

# Asymptotic preserving schemes on kinetic models with singular limits

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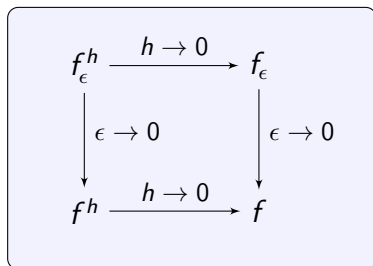
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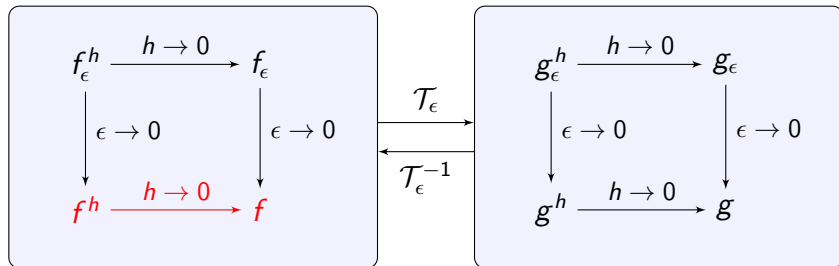


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- Given  $f_{\epsilon} \rightarrow f$ , design a discretization  $f_{\epsilon}^h$  for  $f_{\epsilon}$  that converges to the discretization  $f^h$  for  $f$ .
- *Asymptotic-preserving property*:  $h$  does not depend on  $\epsilon$ .
- Extremely powerful in solving kinetic systems with hydrodynamic limits.

# When the limit is singular



- Consider the case when  $f$  is singular, e.g.  $f(t, x, v) = \rho(t, x)\delta_{v=u(t,x)}$ .
- The discretization  $f^h$  can not be accurate. So  $f_\epsilon^h$  is also not accurate when  $\epsilon$  is small.
- **Idea:** Construct a family of invertible maps  $\mathcal{T}_\epsilon$ , so that  $\mathcal{T}_\epsilon f_\epsilon$  converges to a non-singular profile.
- **Main Difficulty:** Find  $\mathcal{T}_\epsilon$  that correctly captures the singularity.

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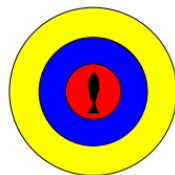


# Swarming



Three-zone models for swarms: [Reynolds '87]

- Long range: **Attraction**
- Short range: **Repulsion**
- Middle range: **Alignment**



# Agent-based models on swarming

- Agent-based interaction dynamics (based on [Newton's second law](#))

$$\dot{x}_i = v_i, \quad m\dot{v}_i = F_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

The interaction force  $F_i$  depends on  $\{x_j\}_{j=1}^N$  and  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^N$ .

- Attractive/Repulsive force:  $F_i(t) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \nabla K(x_j(t) - x_i(t)).$

- Alignment force:  $F_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \phi(|x_j - x_i|)(v_j - v_i).$

[[Cucker-Smale '07](#), [Motsch-Tadmor '11](#), [Vicsek '95](#), ...]

Flocking [[Ha-Liu '09](#)]





# Kinetic swarming models

- Vlasov-type kinetic equations

$$\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f + \frac{1}{m} \nabla_v \cdot (F(f)f) = 0,$$

where  $f = f(t, x, v)$  is a probability measure in  $(x, v)$  space.

- Nonlocal interaction forces:

$$F^{CS}(f)(t, x, v) = \iint \phi(|x - y|)(v_* - v)f(t, y, v_*)dv_*dy$$

$$F^{AR}(f)(t, x, v) = \iint -\nabla_x K(x - y)f(t, y, v_*)dv_*dy.$$

- Two systems that we concern:

① [ARR] Attraction-Repulsion-Relaxation:  $F = F^{AR} - v$ .

② [ARA] Attraction-Repulsion-Alignment(3 zones):  $F = F^{AR} + F^{CS}$



# Zero inertia limit

- Consider the limit when total mass  $m = \epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\partial_t f_\epsilon + v \cdot \nabla_x f_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla_v \cdot (F(f_\epsilon) f_\epsilon) = 0,$$

- A formal derivation of the  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  limit ( $f_\epsilon \rightarrow f$ ):

$$\int \nabla_v \varphi(v) \cdot F(f) f \, dv = 0.$$

$$\varphi(v) = 1: \quad \partial_t \rho + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho u) = 0.$$

$$\varphi(v) = v: \quad \text{[ARR]} \quad u(x) = -(\nabla_x K * \rho)(x),$$

$$\text{[ARA]} \quad \int \phi(|x - y|)(u(x) - u(y))\rho(y) dy = -(\nabla_x K * \rho)(x).$$

$$\varphi(v) = \frac{1}{2}|v - u|^2: \quad \text{[ARR]} \quad \int |v - u|^2 f(x, v) dv = 0,$$

$$\text{[ARA]} \quad (\phi * \rho)(x) \int |v - u|^2 f(x, v) dv = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad f(t, x, v) = \rho(t, x) \delta_{v=u(t,x)}.$$



$$f(t, x, v) = \rho(t, x) \delta_{v=u(t, x)}.$$

- For [ARR], the limiting system is the *aggregation equation*

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla_x \cdot ((-\nabla_x K * \rho)\rho) = 0.$$

Wellposedness: [Laurent '07, Bertozzi-Carrillo-Laurent '09, ...]

Rigorous passage to the limit: [Jabin '99, Fetecau-Sun '15]

- For [ARA], the limiting system has an implicitly defined velocity  $u$ .

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla_x \cdot (\rho u) = 0,$$

$$\int \phi(|x - y|)(u(x) - u(y))\rho(y) dy = -(\nabla_x K * \rho)(x).$$

Wellposedness: [Fetecau-Sun-CT '16]

Additional restriction: 
$$\int \rho(t, x) u(t, x) dx = \int \rho_0(x) u_0(x) dx.$$

Rigorous passage to the limit: [Fetecau-Sun-CT '16]



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# Velocity scaling: framework

$$f_\epsilon(t, x, v) \rightarrow \rho(t, x) \delta_{v=u(t,x)}.$$

- The transformation  $\mathcal{T}_\epsilon$ : rescale  $f_\epsilon \leftrightarrow (g_\epsilon, u_\epsilon, \omega_\epsilon)$ :

$$f_\epsilon(t, x, v) = \frac{1}{\omega_\epsilon^d} g_\epsilon(t, x, \xi), \quad \xi = \frac{v - u_\epsilon(t, x)}{\omega_\epsilon}.$$

- $u_\epsilon$  is the macroscopic velocity:  $u_\epsilon(t, x) = \frac{\int v f_\epsilon(t, x, v) dv}{\int f_\epsilon(t, x, v) dv}$ .
- $\omega_\epsilon$  is the *scaling factor*.

**Goal:** choose  $\omega_\epsilon$  appropriately so that  $g_\epsilon \rightarrow g$  and  $g$  is not singular.



# Velocity scaling: history

- Kinetic system with singular equilibrium.

$$f(t, x, v) \rightarrow \rho^\infty(x) \delta_{v=v^\infty}, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

- Rescale  $f \leftrightarrow (g, u, \omega)$ :

$$f(t, x, v) = \frac{1}{\omega(t, x)^d} g(t, x, \xi), \quad \xi = \frac{v - u(t, x)}{\omega}.$$

- Linear Fokker-Planck [Filbet-Russo '04], Granular gas [Filbet-Rey '13]:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\text{Temperature}}.$$

- Kinetic flocking models [Rey-CT '16]:

Propose a new  $\omega$  and prove that  $g(t, x, v) = g_0(x, v)$  for spatially “homogenous” system:  $\partial_t f + \nabla_v \cdot (F^{CS}(f)f) = 0$ .



# Spatially “Homogenous” system

$$\partial_t f_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla_v \cdot (F(f_\epsilon) f_\epsilon) = 0.$$

- Rewrite the system in terms of  $g_\epsilon$

$$\partial_t g_\epsilon = \left( \frac{\partial_t \omega_\epsilon}{\omega_\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{A}_\epsilon \right) \nabla_\xi \cdot (\xi g_\epsilon) + \frac{1}{\omega_\epsilon} \left( \partial_t u_\epsilon - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{B}_\epsilon \right) \cdot \nabla_\xi g_\epsilon.$$

$$[\text{ARR}]: \quad \mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t, x) = 1, \quad \mathcal{B}_\epsilon(t, x) = -u_\epsilon(t, x) - \int \nabla_x K(x - y) \rho_\epsilon(y) dy,$$

$$[\text{ARA}]: \quad \mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t, x) = \int \phi(|x - y|) \rho_\epsilon(t, y) dy,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_\epsilon(t, x) = \int \phi(|x - y|) (u_\epsilon(t, y) - u_\epsilon(t, x)) \rho_\epsilon(y) dy - \int \nabla_x K(x - y) \rho_\epsilon(y) dy.$$

- It is easy to check  $\partial_t u_\epsilon = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{B}_\epsilon(t, x)$ .
- Take  $\omega_\epsilon(t, x) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^t \mathcal{A}_\epsilon(s, x) ds\right)$ . Then  $\partial_t g_\epsilon = 0$  !!

The exact scaling is valid for any initial configurations.



# Scaling on the full system

- With free transport, the full system in terms of  $g_\epsilon$  reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t g_\epsilon + (u_\epsilon + \omega_\epsilon \xi) \cdot \nabla_x g_\epsilon \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial_t \omega_\epsilon}{\omega_\epsilon} + (u_\epsilon + \omega_\epsilon \xi) \cdot \frac{\nabla_x \omega_\epsilon}{\omega_\epsilon} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{A}_\epsilon \right) \nabla_\xi \cdot (\xi g_\epsilon) \\ &+ \frac{1}{\omega_\epsilon} \left( \partial_t u_\epsilon + (u_\epsilon + \omega_\epsilon \xi) \cdot \nabla_x u_\epsilon - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{B}_\epsilon \right) \cdot \nabla_\xi g_\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

- Exact scaling can not be expected:

- 1 The dynamics of  $u_\epsilon$ :

$$\partial_t u_\epsilon + u_\epsilon \cdot \nabla_x u_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\rho_\epsilon} \nabla_x \cdot (\omega_\epsilon^2 P_\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{B}_\epsilon, \quad P_\epsilon = \int \xi \otimes \xi g_\epsilon(\xi) d\xi.$$

- 2 The choice of  $\omega_\epsilon$ :

$$\partial_t \omega_\epsilon + u_\epsilon \cdot \nabla_x \omega_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{A}_\epsilon \omega_\epsilon = 0.$$





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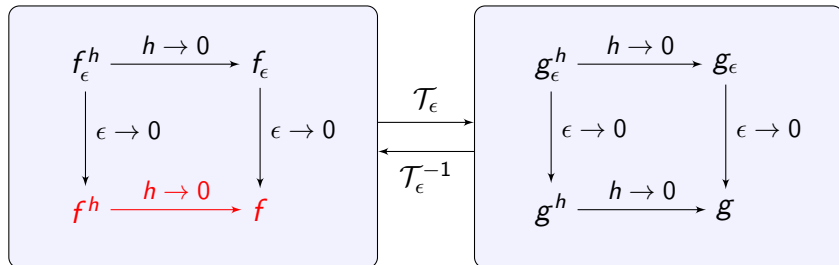
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# Design asymptotic-preserving scheme

Recall the main idea to overcome singular limit



Two ingredients for the scheme to be asymptotic-preserving:

- 1  $g_\epsilon$  does not become singular as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .
- 2 An asymptotic-preserving scheme on  $(g_\epsilon, u_\epsilon, \omega_\epsilon)$ .

# Criterion for *non-singular* $\{g_\epsilon\}$

- We call  $\{g_\epsilon\}$  is non-singular if  $g_\epsilon$  neither concentrate nor spread out in  $v$ , as  $\epsilon$  approaches 0.

$$\max_{\xi} |g_\epsilon(t, x, \xi)| \leq G, \quad \text{and} \quad \text{supp} g_\epsilon(t, x, \xi) \subset B_R(0).$$

for all  $(t, x)$ .  $G, R$  are independent with respect to  $\epsilon$ .

- **Goal:** Prove that under our choice of transformation  $\mathcal{T}_\epsilon$ , the rescaled family of solutions  $\{g_\epsilon\}$  is non-singular.



- Recall the dynamics of  $g_\epsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t g_\epsilon + (u_\epsilon + \omega_\epsilon \xi) \cdot \nabla_x g_\epsilon \\ &= (\xi \cdot \nabla_x \omega_\epsilon) \nabla_\xi \cdot (\xi g_\epsilon) \\ &+ ((\xi \cdot \nabla_x) u_\epsilon) \cdot \nabla_\xi g_\epsilon - \frac{1}{\rho_\epsilon \omega_\epsilon} (\nabla_x \cdot (\omega_\epsilon^2 P_\epsilon)) \cdot \nabla_\xi g_\epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

One major **difficulty** is to control the spacial derivatives  $\nabla_x g_\epsilon$ ,  $\nabla_x \omega_\epsilon$ ,  $\nabla_x u_\epsilon$  and  $\nabla_x P_\epsilon$  uniformly in  $\epsilon$ .

- Take  $u_\epsilon$  as an example. Recall its dynamics

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- 1 Without pressure ( $P_\epsilon \equiv 0$ ):  $\sup_{0 \leq \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0} \|\nabla_x u_\epsilon\|_{L^\infty} \leq C$ . [Tadmor-CT '14]
- 2 Limiting system ( $u_\epsilon \rightarrow u$ ):  $\|\nabla_x u\|_{L^\infty} \leq C$ . [Fetecau-Sun-CT '16]
- 3 Note that  $u_\epsilon \rightarrow u$  weak- $\star$  in measure. Therefore, the bound on the limiting system does not imply uniform bound on  $\|\nabla_x u_\epsilon\|_{L^\infty}$ .

# Non-oscillatory assumptions

- We assume that the solution does not have spatial oscillations:

$$\begin{aligned} |\nabla_x g_\epsilon(t, x, \xi)| &\leq C_1 g_\epsilon(t, x, \xi), \\ |\nabla_x u_\epsilon(t, x)| &\leq C_2. \end{aligned}$$

- The assumptions imply non-oscillatory bound for other quantities:

$$\begin{aligned} |\nabla_x \rho_\epsilon(t, x)| &\leq C_1 \rho_\epsilon(t, x), \\ |\nabla_x P_\epsilon(t, x)| &\leq C_1 P_\epsilon(t, x), \\ \|\nabla_x \omega_\epsilon(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty} &\leq \frac{C_1(e^{C_2 t} - 1)}{C_2 \epsilon} \exp\left(-\frac{c}{\epsilon} t\right). \end{aligned}$$



## Theorem ([Chertock-CT-Yan '17])

*Let  $(g_\epsilon, u_\epsilon, \omega_\epsilon)$  be the solution of the rescaled dynamics.*

*Assume the solution satisfies the non-oscillatory conditions.*

*Then, there exists a time  $T = T(g^0) > 0$  such that  $g_\epsilon(t)$  is non-singular for all  $t \in [0, T]$ .*

- If the solution is not oscillatory in spatial variable, the proposed transformation based on velocity scaling resolves the singularity in the original limit.
- The non-oscillatory conditions can be verified numerically.



# Asymptotic-preserving scheme for the rescaled system

- For  $(u_\epsilon, \omega_\epsilon)$ , the stiff term is *linear*. Use standard IMEX scheme.

$$\partial_t u_\epsilon + u_\epsilon \cdot \nabla_x u_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\rho_\epsilon} \nabla_x \cdot (\omega_\epsilon^2 P_\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{B}_\epsilon,$$

$$\partial_t \omega_\epsilon + u_\epsilon \cdot \nabla_x \omega_\epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \mathcal{A}_\epsilon \omega_\epsilon = 0.$$

- For  $g_\epsilon$ , there is no explicit dependence on  $\epsilon$ . Use explicit schemes.

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_t g_\epsilon + \nabla_x \cdot ((u_\epsilon + \omega_\epsilon \xi) g_\epsilon) \\ &= \nabla_\xi \cdot \left[ \left( (\xi \cdot \nabla_x \omega_\epsilon) \xi + (\xi \cdot \nabla_x) u_\epsilon - \frac{1}{\rho_\epsilon \omega_\epsilon} (\nabla_x \cdot (\omega_\epsilon^2 P_\epsilon)) \right) g_\epsilon \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We use finite volume method, e.g. upwind.

Some corrections are introduced to ensure  $\int v g_\epsilon(t, x, v) dv = 0$ .

(Follow from [Rey-Tan '16])



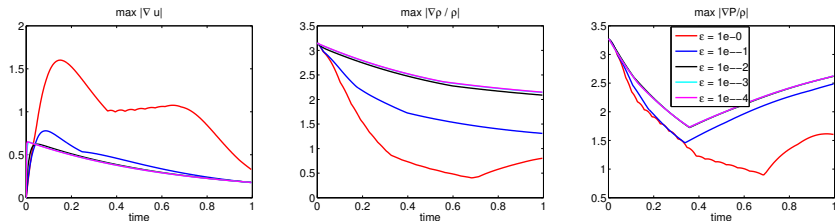
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# Validation of non-oscillatory assumptions

Plots of  $\max_x |\nabla_x u_\epsilon(t, x)|$ ,  $\max_x |\nabla_x \rho_\epsilon(t, x)/\rho_\epsilon(t, x)|$  and  $\max_x |\nabla_x P_\epsilon(t, x)/\rho_\epsilon(t, x)|$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and different choices of  $\epsilon$ .



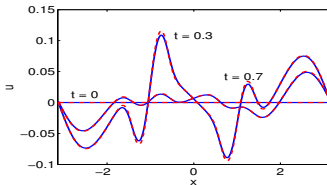
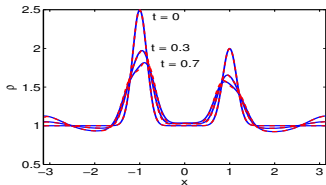
Initial condition:

$$\begin{aligned}g^0(x, \xi) &= \rho^0(x)M(\xi), \\ \rho^0(x) &= 1 + e^{-20(x-1)^2} + e^{-20(x+1)^2}, \\ u^0(x) &= 0, \\ \omega^0(x) &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

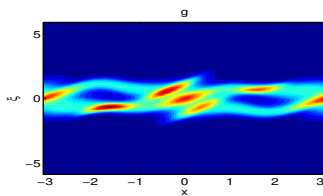
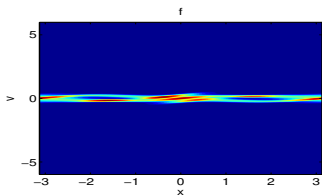


# Consistency test

Comparison between solving  $f_\epsilon$  and  $(g_\epsilon, u_\epsilon, \omega_\epsilon)$  for  $\epsilon = 1$ .  
Snapshots of  $(\rho, u)$  at  $t = 0, 0.3, 0.7$ .



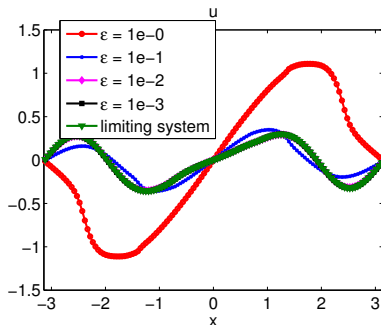
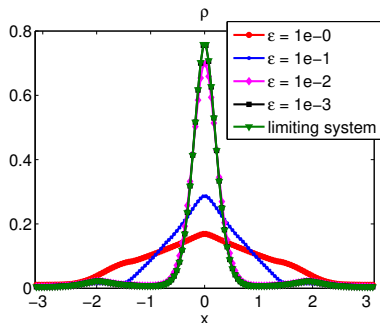
Snapshots of  $g$  at  $t = 0.7$ .



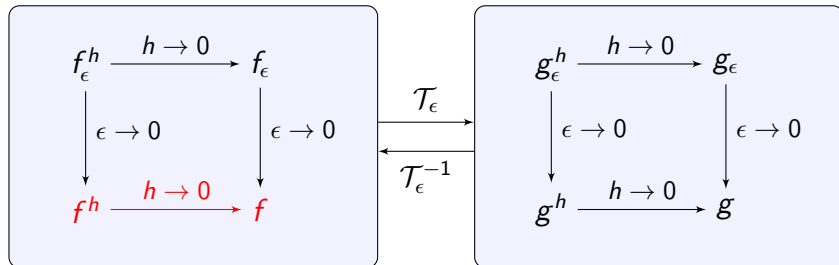
For  $t$  large or  $\epsilon$  small,  $f_\epsilon(t)$  is singular and the direct scheme fails.

# Asymptotic-preserving test

Snapshots of  $(\rho_\epsilon, u_\epsilon)$  at  $t = 1$  for different  $\epsilon$ . When  $\epsilon$  becomes small, the profile approaches the limiting system.



# Questions?



Thanks for your attention!