

Asymptotics for nonlocal evolution equations

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Refined asymptotics

Zuazua & Duoandikoetxea, CRAS '92

For all $\varphi \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, 1 + |x|^k)$

$$u(t, \cdot) \sim \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \frac{(-1)^{|\alpha|}}{\alpha!} \left(\int u_0(x) x^\alpha dx \right) D^\alpha H(t, \cdot) \quad \text{in } L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$$

for some p, q, k



A linear nonlocal problem



E. Chasseigne, M. Chaves and J. D. Rossi, *Asymptotic behavior for nonlocal diffusion equations*, J. Math. Pures Appl., 86, 271–291, (2006).

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) = J * u - u(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x - y)u(y, t) dy - u(x, t), \\ \quad = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))dy \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \end{cases}$$

where $J : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a nonnegative, radial function with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} J(r)dr = 1$



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Asymptotic Behaviour

- If $\hat{J}(\xi) = 1 - A|\xi|^\alpha + o(|\xi|^\alpha)$, $\xi \sim 0$, $1 < \alpha \leq 2$, **the asymptotic behavior** is the same as the one for solutions of the evolution given by the $\alpha/2$ fractional power of the laplacian:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{d/\alpha} \max_x |u(x, t) - v(x, t)| = 0,$$

where v is the solution of $v_t(x, t) = -A(-\Delta)^{\alpha/2}v(x, t)$ with initial condition $v(x, 0) = u_0(x)$.



- **The asymptotic profile** is given by

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \max_y \left| t^{d/\alpha} u(yt^{1/\alpha}, t) - \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u_0 \right) G_A(y) \right| = 0,$$

where $G_A(y)$ satisfies $\hat{G}_A(\xi) = e^{-A|\xi|^\alpha}$.



Other results on the linear problem

-  I.L. Ignat and J.D. Rossi, *Refined asymptotic expansions for nonlocal diffusion equations*, Journal of Evolution Equations 2008.
-  I.L. Ignat and J.D. Rossi, *Asymptotic behaviour for a nonlocal diffusion equation on a lattice*, ZAMP 2008.



The classical convection-diffusion equation

For $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $q \geq 1$

$$\begin{cases} u_t - \Delta u = a \cdot \nabla(|u|^{q-1}u) \text{ in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases}$$

- Asymptotic Behaviour by using

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u|^p dx = -\frac{4(p-1)}{p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla(|u|^{p/2})|^2 dx.$$



M. Schonbek, *Uniform decay rates for parabolic conservation laws*, *Nonlinear Anal.*, 10(9), 943–956, (1986).



M. Escobedo and E. Zuazua, *Large time behavior for convection-diffusion equations in \mathbb{R}^N* , *J. Funct. Anal.*, 100(1), 119–161, (1991).



Methods to obtain asymptotics

- M. Schonbek → **Fourier Splitting Method**
- M. Escobedo and E. Zuazua → **Energy method**

For $d \geq 3$ using the Sobolev inequality $\|v\|_{2d/(d-2)} \leq C(d)\|\nabla v\|_2$ with $v = |u|^{p/2}$ and the contraction of the L^1 -norm of the solutions we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|_p^p + \frac{C}{\|u_0\|_1^{2p/d(p-1)}} \|u(t)\|_p^{p[d(p-1)+2]/d(p-1)} \leq 0$$

.... etc...



Nonlocal Convection-Diffusion



L.I. Ignat and J.D. Rossi, *A nonlocal convection-diffusion equation*, J. Funct. Anal., 251, 399–437, (2007).

$$\begin{cases} u_t(t, x) = (J * u - u)(t, x) + (G * (f(u)) - f(u))(t, x), & t > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \\ u(0, x) = u_0(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{cases}$$

- J and G are nonnegatives and verify $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x)dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x)dx = 1$.
- J radially symmetric
- G not symmetric, then the individuals have greater probability of jumping in one direction than in others, provoking a convective effect
- $f(u) = |u|^{q-1}u$ with $q > 1$



Well-posedness

Theorem

For any $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ there exists a unique global solution

$$u \in C([0, \infty); L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)) \cap L^\infty([0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^d).$$

If u and v are solutions of (11) corresponding to initial data $u_0, v_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ respectively, then the following contraction property

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|u_0 - v_0\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

holds for any $t \geq 0$. In addition,

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \|u_0\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)}.$$



Why not $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$?

- For the local problem $\|v(t)\|_\infty \leq C\|v_0\|_1 t^{-d/2}$ for any $v_0 \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$, so for any $u_0 \in L^1$ we can choose $u_{0,\epsilon} \in L^1 \cap L^\infty$ with $u_{0,\epsilon} \rightarrow u_0$ in L^1 and we can pass to the limit.
- In the nonlocal model, we cannot prove such type of inequality independently of the L^∞ -norm of the initial data.
- In the one-dimensional case with $f(u) = |u|^{q-1}u$, $1 \leq q < 2$ we have

$$\sup_{u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R})} \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \frac{t^{\frac{1}{2}} \|u(t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})}}{\|u_0\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})}} = \infty.$$

- The $L^1 - L^\infty$ regularizing effect is not available for the linear equation $w_t = J * w - w$



Long time behaviour of the solutions

Theorem

Let $f = |u|^{q-1}u$ with $q > 1$ and $u_0 \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Then, for every $p \in [1, \infty)$ the solution u of equation (11) verifies

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C(\|u_0\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)}, \|u_0\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)}) \langle t \rangle^{-\frac{d}{2}(1-\frac{1}{p})}. \quad (2)$$

Proof 1: Adapted Fourier Splitting method - JFA 2007



Why not an energy method ?

If we want to use energy estimates to get decay rates (for example in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$), we arrive easily to

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |w(t, x)|^2 dx = (\leq) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x - y) (w(t, x) - w(t, y))^2 dx dy$$

However, we can not go further since an inequality of the form

$$\left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |u(x)|^p dx \right)^{\frac{2}{p}} \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x - y) (u(x) - u(y))^2 dx dy$$

is not available for $p > 2$.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x - y) (u(x) - u(y))^2 dx dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 - \hat{J}(\xi)) |\hat{u}(\xi)|^2$$



A 1/2-energy method :)

Rossi J. & I.L., JMPA 2009

$$\langle Aw, w \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x-y)(w(x)-w(y))^2 dx dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1-\hat{J}(\xi)) |\hat{w}(\xi)|^2 d\xi.$$

Lemma

Let be $d \geq 3$, $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ and $\alpha(\epsilon) \in (0, 1)$ given by

$$\alpha(\epsilon) = \frac{(1-\epsilon)d}{d+2-\epsilon(d-2)}.$$

Then there exists a constant $C = C(\epsilon, \delta)$ such that

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \leq C \|u\|_{L^{1+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{2(1-\alpha(\epsilon))} \langle Au, u \rangle^{\alpha(\epsilon)} + \langle Au, u \rangle. \quad (3)$$

As a consequence

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2 \lesssim f_\epsilon(\langle Au, u \rangle)$$

and

$$f_\epsilon^{-1}(\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2) \leq \langle Au, u \rangle .$$

Using that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|^2 + \langle Au, u \rangle \leq 0$$

we find that $\psi(t) = \|u(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2$ satisfies the following differential inequality

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A short proof

For any function $u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ we define its projections on the low, respectively high frequencies:

$$v := (\mathbf{1}_{\{|\xi|_\infty \leq R\}} \hat{u})^\vee, \quad w := (\mathbf{1}_{\{|\xi|_\infty \geq R\}} \hat{u})^\vee.$$

Orthogonality gives us

$$\|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 = \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 + \|w\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2.$$

Fourier multipliers

$$\|v\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C(p, d) \|u\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} \quad (4)$$

for any $1 < p < \infty$.



The assumptions on \hat{J} give us

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Au, u \rangle &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 - \hat{J}(\xi)) \hat{u}^2(\xi) d\xi \geq \int_{|\xi| \leq R} \frac{\xi^2}{2} \hat{u}^2(\xi) d\xi + \delta \int_{|\xi| \geq R} \hat{u}^2(\xi) d\xi \\ &\geq c(\delta) \left(\|\nabla v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 + \|w\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \right) \\ &\geq c(\delta) \left(\|v\|_{L^{2^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 + \|w\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \right).\end{aligned}$$



The low frequency projection, v , satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 &\leq \left(\|v\|_{L^{1+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{1-\alpha(\epsilon)} \|v\|_{L^{2^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{\alpha(\epsilon)} \right)^2 \leq \left(\|u\|_{L^{1+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{1-\alpha(\epsilon)} \|v\|_{L^{2^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{\alpha(\epsilon)} \right)^2 \quad (5) \\ &\leq \|u\|_{L^{1+\epsilon}(\mathbb{R}^d)}^{2(1-\alpha(\epsilon))} < Au, u >^{\alpha(\epsilon)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

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Using the differential inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|u(t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 + < Au, u > \leq 0$$

we now can get the $L^{1+\epsilon} - L^2$ decay property.



Variants of the energy method

- For the linear part we can remove the convolution property of the function J

$$u_t(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} J(x, y)(u(t, y) - u(t, x))dy$$

under suitable properties of J : symmetric, etc...

- An energy method for the nonlocal p -Laplacian:
 $\langle A_p u, u \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x, y)|u(x) - u(y)|^p dx dy.$



A theorem without Fourier analysis

Let $p \in [1, \infty)$ and $J(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$ be a symmetric function satisfying HJ1) There exist positive constant $0 < C_1, C_2 < \infty$ such that

$$C_1 \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x, y) dy \leq C_2. \quad (6)$$

HJ2) There exist positive constants c_1, c_2 and a function $a \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfying

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |\nabla a(x)| < \infty \quad (7)$$

such that the set

$$B_x = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d : |y - a(x)| \leq c_2\} \quad (8)$$

verifies

$$B_x \subset \{y \in \mathbb{R}^d : J(x, y) > c_1\}.$$



For any function $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ there exist two functions v and w such that $u = v + w$ and

$$\|\nabla v\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}^p + \|w\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)}^p \leq C(J, p) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x, y) |u(x) - u(y)|^p dx dy.$$

Moreover, if $u \in L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $q \in [1, \infty]$ then the function v satisfies

$$\|v\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq C(J, p) \|u\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$



Proof of the case $p = 2$.

Choose ψ is a smooth function supported in $B_{c_2}(0)$ with mass one and

$$v(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(a(x) - y)u(y)dy.$$

Observe that

$$w(x) = u(x) - v(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(a(x) - y)(u(y) - u(x))dy$$

and

$$\partial_{x_i}v(x) = \partial_{x_i}a(x) \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \nabla\psi(a(x) - y)(u(y) - u(x))dy$$



Using Hölder inequality we obtain the desired result:

$$\begin{aligned} |w(x)|^2 &= \left(\int_{|y-a(x)| \leq c_2} \psi(a(x) - y) |u(y) - u(x)| dy \right)^2 \\ &\leq \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \int_{|y-a(x)| \leq c_2} |u(y) - u(x)|^2 dy. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |w(x)|^2 &\leq \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{|y-a(x)| \leq c_2} |u(y) - u(x)|^2 dy dx \\ &\lesssim \|\psi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} J(x, y) |u(y) - u(x)|^2 dy dx. \end{aligned}$$

Similar results hold for v provided $\nabla a \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$.



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Let us consider $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a smooth positive function, supported in $(-1, 1)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\|\psi\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R})} \langle A_2 u, u \rangle &\geq \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \psi(y - a(x))(u(x) - u(y))^2 dx dy \\
 &\geq (1 - \theta) \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \psi(y - a(x)) \left(u^2(x) - \frac{u^2(y)}{\theta} \right) dx dy \\
 &= (1 - \theta) \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^2(x) \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(y) dy - \frac{1}{\theta} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - a(y)) dy \right) dx \\
 &= \frac{1 - \theta}{\theta} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(y) dy \int_{\mathbb{R}} u^2(x) \left(\theta - \frac{(\psi * |(a^{-1})_x|)(x)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(y) dy} \right) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$



Some about eigenvalues

For any interval $I_r = (-r, r)$ we consider

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$$J(x, y) = \psi(y - a(x)) + \psi(x - a(y)),$$

ψ compactly supported, we conjecture that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_1(I_r) > 0$$

iff the set $\{x : a_x(x) = 1\}$ is ...



The following two problems are related

$$\inf_u \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(y - a(x))(u(x) - u(y))^2 dx dy}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x)^2}$$

and

$$\inf_u \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}} (u(x) - u(a(x)))^2}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x)^2}$$

by choosing $\psi_\epsilon \rightarrow \delta_0$.



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Some Open Problems

- Convection-diffusion. Until now we treat the case $q > 1 + 1/d$, case when the diffusion play the important role. What it happens when $q < 1 + 1/d$? Is there something similar to the local case, where the convection part gives the asymptotic behaviour (Escobedo, Vazquez, Zuazua, ARMA 1993)
- The optimality of the decay in the non-symmetric case. The case $a(x) = 2x$ enters in the two lemmas, but $a(x) = x^2 \operatorname{sgn}(x)$ does not entry in any of them.
- Discrete models. Work in progress with A. Galatean (Bucharest)
- Analysis of the long time behaviour of $\lambda_1(B_R)$ when $a(x)$ is close to x



End of the talk

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