

# Nonlinear elliptic and parabolic equations with fractional diffusion

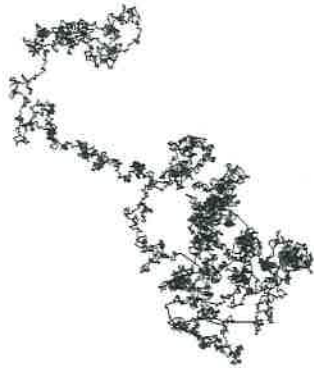
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- The fractional Laplacian
- Semilinear equations

# Levy processes and fractional Laplacians

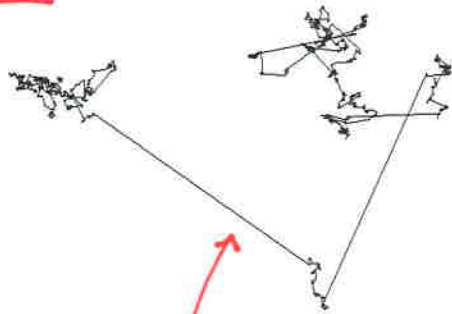
$-\Delta$ : Brownian motion



**Levy processes & Fractional Laplacians,**  
type of “anomalous diffusions” in:

- Dislocation of crystals  
(boundary reactions: the Peierls-Nabarro Problem)
- Micro-magnetism (thin films)
- Mathematical finance (American options,...)
- Quasigeostrophic equations
- The Signorini problem (“thin obstacle problem”)
- Fluids, biology (front propagation, travelling waves)

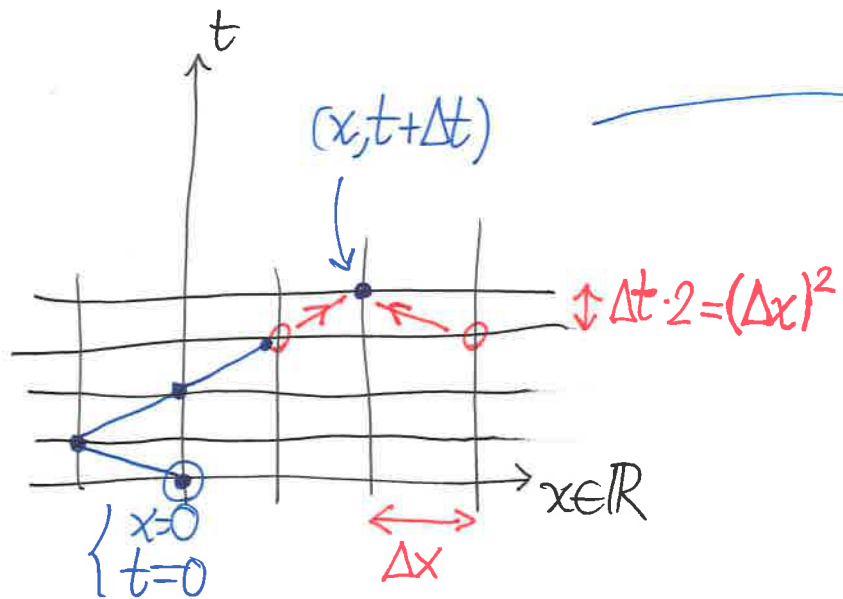
$(-\Delta)^s, 0 < s < 1$ : Levy processes



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$(-\Delta) + (-\Delta)^{1/2}, \text{e.g.}$

# The heat equation & the Central Limit Theorem



Probability :

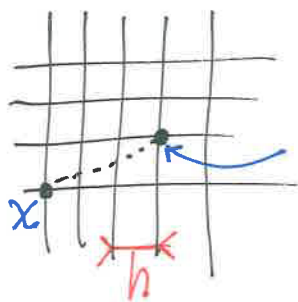
$$u(x, t + \Delta t) = \frac{1}{2} (u(x - \Delta x, t) + u(x + \Delta x, t))$$

$$\frac{u(x, t + \Delta t) - u(x, t)}{\Delta t} = \frac{u(x - \Delta x, t) + u(x + \Delta x, t) - 2u(x, t)}{|\Delta x|^2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t u = \partial_x^2 u \\ u(t=0) = \delta_0 \end{array} \right.$$



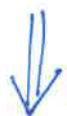
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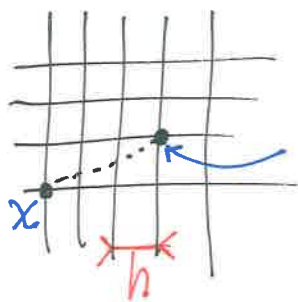


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$\xrightarrow{h \downarrow 0}$   
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$$= - \frac{C_{n,s}}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{2u(x, t) - u(x+y, t) - u(x-y, t)}{|y|^{n+2s}} dy$$

The fractional Laplacian,  $0 < s < 1$

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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u \cdot (-\Delta)^s u = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |(-\Delta)^{s/2} u|^2 \approx \|u\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 := \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|u(x) - u(\bar{x})|^2}{|x - \bar{x}|^{n+2s}} d\bar{x} dx + \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2$$



$$\widehat{(-\Delta)^s u} = |\xi|^{2s} \widehat{u}$$

(Fourier transform)

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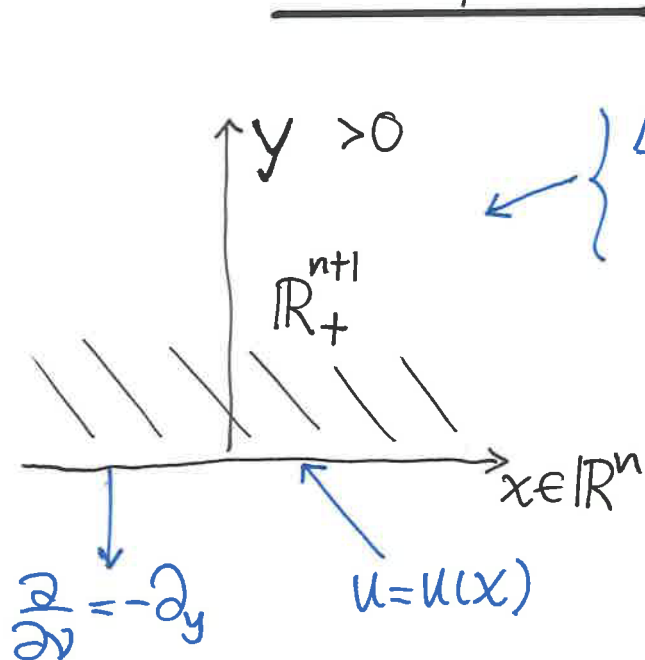
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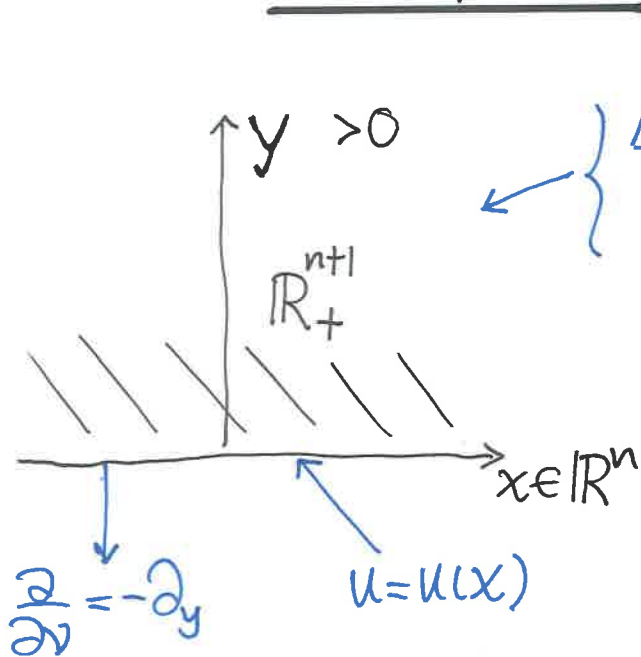
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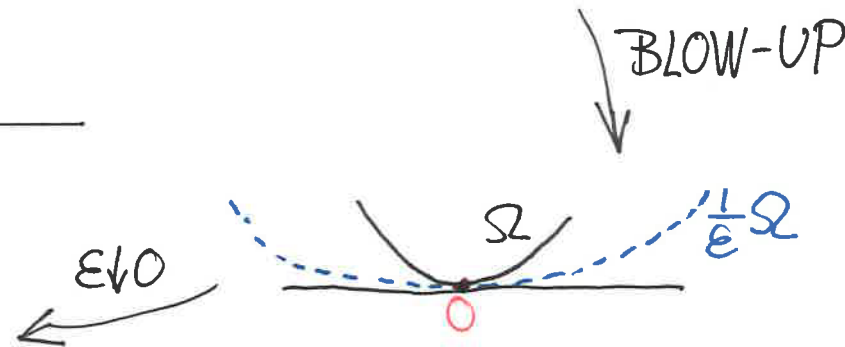
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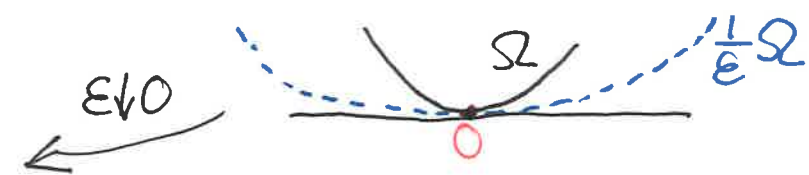


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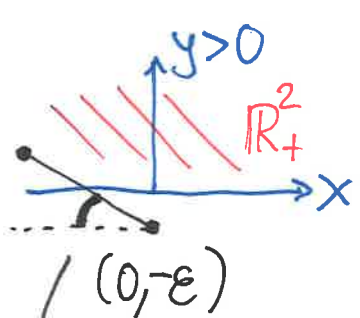
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Explicit solus  $-1/1 =$   
 $=$  primitive of heat kernel  $\approx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|x|} dx$

$$u(x, y) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \frac{x}{y + \varepsilon}$$

fast transition at  $(0, 0)$



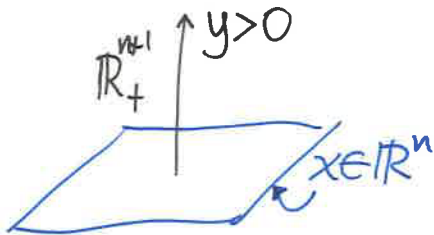
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with  $K(y) = K(-y)$ . We will use this last expression for  $L$  throughout the paper.

As an example, let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be any bounded domain, and let us consider a Lévy process  $X_t, t \geq 0$ , starting at  $x \in \Omega$ . Let  $u(x)$  be the expected first exit time, i.e., the expected time  $\mathbb{E}[\tau]$ , where  $\tau = \inf\{t > 0 : X_t \notin \Omega\}$  is the first time at which the particle exits the domain. Then,  $u(x)$  solves

$$\begin{cases} Lu = 1 & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega, \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow$$

where  $-L$  is the infinitesimal generator of  $X_t$ .

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The energy functional associated to the problem (1.1) is

$$\mathcal{E}(u) = \frac{1}{4} \int \int_{\mathbb{R}^{2n} \setminus (\Omega^c \times \Omega^c)} (u(x) - u(z))^2 K(z-x) dx dz - \int_{\Omega} fu. \quad (3.1)$$

The minimizer of  $\mathcal{E}$  among all functions with  $u = g$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega$  will be the unique weak solution of (1.1).

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- Interior regularity :  $K \in C^\beta(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$ ,  $f \in C^\beta$ ,  $g \in L^\infty \Rightarrow u \in C^{2s+\beta}$  when:

[J. Serra, Calc. Var, to appear '15]  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{\lambda}{|y|^{n+2s}} \leq K(y) \leq \frac{\Lambda}{|y|^{n+2s}}$ ,  $0 < \lambda \leq \Lambda$ ;

[X. Ros-Oton & J. Serra, arXiv '14]  $\rightarrow$   $K(y) = \frac{a(y/|y|)}{|y|^{n+2s}}$ ,  $a \in L^1(S^{n-1})$ ,  $a \geq 0$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow$  stable Lévy processes

Interior Hölder regularity results for Fully Nonlinear Integro-Diff. operators ( $\inf_y L_y \leftarrow K = K_y$ ) : [Caffarelli-Silvestre] (several papers)



- Boundary regularity for  $\begin{cases} Lu=f & \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ u=0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega. \end{cases}$

established in [X. Ros-Oton & J. Serra, ARMA '14]:

$\frac{u}{\text{dist}(\cdot, \partial\Omega)^s}$  is Hölder continuous up to the boundary  $\partial\Omega$

It appears and it is needed in the

- Pohozaev identity for the fractional Laplacian of [X. Ros-Oton & J. Serra, JMPA '14]

→ Nonexistence of positive solutions in star-shaped domains for

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^s u = u^p & \text{in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ u = 0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \Omega \end{cases}$$

if  $p > \frac{n+2s}{n-2s}$ .

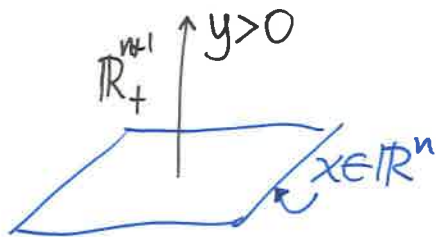
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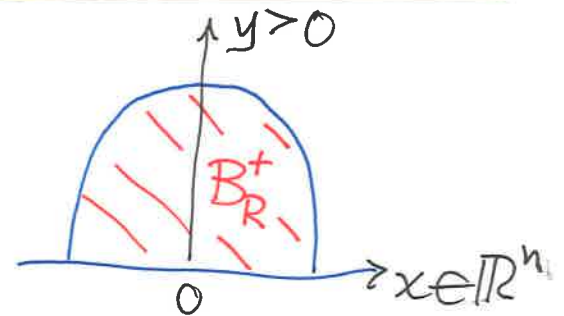
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Semilinear pb:

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Energy:



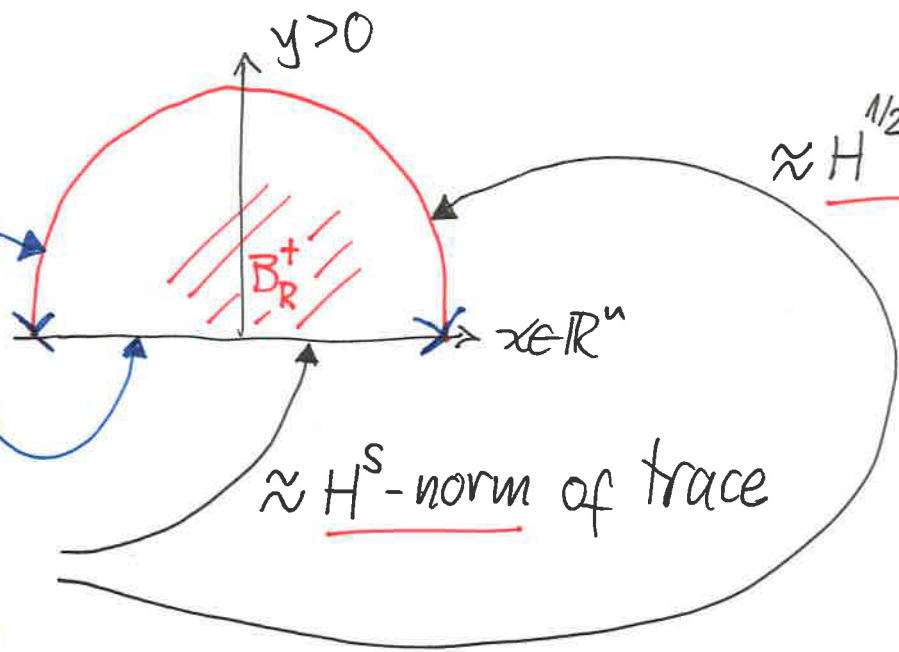
$$E_{B_R^+}(v) = \iint_{B_R^+} dx dy \frac{y^{1-2s}}{2} |\nabla v|^2 + \int_{\{|x| < R\}} dx G(v(x, 0)).$$

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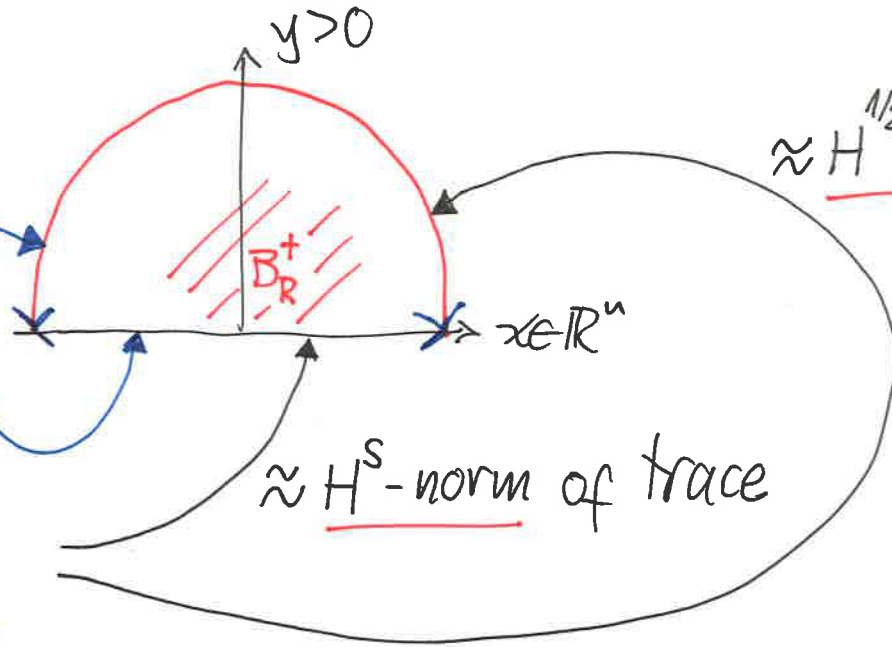


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• Thm [C.-Cinti 2010]

Sharp energy estimates for minimizers of  $(-\Delta)^s u = f(u)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  :

$$E_{B_R^+}(v) \approx C \begin{cases} R^{n-2s} & \text{if } 0 < s < 1/2, \\ R^{n-1} \log R & \text{if } s = 1/2, \\ R^{n-1} & \text{if } 1/2 < s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

• Thm  $\forall f$ , global minimizers of  $(-\Delta)^s u = f(u)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are 1-D if

•  $n=2$  &  $0 < s < 1$

•  $n=3$  &  $\frac{1}{2} \leq s \leq 1$   [C. - Cinti '10]

← Examples of global minimizers:  
monotone solns  
( $u_{x_n} > 0$ ) with  
 $u(x', x_n) \xrightarrow{x_n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \pm 1$

DENSITY ESTIMATES FOR A VARIATIONAL MODEL  
DRIVEN BY THE GAGLIARDO NORM

OVIDIU SAVIN AND ENRICO VALDINOCI

→ optimal energy  
estimates using

We define also

$$\mathcal{K}(u; \Omega) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^2}{|x - y|^{n+2s}} dx dy + \int_{\Omega} \int_{\mathcal{C}\Omega} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^2}{|x - y|^{n+2s}} dx dy,$$

← (not the extension)

the  $\Omega$  contribution in the  $H^s$  norm of  $u$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|u(x) - u(y)|^2}{|x - y|^{n+2s}} dx dy,$$

i.e we omit the set where  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{C}\Omega \times \mathcal{C}\Omega$  since all  $u \in X$  are fixed outside  $\Omega$ .

The energy functional  $J_{\varepsilon}$  in  $\Omega$  is defined as

$$J_{\varepsilon}(u; \Omega) := \varepsilon^{2s} \mathcal{K}(u; \Omega) + \int_{\Omega} W(u) dx.$$

Throughout the paper we assume that  $W : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,

$$(1.1) \quad W \in C^2([-1, 1]), \quad W(\pm 1) = 0, \quad W > 0 \quad \text{in } (-1, 1)$$

$$W'(\pm 1) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad W''(\pm 1) > 0.$$

We say that  $u$  is a minimizer<sup>1</sup> for  $J_{\varepsilon}$  in  $\Omega$  if

$$J_{\varepsilon}(u; \Omega) \leq J_{\varepsilon}(v; \Omega)$$

for any  $v$  which coincides with  $u$  in  $\mathcal{C}\Omega$ .

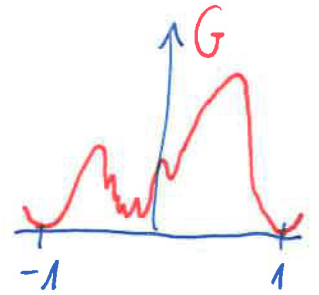
The equation  $(-\Delta)^s u = f(u)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $0 < s < 1$ .

- Thm [C. & Solà-Morales, '05,  $s = 1/2$ ] [C. Sire '10,  $0 < s < 1$ ]

$\exists$  sol'n  $u \uparrow_{-1}^1$  in  $\mathbb{R} \iff \exists$  such  $u$  for  $s=1 \iff$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G'(\pm 1) = 0 \text{ \& } \\ G(s) > G(1) = G(-1) \text{ in } (-1, 1). \end{array} \right.$$

$\oplus$  Hamiltonian equalities (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

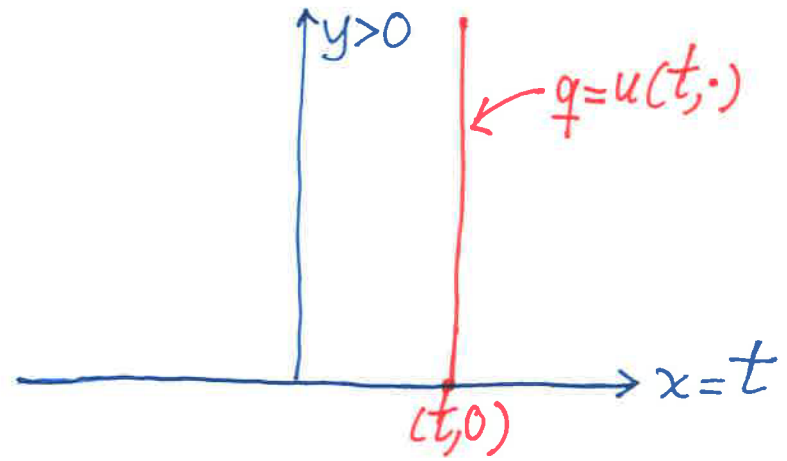


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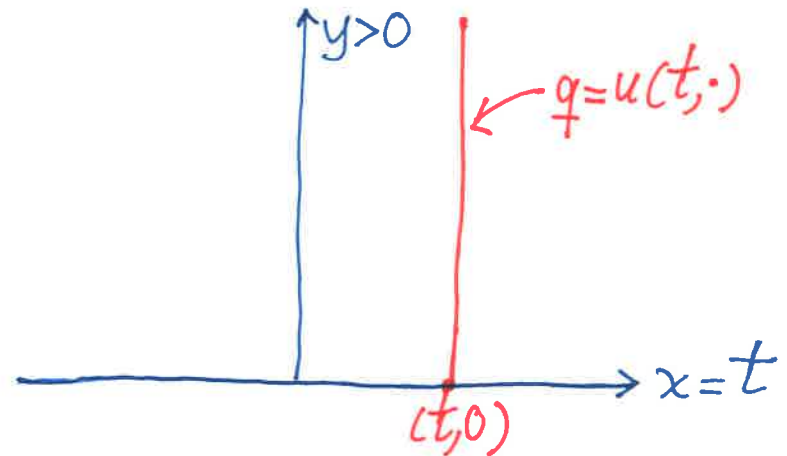
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## Hamiltonian identity & estimate

• Thm [C.-Sire '10,  $0 < s < 1$ ]

$n=1$ ,  $u$  layer ( $u \uparrow \pm 1$ ) soln of  $(-\Delta)^s u = f(u)$ ,  $\forall f$

$v$ - $s$ -extension of  $u$ . Then:

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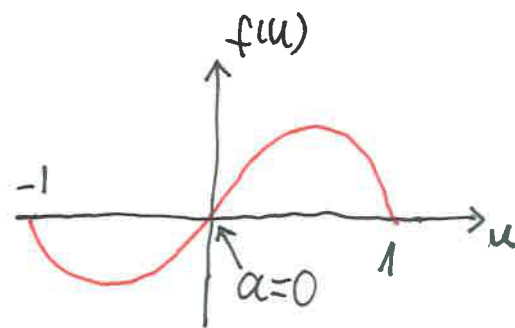
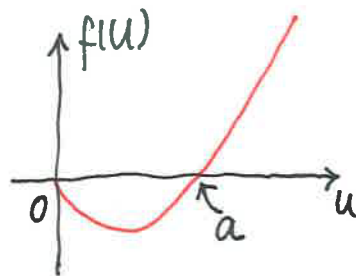
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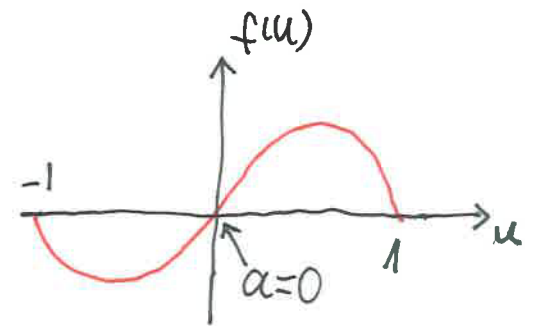
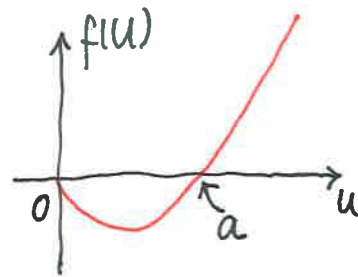


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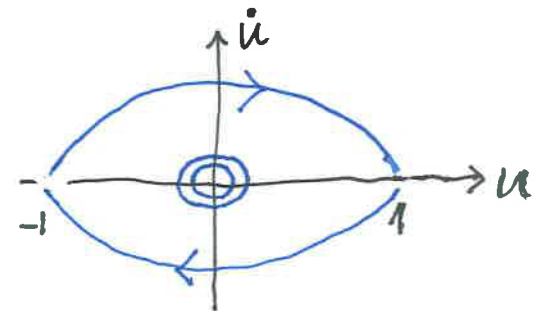
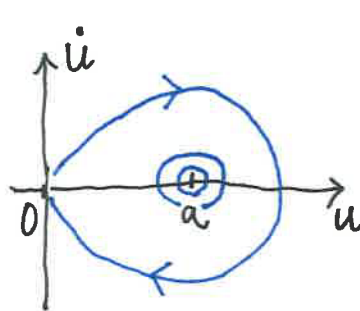
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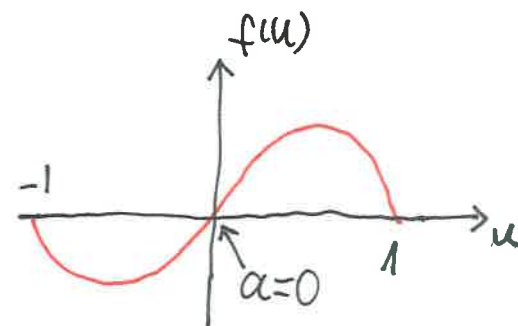
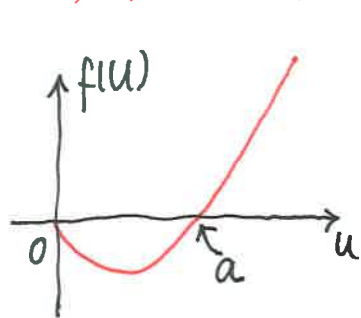
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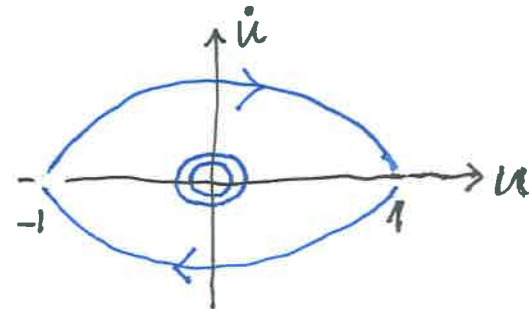
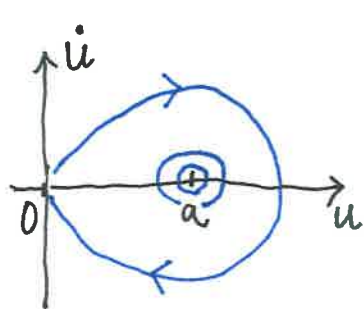
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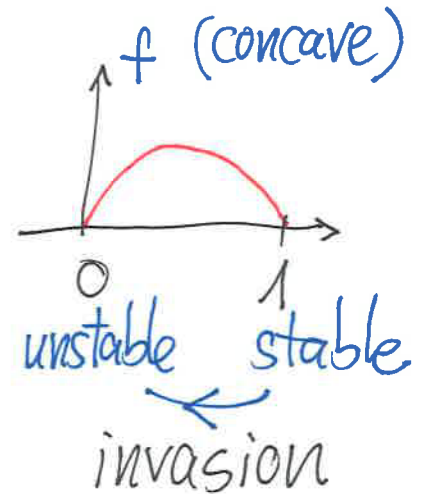
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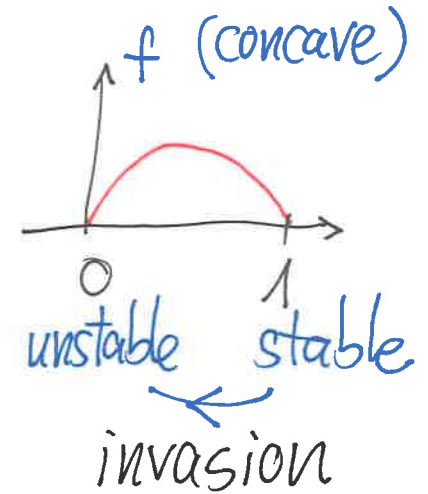
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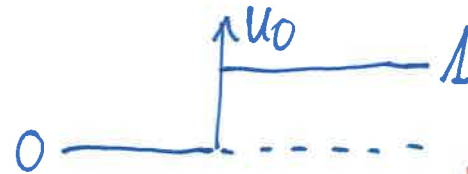
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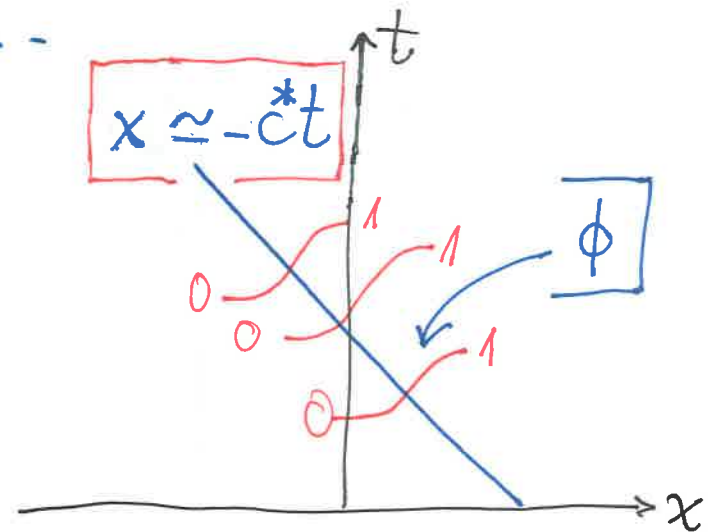
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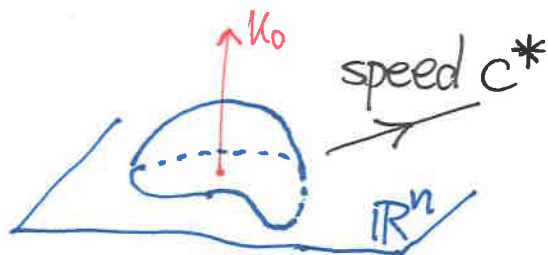


Thm (Kolmogorov-Petrovski-Piskunov '37)

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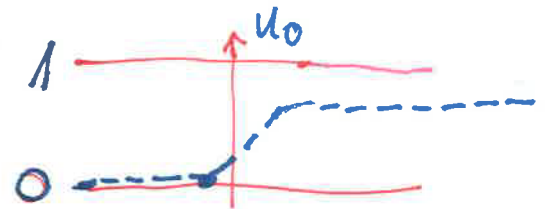
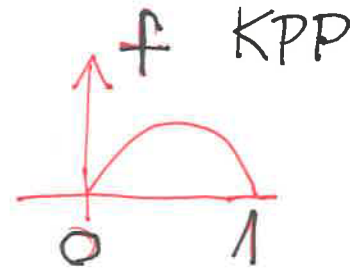
Also,



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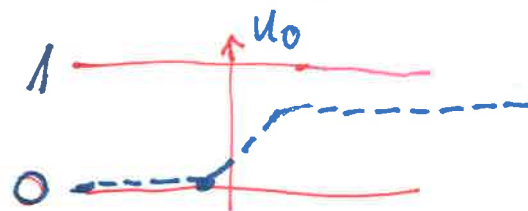
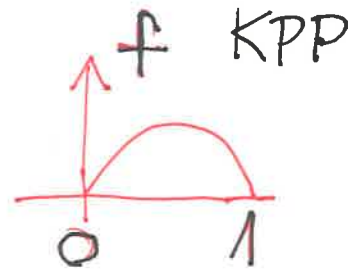
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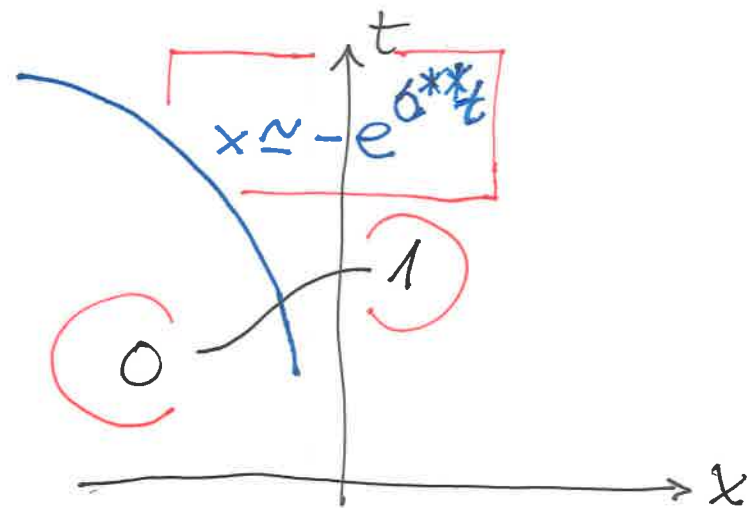
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The front travels exponentially fast:

Announced in Physics  
(no math proof) by:

& [Mancinelli - Vergni - Vulpiani '03]  
[del-Castillo-Negrete, Carreras, Lynch '03]



## Initial conditions with compact support in $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\begin{cases} u_t + (-\Delta)^\alpha u = f(u) & \text{in } (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n \\ u(0, \cdot) = u_0 & \text{in } \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \leq u_0 \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

• Thm [C.-Roguejoffre '09] Let  $\sigma^* := \frac{f'(c_0)}{n+2\alpha}$ . Then:

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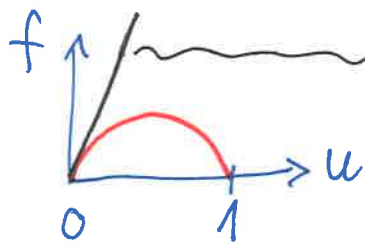
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• Note:  $n=1 \Rightarrow \sigma^* = \frac{f'(c_0)}{1+2\alpha} < \frac{f'(c_0)}{2\alpha} = \sigma^{**}$

↑ increasing initial data }  
← compactly supported initial data }



• Heuristics :



Linearization at the front:

$$v_t + (-\Delta)^\alpha v = f'(c_0) v$$

Solution =  $v(t, x) = e^{f'(c_0)t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} P_\alpha(t, y) u_0(x-y) dy$

Fractional heat kernel :  $P_\alpha(t, x) \approx \frac{1}{t^{\frac{n}{2\alpha}} (1 + |\frac{x}{t^{1/2\alpha}}|^{n+2\alpha})} \approx c \cdot \frac{t}{|x|^{n+2\alpha}}$

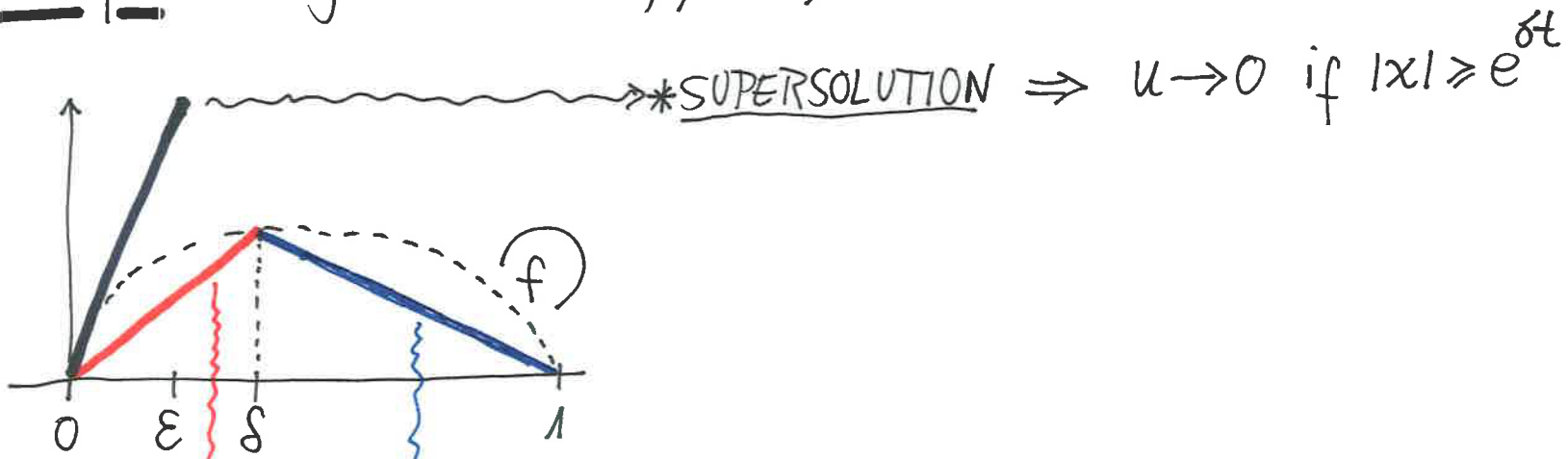
$|x|$  large

Solution remains bounded,  $\in (0, 1) \Rightarrow e^{f'(c_0)t} \cdot \frac{t}{|x|^{n+2\alpha}} \approx 1$

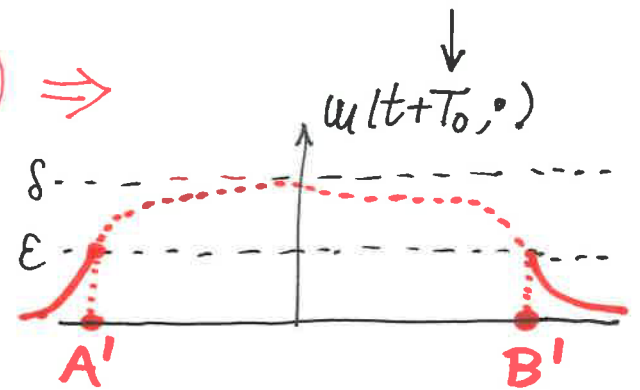
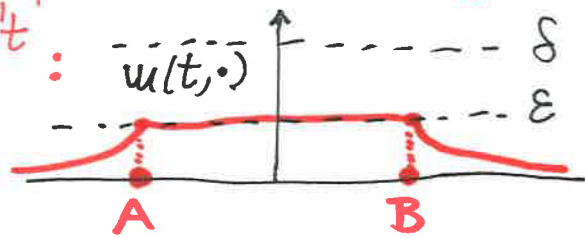
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WRONG factor:      correct

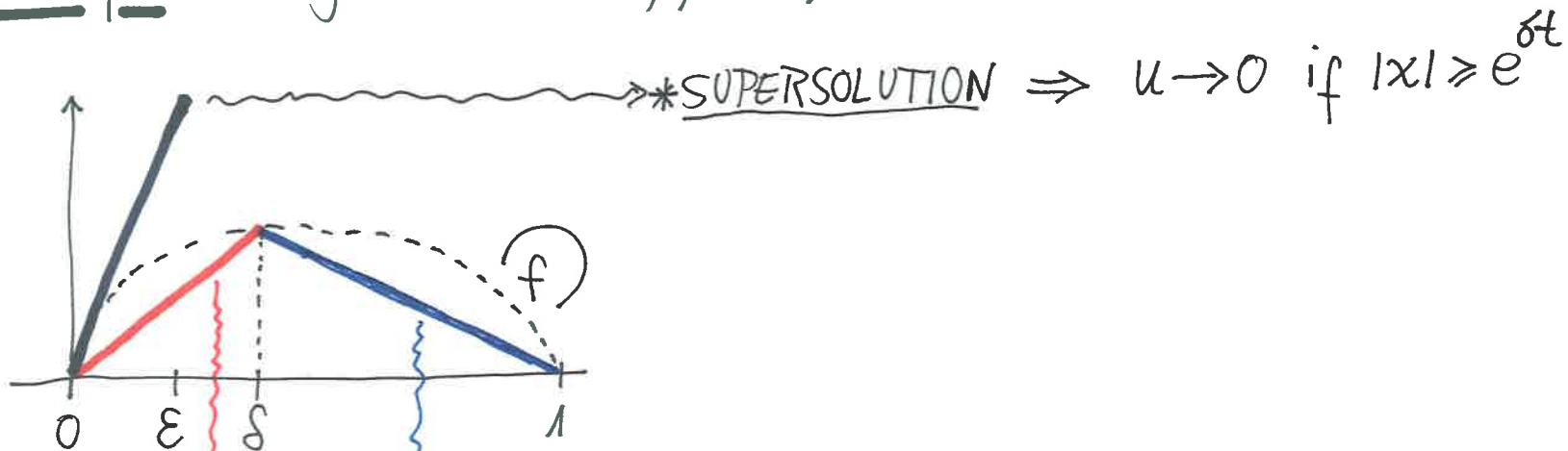
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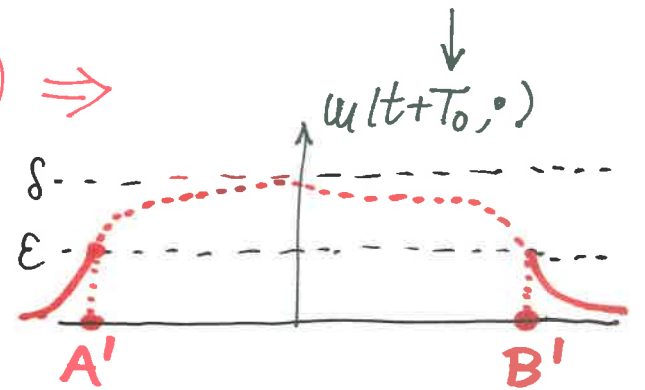
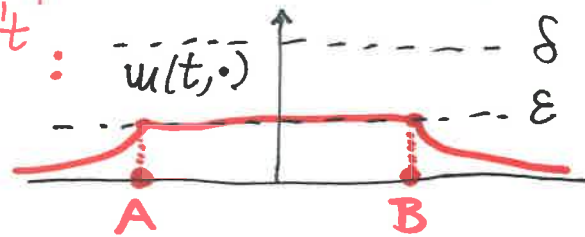


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$\downarrow t \rightarrow \infty$   
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■  $\tilde{u}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sub} \\ \text{super} \end{array} \right\}$  soln  $\Leftarrow$

$b(t) \approx e^{-|\lambda_1| t}$   
solves ODE's

The transport equation:

$$u(t,x) = \phi_1(x) v(t,x) \quad ; \quad w(t,y) = v(t, r(t)y) \quad \text{with} \quad r(t) = e^{\frac{|\lambda_1|}{n+2\alpha} t}$$

$$w_t - \frac{|\lambda_1|}{n+2\alpha} y \cdot w_y + e^{\frac{-2\alpha|\lambda_1|}{n+2\alpha} t} \left\{ (-\Delta)^{\alpha} w - \frac{\kappa}{\phi_1(r(t)y)} w \right\} \text{ neglect } \rightsquigarrow \tilde{w}$$

$$= |\lambda_1| w - \phi_1(r(t)y) w^2$$

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$$\hookrightarrow \text{Solution: } \tilde{w}(t,y) = \left\{ \phi_1(r(t)y) |\lambda_1|^{-1} (1 - e^{-|\lambda_1| t}) + e^{-|\lambda_1| t} \frac{1}{\tilde{w}_0(r(t)y)} \right\}^{-1}$$

Specialise  $\tilde{w}_0(y) = \frac{1}{1+|y|^{n+2\alpha}}$

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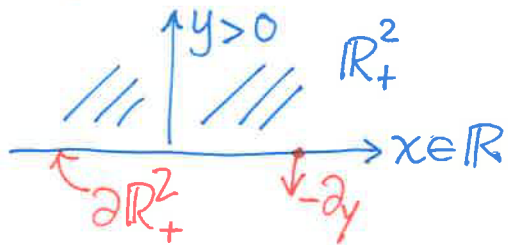
- Traveling fronts for a fractional-type problem

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[Cabré-Consul-Mandé '14 arXiv]

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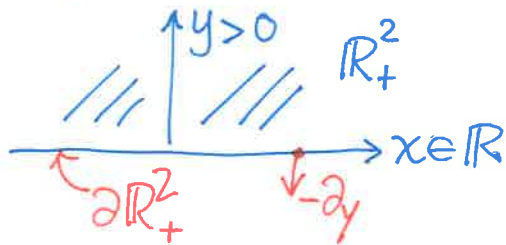
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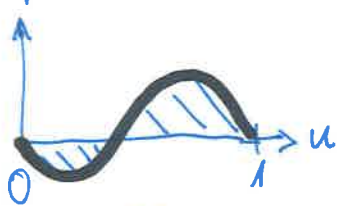
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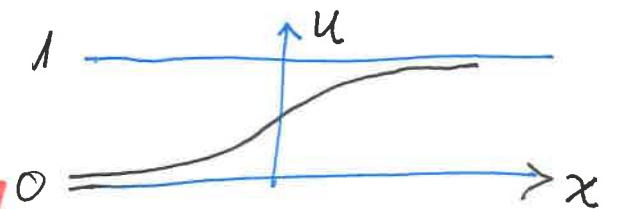


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$u(-\infty, y=0) = 0$  &  $u(+\infty, y=0) = 1$

&  $u_x > 0$

$u$  "layer" solution  
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**SOLUTION PAIR**

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• Thm [C-Consul-Maudé '14]  $f$  bistable or combustion  $\Rightarrow$

(a)  $\exists!$   $(c, u)$  solution pair

(b)  $u_x > 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$

(c)  $f_1 \geq f_2$  &  $f_1 \neq f_2 \Rightarrow c_1 > c_2$ .

(d)  $f$  bistable  $\Rightarrow$  ———

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b^{-1} \frac{e^{-c|x|}}{|x|^{3/2}} \leq u(x, 0) \leq b \frac{e^{-c|x|}}{|x|^{3/2}}, \quad x < -1 \\ b^{-1} \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} \leq 1 - u(x, 0) \leq b \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}, \quad x > 1. \end{array} \right\}$$

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• Instead:

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$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(-\partial_{xx})^\alpha v - c\partial_x v = f(v) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}} \quad (*)$$

$\uparrow$  studied in:

- [Mellet-Roquejoffre-Sire '10] for 'f combustion':  
 $(*) \exists c \exists \text{TW}$  if  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  &  $v \rightarrow 0$  as  $1/|x|^{2\alpha-1}$ ,  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .
- [C. Gui-Zhao '14] for 'f bistable':  
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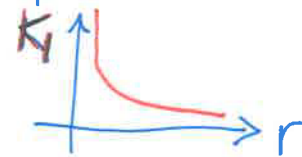
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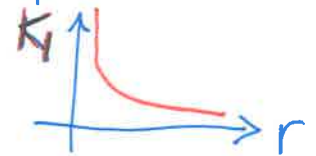
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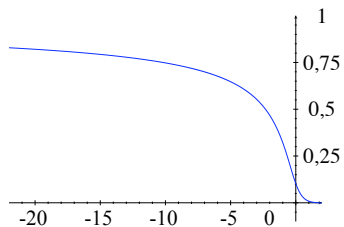
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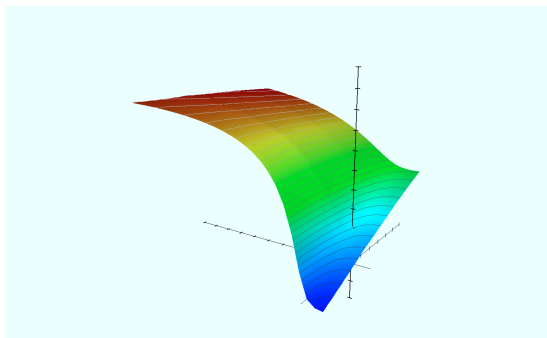
$(y=t)$

Poisson Kernel for

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(a)  $-22 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $y = 0$



(b)  $-22 \leq x \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 2$

Figure: The explicit bistable front  $u^1$

To find the Poisson Kernel for  $(c=2)$

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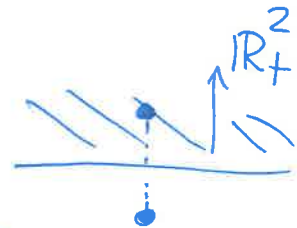
we use an idea of [caff. - Mellet - Sire]:

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$$\hookrightarrow \phi(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} K_0(r)$$

+ reflection  $\rightarrow$



$\dots K_1(r) \dots$

$$\& \text{ layer} = \int_{-\infty}^x \text{Poisson kernel}, \quad 0 \nearrow 1. \quad \blacksquare$$

- Curves and surfaces with constant nonlocal mean curvature

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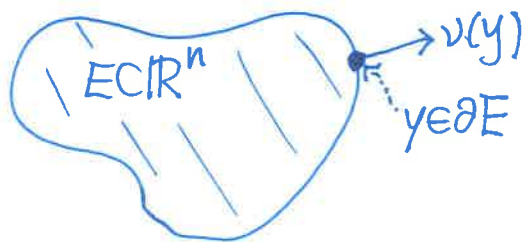
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$W^{1,1}$ -seminorm  
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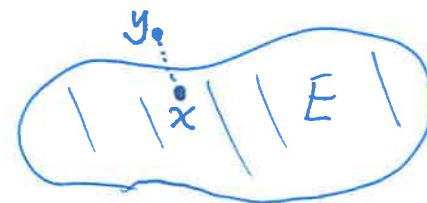
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• Fractional Perimeter:  $0 < \alpha < 1$  &  $p \geq 1 \rightarrow$  Fractional Sobolev seminorm:

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$0 < \alpha < 1 \leftarrow \alpha = 2s; s \in (0, 1/2)$   
 $E$  bdd



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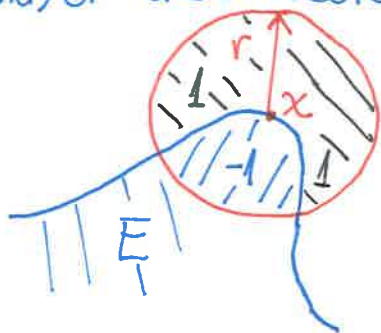
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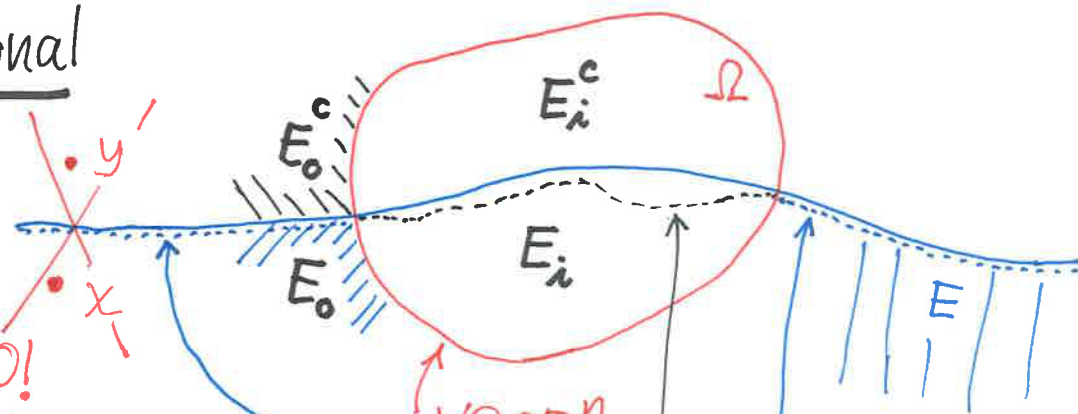
for  $x \in \partial E$  (up to multiplicative ctt)

• Fractional perimeter for  $E$  unbounded must be adapted : DIRICHLET pb :

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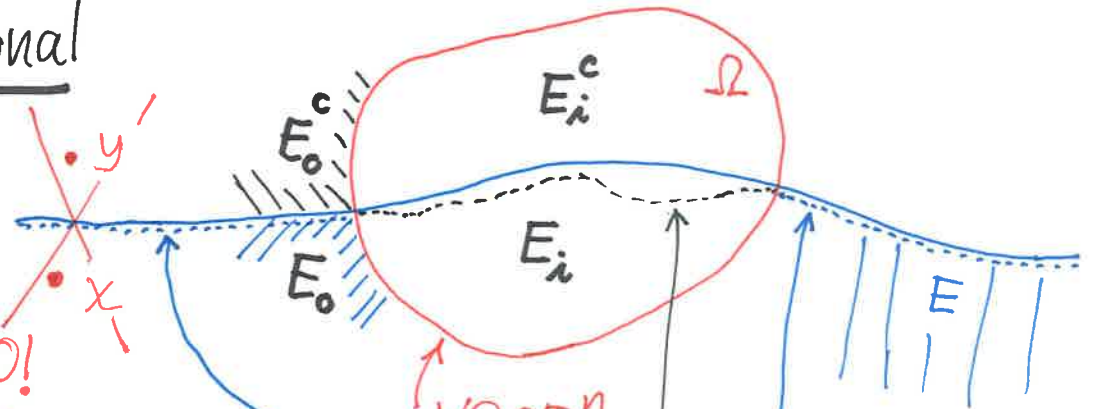
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This and NMC first introduced in

[Caffarelli-Roguesjoffre-Savin, CPAM '10]: Nonlocal minimal surfaces

$$(H_E \equiv 0) \uparrow$$

→ Euler-Lagrange eq'n is NMC :  
 Nonlocal mean curvature

} minimizers ( $\forall \Omega$ ) are

• Motivation for [Caff.-Roguesj.-Savin '10] came from:

[Caffarelli-Souganidis 2008]:

↳ "cellular automata"  $\xrightarrow{\delta t \downarrow 0}$  Motion by  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{classical} \\ \text{nonlocal} \end{array} \right\rangle$  mean curvature



$\frac{1}{E_c} - \frac{1}{E}$  as initial condition (linear)  
for the (classical or fractional) heat equation  
( $\equiv$  convolution with Gaussian or power decay distribution)

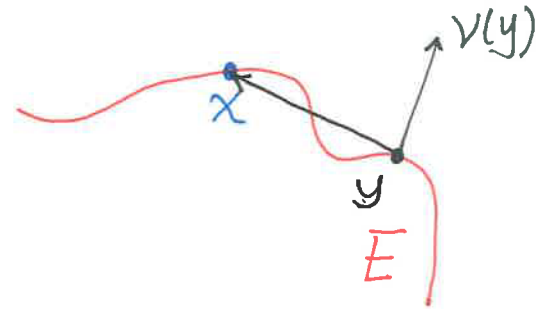
↳ Small time step  $\delta t \rightarrow$  New  $E = E_{\delta t} = \{u(\cdot, \delta t) < 0\}$   
& repeat process

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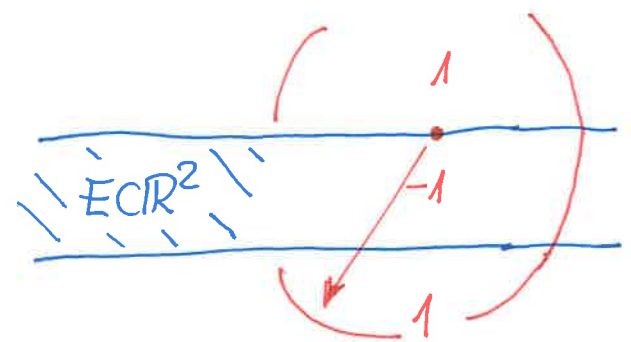
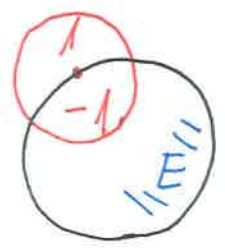
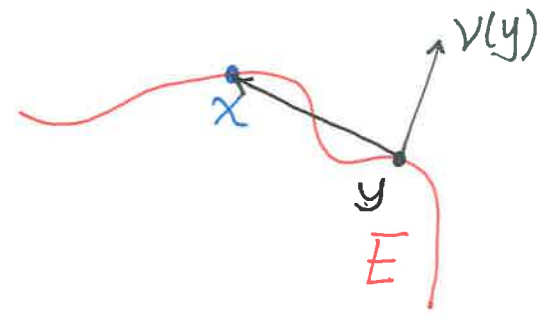


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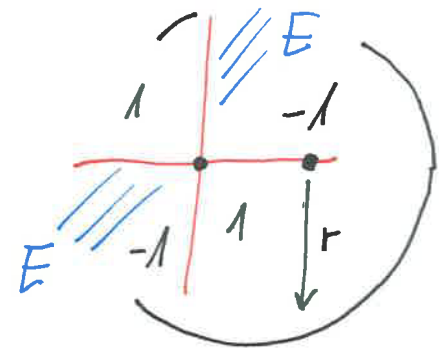
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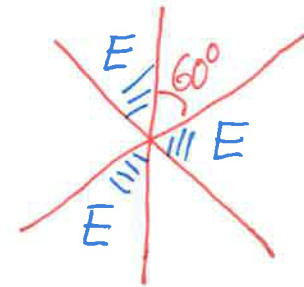
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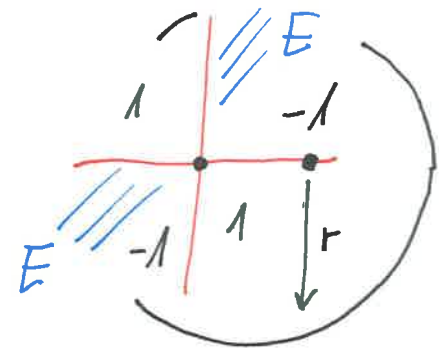
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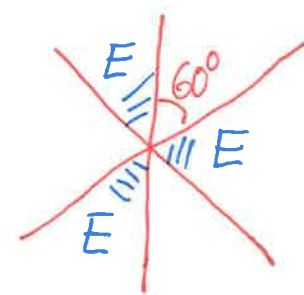
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• [Davila-del Pino-Wei '14]

Cones in higher dimensions

Nonlocal helicoid



are they stable?

$n \leq 7$ ? Role of  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ ?

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• Thm [Aleksandrov 1958]

$E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  bdd connected,  $\partial E \in C^2$ ,  $\partial E$  CMC hypersurface

$\Rightarrow E$  is a ball

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for given volume

• Thm [Aleksandrov 1958]

$E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  bdd connected,  $\partial E \in C^2$ ,  $\partial E$  CMC hypersurface

$\Rightarrow E$  is a ball

• Thm [Delaunay 1841, JMPA]

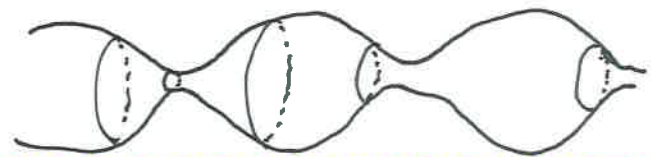
In  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (also in  $\mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 3$ ),  $\exists$  periodic CMC cylinders



called UNDULOID

(see them in many <http>)

(Do NOT exist in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )



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$$E_\alpha = \{(s_1, s_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : -u_\alpha(s_1) < s_2 < u_\alpha(s_1)\}$$

have all same NMC  $\equiv h_R > 0$  (ctt),  $E_\alpha \xrightarrow{\alpha \downarrow 0} \{-R < s_2 < R\}$  = a band &

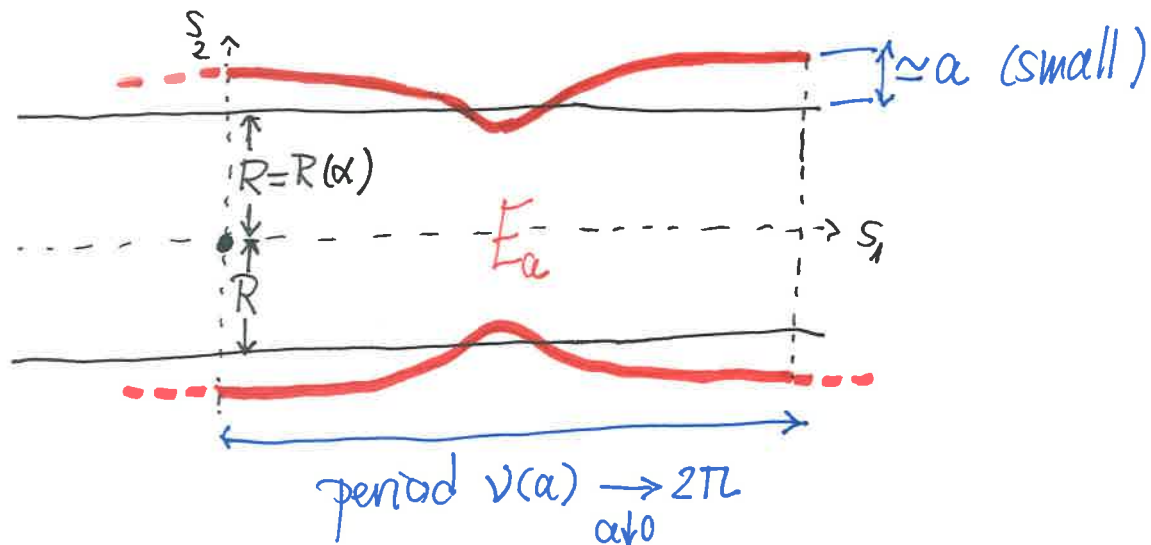
$\alpha \neq \alpha' \Rightarrow E_\alpha \neq E_{\alpha'}$  &

$\nu(\alpha) \xrightarrow{\alpha \downarrow 0} 2\pi$



• Hence:

From a straight band in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , a family of periodic bands  $\{-u_a(s_1) < s_2 < u_a(s_1)\}$  bifurcate. They all have the same NMC (but their periods are different)

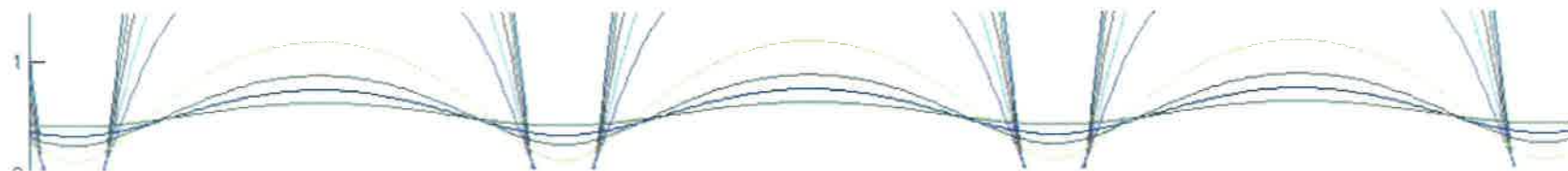


• Our next paper:

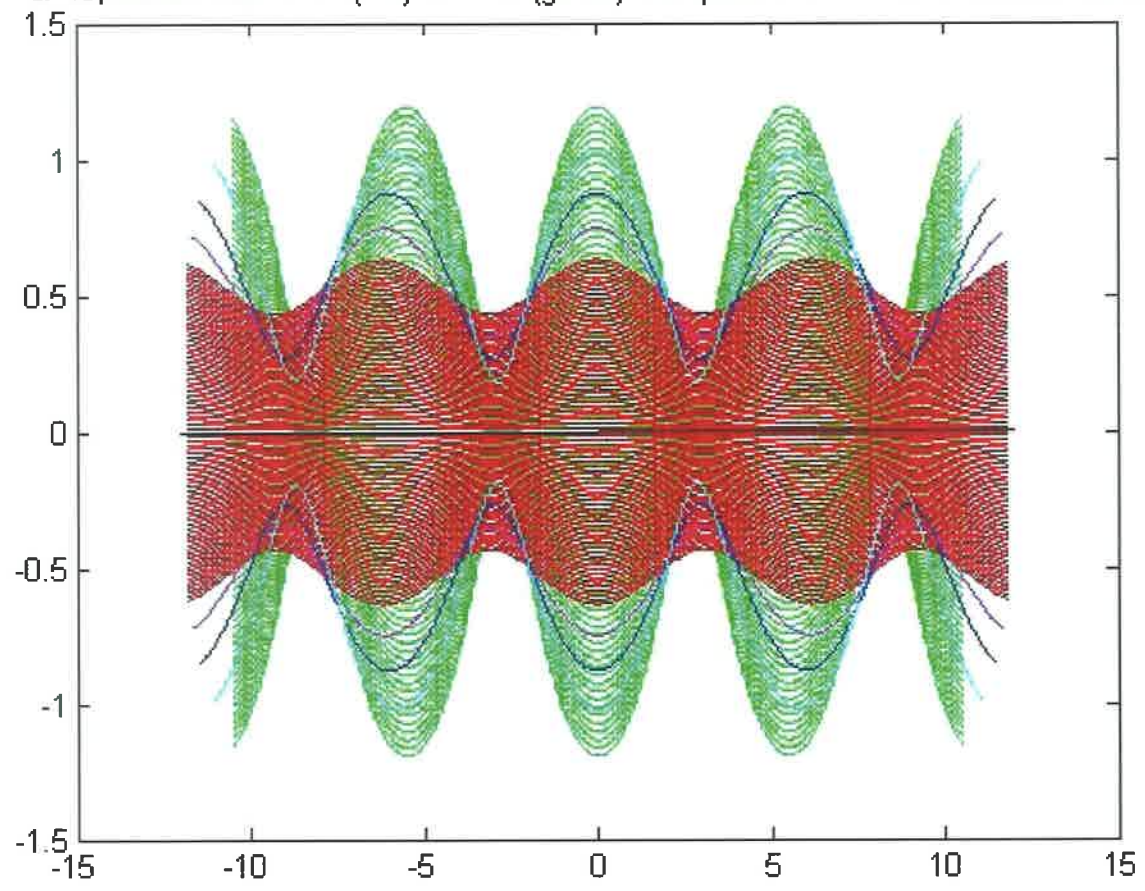
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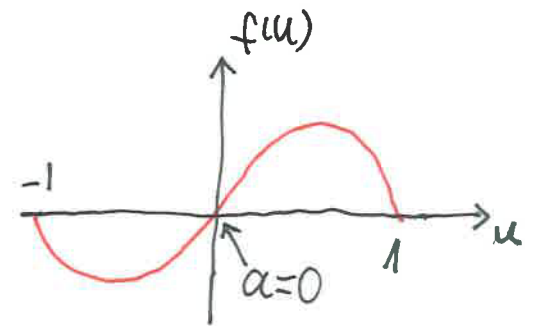
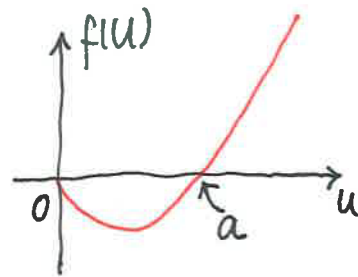
$\alpha=5$ ; bands from  $a=1$  (red) to  $a=5$  (green) with profiles of the intermediate values



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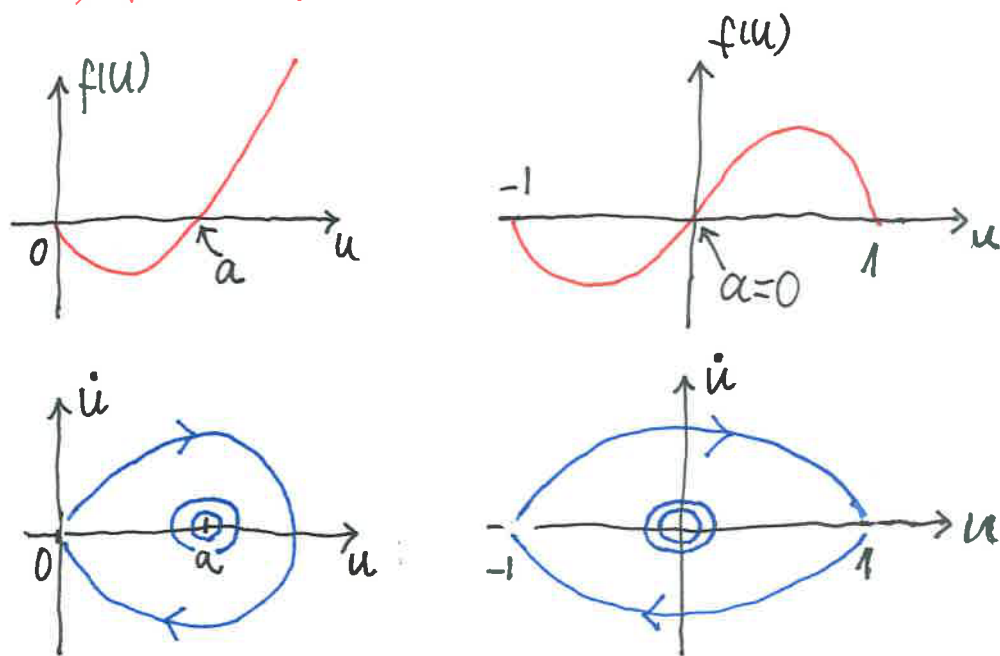


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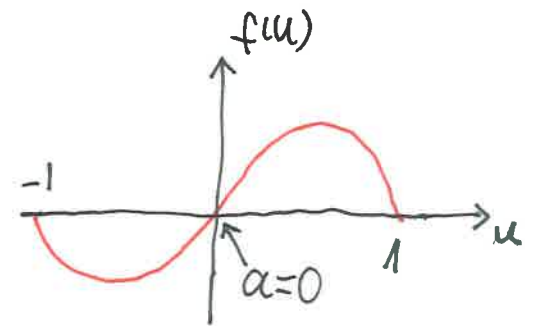
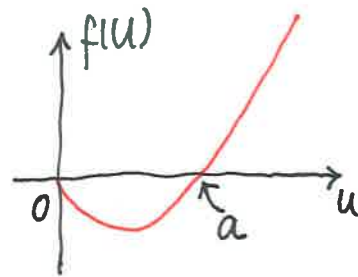
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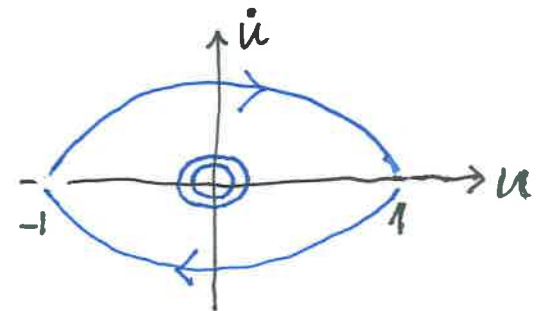
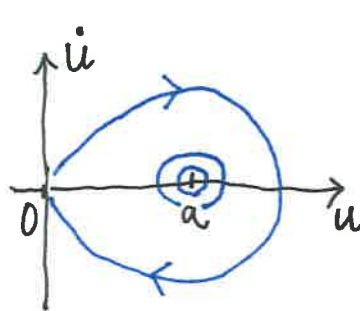
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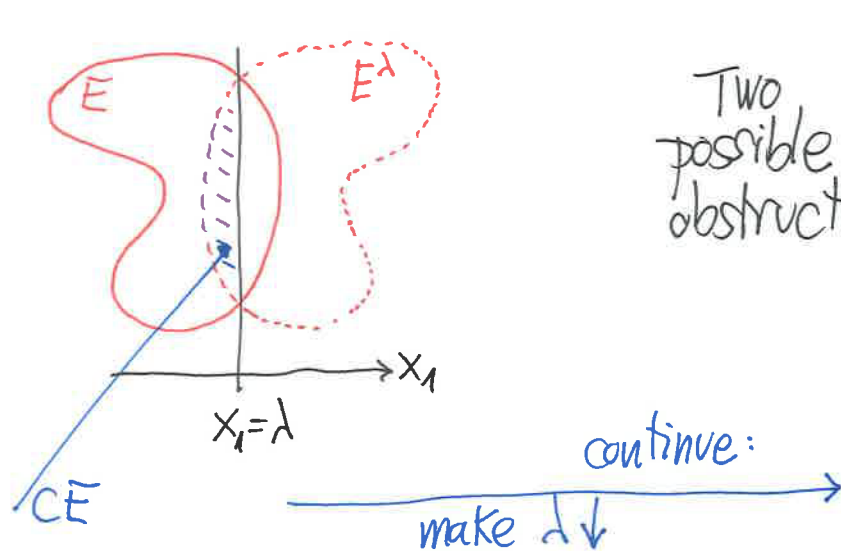


That  $(-\Delta)^\alpha u = f(u)$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  has ( $\forall f$ )  
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[Cabré & Sire '14] ( $\forall \alpha \in (0,1)$ )

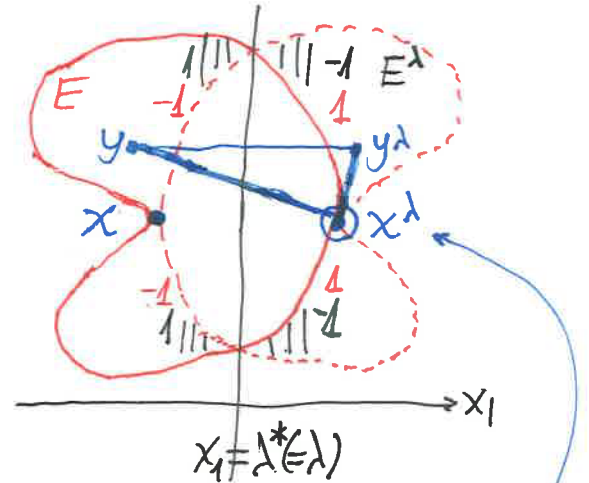
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! GROUND STATES

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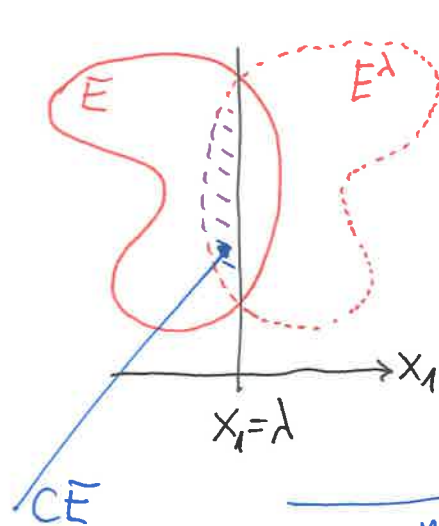
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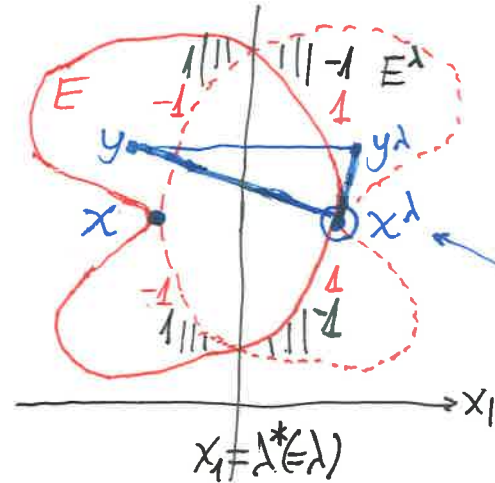


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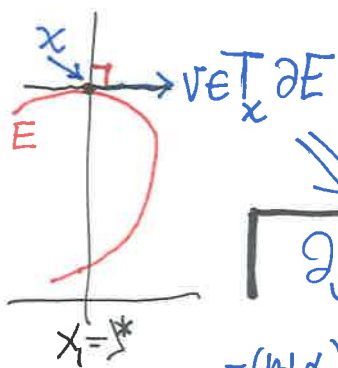


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continue:  $\rightarrow$   
make  $\lambda \downarrow$

[2nd]



Lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_v H_E(x) &= \\ &= (n+\alpha) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (\mathbb{1}_E - \mathbb{1}_{E^c})(y) |x-y|^{-n-\alpha-2} (x-y) \cdot v dy \end{aligned}$$

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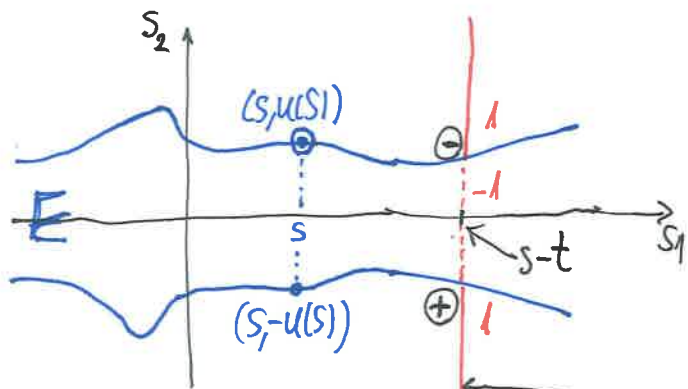
• Proof of Thm 2 :  $\exists$  of CNMC periodic bands

We use a Lyapunov-Schmidt reduction  $\oplus$   
 Implicit Function Theorem applied to a  
quasilinear-type fractional elliptic equation.

• STEP 1 : The setting, equation, and functional spaces:

$$u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \quad 0 < m_1 \leq u \leq m_2$$

$$E = \{ -u(s_1) < s_2 < u(s_1) \} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \Rightarrow$$



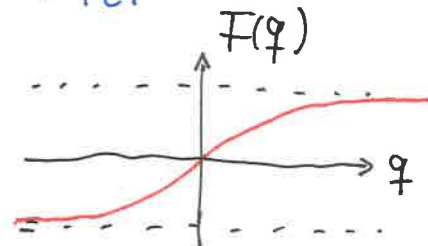
Use Fubini for the  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2}$  :  
 integrate first here  $(ds_2)$

$$\frac{1}{2} H_E(s, u(s)) =: \frac{1}{2} H(u)(s) =$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}} F\left(\frac{u(s) - u(s-t)}{|t|}\right) \frac{dt}{|t|^{1+\alpha}}$$

$$- \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left\{ F\left(\frac{u(s) + u(s-t)}{|t|}\right) - F(+\infty) \right\} \frac{dt}{|t|^{1+\alpha}}$$

where  $F(\varphi) = \int_0^\varphi \frac{dt}{(1+t^2)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{2}}}$





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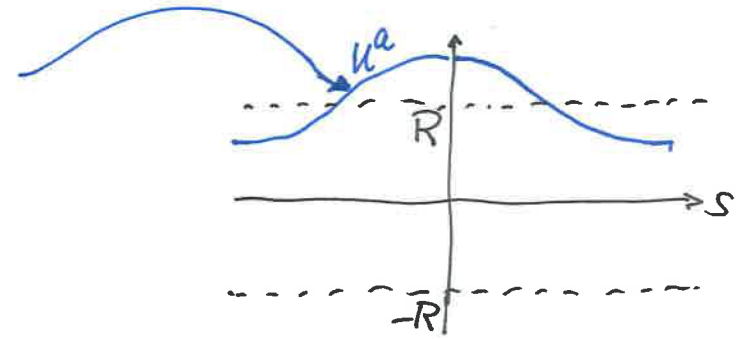
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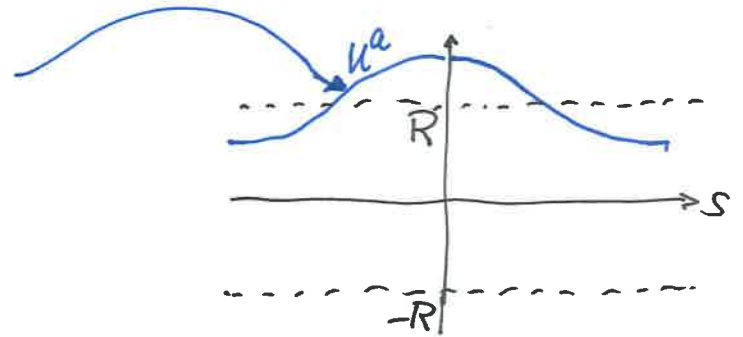
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NEW EQUATION after dividing by  $(a)$ ; as in [CRANDALL - RABINOWITZ]

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 $= \lambda R + a \varphi(s)$

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Lemma.  $\exists! R$  such that  $\Phi(a=0, \lambda=1, \varphi=\cos(\cdot)) = 0$

before scaling, bands have period  $2\pi/\lambda$

STEP 2: Linearization at  $(a=0, \lambda=1, \varphi=\cos(\cdot))$

$\rightarrow 2+\alpha = 1 + 2 \frac{1+\alpha}{2}$

This term is  $C_{\alpha}(-\Delta)^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} \varphi(s)$

lose  $1+\alpha$  derivatives

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• Lemma

$$w_k(s) = \cos(ks), \quad k=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

are eigenfunctions of  $L$  in  $\Sigma$  with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_0 < 0 = \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \dots \nearrow +\infty$$

$$\& \quad \frac{\lambda_k}{k^{1+\alpha}} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} c > 0$$

choice of  $R$  to have  $\Phi(0, \lambda, \cos(\cdot)) = 0$ .

$$\Downarrow \quad \Sigma \xleftrightarrow{L} \Upsilon$$

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↓ Lyapunov-Schmidt, I.F. Thm

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■ Step 3 :  $\Phi = \Phi(\alpha, \lambda, \varphi)$  is  $C^1$  from  $A \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{X}$  into  $\mathbb{Y}$

• Proposition

↑  
 Hölder spaces  
 $C^{1,\beta}$  &  $C^{0,\beta-\alpha}$  of even  
 &  $2\pi$ -periodic fcn's

Main part of  $\Phi$  is :

$\Phi_1(\alpha, \varphi)(s) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} F_1\left(\alpha, \frac{\varphi(s) - \varphi(s-t)}{|t|}\right) \frac{dt}{|t|^{1+\alpha}}$

← where  $F_1(\alpha, q) = \int_0^q \frac{dt}{(1+\alpha^2 t^2)^{\frac{2+\alpha}{2}}}$

$(1+\alpha)$ -deriv.  
 $1^{\text{st}}$ -deriv

$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{2\varphi(s) - \varphi(s-t) - \varphi(s+t)}{|t|^{2+\alpha}} F_3\left(\alpha, \frac{\varphi(s) - \varphi(s-t)}{|t|}, \frac{\varphi(s) + \varphi(s+t)}{|t|}\right) dt$

elliptic quasi-linear operator.

with  $F_3$  similar to  $F_1$ .