

Convection, optimal transport, coupled Monge-Ampère systems and magnetic relaxation

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where \mathbf{G} is a given smooth function with bounded derivatives.

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For $\mu = \mathbf{0}$, global existence of weak solutions in 3D follows from Leray/Diperna-Lions theory, while global existence of smooth solutions in 2D follows from Hou-Li 2005 and Chae 2006. (See also recent work by Danchin-Paicu.)

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Each of these limits, as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, can be rigorously justified as long as the limit equation admits smooth solutions, YB 2007.

The last case is more subtle and requires an additional **CONVEXITY** condition that will be discussed below, YB 2008.

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$$\mathbf{y}^\infty = \nabla \mathbf{p}^\infty$$

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NB: This is a typical result of OPTIMAL TRANSPORT THEORY

YB, CRAS Paris 1987 and CPAM 1991, Smith and Knott, JOTA 1987, cf. Villani, Topics in optimal transportation, AMS, 2003, see also papers, lecture notes and books by Rachev-Rüschendorf, Evans, Caffarelli, Urbas, Gangbo-McCann, Otto, Ambrosio-Savaré, Villani, Trudinger-Wang and many others contributions...

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Then, for each $y_0 \in C$, there is always a **GLOBAL** solution such that $y(t = 0, \cdot) = y_0$

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The coupled **MONGE-AMPERE** system

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{w}) = 0, \quad \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{G}(\nabla \mathbf{p}^*(t, \mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}), \quad \rho = \det(\mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{p}^*(t, \mathbf{x}))$$

where \mathbf{p}^* is the **LEGENDRE** transform

$$\mathbf{p}^*(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sup_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbf{D}} \mathbf{x} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{p}(t, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$$

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Examples of HB systems

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Example 2: $G(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x})/\beta$ where $\beta > 0$ is a constant.

Setting $\nabla p^*(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} - \beta \nabla \psi(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{x})$ we get

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where p is a Lagrange multiplier for the incompressibility constraint.

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As $t \rightarrow +\infty$, we expect 'equilibrium states'

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we get for $\mathbf{B}(t, s)$ what we call **THE CROSS-BURGERS EQUATION**

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Magnetic Reversal

An exact solution of the **CROSS-BURGERS EQUATION** is

$$\mathbf{B}(t, s) = (f(t)\cos(2\pi s), f(t)\sin(2\pi s), g(t))$$

where

$$\frac{df}{dt} = 2\pi(g - 2\pi)f, \quad \frac{dg}{dt} = -2\pi f^2$$

For $g(t = 0) > 4\pi$, $f(t = 0) \neq 0$, we can check that
 $g(t = +\infty) = 4\pi - g(0) < 0$, $f(t = +\infty) = 0$, even when
 $|f(t = 0)| \ll 1$.

This looks like a magnetic reversal

Magnetic Reversal 2

$$g(0) = 36.2830925, \quad f(0) = 0.075, \quad g(+\infty) = -23.7167$$

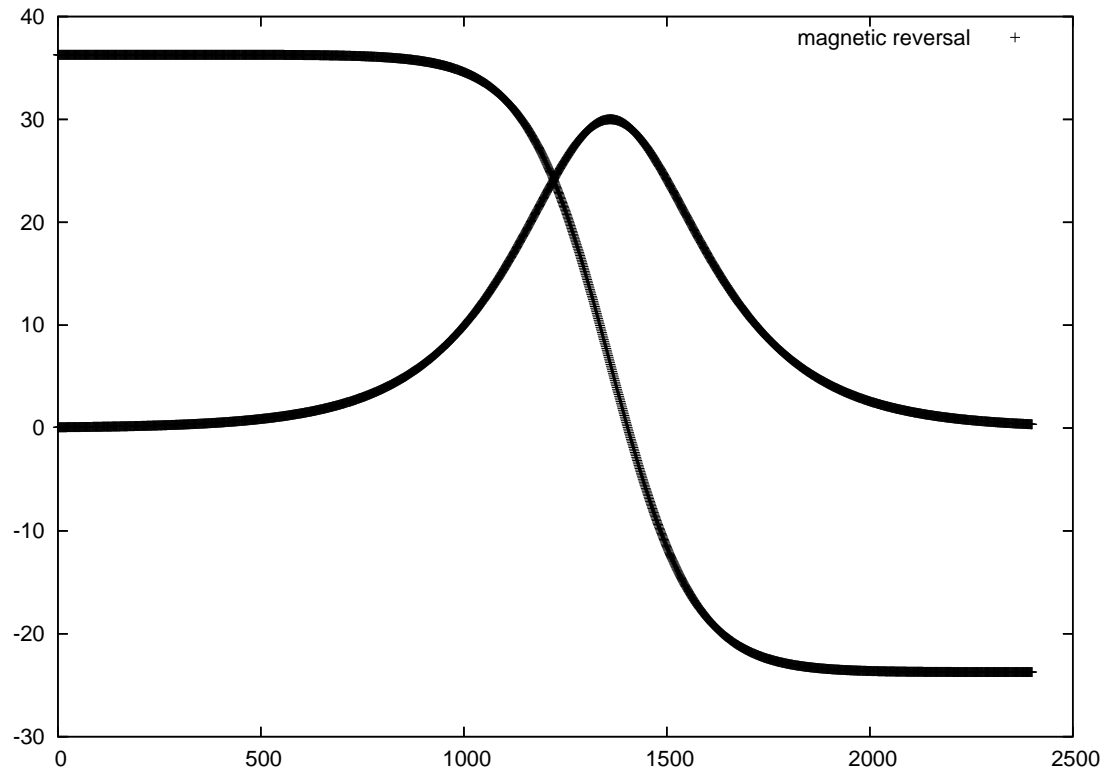


Figure 1: $g(t)$ and $f(t)$ versus t