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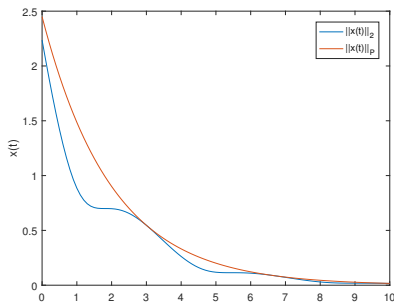
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- $\mathbf{C}$  not coercive  $\Rightarrow$  no decay of  $\|x(t)\|_2$  by trivial energy method!
- But decay of **modified norm**  $\|x(t)\|_{\mathbf{P}} := \sqrt{x^T \mathbf{P} x}$ ;  $\mathbf{P} := [2 \ -1; -1 \ 2]$



How to find  $\mathbf{P}$  / the Lyapunov functional?



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Conditions for hypo-coercivity:

- 1  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ;  $\mathbf{C}_1^* = -\mathbf{C}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_2^* = \mathbf{C}_2 \geq 0$  (w.l.o.g.)
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Proof:  $\mathbf{P}$  can be constructed explicitly; e.g. for  $\mathbf{C}$  non-defective / diagonalizable:

$$\mathbf{P} := \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \otimes \bar{z}_j^{\top}; \quad z_j \dots \text{eigenvectors of } \mathbf{C}^{\top}$$

- $\mathbf{P}$  not unique; but the decay rates  $\mu$  (or  $\mu - \varepsilon$ ) are independent of  $\mathbf{P}$ . □
- For complex  $\mathbf{C}$ :  $\mathbf{P} > 0$  Hermitian with  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^*\mathbf{P} \geq 2\mu\mathbf{P}$ .

## Long-time decay of $\mathbf{P}$ -norm

- Sharp decay estimate for  $\dot{x} = -\mathbf{C}x$  (non-defective case,  $\mathbf{C}$  real):

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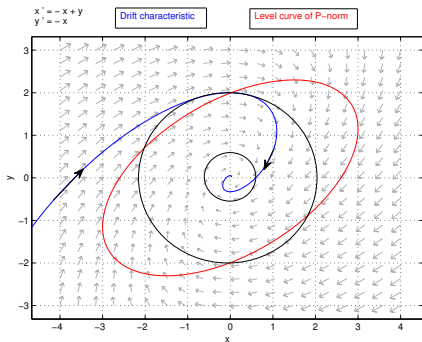
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- $\mathbf{P}$ -norm can be used for entropy/energy methods of kinetic equations (e.g. relaxation/BGK, Fokker-Planck)

## Decay of $\mathbf{P}$ -norm (continued)

ex:  $\dot{x} = -\mathbf{C}x$  with  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- At  $x_2$ -axis: trajectory  $x(t)$  tangent to level curve of  $|x|$  :



- level curve of “distorted” vector norm  $\sqrt{x^T \mathbf{P} x}$ ;  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
→ uniform decay with sharp rate  $\frac{1}{2}$



# Hypo-coercivity index

Conservative-dissipative system:

$$\dot{x} = -(\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2)x, \quad \mathbf{C}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \dots \text{anti-Hermitian}; \mathbf{C}_2 \geq 0 \text{ Hermit.} \quad (2)$$

## Definition 1 (Achleitner-AA-Carlen 2018)

The *hypo-coercivity index* of  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2$  is the smallest integer

$m_{HC} \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , such that 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{m_{HC}} \mathbf{C}_1^j \mathbf{C}_2 (\mathbf{C}_1^*)^j > 0.$$

- $\mathbf{C}$  is coercive  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{C}_2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow m_{HC} = 0$
- $\mathbf{C}$  is hypo-coercive  $\Leftrightarrow m_{HC} < \infty$
- If  $\mathbf{C}$  is hypo-coercive:  $\frac{n - \text{rank } \mathbf{C}_2}{\text{rank } \mathbf{C}_2} \leq m_{HC} \leq n - \text{rank } \mathbf{C}_2$
- $m_{HC}$  describes the structural complexity of (2).

## Hypo-coercivity index for $\dot{x} = -(\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2)x$

ex:  $\mathbf{C}_2 = \text{diag}(0, 0, 1, 1)$

(a)  $\mathbf{C}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , HC index = 1 (direct connection)

(b)  $\mathbf{C}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , HC index = 2 (indirect connection)

## Short-time decay / hypocoercivity index for $\dot{x} = -\mathbf{C}x$

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ex: 2-velocity BGK model, 1D (Goldstein-Taylor model)

for  $f(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_+(x, t) \\ f_-(x, t) \end{pmatrix}$  corresponding to  $v = \pm 1$ :

$$\partial_t f_{\pm} = \mp \partial_x f_{\pm} \pm \frac{1}{2}(f_- - f_+) =: -L f_{\pm}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad 2\pi\text{-periodic in } x$$

•  $\|e^{-Lt}\|_{\mathcal{B}(L^2)}$  decays like  $1 - t^3/3 + o(t^3)$  [Miclo-Monmarché '13];

via  $x$ -modal decomposition:  $\frac{d}{dt} u_k = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & ik \\ ik & 1 \end{pmatrix} u_k$ ;  $m_{HC} = 1$  for  $k \neq 0$

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### Definition 2 (Villani 2009)

Consider  $L$  on Hilbert space  $H$  with  $\mathcal{K} = \ker L$ ; let  $\tilde{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}^\perp$  (densely)  
(e.g.  $H \dots$  weighted  $L^2$ ,  $\tilde{H} \dots$  weighted  $H^1$ ).

$L$  is called **hypocoercive** on  $\tilde{H}$  if  $\exists \lambda > 0, c \geq 1$ :

$$\|e^{-Lt} f_0\|_{\tilde{H}} \leq c e^{-\lambda t} \|f_0\|_{\tilde{H}} \quad \forall f_0 \in \tilde{H}$$

- typically  $c > 1$

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Condition A for hypo-coercivity:

- 1 No (nontrivial) subspace of  $\ker \mathbf{D}$  is invariant under  $\mathbf{C}^\top$ .  
(equivalent:  $L$  is hypoelliptic.)
- 2 Let  $\mathbf{C}_s \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \geq 0$ .

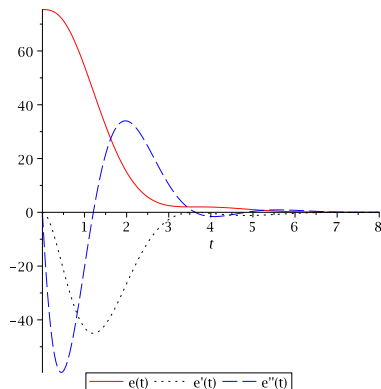
$\Rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is positive stable (i.e.  $\Re \lambda_{\mathbf{C}} > 0$ ).

$\exists$  confinement potential; drift towards  $x = 0$ .

- hypoelliptic + confinement = hypo-coercive (for FP eq.)

## typical decay of degenerate Fokker-Planck equation

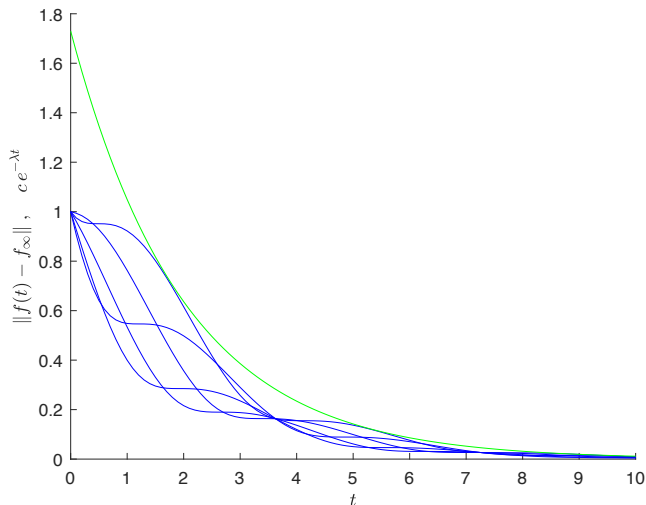
decay of  $e(t) := \|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{L^2(f_\infty^{-1})}^2$  :



degenerate FP eq. with  $\mathbf{D} \geq 0$ :  $e(t)$  is not convex;  
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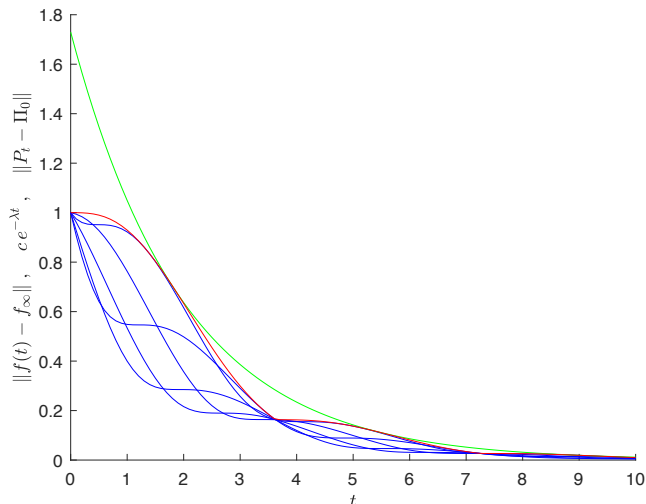
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**Goal 1:** best exponential decay  $\|f(t) - f_\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq c e^{-\lambda t} \|f(0) - f_\infty\|_{\mathcal{H}}$



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**Goal 2:** find exact PDE-propagator norm  $\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} \Rightarrow$  **Goal 1**



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normalized Fokker-Planck:  $\mathbf{C}_a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{a} \\ \sqrt{a} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a > 0$

$$\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = C_a(t) \exp\left(-\frac{1 - \sqrt{(1 - 4a)_+}}{2} t\right),$$

$C_a(t) = \mathcal{O}(1)$  for  $a \neq \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $C_{1/4}(t) = \mathcal{O}(t)$ ,  $t \rightarrow \infty$

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ex: For  $d = 2$ ,  $\Re \lambda_1^{\mathbf{C}} = \Re \lambda_2^{\mathbf{C}}$ :  $c_1 = \sqrt{\operatorname{cond}(\mathbf{P})}$

Rem: For  $\mathbf{C}$  defective (in eigenvalues with  $\Re \lambda = \mu$ ):  $\text{rate} = p(t)e^{-\mu t}$



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GOAL: Make this connection concrete, not just for one example.

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Corollary 4 (of main Theorem:  $\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = \|e^{-\mathbf{C}t}\|_2$ )

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*iff regularization (6) holds with rate  $t^{-a/2}$ .*

# Proof of main result (step 1)

main Theorem 2 (AA-Schmeiser-Signorello 2019)

Let  $L = -\operatorname{div}(\mathbf{D} \nabla \cdot + \mathbf{C} x \cdot)$  satisfy Condition A (i.e.  $L$  is hypocoercive).

Then

$$\|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = \|e^{-\mathbf{C}t}\|_2, \quad t \geq 0$$

$\Pi_0$  ... projection on  $\operatorname{span}[f_\infty]$ ,  $f_\infty = c e^{-|x|^2/2}$

•  $L$  ... nonsymmetric. Still,  $\exists$  a partially orthogonal decomposition:

$$\mathcal{H} := L^2(f_\infty^{-1}) = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}^\perp V^{(m)}; \quad V^{(m)} = \operatorname{span}[g_\alpha(x) := (-1)^{|\alpha|} \nabla^\alpha f_\infty, |\alpha| = m]$$

$$\sigma(L) = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^d \alpha_j \lambda_j, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \right\}; \quad \lambda_j \dots \text{eigenvalues of } \mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$



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$\Rightarrow$  FP = 2nd quantization of ODE in Bosonic Fock space of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

## evolution in subspaces $V^{(m)}$

- ingredient for evolution equation in  $V^{(m)}$ :  
rank-1 decomposition of order- $m$  tensors:

$$D^{(m)} = \sum_{k=1}^s \mu_k v_k^{\otimes m}, \quad \mu_k \in \mathbb{R}, v_k \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad (7)$$

### Lemma 3

Let (7) be the decomposition of  $D^{(m)}(0)$ . Then, the evolution in  $V^{(m)}$  is given by

$$D^{(m)}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^s \mu_k [v_k(t)]^{\otimes m}, \quad \dot{v}_k = -\mathbf{C}v_k.$$

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- partial Parseval's identity:

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$$\Rightarrow \|e^{-Lt} - \Pi_0\|_{\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})} = h(t), \quad t \geq 0$$

- I.e., decay behavior determined only by 1st subspace!

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