

Homogeneous Euler equation.  
Universality and gradient catastrophes.

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# Homogeneous Euler equation.

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^n u_k \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

- Simplified version of the Navier-Stokes equation ( $n=3$ ) -
- constant pressure, no viscosity, dissipation, dispersion etc.  
(Landau & Lifshitz, Hydrodynamics, ..).

Even in such most simplified form it arises in various branches of physics from hydrodynamics to cosmology.

Remarkable property - solvable by the method of characteristics or hodograph equations.

1.  $x_i = x_{i0} + u_{i0}(x_0) t, \quad i=1, \dots, n$  - Y. B. Zeldovich 1970  
Shoukri 1989  
E. Kuznetsov 2003 ...

2.  $x_i = u_i t + f_i(u), \quad i=1, \dots, n$  D. Fairlie, 1993 !

Our goal - slightly generalized HEE:

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k(u) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

Hodograph equations

$$x_i = \lambda_i(u) t + f_i(u), \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$u_i(x, t=0) = f_i^{-1}(x) \equiv u_{i0}(x)$$

Basic relations

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = (M^{-1})_{ik}, \quad \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = - \sum_{k=1}^n (M^{-1})_{ik} \lambda_k(u), \quad i, k=1, \dots, n$$

where

$$M_{ik} = t \frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial u_k} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_k}, \quad i, k=1, \dots, n.$$

$$\det M \neq 0.$$

$M$  - is the central object:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} + E = 0, \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} + V^2 = 0,$$

$$V = M^{-1}.$$

E. Kuznetsov, 2003

Implicit solutions

$$u_i(x, t) = u_{i0}(\vec{x} - \vec{u}t), \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

$$[D_u = D_{u_0}]$$

# I Universality - constraints to lower dimensions.

1. Diagonal matrix  $M$ :  $M_{ik} = 0, i \neq k, i, k = 1, \dots, n$

1a. dimension  $n$ :  $\frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial u_k} = 0, \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_k} = 0, i, k = 1, \dots, n, i \neq k$

-  $n$  decoupled one-dim. BH equations  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \lambda_i(u_i) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0, i = 1, \dots, n$

1.b Constraint  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = x$ .

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \lambda_i(u_1, \dots, u_n) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

and

$$\frac{\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_k}}{f_i - f_k} = \frac{\frac{\partial \lambda_i}{\partial u_k}}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \quad i \neq k, i, k = 1, \dots, n.$$

$$t = - \frac{f_i - f_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \quad i \neq k.$$

Riemann invariants  $u_i$ , characteristic velocities  $\lambda_i(u)$

generalized hodograph method S. Tsarev, 1991.

Hodograph equation

$$x = \lambda_i(u) t + f_i(u), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Geometrical and Hamiltonian implications. ...

2.  $X_n = 0$ ,  $\lambda_i = u_i$ .  $(n-1)$ -dimensional

Constraints  $(M^{-1})_{ni} = (M^{-1})_{in}$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n-1$ ,  $(M^{-1})_{nn} = 0$ .

HEE is reduced to  $(n-1)$ -dimensional system

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} u_k \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_k} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial X_i} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, n-1$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} u_k \frac{\partial V}{\partial X_k} = 0. \quad V = \frac{1}{2} u_n^2.$$

For  $n=4$  - adiabatic and isenthalpic motion at constant temperature

Indeed, for adiabatic motion (see e.g. Landau-Lifshitz)

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^3 u_k \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial X_k} + \frac{1}{S} \frac{\partial P}{\partial X_i} = 0, \quad i=1, 2, 3.$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^3 u_k \frac{\partial S}{\partial X_k} = 0.$$

Variation of enthalpy  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial X_i} = T \frac{\partial S}{\partial X_i} + \frac{1}{S} \frac{\partial P}{\partial X_i} \Rightarrow$  for  $W = \text{const}$ ,  $T = \text{const} \therefore \frac{1}{S} \frac{\partial P}{\partial X_i} = - \frac{\partial(TS)}{\partial X_i}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{V = -TS.}$$

### 3. Polytropic gas in $n-1$ dimensions:

Constraints

$$x_n = 0, \quad x_i = u_i, \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

and

$$(M^{-1})_{in} = u_n^a (M^{-1})_{ni}, \quad i=1, \dots, n-1; \quad (M^{-1})_{nn} = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (M^{-1})_{kk}.$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} u_k \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{1}{a+2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_n^{a+2}), \quad i=1, \dots, n-1$$

$$\frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (u_n u_k) = 0.$$

$a = -1$  - shallow water equation,  $u_n = h$  - height.

arbitrary  $a$  - polytropic gas:

$$\text{pressure } P = \frac{1}{a+3} \rho^{a+3}, \quad \rho = u_n. \quad - \text{density.}$$

4. 2+1. dim. system ( $n=3$ ).

$$x_1 = x_2 \equiv x, \quad x_3 = y$$

$$\text{Constraints} \quad (\bar{M}^{-1})_{12} = (\bar{M}^{-1})_{21} = (\bar{M}^{-1})_{32} = 0.$$

3d HEE is reduced to

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}_x + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}_y = 0.$$

5. Constraints

$$x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 0, \quad \lambda_1 = u_1, \quad \lambda_2 = -1, \quad \lambda_3 = \dots = \lambda_n = 0.$$

and

$$(\bar{M}^{-1})_{i2} = (\bar{M}^{-1})_{i+1,1}, \quad i=1, \dots, n, \quad (\bar{M}^{-1})_{n2} = 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$   $n$ -component Jordan system ( $x = x_1$ )

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_{i+1}}{\partial x} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, n-1,$$

$$\frac{\partial u_n}{\partial t} + u_1 \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x} = 0.$$

Limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  Jordan chain  
 Martinez-Alonso 2002, Shabat.  
 Pavlov (2003), Kodama, Kompechukov (2016).

## Result:

Certain subclasses of solutions of the homogeneous Euler equation constrained to low dimensionality provide us with the solutions of several hydrodynamic type equations.

Incorporation of dissipation and dispersion.

1. Infinite-dimensional homogeneous Euler equation.
2. Constraint to the one-dimensional Jordan chain:

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_1 \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_i u_1}{\partial x} = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, \infty$$

3. Constraint  $u_2 = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} + u_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} = 0$ , Burgers equation

4. Constraint  $u_2 = \frac{\partial^2 u_1}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} + u_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^3 u_1}{\partial x^3} = 0$  KdV equation

Martinez Alonso Shabat, 2002.  
Konopelchenko, Ortenzi, 2018.



## II. Blow-up of derivatives, gradient catastrophe.

Homogeneous Euler equation ( $x_i = u_i$ )

Hodograph equations  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = (M^{-1})_{ik} = \frac{\tilde{M}_{ik}}{\det M}, \quad \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} = - \sum_{k=1}^n (M^{-1})_{ik} u_k = - \frac{1}{\det M} \sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{M}_{ik} u_k.$$

$i, k = 1 \dots n.$

Blow-ups

$$\det M = 0.$$

$$M_{ik} = t \delta_{ik} + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_k}, \quad i, k = 1, \dots, n.$$

$\Rightarrow$  blow-up hypersurface in  $n+1$  dim. space,  $(t, u_1, \dots, u_n)$

$$t^n + a_{n-1}(u) t^{n-1} + \dots + a_0(u) = 0.$$

Real roots.

$m$  real branches

$$t = \bigcup_{i \in S} t_i(u),$$

$$t_i(u) = \varphi_i(u), \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

### 3 general and novel properties.

1. Real roots of the polynomial of the order  $n$  with real coefficients

Properties: maximal number  $m$  :  $= n$ .  
minimal number  $m$  :  $= 1$ , for  $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$   
 $= 0$ , for  $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$

Hence

1. For  $n = 1, 3, 5, \dots$  - any solution of HEE exhibits blow-up.
2. For  $n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  - there are solutions blow-up free.

Particular case of potential flow:

$$u_i = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_i}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_{ik} = \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial u_i \partial u_k}, \quad i, k = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{since } f_i = \frac{\partial W}{\partial u_i}$$

$M$ - symmetric matrix with real elements

$\Rightarrow$  all roots are real  $\Rightarrow$  (root  $= -t_i$ )

Any potential solution of HEE at any dimension  
exhibits blow-up (grad. cat. at  $t_{min} > 0$ )

## 2. $t_{\min}$ for gradient catastrophe

"minimal" branch

$$t_c = \varphi(u)$$

$t_{\min}$  corresponds to  $\frac{\partial t_c}{\partial u_i} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_i} = 0$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$  + conditions for  $\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial u_i \partial u_j}$ .

For generic  $f_i(u)$  this system of  $n$  equations has solution at the point  $u_{1c}, u_{2c}, \dots, u_{nc}$   $\Rightarrow$

$$t_{\min} = \varphi(u_c)$$

So, gradient catastrophe occurs at the point  $(u_{1c}, \dots, u_{nc})$  at the time  $t_{\min} = \varphi(u_c)$  and then expand on the whole blow up hypersurface for KP equation Manakov, Santinì (2008).

## 3. Non blow-up subspaces

$$\frac{\partial k_i}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\tilde{M}_{ik}}{\det M}, \quad i=1..n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{blow-up } \det M(t_0) = 0 &\Rightarrow \\ \det M(t=t_0+\varepsilon) &= \varepsilon^n + A_{n-1} \varepsilon^{n-1} + \dots + A_1 \varepsilon \\ \tilde{M}_{ik}(t=t_0+\varepsilon) &= \tilde{M}_{ik}(t_0) + \varepsilon \tilde{M}_{ik}(t_0) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\tilde{M}_{ik}(t_0)}{A_1} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + O(1), \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0, \quad i, k = 1, \dots, n.$$

So all  $\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

Principal difference of the multidimensional case from the one-dimensional case ( $M = t + \frac{\partial t}{\partial u}$ )

$M_{ik}(t_0) \neq 0, \tilde{M}_{ik}(t_0) \neq 0, i, k = 1, \dots, n$ , but  $\det M(t) = 0$ .

Let  $r = \text{rank}(M) = \text{rank}(\tilde{M}) = \tilde{r}$ .

There are  $n - \tilde{r}$  real vectors  $\vec{R}^{(\alpha)} = (R_1^{(\alpha)}, \dots, R_n^{(\alpha)}) \alpha = 1, \dots, n - \tilde{r}$  and  $\vec{L}^{(\beta)} = (L_1^{(\beta)}, \dots, L_n^{(\beta)}) \beta = 1, \dots, n - \tilde{r}$  such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{M}_{ik}(t_0) R_k^{(\alpha)} = 0, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n - \tilde{r}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n L_i^{(\beta)} \tilde{M}_{ik}(t_0) = 0, \quad \beta = 1, \dots, n - \tilde{r}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-\tilde{r}} \sum_{k=1}^n a_{\alpha k} R_k^{(\alpha)} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \sim O(1), \quad i = 1, \dots, n; \quad \sum_{\beta=1}^{n-\tilde{r}} \sum_{k=1}^n b_{\beta k} L_i^{(\beta)} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \sim O(1), \quad k = 1, \dots, n$$

$a_{\alpha}, b_{\beta}$  - arbitrary

non blow-up subspaces of dimension  $n - \tilde{r}$ .

# III

## Examples

### 1. Two-dimensional case

notation  $x_1 = x, x_2 = y, u_1 = u, u_2 = v, f_1 = f, f_2 = g.$

Two roots.

$$t_{\pm}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2} \left( -(fu + gv) \pm \sqrt{(fu - gv)^2 + 4gu - fv} \right).$$

- a) if  $\Delta \equiv (fu - gv)^2 + 4gu - fv > 0$  - various cases  $\leftarrow$  always satisfied for potential flows
- b) if  $\Delta < 0$  - no real branches - no blow-ups.

Complex form:  $z = x + iy, V = u + iv, F = f + ig$

2D HEE

$$\nabla_t + V \nabla_z + \bar{V} \nabla_{\bar{z}} = 0$$

hodograph equation,

$$z = Vt + F(V, \bar{V})$$

blow-up hypersurface

$$\det M = (F_V + t)(\bar{F}_{\bar{V}} + t) - F_{\bar{V}} \bar{F}_V = 0.$$

# Special class of solutions

$$V_{\bar{z}} = \mu(z, \bar{z}, t) V_z$$

$\Rightarrow$  HEE

$$V_t + (V + \mu \bar{V}) V_z = 0.$$

and

$$\mu_t V_z - \mu ((V + \mu \bar{V}) V_z)_z + ((V + \mu \bar{V})_z)_z = 0.$$

blow-up surface

$$F_{\bar{V}} F_V (\mu^2 - 1) = 0.$$

Particular case:

$$\underline{\mu = 0}, \quad V_{\bar{z}} = 0, \quad V_t + V V_z = 0 \leftarrow$$

no blow-up in physical region.

$|\mu| < 1$  - quasi-conformal mapping  
- no blow-up.

blow-up -  $|\mu| = 1$  - singularity of quasi-conformal mapping.

E. Kuznetsov,  
M. Spector,  
V. Zakharov. (1994)  
E. Korobaev, E. Zhuravleva  
(2014)  
N. Zubarov, E. Korobaev  
(2018).  
potential flows

# Concrete examples.

1.  $u_0 = th(x+2y), v_0 = th(x+y),$   $f(u) = -\operatorname{arctanh}(u) + 2\operatorname{arctanh}(v), g(v) = \operatorname{arctanh}(u) - \operatorname{arctanh}(v)$

$\Rightarrow$  gradient catastrophe at  $t_{min} = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ .

and  $\sqrt{2} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \sim O(1), \sqrt{2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \sim O(\epsilon).$

2.  $u_0 = th(x + \epsilon y), v_0 = th(\epsilon x + y)$   $\epsilon$ -parameter  
 $\epsilon = 0$  - two one-dim. BK eqs. - no gradient catastrophe  
 $1 + \epsilon$  dimension

Gradient catastrophe at  $t_{min} = \frac{1}{\epsilon - 1}$ ,  $(u_\epsilon = v_\epsilon = 0).$

3. 3-dim. case

$u_0 = th(x + \epsilon y), v_0 = th(y + \epsilon z), w_0 = u_3 = th(z + \epsilon x).$

Blow-up hypersurface

$(t + \frac{1}{1-u^2})(t + \frac{1}{1-v^2})(t + \frac{1}{1-w^2}) + \epsilon^3 t^3 = 0 \Rightarrow$  gradient catastrophe  
 $u_\epsilon = v_\epsilon = w_\epsilon = 0.$

$t_{min} = -\frac{1}{1+\epsilon}$   
 $\epsilon < -1.$

## Papers:

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## Open problems:

1. Fine structure and hierarchy of gradient catastrophes.
2. Gradient catastrophes for reduced equations.
3. Regularization (e.g. parabolic regularization in 1d).
4. Comparison with the Navier-Stokes equation.

Thank you!