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Gagliardo-Nirenberg-Sobolev inequalities by variational methods

Consider the following family of inequalities

A special family of Gagliardo-Nirenberg-Sobolev inequalities

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with

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▷ The validity of the inequality (no sharp constant) is due to [Sobolev 1938], [Gagliardo, Nirenberg 1958], but also DeGiorgi, Hardy, Ladyzenskaya, Littlewood, ... ▷ The family contains the classical Sobolev Inequality: $p = p^*$

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An abstract stability result

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Theorem (Abstract Stability for GNS

[BDNS (2020)])

Let $d \ge 1$ and $p \in (1, p^*)$. There is a $\mathscr{C} > 0$ such that

 $\delta[f] \ge \mathscr{CF}[f]$

for any $f \in \mathcal{W} := \{f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, (1+|x|)^2 dx) : \nabla f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)\}$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^{2p}(1, x) \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\mathsf{g}|^{2p}(1, x) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Relative entropy, relative Fisher information

Idea of the proof of the Abstract Stability result: > *Free energy* or *relative entropy functional*

$$\mathscr{E}[f|g] := \frac{2p}{1-p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(f^{p+1} - g^{p+1} - \frac{1+p}{2p} g^{1-p} \left(f^{2p} - g^{2p} \right) \right) \mathrm{d}x$$

▷ *Relative Fisher information*

$$\mathscr{J}[f|g] := \frac{p+1}{p-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| (p-1)\nabla f + f^p \nabla g^{1-p} \right|^2 \mathrm{d}x$$

It turns out that the GNS is nothing but a Entropy - Entropy Production inequality:

Lemma (Entropy - Entropy Production inequality [Del Pino - Dolbeault (2002)])

$$\frac{p+1}{p-1}\delta[f] = \mathscr{J}[f|g_f] - 4\mathscr{E}[f|g_f] \ge 0$$

A weak stability result and the entropy controls L^1 distance

Lemma (A weak stability result

[Dolbeault-Toscani (2016)])

$$\delta[f] \ge \delta_{\star}[f] \gtrsim \mathscr{E}[f|g]^2$$

If
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^{2p}(1,x,|x|^2) \, \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} g^{2p}(1,x,|x|^2) \, \mathrm{d}x, \quad g \in \mathfrak{M}$$

then $\mathscr{E}[f|g] = \frac{2p}{1-p} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left(f^{p+1} - g^{p+1} \right) \, \mathrm{d}x$ and $\delta_{\star}[f] \gtrsim \mathscr{E}[f|g]^2$

Lemma (Csiszár-Kullback inequality

[BDNS (2020)])

Let $d \ge 1$ and p > 1. There exists a constant $C_p > 0$ such that

$$\|f^{2p} - g^{2p}\|_{L^{1}(\mathbb{R}^{d})}^{2} \le C_{p} \mathscr{E}[f|g] \quad if \quad \|f\|_{2p} = \|g\|_{2p}$$

 \triangleright The proof uses also:

- the Carré du Champ method (nonlinear version of Bakry-Emery)
- Concentration Compactness (that is where "we lose the constant").

A constructive stability result by the "flow method"

The relative entropy

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Theorem (Constructive Stability for GNS

Let $d \ge 1$, $p \in (1, p^*)$, A > 0 and G > 0. There is an explicit constant $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{C}(d, p, A, G) > 0$ such that

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for any $f \in \mathcal{W} := \{f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, (1+|x|)^2 dx) : \nabla f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)\}$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f^{2p} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\mathbf{g}|^{2p} dx, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x f^{2p} dx = 0$$
$$\sup_{r>0} r^{\frac{d-p(d-4)}{p-1}} \int_{|x|>r} f^{2p} dx \le A \quad \text{and} \quad \mathscr{F}[f] \le G$$

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[Blanchet, MB, Dolbeault, Grillo, Vázquez, BBDGV (2009) and BDGV (2010)]

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Lemma ([BBDGV (2009), BDGV (2010)])

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A constructive stability result by the "flow method" (from the beginning)

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The deficit functional

$$\delta[f] := a \|\nabla f\|_{2}^{2} + b \|f\|_{p+1}^{p+1} - \mathcal{K}_{\text{GN}} \|f\|_{2p}^{2p\gamma} \ge 0$$

Theorem (Constructive Stability for GNS

BDNS (2020))

Let $d \ge 1$, $p \in (1, p^*)$, A > 0 and G > 0. There is an explicit constant $\mathscr{C} > 0$ such that

$$\delta[f] \ge \mathscr{CF}[f] \qquad \text{with} \qquad \mathscr{C} = \frac{\mathsf{k}_{p,d}}{1 + \mathsf{A}^a + G}$$

for any $f \in \mathcal{W} := \{f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d, (1+|x|)^2 dx) : \nabla f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, dx)\}$ such that

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[BDNS (2021)])

Constructive Stability in Sobolev's inequality (critical case)

Let
$$2p^* = 2d/(d-2) = 2^*$$
, $d \ge 3$ and

$$\mathcal{W}_{p^{\star}}(\mathbb{R}^d) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{L}^{p^{\star}+1}(\mathbb{R}^d) : \nabla f \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d), \ |x| f^{p^{\star}} \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \right\}$$

Theorem (Constructive stability for Sobolev

Let $d \ge 3$ and A > 0. Then for any nonnegative $f \in \mathcal{W}_{p^*}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1, x, |x|^2) f^{2^*} dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1, x, |x|^2) g dx \quad and \quad \sup_{r>0} r^d \int_{|x|>r} f^{2^*} dx \le A$$

we have

$$\delta[f] := \left\| \nabla f \right\|_{2}^{2} - \mathsf{S}_{d}^{2} \left\| f \right\|_{2^{*}}^{2} \ge \frac{\mathscr{C}_{\star}(A)}{4 + \mathscr{C}_{\star}(A)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \left| \nabla f + \frac{d-2}{2} f^{\frac{d}{d-2}} \nabla \mathsf{g}^{-\frac{2}{d-2}} \right|^{2} \mathsf{d}x$$

 $\mathscr{C}_{\star}(A) = \mathfrak{C}_{\star}(1 + A^{1/(2d)})^{-1}$ and $\mathfrak{C}_{\star} > 0$ depends only on d

We can remove the normalization of f, use the r.h.s. to measure the distance to the Aubin-Talenti manifold of optimal functions (in relative Fisher information) and obtain for

$$A[f] := \sup_{r>0} r^d \int_{r>0} |f|^{2^*} (x + x_f) \quad \text{and} \quad Z[f] := \left(1 + \mu[f]^{-d} \lambda[f]^d A[f]\right)$$

the Bianchi-Egnell type result

$$\delta[f] \ge \frac{\mathfrak{C}_{\star} Z[f]}{4 + Z[f]} \inf_{g \in \mathfrak{M}} \mathscr{J}[f|g]$$

with x_f , $\lambda[f]$ and $\mu[f]$ as in the subcritical case

The threshold time Improved entropy – entropy production inequality Constructive stability results

Idea of the proof: Extending the subcritical result in the critical case

To improve the spectral gap for $m = m_1$, we need to adjust the Barenblatt function $\mathscr{B}_{\lambda}(x) = \lambda^{-d/2} \mathscr{B}\left(x/\sqrt{\lambda}\right)$ in order to match $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 v \, dx$ where the function v solves (1) or to further rescale v according to

$$v(t,x) = \frac{1}{\Re(t)^d} w\left(t + \tau(t), \frac{x}{\Re(t)}\right),$$



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\tau}{\mathrm{d}t} = \left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{K}_{\star}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 \, \nu \, \mathrm{d}x\right)^{-\frac{d}{2}(m-m_c)} - 1 \,, \quad \tau(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{R}(t) = e^{2\,\tau(t)}$$

Lemma (Delay estimates

[BDNS (2021)])

 $t \mapsto \tau(t)$ is bounded on \mathbb{R}^+ (explicit estimates)

End of the talk

Greetings References

The End

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Gagliardo-Nirenberg-Sobolev inequalities

 $\|\nabla f\|_{2}^{\theta} \|f\|_{n+1}^{1-\theta} \geq \mathscr{C}_{\text{GNS}}(p) \|f\|_{2n}$ (GNS) $p = \frac{1}{2m-1} \in (1, p^*] \iff m = \frac{p+1}{2n} \in [m_1, 1)$ $u = f^{2p}$ so that $u^m = f^{p+1}$ and $u |\nabla u^{m-1}|^2 = (p-1)^2 |\nabla f|^2$ $M = \|f\|_{2p}^{2p}$, $\mathbb{E}[u] = \|f\|_{p+1}^{p+1}$, $|[u] = (p+1)^2 \|\nabla f\|_{2p}^{2}$ If u solves (FDE) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta u^m$ $\mathsf{E}' \ge \frac{p-1}{2p} (p+1)^2 \left(\mathscr{C}_{\mathrm{GNS}(p)} \right)^{\frac{2}{\theta}} \|f\|_{2p}^{\frac{2}{\theta}} \|f\|_{p+1}^{-\frac{2(1-\theta)}{\theta}} = C_0 \,\mathsf{E}^{1-\frac{m-m_c}{1-m}}$ $\int_{\mathbb{D}^d} u^m(t,x) \,\mathrm{d}x \ge \left(\int_{\mathbb{D}^d} u_0^m \,\mathrm{d}x + \frac{(1-m)\,C_0}{m-m_c} \,t \right)^{\frac{1-m}{m-m_c}} \quad \forall t \ge 0$ Equality case: $u(t, x) = \frac{c_1}{R(t)^d} \mathscr{B}\left(\frac{c_2 x}{R(t)}\right), \ \mathscr{B}(x) := \left(1 + |x|^2\right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}$

Nonlinear carré du champ method. Decay of the Fisher information

Appendix

The *t*-derivative of the *Rényi entropy power*
$$E^{\frac{2}{d}} \frac{1}{1-m} - 1$$
 is

$$I^{\theta} E^{2} \frac{1-\theta}{p+1}$$

The nonlinear carré du champ method can be used to prove (GNS) :

▷ Pressure variable

$$\mathsf{P} := \frac{m}{1-m} u^{m-1}$$

▷ *Fisher information*

$$\mathsf{I}[u] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u \, |\nabla\mathsf{P}|^2 \, \mathrm{d}x$$

If u solves (FDE), then

$$\mathbf{I}' = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \Delta(u^m) |\nabla \mathsf{P}|^2 \, \mathrm{d}x + 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u \, \nabla \mathsf{P} \cdot \nabla \Big((m-1) \, \mathsf{P} \, \Delta \mathsf{P} + |\nabla \mathsf{P}|^2 \Big) \, \mathrm{d}x$$
$$= -2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u^m \Big(\|\mathsf{D}^2 \mathsf{P}\|^2 - (1-m) \, (\Delta \mathsf{P})^2 \Big) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Rényi entropy powers and interpolation inequalities

 \triangleright Integrations by parts and completion of squares

$$-\frac{1}{2\theta}\frac{d}{dt}\log\left(I^{\theta} E^{2\frac{1-\theta}{p+1}}\right)$$
$$=\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} u^{m} \left\| D^{2} P - \frac{1}{d} \Delta P \operatorname{Id} \right\|^{2} dx + (m-m_{1}) \int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}} u^{m} \left| \Delta P + \frac{1}{\mathsf{E}} \right|^{2} dx$$

▷ Analysis of the asymptotic regime

$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} \frac{\left| [u(t,\cdot)]^{\theta} \mathsf{E}[u(t,\cdot)]^{2\frac{1-\theta}{p+1}}}{M^{\frac{2\theta}{p}}} = \frac{\left| [\mathscr{B}]^{\theta} \mathsf{E}[\mathscr{B}]^{2\frac{1-\theta}{p+1}}}{\left\| \mathscr{B} \right\|_{1}^{\frac{2\theta}{p}}} = (p+1)^{2\theta} \left(\mathscr{C}_{\mathrm{GNS}}(p) \right)^{2\theta}$$

We recover the (GNS) Gagliardo-Nirenberg-Sobolev inequalities

$$\mathsf{I}[u]^{\theta} \mathsf{E}[u]^{2\frac{1-\theta}{p+1}} \ge (p+1)^{2\theta} \left(\mathscr{C}_{\mathrm{GNS}}(p) \right)^{2\theta} M^{\frac{2\theta}{p}}$$

The constant in Moser's Harnack inequality 1/3

Let Ω be an open domain and let us consider a nonnegative *weak solution* to

(2)
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left(A(t, x) \nabla v \right)$$

on $\Omega_T := (0, T) \times \Omega$, where A(t, x) is a real symmetric matrix with bounded measurable coefficients satisfying the *uniform ellipticity condition*

(3)
$$0 < \lambda_0 |\xi|^2 \le \xi \cdot (A\xi) \le \lambda_1 |\xi|^2 \quad \forall (t, x, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \Omega_T \times \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where $\xi \cdot (A\xi) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{d} A_{i,j} \xi_i \xi_j$ and λ_0, λ_1 are positive constants.

The constant in Moser's Harnack inequality 2/3

Let us consider the neighborhoods

(4)
$$D_{R}^{+}(t_{0}, x_{0}) := (t_{0} + \frac{3}{4}R^{2}, t_{0} + R^{2}) \times B_{R/2}(x_{0}),$$
$$D_{R}^{-}(t_{0}, x_{0}) := \left(t_{0} - \frac{3}{4}R^{2}, t_{0} - \frac{1}{4}R^{2}\right) \times B_{R/2}(x_{0}),$$

We claim that the following Harnack inequality holds [Moser (1964,71)]:

Appendix

Theorem (Parabolic Harnack inequality

[BDNS (2020,21)])

Let T > 0, $R \in (0, \sqrt{T})$, and take $(t_0, x_0) \in (0, T) \times \Omega$ such that $(t_0 - R^2, t_0 + R^2) \times B_{2R}(x_0) \subset \Omega_T$. Under Assumption (3), if v satisfies

(5)
$$\iint_{(0,T)\times\Omega} \left(-\varphi_t v + \nabla \varphi \cdot (A\nabla v)\right) dx dt = 0$$

for any $\varphi \in C_c^{\infty}((0, T) \times \Omega)$, then

(6)
$$\sup_{D_{R}^{-}(t_{0},x_{0})} \nu \leq \overline{\mathsf{h}} \inf_{D_{R}^{+}(t_{0},x_{0})} \nu.$$

 \triangleright This result is known from [Moser (1964,71)]. However, to the best of our knowledge, a complete constructive proof and an expression of \overline{h} was still missing.

The constant in Moser's Harnack inequality 3/3

The constant in Moser's Harnack inequality has the expression

(7)
$$\overline{\mathsf{h}} := \mathsf{h}^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_0^{-1}}.$$

where

(8)
$$h := \exp\left[2^{d+4} 3^d d + c_0^3 2^{2(d+2)+3} \left(1 + \frac{2^{d+2}}{(\sqrt{2}-1)^{2(d+2)}}\right)\sigma\right]$$

where

(9)
$$c_0 = 3^{\frac{2}{d}} 2^{\frac{(d+2)(3d^2+18d+24)+13}{2d}} \left(\frac{(2+d)^{1+\frac{4}{d^2}}}{d^{1+\frac{2}{d^2}}}\right)^{(d+1)(d+2)} \mathcal{K}^{\frac{2d+4}{d}},$$

(10)
$$\sigma = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^j \left((2+j)\left(1+j\right)\right)^{2d+4}.$$

The constant \mathcal{K} is the constant in Sobolev embedding (explicit).

[BDNS (2020.21)]

Explicit Hölder continuity exponent

▷ It is well known that Harnack inequalities imply Hölder continuity of solutions. ▷ We obtain a quantitative expression of the Hölder continuity exponent, which only depends on the Harnack constant, *i.e.* on d, λ_0 and λ_1 . ▷ Let $\Omega_1 \subset \Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be bounded domains and let $\Omega_2 := (T_0, T_2) \times \Omega_2 \subset (T_1, T_2) \times \Omega_2 = (T_1, T_2) \times \Omega_2$

 \triangleright Let $\Omega_1 \subset \Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be bounded domains and let $Q_1 := (T_2, T_3) \times \Omega_1 \subset (T_1, T_4) \times \Omega_2 =:$ Q_2 , where $0 \le T_1 < T_2 < T_3 < T < 4$. Define the *parabolic distance*:

(11)
$$\operatorname{dist}(Q_1, Q_2) := \inf_{\substack{(t, x) \in Q_1 \\ (s, y) \in [T_1, T_4] \times \partial \Omega_2 \cup \{T_1, T_4\} \times \Omega_2}} |x - y| + |t - s|^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Appendix

Theorem (Hölder Continuity with explicit exponents

Let v be a nonnegative solution of (2) on Q_2 which satisfies (5) and assume that A(t, x) satisfies (3). Then we have

(12)
$$\sup_{(t,x),(s,y)\in Q_1} \frac{|v(t,x)-v(s,y)|}{(|x-y|+|t-s|^{1/2})^{\nu}} \le 2\left(\frac{128}{\operatorname{dist}(Q_1,Q_2)}\right)^{\nu} \|v\|_{\mathrm{L}^{\infty}(Q_2)}.$$

where

(13)
$$v := \log_4\left(\frac{h}{\overline{h}-1}\right),$$

and \overline{h} is as in (7).