

Trajectories and the De Giorgi-Nash-Moser theory

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with $\mathfrak{a} \colon \Omega_T \to \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ measurable such that

(H1)
$$\lambda |\xi|^2 \le \langle \mathfrak{a}(t,x,v)\xi,\xi \rangle$$
 for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and a.e. $(t,x,v) \in \Omega_T$

(H2)
$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} |\mathfrak{a}_{ij}(t,x,v)|^2 \leq \Lambda^2$$
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and some constants $0 < \lambda < \Lambda$.

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$$Q_r(t_0, x_0, v_0)$$
= $\{-r^2 < t - t_0 \le 0, |x - x_0 - (t - t_0)v_0| < r^3, |v - v_0| < r^3\}$

Can work at unit scale from now on.

Energy estimate

$$(1) \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot (\mathfrak{a} \nabla_v f)$$

Testing (1) with $f\varphi^2$ for a cutoff function φ yields (formally):

$$\sup_{t \in (-1,0]} \int_{B_1(0)} |f(t,\cdot)|^2 d(x,v) + \int_{-1}^0 \int_{B_1(0)} |\nabla_v f|^2 d(t,x,v) \lesssim \int_{-2}^0 \int_{B_2(0)} |f|^2 d(t,x,v)$$

Natural solution space

$$L_t^{\infty}(L_{x,v}^2) \cap L_{t,x}^2(\dot{H}_v^1)$$

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Literature:

- Regularity, existence and uniqueness of weak solutions together with P. Auscher and C. Imbert 24
- previous works: Carrillo 98, Albritton-Armstrong-Mourrat-Novack 24,
 N.-Zacher 21, Nyström-Litsgård 21

What can we say a priori about the regularity of weak (sub-, super-) solutions?

Harnack inequality

$$(1) \partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot (\mathfrak{a} \nabla_v f)$$

Theorem (GIMV 19, GI 22, GM 22):

There exists a universal const $C = C(n, \lambda, \Lambda) > 0$ such that for any nonnegative weak solution f of (1) in \tilde{Q} we have

$$\sup_{Q_-} f \leq C \inf_{Q_+} f.$$



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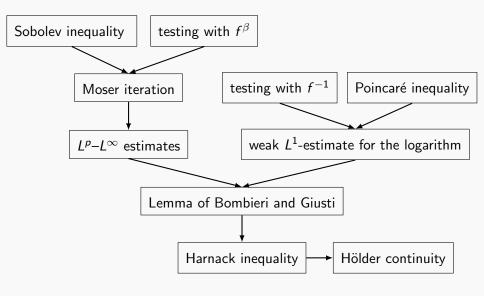
On a Pointwise Estimate for Parabolic Differential Equations*

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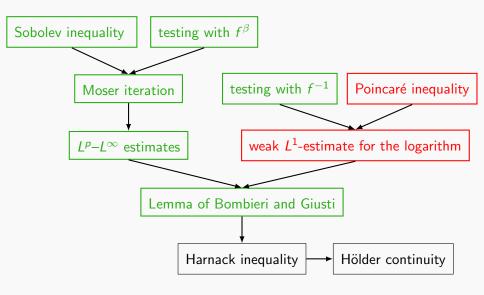
§1. The purpose of this note is to describe a simplified proof of a theorem on linear parabolic differential equations which was published earlier in this journal (cf. [6]). This theorem gives a pointwise estimate for positive weak solutions of linear parabolic differential equations and is usually referred to as the Harnack inequality since it generalizes a classical inequality by Harnack for positive harmonic functions. The proof of this theorem for parabolic equations with variable coefficients uses a collection of a priori estimates for the powers and the logarithm of the solutions which are played out against each other with the help of general inequalities, primarily consequences of Sobolov's inequality. At one point, however, our previous argument required a new estimate (called Main Lemma in [6]) which generalizes an interesting theorem by F. John and L. Nirenberg. The proof of this lemma is quite intricate and it was desirable to avoid it entirely.

Moser's 1971 method in kinetic theory

Moser's 1971 method in parabolic theory



Towards Moser's 1971 method in kinetic theory



The logarithm

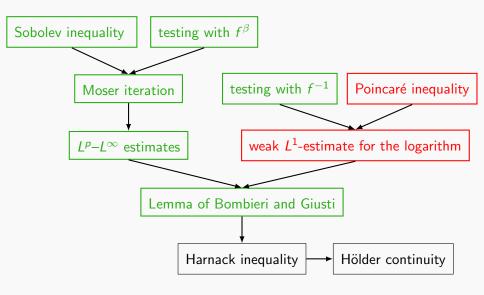
Suppose that f is a positive weak supersolution to

$$\partial_t f + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f = \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot (\mathfrak{a}(t, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f)$$

then the $g = \log f$ is a weak supersolution to

$$\partial_t g + v \cdot \nabla_x g = \nabla_v \cdot (\mathfrak{a} \nabla_v g) + \langle \mathfrak{a} \nabla_v g, \nabla_v g \rangle.$$

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Need to treat $\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot h$, for some $h \in L^2$ at the correct scale.

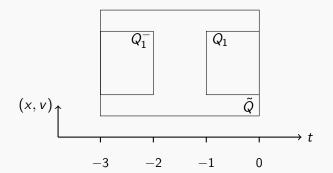
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Spacetime Poincaré inequalities are "too weak".

Trajectories

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with $\gamma \colon [0,1] \to \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\gamma(0) = (\eta, w)$ and $\gamma(1) = (t, v)$.

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$$\int_0^{r} dr'$$

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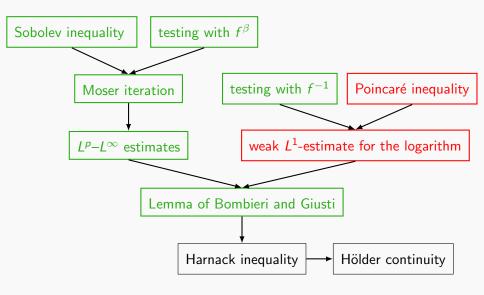
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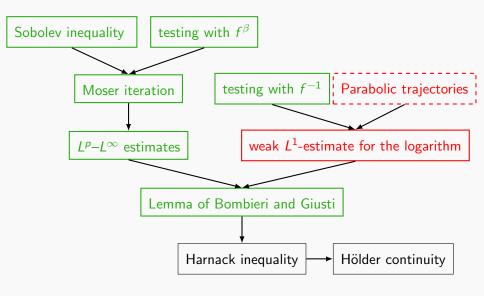
Parabolic trajectory: $\gamma(r) = (\eta + r(t - \eta), w + r^{1/2}(v - w))$

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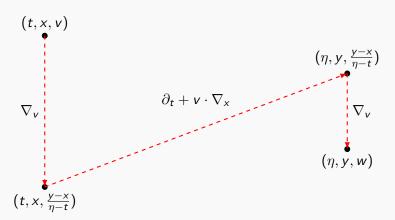
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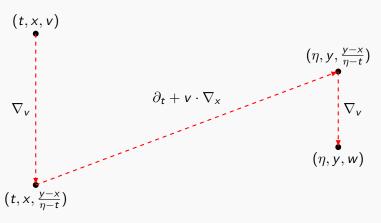
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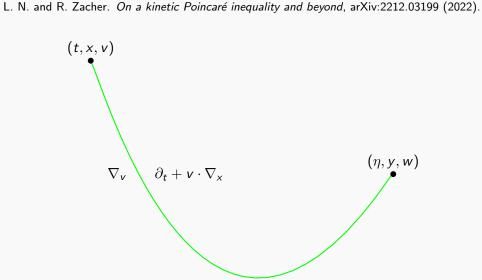


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$$\gamma = \gamma(r) = \gamma(r; (t, x, v), (\eta, y, w)) = (\gamma_t(r), \gamma_x(r), \gamma_v(r)) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+2n}$$

- defined for $r \in [0,1]$ that is
 - continuous on $r \in [0,1]$ (and in particular bounded),
 - differentiable on $r \in (0,1)$,
 - with endpoints $\gamma(0)=(t,x,v)$ and $\gamma(1)=(\eta,y,w)$,
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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}r}g(\gamma(r)) = \dot{\gamma}_t(r)[\partial_t g] + \dot{\gamma}_x(r) \cdot [\nabla_x g](\gamma(r)) + \dot{\gamma}_v(r) \cdot [\nabla_v g](\gamma(r))$$

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= \dot{\gamma}_t(r)[\partial_t g + \nu \cdot \nabla_{\times} g](\gamma(r)) + \dot{\gamma}_{\vee}(r) \cdot [\nabla_{\vee} g](\gamma(r)).$$

Literature on trajectories

- Early works by Carathéodory 09, Rashevskii 38 and Chow 39.
- Breakthrough by Nagel, Stein and Wainger 85.
- Lots of works on Geometric Control theory.
- Trajectorial proof of Jerison's Poincaré inequality by Lanconelli-Morbidelli 00.
- Kinetic trajectories are constructed in Pascucci-Polidoro 04.

In none of these results X_0 and X_1, \ldots, X_n are treated at the right scale.

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Trajectories constructed in N.-Zacher 22 are not critical.

Neither are the ones in the follow-up work:

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Lemma (DMNZ 24):

There exists a family of critical kinetic trajectories given by

$$\gamma(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_t(r) \\ \gamma_x(r) \\ \gamma_v(r) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t + (\eta - t)r \\ \mathcal{A}_{\eta - t}(r) \begin{pmatrix} y \\ w \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{B}_{\eta - t}(r) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

with properties such as

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$$\mathcal{A}_{\eta-t}(0)=0$$
, $\mathcal{A}_{\eta-t}(1)=\mathrm{Id}_{2n}$ and $\mathcal{B}_{\eta-t}(0)=\mathrm{Id}_{2n}$, $\mathcal{B}_{\eta-t}(1)=0$,

- det
$$\mathcal{A}_{n-t}(r) = r^{2n}$$
, det $\mathcal{B}_{n-t}(r) \approx (1-r)^{2n}$,

- spatial uniform control $\gamma(r) \in ilde{\mathcal{Q}}$,
- criticality, i.e. $|\dot{\gamma}_{
 m v}| \lesssim r^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ and

$$\left|\left(\nabla_{y,w}\gamma(r;(t,x,v),(\eta,y,w))^{-1}\right)_{\cdot\cdot\cdot2}\right|=\left|\left(\mathcal{A}_{\eta-t}^{-1}\right)_{\cdot\cdot;2}\right|\lesssim r^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

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Integration yields

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Criticality is achieved for a good choice of the forcing.

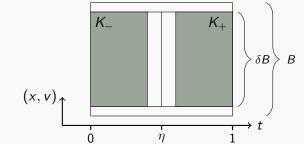
Theorem (DMNZ 24):

Let $\delta, \eta \in (0,1)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Then for any supersolution $f \ge \varepsilon > 0$ to (1) there exists a constant $C = C(n, \delta, \eta, \lambda, \Lambda) > 0$ such that

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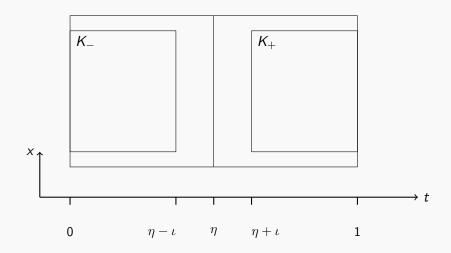
$$s |\{(t, x, v) \in K_{+} : c(f) - \log f(t, x, v) > s\}| \le C$$

for all s > 0 with $c(f) = \frac{1}{c_{\varphi}} \int_{B} \log f(\eta, y, w) \varphi^{2}(y, w) d(y, w)$.



Unit size. a = Id for simplicity. Goal:

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Recall

$$c(f) = \frac{1}{c_{\varphi}} \int_{\Sigma} [\log f](\eta, y, w) \varphi^{2}(y, w) d(y, w).$$

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 L^1 -Poincaré inequality in spacetime without a gradient.

Recall: if f is supersolution to (1), then $g = \log f$ is a supersolution to

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For
$$g = \log f$$
 we have

g(t,x,v)-c(f)

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$$(v) = c(f)$$

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$$\leq -\frac{\eta - t}{c_{\varphi}} \int_{B}^{1} \left[\Delta_{v} g \right] (\gamma(r)) + |\nabla_{v} g|^{2} (\gamma(r)) dr \ \varphi^{2}(y, w) d(y, w) \\ - \frac{1}{c_{\varphi}} \int_{B}^{1} \dot{\gamma}_{v}(r) \cdot [\nabla_{v} g] (\gamma(r)) dr \ \varphi^{2}(y, w) d(y, w)$$

Idea: use quadratic gradient term to absorb all gradients

The forcing terms

Recall that $|\dot{\gamma}_{\nu}| \lesssim r^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, hence

$$-\frac{1}{c_{\varphi}}\int_{B}\int_{0}^{1}\dot{\gamma}_{\nu}(r)\cdot[\nabla_{\nu}g](\gamma(r))\mathrm{d}r\ \varphi^{2}(y,w)\mathrm{d}(y,w)$$

$$\lesssim \int_{B}\int_{0}^{1}r^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\nabla_{\nu}g|(\gamma(r))\mathrm{d}r\ \varphi(y,w)\mathrm{d}(y,w)$$

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Substitute $(\tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) = \Phi(y, w) = \Phi_{r,t,x,v,\eta}(y, w) := (\gamma_x(r), \gamma_v(r)).$

$$\begin{split} &\int_{B} [\Delta_{v} g](\gamma(r)) \varphi^{2}(y, w) \mathrm{d}(y, w) \\ &= \int_{\Phi(B)} [\Delta_{v} g](\gamma_{t}(r), \tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) \varphi^{2}(\Phi^{-1}(\tilde{y}, \tilde{w})) \left| \det \mathcal{A} \right|^{-1} \mathrm{d}(\tilde{y}, \tilde{w}) \end{split}$$

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for some constant M > 0.

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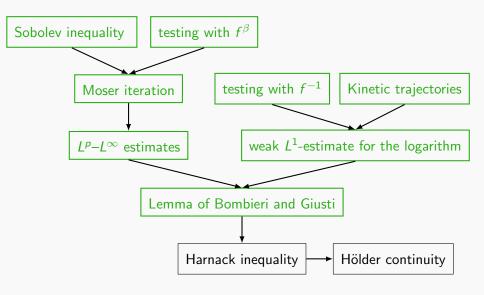
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Moser's 1971 method in kinetic theory



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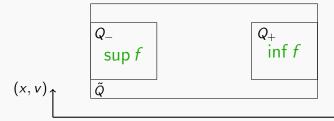
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$$\left(\int_{Q_{-}}|f|^{p}\,\mathrm{d}(t,x,v)\right)^{p}\leq C\inf_{Q_{+}}f.$$

Optimal range for p.



Euclidean smoothing

$$f = f(v) \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(\mathsf{m}) \varphi^2 \left(\frac{v - \mathsf{m}}{r} \right) r^{-n} d\mathsf{m} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(v - r\mathsf{m}) \varphi^2(\mathsf{m}) d\mathsf{m}$$

Parabolic smoothing

Space

$$f = f(t, v) \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(t - sr, v - r^{1/2} m) \varphi^2(m) dm$$

Spacetime

$$f = f(t, v) \mapsto \int_{\mathbb{D}^{1+n}} f(t - sr, v - r^{1/2} \mathsf{m}) \psi^2(s, \mathsf{m}) \mathrm{d}(s, \mathsf{m})$$

Kinetic smoothing

Consider $\gamma^{(s,m)} \colon \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^{1+2n}$ with $m = (m_0, m_1) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$, $s \neq 0$ defined as

$$\gamma^{(s,m)}(r;(t,x,v)) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_t^{(s,m)}(r) \\ \gamma_x^{(s,m)}(r) \\ \gamma_y^{(s,m)}(r) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} t+s \, r \\ \mathcal{A}_s(r) \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{m}_0 \\ \mathsf{m}_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & s \, r \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{x} \\ \mathsf{v} \end{pmatrix}$$

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Space

$$[S_r(f)](t,x,v) = \frac{1}{c_\omega} \int_B f(\gamma^{(s,m)}(r;(t,x,v))\varphi^2(m) dm$$

Spacetime

$$[T_r(f)](t,x,v) = \frac{1}{c_{\psi}} \int_{O} f(\gamma^{(s,\mathsf{m})}(r;(t,x,v))\psi^2(s,\mathsf{m}) \mathrm{d}(s,\mathsf{m})$$

Kinetic Sobolev embedding

Theorem (DMNZ 24):

Let $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+n}; \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^n))$ such that $\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot h$ for some $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n}; \mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$||f||_{L^{2\kappa}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})} \le C \left(||\nabla_{\nu} f||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})} + ||h||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})} \right)$$

with
$$\kappa = 1 + \frac{1}{2n}$$
 and $C = C(n) > 0$.

Kinetic Nash inequality

Theorem (DMNZ 24):

Let $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+n}; \dot{H}^1(\mathbb{R}^n)) \cap L^1(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})$ such that we have $\partial_t f + v \cdot \nabla_x f = \nabla_v \cdot h$ for some $h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n}; \mathbb{R}^n)$, then

$$||f||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})}^{1+\frac{2}{2+4d}} \leq C\sqrt{||\nabla_{v}f||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})}^{2} + ||h||_{L^{2}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})}^{2}} ||f||_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{1+2n})}^{\frac{2}{2+4d}}$$

for some C = C(n) > 0.

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