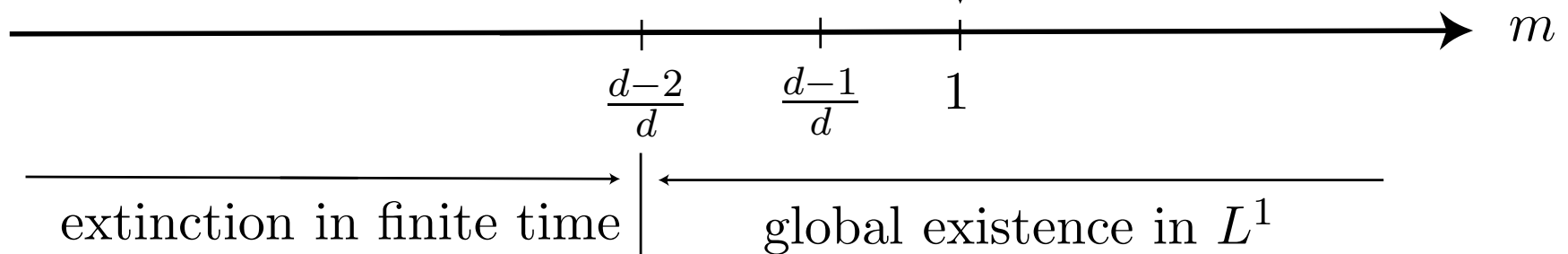
$$u_t = \Delta u^m$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

heat equation

fast diffusion equation

porous media equation



Existence theory, critical values of the parameter m

Intermediate asymptotics for fast diffusion & porous media

$$u_t = \Delta u^m \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$u|_{t=0} = u_0 \geq 0$$

$$u_0(1 + |x|^2) \in L^1, \quad u_0^m \in L^1$$

Intermediate asymptotics: $u_0 \in L^\infty$, $\int u_0 \, dx = M > 0$

Self-similar (Barenblatt) function: $\mathcal{U}(t) = O(t^{-d/(2-d(1-m))})$

[Friedmann, Kamin, 1980] As $t \rightarrow +\infty$

$$\|u(t, \cdot) - \mathcal{U}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} = o(t^{-d/(2-d(1-m))})$$

\implies What about $\|u(t, \cdot) - \mathcal{U}(t, \cdot)\|_{L^1}$?

Time-dependent rescaling

Take $u(t, x) = R^{-d}(t) v(\tau(t), x/R(t))$ where

$$\dot{R} = R^{d(1-m)-1}, \quad R(0) = 1, \quad \tau = \log R$$

$$v_\tau = \Delta v^m + \nabla \cdot (x v), \quad v|_{\tau=0} = u_0$$

[Ralston, Newman, 1984] Lyapunov functional: **Entropy** or **Free energy**

$$\Sigma[v] = \int \left(\frac{v^m}{m-1} + \frac{1}{2} |x|^2 v \right) dx - \Sigma_0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \Sigma[v] = -I[v], \quad I[v] = \int v \left| \frac{\nabla v^m}{v} + x \right|^2 dx$$

Entropy and entropy production

Stationary solution: choose C such that $\|v_\infty\|_{L^1} = \|u\|_{L^1} = M > 0$

$$v_\infty(x) = \left(C + \frac{1-m}{2m} |x|^2 \right)_+^{-1/(1-m)}$$

Fix Σ_0 so that $\Sigma[v_\infty] = 0$. The entropy can be put in an m -homogeneous form

$$\Sigma[v] = \int \psi\left(\frac{v}{v_\infty}\right) v_\infty^m dx \quad \text{with } \psi(t) = \frac{t^m - 1 - m(t-1)}{m-1}$$

Theorem 1 $d \geq 3$, $m \in [\frac{d-1}{d}, +\infty)$, $m > \frac{1}{2}$, $m \neq 1$

$$I[v] \geq 2 \Sigma[v]$$

An equivalent formulation

$$\Sigma[v] = \int \left(\frac{v^m}{m-1} + \frac{1}{2}|x|^2 v \right) dx - \Sigma_0 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int v \left| \frac{\nabla v^m}{v} + x \right|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} I[v]$$

$$p = \frac{1}{2m-1}, v = w^{2p}, v^m = w^{p+1}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2m}{2m-1} \right)^2 \int |\nabla w|^2 dx + \left(\frac{1}{1-m} - d \right) \int |w|^{1+p} dx + K \geq 0$$

$K < 0$ if $m < 1$, $K > 0$ if $m > 1$ and, for some γ , K can be written as

$$K = K_0 \left(\int v dx = \int w^{2p} dx \right)^\gamma$$

$w = w_\infty = v_\infty^{1/2p}$ is optimal

$m = \frac{d-1}{d}$: Sobolev, $m \rightarrow 1$: logarithmic Sobolev

Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequalities

Theorem 2 [Del Pino, J.D.] Assume that $1 < p \leq \frac{d}{d-2}$ and $d \geq 3$

$$\|w\|_{2p} \leq A \|\nabla w\|_2^\theta \|w\|_{p+1}^{1-\theta}$$

$$A = \left(\frac{y(p-1)^2}{2\pi d} \right)^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \left(\frac{2y-d}{2y} \right)^{\frac{1}{2p}} \left(\frac{\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(y-\frac{d}{2})} \right)^{\frac{\theta}{d}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{d(p-1)}{p(d+2-(d-2)p)}, \quad y = \frac{p+1}{p-1}$$

Similar results for $0 < p < 1$

Uses [Serrin-Pucci], [Serrin-Tang]

$1 < p = \frac{1}{2m-1} \leq \frac{d}{d-2} \iff$ Fast diffusion case: $\frac{d-1}{d} \leq m < 1$

$0 < p < 1 \iff$ Porous medium case: $m > 1$

Intermediate asymptotics

$\Sigma[v] \leq \Sigma[u_0] e^{-2\tau} + \text{Csiszár-Kullback inequalities}$

Theorem 3 [Del Pino, J.D.]

(i) $\frac{d-1}{d} < m < 1$ if $d \geq 3$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{\frac{1-d(1-m)}{2-d(1-m)}} \|u^m - u_\infty^m\|_{L^1} < +\infty$$

(ii) $1 < m < 2$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{\frac{1+d(m-1)}{2+d(m-1)}} \| [u - u_\infty] u_\infty^{m-1} \|_{L^1} < +\infty$$

$$u_\infty(t, x) = R^{-d}(t) v_\infty(x/R(t))$$

Fast diffusion equations: the finite mass regime

- If $m \geq 1$: porous medium regime or $m_1 := \frac{d-1}{d} \leq m < 1$, the decay of the entropy is governed by Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequalities, and to the limiting case $m = 1$ corresponds the logarithmic Sobolev inequality
- If $m_c := \frac{d-2}{d} \leq m < m_1$, solutions globally exist in L^1 and the Barenblatt self-similar solution has finite mass

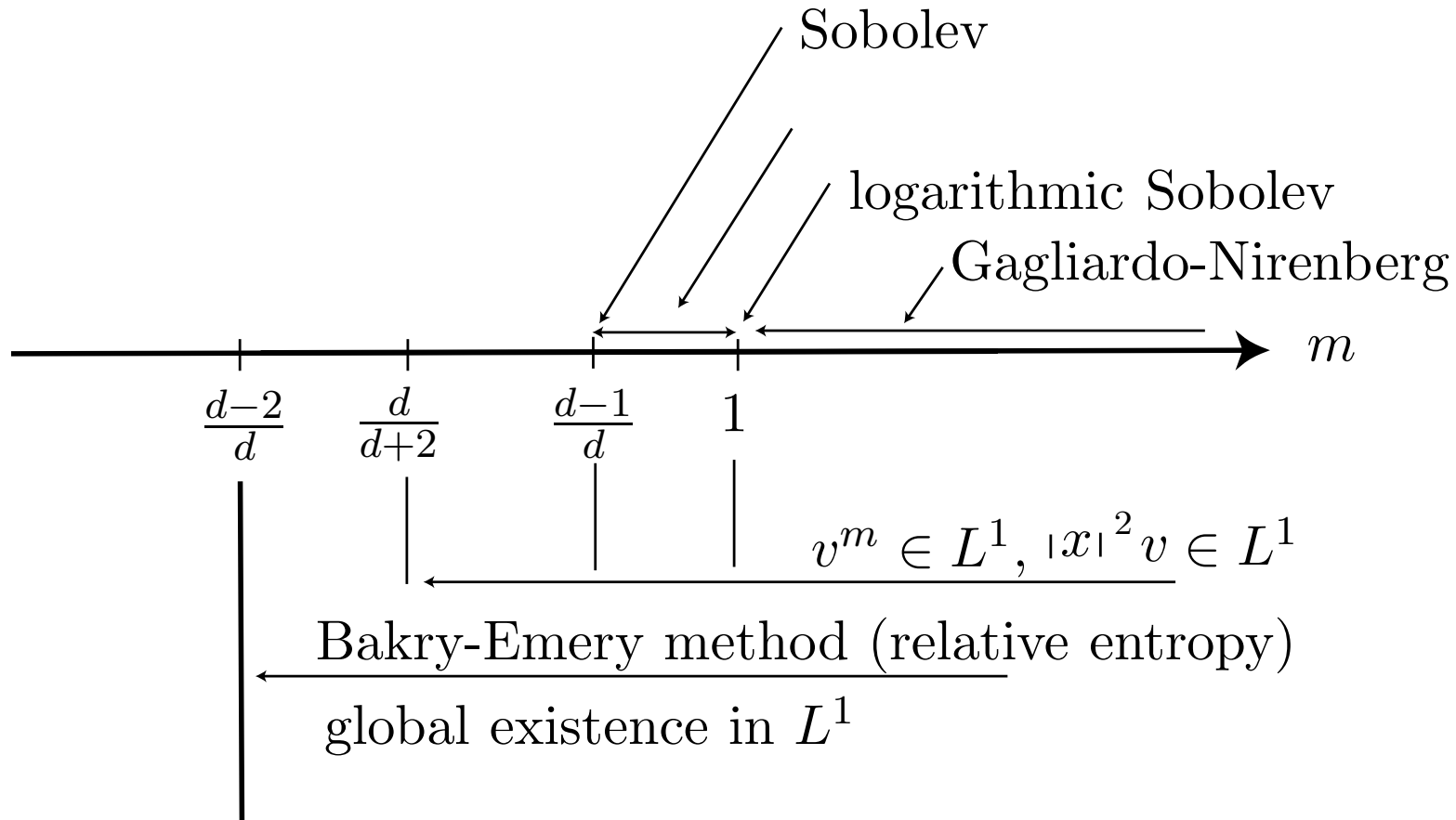
A remark on the mass transport approach

- The fast diffusion equation can be seen as the gradient flow of the generalized entropy with respect to the Wasserstein distance
- Displacement convexity holds in the same range of exponents, $m \in ((d-1)/d, 1)$, as for the Gagliardo-Nirenberg inequalities

⇒ How to extend to $m_c < m < m_1$ what has been done for $m \geq m_1$?

Fast diffusion: finite mass regime

Inequalities...



... existence of solutions of $u_t = \Delta u^m$

Extensions and related results

- Mass transport methods: inequalities / rates [Cordero-Erausquin, Gangbo, Houdré], [Cordero-Erausquin, Nazaret, Villani], [Agueh, Ghoussoub, Kang]
- General nonlinearities [Biler, J.D., Esteban], [Carrillo-DiFrancesco], [Carrillo-Juengel-Markowich-Toscani-Unterreiter] and gradient flows [Jordan-Kinderlehrer-Otto], [Ambrosio-Savaré-Gigli], [Otto-Westdickenberg] [J.D.-Nazaret-Savaré], etc
- Non-homogeneous nonlinear diffusion equations [Biler, J.D., Esteban], [Carrillo, DiFrancesco]
- Extension to systems and connection with Lieb-Thirring inequalities [J.D.-Felmer-Loss-Paturel, 2006], [J.D.-Felmer-Mayorga]
- Drift-diffusion problems with mean-field terms. An example: the Keller-Segel model [J.D-Perthame, 2004], [Blanchet-J.D-Perthame, 2006], [Biler-Karch-Laurençot-Nadzieja, 2006], [Blanchet-Carrillo-Masmoudi, 2007], etc
- ... connection with linearized problems [Markowich-Lederman], [Carrillo-Vázquez], [Denzler-McCann], [McCann, Slepčev]

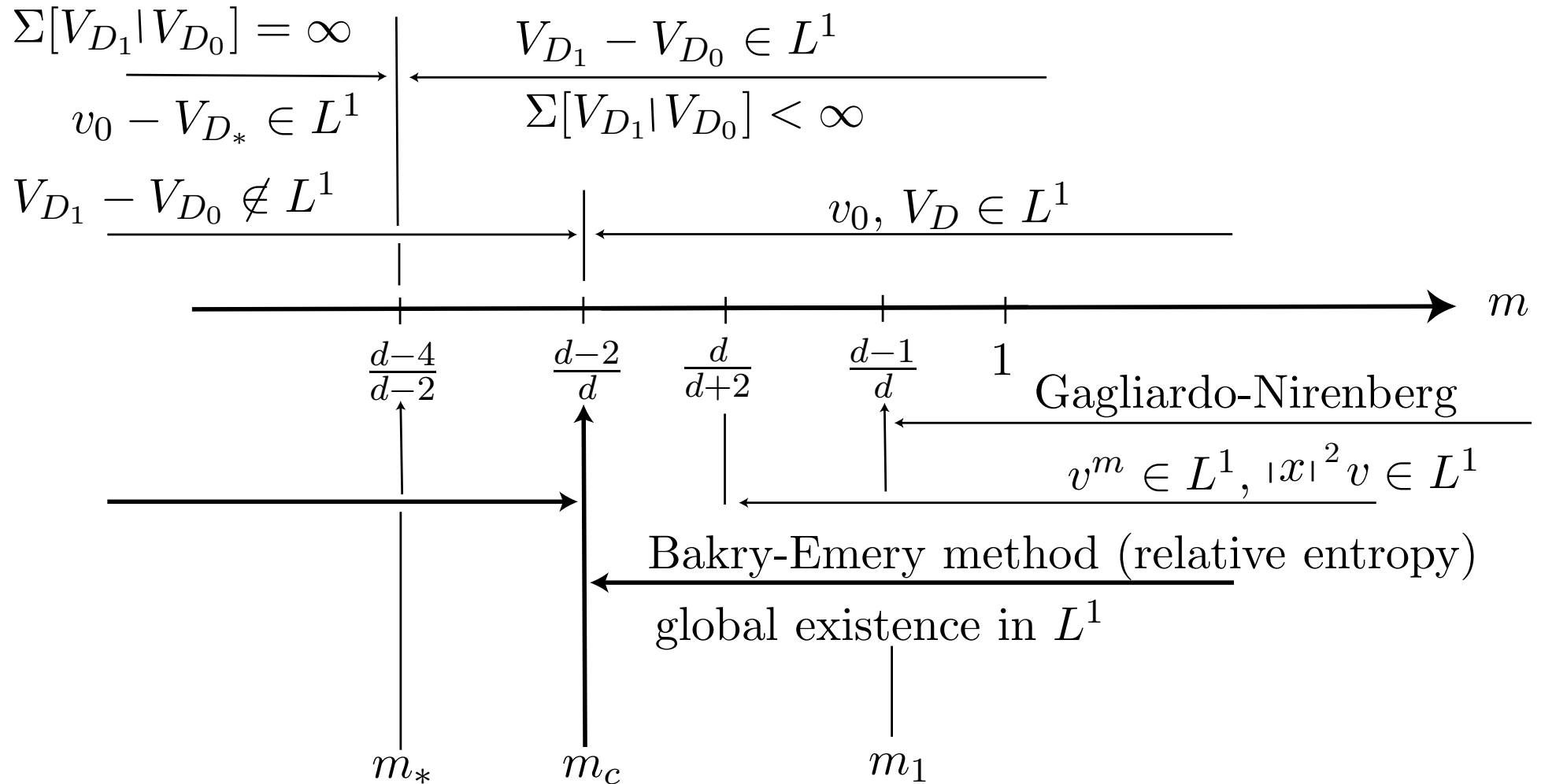
Fast diffusion equations: the infinite mass regime

● If $m > m_c := \frac{d-2}{d} \leq m < m_1$, solutions globally exist in L^1 and the Barenblatt self-similar solution has finite mass.

● For $m \leq m_c$, the Barenblatt self-similar solution has infinite mass

⇒ How to extend to $m \leq m_c$ what has been done for $m > m_c$? Work in relative variables !

Fast diffusion: infinite mass regime



Entropy methods and linearization...

... intermediate asymptotics, vanishing

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- use the properties of the flow
- write everything as relative quantities (to the Barenblatt profile)
- compare the functionals (entropy, Fisher information) to their linearized counterparts

⇒ Extend the domain of validity of the method to the price of a restriction of the set of admissible solutions

Setting of the problem

We consider the solutions $u(\tau, y)$ of

$$\begin{cases} \partial_\tau u = \Delta u^m \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

where $m \in (0, 1)$ (fast diffusion) and $(\tau, y) \in Q_T = (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^d$

Two parameter ranges: $m_c < m < 1$ and $0 < m < m_c$, where

$$m_c := \frac{d-2}{d}$$

• $m_c < m < 1, T = +\infty$: intermediate asymptotics, $\tau \rightarrow +\infty$

• $0 < m < m_c, T < +\infty$: vanishing in finite time

$$\lim_{\tau \nearrow T} u(\tau, y) = 0$$

Barenblatt solutions

$$U_{D,T}(\tau, y) := \frac{1}{R(\tau)^d} \left(D + \frac{1-m}{2m} \left| \frac{y}{R(\tau)} \right|^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{1-m}}$$

with

• $R(\tau) := [d(m - m_c)(\tau + T)]^{\frac{1}{d(m - m_c)}}$ if $m_c < m < 1$

• (vanishing in finite time) if $0 < m < m_c$

$$R(\tau) := [d(m_c - m)(T - \tau)]^{-\frac{1}{d(m_c - m)}}$$

Time-dependent rescaling: $t := \log \left(\frac{R(\tau)}{R(0)} \right)$ and $x := \frac{y}{R(\tau)}$. The

function $v(t, x) := R(\tau)^d u(\tau, y)$ solves a nonlinear *Fokker-Planck type equation*

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t v(t, x) = \Delta v^m(t, x) + \nabla \cdot (x v(t, x)) & (t, x) \in (0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \\ v(0, x) = v_0(x) = R(0)^d u_0(R(0)x) & x \in \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

Assumptions

(H1) u_0 is a non-negative function in $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and there exist positive constants T and $D_0 > D_1$ such that

$$U_{D_0, T}(0, y) \leq u_0(y) \leq U_{D_1, T}(0, y) \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

(H2) If $m \in (0, m_*]$, there exist $D_* \in [D_1, D_0]$ and $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$u_0(y) = U_{D_*, T}(0, y) + f(y) \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

(H1') v_0 is a non-negative function in $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and there exist positive constants $D_0 > D_1$ such that

$$V_{D_0}(x) \leq v_0(x) \leq V_{D_1}(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

(H2') If $m \in (0, m_*]$, there exist $D_* \in [D_1, D_0]$ and $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$v_0(x) = V_{D_*}(x) + f(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

Convergence to the asymptotic profile (without rate)

$$m_* := \frac{d-4}{d-2} < m_c := \frac{d-2}{2}, \quad p(m) := \frac{d(1-m)}{2(2-m)}$$

Theorem 1 *Let $d \geq 3$, $m \in (0, 1)$. Consider a solution v with initial data satisfying (H1')-(H2')*

(i) *For any $m > m_*$, there exists a unique D_* such that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (v(t) - V_{D_*}) dx = 0 \text{ for any } t > 0. \text{ Moreover, for any } p \in (p(m), \infty],$$
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v(t) - V_{D_*}|^p dx = 0$$

(ii) *For $m \leq m_*$, $v(t) - V_{D_*}$ is integrable, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (v(t) - V_{D_*}) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f dx$ and $v(t)$ converges to V_{D_*} in $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, for any $p \in (1, \infty]$*

(iii) *(Convergence in Relative Error) For any $p \in (d/2, \infty]$,*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|v(t)/V_{D_*} - 1\|_p = 0$$

[Daskalopoulos-Sesum, 06], [Blanchet-Bonforte-J.D.-Grillo-Vázquez, 06]

Convergence with rate

$$q_* := \frac{2d(1-m)}{2(2-m) + d(1-m)}$$

Theorem 2 *If $m \neq m_*$, there exist $t_0 \geq 0$ and $\lambda_{m,d} > 0$ such that*

(i) *For any $q \in (q_*, \infty]$, there exists a positive constant C_q such that*

$$\|v(t) - V_{D_*}\|_q \leq C_q e^{-\lambda_{m,d} t} \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

(ii) *For any $\vartheta \in [0, (2-m)/(1-m))$, there exists a positive constant C_ϑ such that*

$$\| |x|^\vartheta (v(t) - V_{D_*}) \|_2 \leq C_\vartheta e^{-\lambda_{m,d} t} \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

(iii) *For any $j \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a positive constant H_j such that*

$$\|v(t) - V_{D_*}\|_{C^j(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq H_j e^{-\frac{\lambda_{m,d}}{d+2(j+1)} t} \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

Intermediate asymptotics

Corollary 3 *Let $d \geq 3$, $m \in (0, 1)$, $m \neq m_*$. Consider a solution u with initial data satisfying (H1)-(H2). For τ large enough, for any $q \in (q_*, \infty]$, there exists a positive constant C such that*

$$\|u(\tau) - U_{D_*}(\tau)\|_q \leq C R(\tau)^{-\alpha}$$

where $\alpha = \lambda_{m,d} + d(q-1)/q$ and large means $T - \tau > 0$, small, if $m < m_c$, and $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ if $m \geq m_c$

For any $p \in (d/2, \infty]$, there exists a positive constant C and $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$\|v(t)/V_{D_*} - 1\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C e^{-\gamma t} \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

Rewriting the equation in relative variables

L^1 -contraction, Maximum Principle, conservation of relative mass...

Passing to the quotient: the function $w(t, x) := \frac{v(t, x)}{V_{D_*}(x)}$ solves

$$\begin{cases} w_t = \frac{1}{V_{D_*}} \nabla \cdot \left[w V_{D_*} \nabla \left(\frac{m}{m-1} (w^{m-1} - 1) V_{D_*}^{m-1} \right) \right] & \text{in } (0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \\ w(0, \cdot) = w_0 := \frac{v_0}{V_{D_*}} & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

with

$$0 < \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{V_{D_0}}{V_{D_*}} \leq w(t, x) \leq \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \frac{V_{D_1}}{V_{D_*}} < \infty$$

... Harnack Principle

$$\|w(t)\|_{C^k(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \overline{H}_k < +\infty \quad \forall t \geq t_0$$

$\exists t_0 \geq 0$ s.t. (H1) holds if $\exists R > 0$, $\sup_{|y| > R} u_0(y) |y|^{\frac{2}{1-m}} < \infty$, and $m > m_c$

Relative entropy

Relative entropy

$$\mathcal{F}[w] := \frac{1}{1-m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left[(w-1) - \frac{1}{m}(w^m-1) \right] V_{D_*}^m dx$$

Relative Fisher information

$$\mathcal{J}[w] := \frac{m}{(m-1)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \nabla \left[(w^{m-1}-1) V_{D_*}^{m-1} \right] \right|^2 w V_{D_*} dx$$

Proposition 1 *Under assumptions (H1)-(H2),*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{F}[w(t)] = -\mathcal{J}[w(t)]$$

Proposition 2 *Under assumptions (H1)-(H2), there exists a constant $\lambda > 0$ such that*

$$\mathcal{F}[w(t)] \leq \lambda^{-1} \mathcal{J}[w(t)]$$

Heuristics: linearization

Take $w(t, x) = 1 + \varepsilon \frac{g(t, x)}{V_{D_*}^{m-1}(x)}$ and formally consider the limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in

$$\begin{cases} w_t = \frac{1}{V_{D_*}} \nabla \cdot \left[w V_{D_*} \nabla \left(\frac{m}{m-1} (w^{m-1} - 1) V_{D_*}^{m-1} \right) \right] & \text{in } (0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \\ w(0, \cdot) = w_0 := \frac{v_0}{V_{D_*}} & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d \end{cases}$$

Then g solves

$$g_t = m V_{D_*}^{m-2}(x) \nabla \cdot [V_{D_*}(x) \nabla g(t, x)]$$

and the entropy and Fisher information functionals

$$F[g] := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g|^2 V_{D_*}^{2-m} dx \quad \text{and} \quad I[g] := m \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla g|^2 V_{D_*} dx$$

consistently verify $\frac{d}{dt} F[g(t)] = - I[g(t)]$

Comparison of the functionals

Lemma 3 *Let $m \in (0, 1)$ and assume that u_0 satisfies (H1)-(H2)
[Relative entropy]*

$$C_1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |w - 1|^2 V_{D_*}^m dx \leq \mathcal{F}[w] \leq C_2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |w - 1|^2 V_{D_*}^m dx$$

[Fisher information]

$$I[g] \leq \beta_1 \mathcal{J}[w] + \beta_2 F[g] \quad \text{with} \quad g := (w - 1) V_{D_*}^{m-1}$$

Theorem 4 (Hardy-Poincaré) *There exists a positive constant $\lambda_{m,d}$ such that for any $m \neq m_* = (d - 4)/(d - 2)$, $m \in (0, 1)$, for any $g \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |g - \bar{g}|^2 V_{D_*}^{2-m} dx \leq C_{m,d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla g|^2 V_{D_*} dx$$

with $\bar{g} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g V_{D_}^{2-m} dx$ if $m > m_*$, $\bar{g} = 0$ otherwise*

Hardy-Poincaré inequalities

With $\alpha = \frac{1}{m-1}$, $\alpha_* = \frac{1}{m_*-1} = 1 - \frac{d}{2}$

Theorem 5 *Assume that $d \geq 3$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\alpha^*\}$, $d\mu_\alpha(x) := h_\alpha(x) dx$, $h_\alpha(x) := (1 + |x|^2)^\alpha$. Then*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|v|^2}{1 + |x|^2} d\mu_\alpha \leq C_{\alpha,d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla v|^2 d\mu_\alpha$$

holds for some positive constant $C_{\alpha,d}$, for any $v \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, under the additional condition $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v d\mu_{\alpha-1} = 0$ if $\alpha \in (-\infty, \alpha^)$*

... Hardy-Poincaré inequalities \equiv weighted Poincaré inequalities corresponding to generalized Cauchy distributions (fat tails)... [Bobkov, Ledoux] [Cattiaux, Gozlan, Guillin, Roberto]

Limit cases

Poincaré inequality: take $\alpha = -1/\varepsilon^2$ to $v_\varepsilon(x) := \varepsilon^{-d/2} v(x/\varepsilon)$ and let $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v|^2 d\nu_\infty \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla v|^2 d\nu_\infty \quad \text{with} \quad d\nu_\infty(x) := e^{-|x|^2} dx$$

... under the additional condition $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v e^{-|x|^2} dx = 0$

Hardy's inequality: take $v_{1/\varepsilon}(x) := \varepsilon^{d/2} v(\varepsilon x)$ and let $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|v|^2}{|x|^2} d\nu_{0,\alpha} \leq \frac{1}{(\alpha - \alpha_*)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla v|^2 d\nu_{0,\alpha} \quad \text{with} \quad d\nu_{0,\alpha}(x) := |x|^{2\alpha} dx$$

... under the additional condition $\bar{v}_\alpha := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} v d\nu_{0,\alpha} = 0$ if $\alpha < \alpha^*$

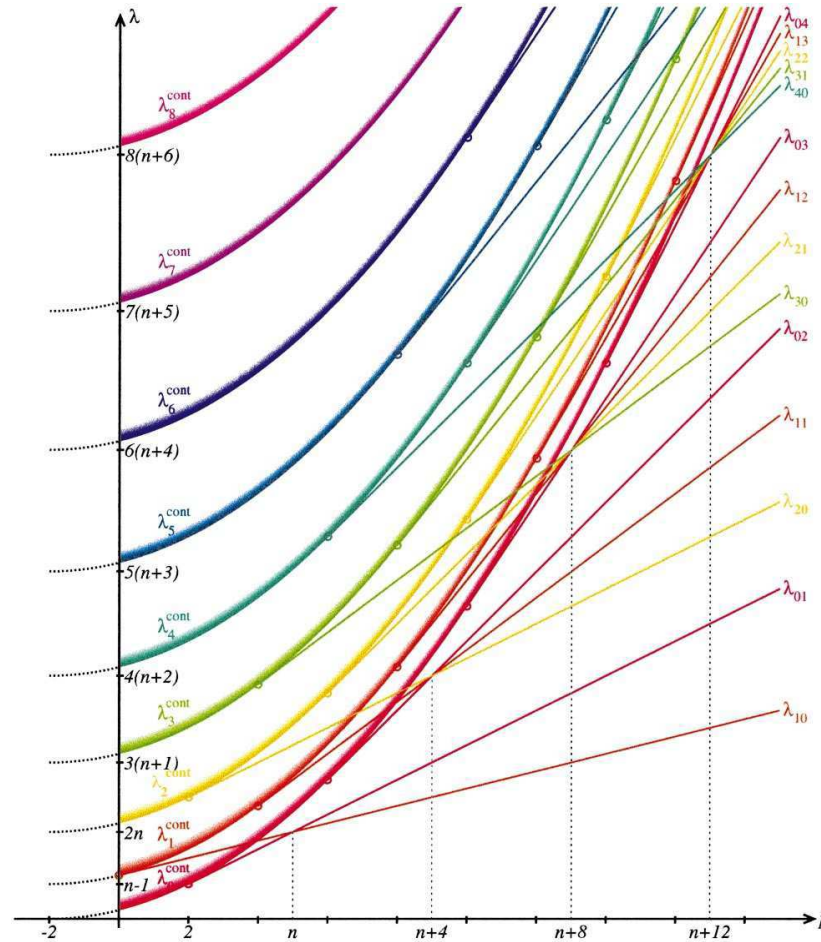
Some estimates of $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d}$

α	$-\infty < \alpha \leq -d$	$-d < \alpha < \alpha^*$	$\alpha^* < \alpha \leq 1$
$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d}$	$\frac{1}{2 \alpha }$	$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d} \geq \frac{4}{(d+2\alpha-2)^2}$	$\frac{4}{(d+2\alpha-2)^2}$
Optimality	-	-	yes

α	$1 \leq \alpha \leq \bar{\alpha}(d)$	$\bar{\alpha}(d) \leq \alpha \leq d$	d	$\alpha > d$
$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d}$	$\frac{4}{d(d+2\alpha-2)}$	$\frac{1}{\alpha(d+\alpha-2)}$	$\frac{1}{2d(d-1)}$	$\frac{1}{d(d+\alpha-2)}$
Optimality	-	-	yes	-

$$\alpha_* = -\frac{d-2}{2}, \bar{\alpha}(d) \in (1, d)$$

$$-(1 + |x|^2)^{1-\alpha} \nabla \cdot ((1 + |x|^2)^\alpha \nabla) \text{ in } L^2((1 + |x|^2)^{\alpha-1} dx)$$



Taken from [J. Denzler & R. J. McCann, PNAS 100 (2003)], $p = \frac{2}{2-m} - d$

Hardy's inequality: the “completing the square method”

Let $v \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\text{supp}(v) \subset \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$ if $\alpha < \alpha^*$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \nabla v + \lambda \frac{x}{|x|^2} v \right|^2 |x|^{2\alpha} dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla v|^2 |x|^{2\alpha} dx + \left[\lambda^2 - \lambda(d + 2\alpha - 2) \right] \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{|v|^2}{|x|^2} |x|^{2\alpha} dx \end{aligned}$$

An optimization of the right hand side with respect to λ gives $\lambda = \alpha - \alpha^*$, that is $(d + 2\alpha - 2)^2/4 = \lambda^2$. Such an inequality is optimal, with optimal constant λ^2 , as follows by considering the test functions:

- 1) if $\alpha > \alpha^*$: $v_\varepsilon(x) = \min\{\varepsilon^{-\lambda}, (|x|^{-\lambda} - \varepsilon^\lambda)_+\}$
- 2) if $\alpha < \alpha^*$: $v_\varepsilon(x) = |x|^{1-\alpha-d/2+\varepsilon}$ for $|x| < 1$
 $v_\varepsilon(x) = (2 - |x|)_+$ for $|x| \geq 1$

and letting $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ in both cases

An optimality case

Proposition 4 *Let $d \geq 3$, $\alpha \in (\alpha^*, \infty)$. Then the Hardy-Poincaré inequality holds for any $v \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d} := 4/(d - 2 + 2\alpha)^2$ if $\alpha \in (\alpha^*, 1]$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d} := 4/[d(d - 2 + 2\alpha)]$ if $\alpha \geq 1$. The constant $\mathcal{C}_{\alpha,d}$ is optimal for any $\alpha \in (\alpha^*, 1]$.*

Proof [Davies]: $h_\alpha = (1 + |x|^2)^\alpha$, $\nabla h_\alpha = 2\alpha x h_{\alpha-1}$,

$$\Delta h_\alpha = 2\alpha h_{\alpha-2} [d + 2(\alpha - \alpha^*) |x|^2] > 0$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v|^2 \Delta h_\alpha dx \right|^2 &\leq 4 \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v| |\nabla v| |\nabla h_\alpha| dx \right)^2 \\ &\leq 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |v|^2 |\Delta h_\alpha| dx \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla v|^2 |\nabla h_\alpha|^2 |\Delta h_\alpha|^{-1} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$|\Delta h_\alpha| \geq 2|\alpha| \min\{d, (d - 2 + 2\alpha)\} \frac{h_\alpha(x)}{1 + |x|^2}$$

$$\frac{|\nabla h_\alpha|^2}{|\Delta h_\alpha|} \leq \frac{2|\alpha|}{d - 2 + 2\alpha} h_\alpha(x)$$