

# Singular Integrals: Blow-up for Transport Equations

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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(Rf(0) - Rf(x)) \cdot \nabla f(x)}{|x|^{n+\alpha}} dx \geq C_\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{(f(0) - f(x))^2}{|x|^{n+\alpha+1}} dx$$

where

$$\begin{cases} c_\alpha > 0, & 0 \leq \alpha(n) < \alpha < 1, \\ f \text{ has an extremum at } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$Rf(x) = (R_1 f(x), \dots, R_n f(x))$$

$$R_j f(x) = c_n \text{ P.V. } \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{y_j}{|y|^{n+1}} f(x-y) dy$$

$$\widehat{R_j f}(\xi) = -i \frac{\xi_j}{|\xi|} \widehat{f}(\xi)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = R(\theta) \cdot \nabla_x \theta \\ \theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{active scalar } \theta \\ \text{non-linear transport equation} \\ \text{non-local velocity: } u = -R(\theta) \end{array}$$

For every smooth initial datum  $\theta_0 \geq 0$  ( $\neq 0$ ) with compact support, we have that

$$\|\nabla_x \theta(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty}$$

blows up at finite time.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = u(x(t), t) = -R\theta(x(t), t)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt}(\theta(x(t), t)) = \theta_t + \dot{x}(t) \cdot \nabla_x \theta = 0 \\ \sup_x \theta(x, t) = \sup_x \theta_0(x) \\ \inf_x \theta(x, t) = \inf_x \theta_0(x) \\ \theta(x, t) \geq 0 \quad \text{if } \theta_0(x) \geq 0. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} &= R(\theta) \cdot \nabla_x \theta \\ \theta(x, 0) &= \theta_0(x) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

## Proposition

*If  $\theta_0 \in H^m(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $m > \frac{n}{2} + 1$ , then  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $T > 0$  and a unique solution  $\theta \in C^{1,\varepsilon}(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, T))$ .*

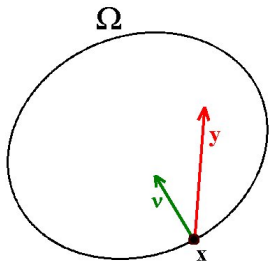
## Energy Estimate

$$\begin{cases} \Lambda^m = (-\Delta)^{m/2} \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \|\theta\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^m \theta\|_{L^2}^2 \right] \ll \left[ \|\theta\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\Lambda^m \theta\|_{L^2}^2 \right]^{3/2} \end{cases}$$

## Proposition (Kato-Ponce Inequality)

$$\|\Lambda^\beta (f \cdot g) - f \Lambda^\beta g\|_2 \ll \|\nabla f\|_\infty \cdot \|\Lambda^{\beta-1} g\|_2 + \|g\|_\infty \cdot \|\Lambda^\beta f\|_2,$$

$$\beta > n/2$$



$\Omega$  convex

$\delta\Omega$  smooth

$0 \leq \theta \in C^\alpha(\mathbb{R}^n)$

$\text{supp}(\theta) \subset \Omega$

$$-R(\theta)(x) \cdot \nu(x) = c_n \text{ p.v. } \int_{\Omega} \frac{(y-x) \cdot \nu(x)}{|x-y|^{n+1}} \theta(y) dy \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -R\theta(x(t), t) \\ u &= -R\theta \end{aligned}$$



$$\theta(x_M(t), t) = \max \theta_0$$

$$y = x - x_M(t)$$

$$f(y, t) = \theta(x_M(t), t) - \theta(x, t)$$

$$\text{supp } \nabla_y f(\cdot, t) \subset B_r$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{B_r} \frac{f(y, t)}{|y|^{n+\alpha}} &= + \int_{B_r} \frac{(Rf(0, t) - Rf(y, t)) \cdot \nabla_y f}{|y|^{n+\alpha}} dy \\ &\geq C_\alpha \int_{B_r} \frac{f^2}{|y|^{n+\alpha+1}} dy \geq \tilde{C}_\alpha \left[ \int_{B_r} \frac{f(y, t)}{|y|^{n+\alpha}} \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{B_r} \frac{f(y, t)}{|y|^{n+\alpha}} \leq \tilde{C}_\alpha \|\nabla \theta\|_{L^\infty}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{[Hf(0) - Hf(x)] \cdot f'(x)}{|x|^{1+\alpha}} dx \gg \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f^2(x)}{|x|^{2+\alpha}} dx$$

$$f = f_{\text{even}} + f_{\text{odd}}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{[Hf(0) - Hf(x)]}{|x|^{\alpha/2+1/2}} \frac{f'(x)}{|x|^{\alpha/2-1/2}} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{A(\lambda)} B(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{i\lambda} \frac{f'(x)}{x^{\alpha/2-1/2}} \frac{dx}{x} = M \left( \frac{f'}{x^{\alpha/2-1/2}} \right) (\lambda) \\ B(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{i\lambda} \frac{Hf(0) - Hf(x)}{x^{\alpha/2+1/2}} \frac{dx}{x} = M \left( \frac{Hf(0) - Hf(x)}{x^{\alpha/2+1/2}} \right) (\lambda) \end{array} \right.$$

$$A(\lambda) = a(\lambda) M \left( \frac{f}{x^{1/2+\alpha/2}} \right) (\lambda)$$

$$B(\lambda) = b(\lambda) M \left( \frac{f}{x^{1/2+\alpha/2}} \right) (\lambda)$$

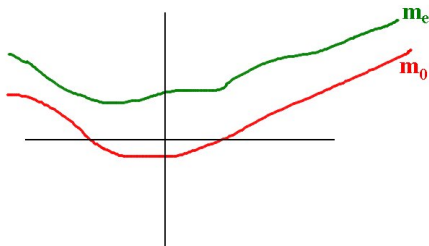
$$a(\lambda) = - \left( i\lambda - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$$

$$b(\lambda) = - \frac{-1 + \cos \left[ \left( -i\lambda + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \pi \right]}{\sin \left[ \left( -i\lambda + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \pi \right]}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int \overline{A(\lambda)} B(\lambda) d\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \overline{a(\lambda)} b(\lambda) \left| M \left( \frac{f}{x^{1/2+\alpha/2}} \right) \right|^2 d\lambda$$

$$m_e(\lambda) = \operatorname{Re}(\overline{a(\lambda)} b(\lambda)) > 0, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

$$m_0(\lambda) \geq -\varepsilon(\alpha)$$



$$\inf_{\lambda} m_e(\lambda) + \inf_{\lambda} m_0(\lambda) > 0$$

$$f \text{ of constant sign} \implies |f_{\text{even}}(x)| \geq |f_{\text{odd}}(x)|$$