

Explicit decay rates for discrete velocity BGK models

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linear BGK models¹

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t f(v, x, t) + v \partial_x f(v, x, t) &= Q_{\text{relax}} f(v, x, t) \\ &:= \sigma \left[M_T(v) \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, v, t) dv - f(x, v, t) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Idea: Replace nonlinear Boltzmann collision by linear relaxation term.

- $f(v, x, t)$ particle density at velocity $v \in \mathbb{R}$, position $x \in \Omega$, time $t \geq 0$.
- $M_T(v)$ is the normalized Maxwellian at temperature T .
- Prescribed relaxation rate $\sigma > 0$.
- Conservation of mass and momentum.

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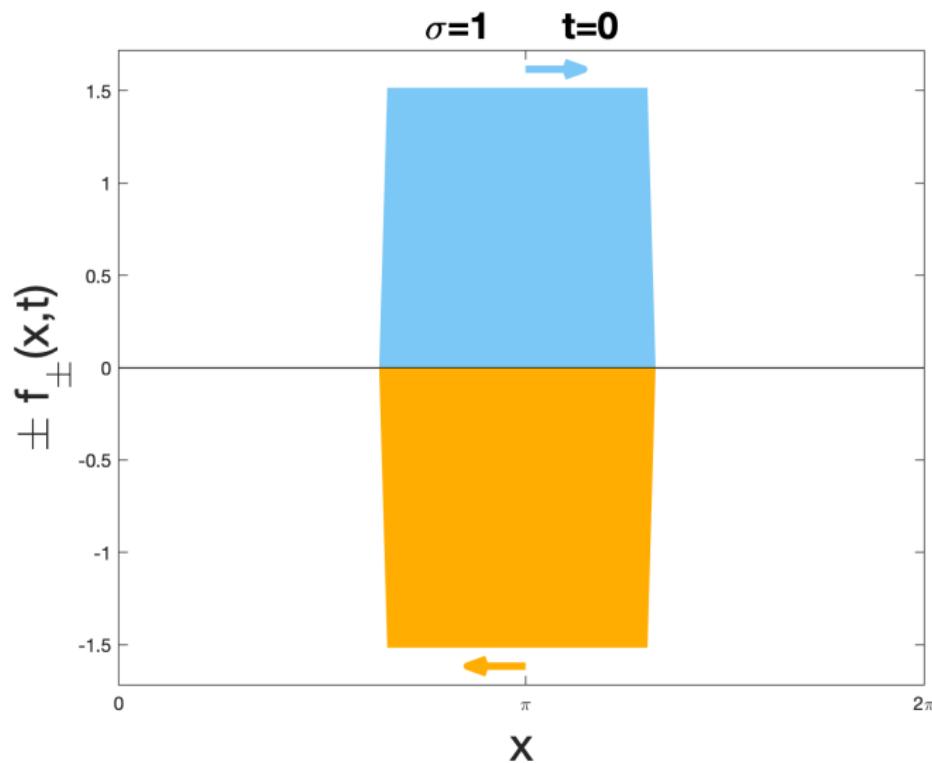
Further simplification: From $v \in \mathbb{R}$ to $v \in \{-1, +1\}$:

Goldstein–Taylor Model for $x \in \mathbb{T}^1$:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t f_+(x, t) + \partial_x f_+(x, t) &= \frac{\sigma(x)}{2}(f_-(x, t) - f_+(x, t)), \\ \partial_t f_-(x, t) - \partial_x f_-(x, t) &= -\frac{\sigma(x)}{2}(f_-(x, t) - f_+(x, t)), \\ f_{\pm}(x, 0) &= f_{\pm,0} \in L^2(\mathbb{T})\end{aligned}\tag{GT}$$

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

Equation exhibits **hypocoercive dynamics**



Global (normalized) equilibrium: $(f_+^\infty, f_-^\infty)^T = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^T$

Goals:

- Analyze the long-time behavior of the GT model for **non-homogeneous relaxation** $\sigma(x)$.
- Obtain **explicit decay rates**.
- Extend results to **multi-velocity** BGK setting.

Strategy:

- First **homogeneous relaxation**:
Mode-by-Mode Lyapunov functional for lin. ODEs.
- **Non-homogeneous relaxation**:
Functional via pseudo-differential operator.

Constant Relaxation $\sigma > 0$

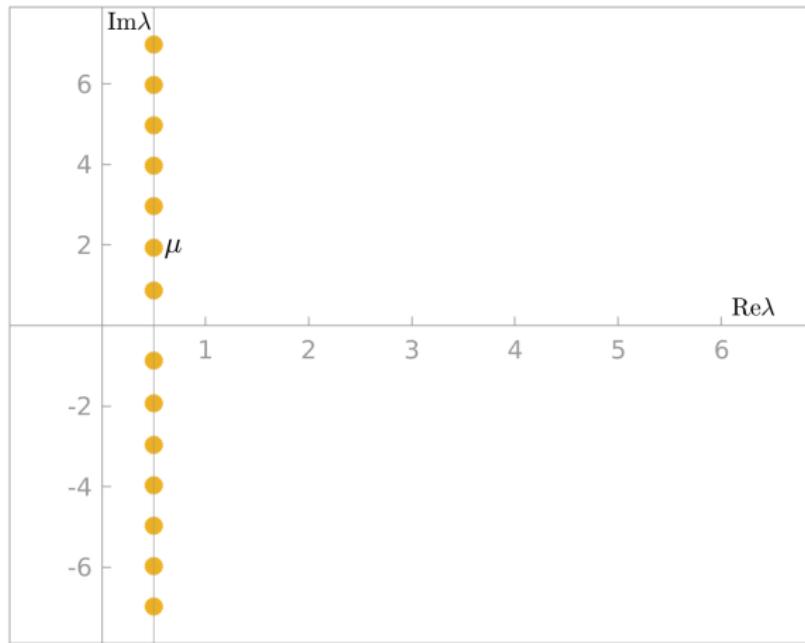
Reformulate equation in mass density and flux density

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

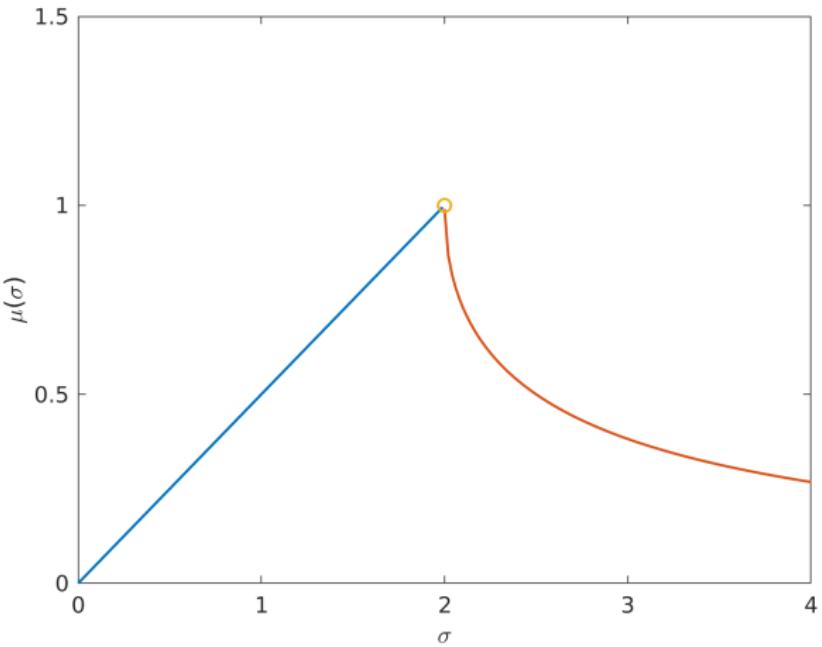
Goldstein–Taylor Model in Fourier Space:

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

Spectrum of $C_k(\sigma)$ determines decay behaviour of solutions.

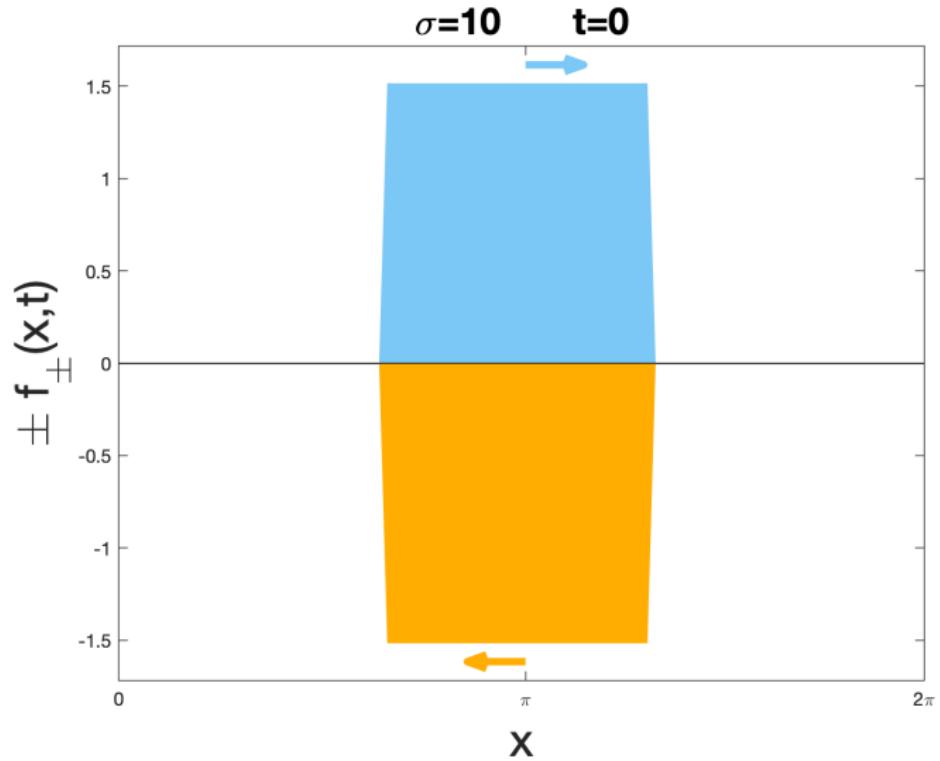


Spectrum of $C_k(\sigma)$ for Fourier modes $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.



uniform-in- k spectral gap

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



Hypocoercivity method

Plan: Construct mode-by-mode Lyapunov functional for Goldstein-Taylor model on \mathbb{T}^1

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- **Difficulty:** Matrices \mathbf{C}_k are **not** Hermitian.

$$\frac{d}{dt} |\hat{y}_k|^2_{\textcolor{brown}{2}} = -\hat{y}_k^H (\mathbf{C}_k^H + \mathbf{C}_k) \hat{y}_k \leq 0.$$

- \implies Euclidean norm needs to be modified to catch (sharp) decay rates.

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2. If (at least) one λ_μ is **defective** \Rightarrow
 $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}(\varepsilon) > 0 : \mathbf{P}\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^H\mathbf{P} \geq 2(\mu_{\mathbf{C}} - \varepsilon)\mathbf{P}.$

The Matrix \mathbf{P} can be constructed explicitly.

Case $\sigma \in (0, 2)$:

For each Fourier mode $\hat{y}_k = (\hat{u}_k, \hat{w}_k)^T$, $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$, define the **modified norm** (constructed according to Lemma 1)

$$|\hat{y}_k|_{P_k}^2 := \hat{y}_k^H P_k \hat{y}_k, \quad \text{with} \quad P_k := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{\sigma}{2ik} \\ -\frac{\sigma}{2ik} & 1 \end{pmatrix} > 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} |\hat{y}_k|_{P_k}^2 &= -\hat{y}_k (\mathbf{C}_k^H \mathbf{P}_k + \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{C}_k) \hat{y}_k \leq -\sigma \hat{y}_k^H \mathbf{P}_k \hat{y}_k \\ \implies |\hat{y}_k(t)|_{P_k}^2 &\leq e^{-\sigma t} |\hat{y}_k(0)|_{P_k}^2. \end{aligned}$$

$|\cdot|_{P_k}^2$ is Lyapunov functional with sharp decay rate for each mode $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.

Case $\sigma \in (0, 2)$: Spatial Lyapunov functional

Idea: Recast functional in position space

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|(\hat{u}_k - \hat{u}_k^\infty, \hat{w}_k)^T\|_{P_k}^2 &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{u}_k - \hat{u}_k^\infty|^2 + |\hat{w}_k|^2 - \sigma \operatorname{Re}\left(\overline{\hat{w}_k} \frac{\hat{u}_k - \hat{u}_k^\infty}{ik}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left((u - u^\infty)^2 + w^2 - \sigma w \partial_x^{-1}(u - u^\infty) \right) dx \\ &=: E_\sigma[u - u^\infty, w], \end{aligned}$$

where $u^\infty \equiv 1$.

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Norm bounds:

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

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Decay estimates for constant $\sigma > 0$

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

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

Space-dependent relaxation $\sigma(x)$

Theorem 3 (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.

Discussion on GT result

[Bernard, Salvarani '13]:

- ⊕ For $\sigma \in L^1(\mathbb{T})$, $\sigma(x) \geq 0$ sharp decay rate

$$\alpha = \min\{\sigma_{\text{avg}}, D(0)\},$$

where $D(0)$ is the spectral gap of Telegrapher's equation.

- ⊖ Method restricted to two velocities.
- ⊖ Rate in general not explicit.

Our approach:

- Extends to multi-velocity models with $\sigma(x)$.
- Extends to $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Connection to [DMS], method for $\sigma \in (0, 2)$

Idea: Optimize “twist” operator A for each mode $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The projection on local-in-x equilibria

$$\Pi_k := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

“Twist” operator

$$A_k := \left(I + (T_k \Pi)^* T_k \Pi \right)^{-1} (T_k \Pi)^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{ik}{1+k^2} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

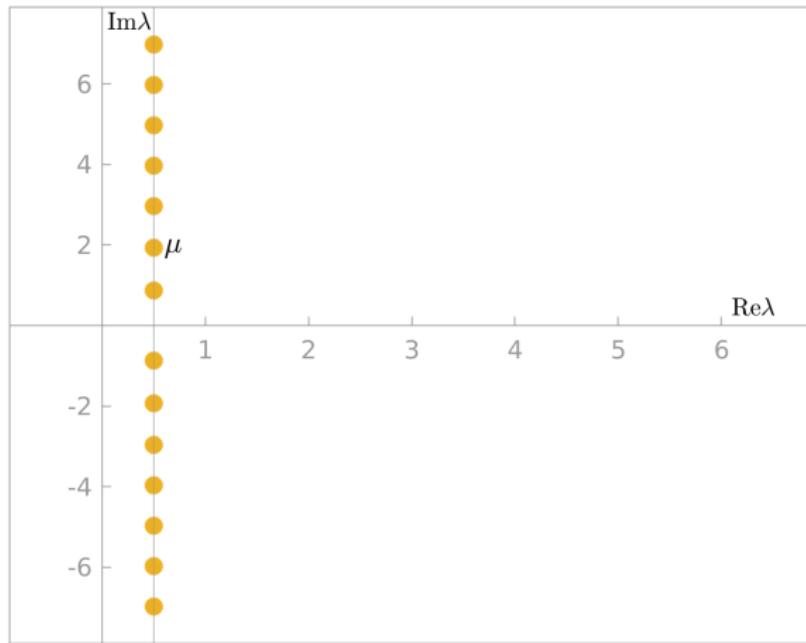
For $\delta_k(\sigma) := \frac{\sigma(1+k^2)}{2k^2}$, the modal Lyapunov functional is given as

$$\begin{aligned} H_k(\delta)[\hat{y}_k] &:= \frac{1}{2} |\hat{y}_k|_2^2 + \delta_k(\sigma) \operatorname{Re} (\hat{y}_k^H A_k \hat{y}_k) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |\hat{y}_k|_{P_k(\sigma)}^2. \end{aligned}$$

\implies Sharp decay rates as P_k satisfies matrix inequality.

Thank you for your attention.

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

