INITIAL VALUE PROBLEMS BY SPACE-TIME CONVEX OPTIMIZATION

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which is nothing but the macroscopic limit of the properly rescaled (deterministic) system of particles:

$$\frac{dX_k}{dt} = \epsilon^{-1} \sum_{j=1,N} (X_k - X_j) \exp(-\frac{|X_k - X_j|^2}{\epsilon}),$$

 $u(t,x) \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1,N} \delta(x - X_j(t)), \quad 1/N \ll \epsilon^d \ll 1.$

see for instance P.-L. Lions, S. Mas-Gallic 2001.

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We start with the strange minimization problem:

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$$\int_{Q} u^2(t, x) dx dt$$
, $Q = [0, T] \times \mathbb{T}^d$,

among all WEAK solutions $u \in L^2(Q)$ ot the QPME

$$\partial_t u = \Delta u^2/2, \quad u = u(t, x) \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t \ge 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{T}^d,$$

with a smooth given initial condition $u_0 > 0$.

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Setting $q = \partial_t \phi, \ \sigma = 1 - \Delta \phi$, we get: $J(u_0) =$
$$\sup_{\sigma, q} \int_{Q} \left(-\frac{q^2}{\sigma} + 2u_0 \ q \right), \quad \partial_t \sigma + \Delta q = 0, \quad \sigma(T, \cdot) = 1$$

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which is (at least for d = 1) the "ballistic" version of the formulation proposed by Huesmann and Trevisan for the martingale optimal transport problem:

"A Benamou-Brenier formulation of martingale optimal transport" Bernoulli 2019.

(See also Loeper, Ghoussoub-Kim and the recent work made in the Mokaplan team.)

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Indeed, let us find a solution ϕ of the "adjoint" problem

 $\partial_t \phi = (1 - \Delta \phi) u, \ \phi(T, \cdot) = 0,$ i.e., for $\alpha = 1 - \Delta \phi : \partial_t \alpha + \Delta(\alpha u) = 0, \ \alpha(T, \cdot) = 1.$

From Aronson-Bénilan, we deduce $\alpha(t, x) \ge (t/T)^{\kappa}$.

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 Γ_{ik}^{m} being just the Christoffel symbols of *g*.

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Similarly, we may encode the link between Γ and g:

$$\partial_{\mathsf{x}^j} g_{\mathsf{k} \mathsf{q}} = \mathsf{\Gamma}^m_{j\mathsf{k}} g_{m\mathsf{q}} + \mathsf{\Gamma}^m_{j\mathsf{q}} g_{m\mathsf{k}}, \quad \mathsf{\Gamma}^i_{j\mathsf{k}} = \mathsf{\Gamma}^i_{\mathsf{k} j},$$

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i.e. in compact non geometric notation:

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Proposition

The Einstein equations with cosmological constant Λ just describe special solutions, linear/log-quadratic in ξ

$$V(x,\xi) = -\Gamma(x)\cdot\xi, \
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m det} g(x)|}\exp(rac{\xi\cdot g(x)\cdot\xi}{2})$$

of the LIFTED PDE system set on $(x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{R}^4$:

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where $[M] = M - \mathbb{I}_4$ trace(M) for $M \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$, ∇_x , ∇_ξ being just plain Euclidean gradients and $\nabla_x \cdot M$, $\nabla_\xi \cdot M$ standing for $\partial_{x^j} M_k^j$, $\partial_{\xi^j} M_k^j$.

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$$\begin{array}{l} (t,x) \in \mathbb{R}^{1+d} \to (x,\xi) \in \mathbb{R}^{4+4}, \ \partial_t \to \nabla_x, \ \nabla \to \nabla_\xi, \\ v \in \mathbb{R}^d \to V \in \mathbb{R}^{4\times 4}, \ \rho \in \mathbb{R}_+ \to \rho \in \mathbb{R}_+, \ c^2 \to -\Lambda. \end{array}$$

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"LISEZ EULER, IL EST NOTRE MAITRE A TOUS!" (Laplace)



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For Einstein's equations, a very similar formula can be worked out!



Děkuji za pozornost!