

# On strong hyperbolicity

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# OUTLINE

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# First Order Constant Coefficient Systems

$$\partial_t u^\alpha = A^{\alpha i}{}_\beta \nabla_i u^\beta + B^\alpha{}_\beta u^\beta$$

- **Question:** When is the above system well posed in the  $L^2$  sense?

$$\|u^\alpha(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(t) \|u^\alpha(0)\|_{L^2}$$

- **Answer:** It is well posed if and only if for all co-vectors  $\omega_i$ , the matrix  $A^{\alpha i}{}_\beta \omega_i$  has only real eigen-values and a complete set of eigen-vectors.

# First Order Constant Coefficient Systems II

$$\partial_t \hat{u}^\alpha = i A^{\alpha i} \omega_i \hat{u}^\beta$$

$$\hat{u}^\alpha(t) = (e^{i A^{\alpha i} \omega_i t})^\alpha_\beta \hat{u}^\beta(0)$$

$$\|u^\alpha(t)\|_{L^2} = \|\hat{u}^\alpha(t)\|_{L^2} \leq C(t) \|\hat{u}^\alpha(0)\|_{L^2} \leq C(t) \|u^\alpha(0)\|_{L^2}$$

$$C(t) = \sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \sup_{\omega_a} \|(e^{i A^{\alpha a} \omega_a \tau})^\alpha_\beta\|$$

# First Order Quasi-linear Systems I

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$$\partial_t u^\alpha = A^{\alpha i}{}_\beta(u, x, t) \nabla_i u^\beta + B^\alpha(u, x, t)$$

- The above system is well posed (w.r.t. a Sobolev Norm) in a neighborhood of  $u_0^\alpha$  if and only if for all  $u^\alpha$  close enough to  $u_0^\alpha$ , all co-vectors  $\omega_i$  and all points, the matrix  $A^{\alpha i}{}_\beta(u, x, t)\omega_i$  has only real eigen-values and a complete set of eigen-vectors. **Plus some "technical" condition**
- We call such systems **strongly hyperbolic**.

# First Order Quasi-linear Systems II

- If a system is strongly hyperbolic then there exists a positive definite bilinear form (a metric)  $H_{\alpha\beta} = H_{\alpha\beta}(u, x, t, \omega_a)$  **uniformly bounded by above and away from zero in  $\omega_a$**  such that:

$$H_{\alpha\gamma} A^{\gamma a}{}_{\beta} \omega_a$$

is also symmetric. [Kreiss Matrix Theorem]

Technical condition requires  $H$  to be smooth also on  $\omega_i$

- If there exists a  $H_{\alpha\beta}$  independent of  $\omega_a$  we say that the system is **symmetric hyperbolic**
- If strong hyperbolicity fails it is easy to construct a sequence solutions whose initial data has norm one but whose norm at any future time tends to infinity. Non-linear behavior can not cure this.

# Examples:

## Example 1: Maxwell equations:

$$W_{ij} := \partial_i A_j$$

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t E_i &= \partial^j W_{ji} - \partial^j W_{ji} - \alpha(\partial^j W_{ij} - \partial_i W_j{}^j) \\ \partial_t W_{ij} &= \partial_i E_j - \frac{1}{2}\beta e_{ij} \partial^k E_k\end{aligned}$$

This system is symmetric hyperbolic for  $\alpha < 0$  and  $\beta < -\frac{2}{3}$  (most general symmetrizer built out of the 3-metric). But strongly hyperbolic for all  $(\alpha, \beta)$  such that  $\alpha\beta > 0$ .



# Examples:

## Example 2:

Consider the matrices,

$$\mathbf{A}^0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 10s_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -2s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & s_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 7s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

There is no positive definite  $h_{\alpha\beta}$  which would symmetrize  $A^i \omega_i$  for arbitrary  $\omega_i$ .  
Nevertheless  $(A^0)^{-1}(A^1 + \lambda A^2)$  is diagonalizable.

$$(A^0)^{-1}(A^1 + \lambda A^2) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & (10 + \lambda)s_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4}(2 + \lambda) & \frac{1}{2}(-2 + 7)s_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

# Covariant definitions I:

$$A^{\alpha a}{}_{\beta}(u, p)\nabla_a u^\beta = J_\alpha(u, p)$$

*The sum of two symmetric matrices is symmetric*

**Definition:** The above system is **symmetric hyperbolic** if there exists  $h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p)$  such that:

- $h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p)A^{\beta a}{}_{\gamma}(u, p)$  is symmetric.
- for some  $n_a$ ,  $h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p)A^{\beta a}{}_{\gamma}(u, p)n_a$  is positive definite.
- One can define an energy vector:

$$E^a := h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p)A^{\beta a}{}_{\gamma}(u, p)\delta u^\alpha \delta u^\gamma$$

$$E^a n_a \geq 0$$

- If  $n_a$  is as above, then  $n_a + \varepsilon w_a$  is also as above, for  $\varepsilon$  small enough.

# Covariant definitions II:

$$A^{\alpha a}{}_{\beta}(u, p)\nabla_a u^\beta = J_\alpha(u, p)$$

*The sum of two diagonalizable matrices is not necessarily diagonalizable*

**Definition A:** The above system is **strongly hyperbolic** if there exists  $n_a$  such that:

- $A^{\alpha a}{}_{\beta}n_a$  is invertible, and
- for each loop  $\kappa(\lambda)_a = \lambda n_a + \omega_a$   $\lambda \in [-\infty, \infty]$  where  $\omega_a$  is not proportional to  $n_a$ ,  $\dim(\text{span}\{\cup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \text{Kern}\{A^{\alpha a}{}_{\beta}\kappa_a(\lambda)\}\}) = \dim\{\text{manifold of fields}\}$

**Definition B:** The above system is **strongly hyperbolic** if there exists  $n_a$  such that for each co-vector  $\omega_a$  there exists  $h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p, \omega)$  satisfying:

- $h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p, \omega)A^{\beta a}{}_{\gamma}(u, p)\omega_a$  is symmetric.
- $h_{\alpha\beta}(u, p, \omega)A^{\beta a}{}_{\gamma}(u, p)n_a$  is symmetric and positive definite.
- If  $n_a$  is as above then  $n_a + \varepsilon\omega_a$  is also as above for  $\varepsilon$  small enough.

# First Order Pseudo-Differential Systems

$$\partial_t u^\alpha = P^\alpha{}_\beta(u, x, t, D)u^\beta := \int p(u, x, t, \omega_i) \alpha_\beta e^{i\omega_i x^i} \hat{u}^\beta d\Omega$$

- The above system is said to be pseudo-differential of first order if the following limit exists,

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} p(u, x, t, \lambda \omega_i) \alpha_\beta := p_1(u, x, t, \omega_i) \alpha_\beta$$

- If furthermore  $ip_1(u, x, t, \omega_i) \alpha_\beta$  has only real eigenvalues and a complete set of eigen-vectors we say the system is **strongly hyperbolic**.
- Strongly hyperbolic pseudo-differential operators **plus technical condition** are well posed. [Taylor, Kreiss-Ortiz-R]

# Causality

- We consider the domain of dependence of the linearized equation at a given background  $u_0^\alpha$ .
- The domain of dependence of a region  $\Sigma_0$  of a Cauchy surface is given by the maximal foliation of such region produced by hypersurfaces whose normal is such that:

$$E^a(\delta u)n_a \geq 0 \quad \forall \delta u \leftrightarrow \det(A^{\alpha a}{}_\beta n_a) \neq 0$$

- Surfaces with normal such that the determinant vanishes are called characteristic surfaces.
- For each co-vector  $k_a$  which is a characteristic there is a perturbation which in the high frequency limit moves along the integral lines of  $V^a = \frac{\partial \det(A^c k_c)}{\partial k_a}$  at points where  $\det(A^c k_c) = 0$  ( $V^a k_a = 0$ ).
- **Question:** what happens in the case of strongly hyperbolic systems?

# Holmgren's Theorem

- Given an analytic coefficient equation system (not necessarily hyperbolic!)

$$\partial_t u^\alpha = A^{\alpha i}{}_\beta(x, t) \nabla_i u^\beta + B^{\alpha}{}_\beta(x, t) u^\beta$$

and assuming the solution vanishes in a hypersurface  $\Sigma_0$  then the solution, if sufficiently smooth, vanishes in a whole neighborhood of it, given by the maximal foliations such that their normals do not become characteristics.

- Generalizable to the case of non-analytic coefficients for strng-hyp. systems.
  - Extend the space-time to  $R^n$  or  $T^n$ .
  - Approximate the system by an analytic sequence of strng-hyp. systems.
  - Use Holmgren's theorem on each one of them to conclude that the one parameter family of solutions so generated vanishes in some region  $\Omega_n$ .
  - Use continuous dependence of solutions of strongly hyperbolic systems to show that the limiting solution would also vanish in a limiting set  $\Omega$ .

# Summary

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- Strongly hyperbolic differential (and pseudo-differential) systems are well posed.
- There are global energy norms (pseudo-differential operators).
- There are covariant definitions. And open set of "space-like" hyper-surfaces.
- Strongly hyperbolic differential (and pseudo-differential) systems have finite propagation speeds. With domain of dependence given by their characteristic fields.
- Symmetric hyperbolic energy  $\leftrightarrow$  Summation by parts in finite differences
- Strongly hyperbolic pseudo-energy  $\leftrightarrow$  Pseudo-spectral methods.

# Applications:

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- ADM-BSSN first-second order systems [Frittelli-R, Sarbach-Calabrese-Pullin-Tiglio, Kreiss-Ortiz, Nagy-Ortiz-R]
- Constraint propagation. [Hyperbolicity properties of subsidiary systems of constraints.]



# ADM equations I

$$G_{ab} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}_n h_{ab} = -2k_{ab}, \\ \mathcal{L}_n k_{ab} = {}^{(3)}R_{ab} - 2k_a{}^c k_{bc} + k_{ab} k_c{}^c - \frac{D_a D_b N}{N}, \\ {}^{(3)}R + (k_c{}^c)^2 - k_{ab} k^{ab} = 0, \\ D^b k_{ba} - D_a k = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

# ADM equations II

$$\mathcal{L}_{(t-\beta)} h_{ij} = -2N k_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{(t-\beta)} k_{ij} = \frac{N}{2} h^{kl} [-\partial_k \partial_l h_{ij} - \partial_i \partial_j h_{kl} + 2\partial_k \partial_{(i} h_{j)l}] + B_{ij}$$

where

$$B_{ij} := N [\gamma_{ikl} \gamma_j^{kl} - \gamma_{ij}^k \gamma_{kl}^l - 2k_i^l k_{jl} + k_{ij} k_l^l - A_{ij}],$$

$$\gamma_{ij}^k := \frac{1}{2} h^{kl} (2\partial_{(i} h_{j)k} - \partial_k h_{ij}),$$

$$A_{ij} := a_i a_j - \gamma_{ij}^k a_k - 2\gamma_{ikl} \gamma_j^{(kl)} + \partial_i [(\partial_j N)/N],$$

$$a_i := (\partial_i N)/N.$$

# ADM equations III

Hyperbolicity analysis: 1) consider only the principal part, 2) freeze coefficients, 3) substitute all derivatives by Fourier transforms ( $\partial_k h_{ij} \rightarrow i\omega_k \hat{h}_{ik}$ ), and 4) define  $\hat{\ell}_{ij} = i\omega \hat{h}_{ij}$ . [Kreiss, Ortiz][Taylor]

The associated first order system is then

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \hat{\ell}_{ij} &\hat{=} i\omega \left[ -2N \hat{k}_{ij} + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{\ell}_{ij} \right], \\ \partial_t \hat{k}_{ij} &\hat{=} i\omega \left[ -\frac{N}{2} \left( \hat{\ell}_{ij} + \tilde{\omega}_i \tilde{\omega}_j h^{kl} \hat{\ell}_{kl} - 2\tilde{\omega}^k \tilde{\omega}_{(i} \hat{\ell}_{j)k} \right) + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{k}_{ij} \right]\end{aligned}$$

with  $\tilde{\omega}_i = \omega_i / \omega$ .

Result:

- ADM equations are only weakly hyperbolic (3 eigenvectors missing).

# ADM equations IV

$$N = h^b Q \quad (h = \text{determinant of } h_{ij})$$

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$$\partial_t \hat{\ell}_{ij} \hat{=} i\omega \left[ -2N \hat{k}_{ij} + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{\ell}_{ij} \right],$$

$$\partial_t \hat{k}_{ij} \hat{=} i\omega \left[ -\frac{N}{2} \left( \hat{\ell}_{ij} + (1 + b) \tilde{\omega}_i \tilde{\omega}_j h^{kl} \hat{\ell}_{kl} - 2\tilde{\omega}^k \tilde{\omega}_{(i} \hat{\ell}_{j)k} \right) + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{k}_{ij} \right]$$

Result:

- Modified ADM equations for  $b > 0$  still weakly hyperbolic (2 eigenvectors missing).
- Adding Hamiltonian constraint does not change hyperbolicity, but does change characteristics.

# BSSN equations I

$$f^k = h^{ij} \gamma_{ij}{}^k + dh^{kl} \gamma_{lm}{}^m = h^{kl} (h^{ij} \partial_i h_{jl} + \partial_l \ln h)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{(t-\beta)} h_{ij} = -2N k_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{(t-\beta)} k_{ij} = \frac{N}{2} h^{kl} [-\partial_k \partial_l h_{ij} - b \partial_i \partial_j h_{kl}] + N \partial_{(i} f_{j)} + \mathcal{B}_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{(t-\beta)} f_i = N [-(2-c) D^k k_{ki} + (1-c) D_i k^k{}_k] + \mathcal{C}_i$$

# BSSN equations II

Hyperbolicity Analysis:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \hat{\ell}_{ij} &\hat{=} i\omega \left[ -2\alpha \hat{k}_{ij} + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{\ell}_{ij} \right] \\ \partial_t \hat{k}_{ij} &\hat{=} i\omega \left[ \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( -\hat{\ell}_{ij} - b \tilde{\omega}_i \tilde{\omega}_j h^{kl} \hat{\ell}_{kl} + 2\tilde{\omega}_{(i} \hat{f}_{j)} \right) + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{k}_{ij} \right] \\ \partial_t \hat{f}_i &\hat{=} i\omega \left[ \alpha \left( (-2 + c) \hat{k}_{ik} \tilde{\omega}^k + (1 - c) \tilde{\omega}_i h^{kl} \hat{k}_{kl} \right) + \tilde{\omega}_k \beta^k \hat{f}_i \right]\end{aligned}$$

Result: [Nagy-Ortiz-R]

- Modified BSSN equations for  $b > 0$   $c > 0$  strongly hyperbolic.
- Eigenvalues:  $(0, \pm 1, \pm \sqrt{b}, \pm \sqrt{c/2})$

# Constraint Propagation

Evolution System:

$$\partial_t u^\alpha = A(u, t, x)^{\alpha a}{}_\beta \partial_a u^\beta + B(u, t, x)^\alpha,$$

Constraints:

$$C^A = K(u, t, x)^{Aa}{}_\beta \partial_a u^\beta + L(u, t, x)^A,$$

Integrability condition (subsidiary system):

$$\partial_t C^A = S(u, t, x)^{Aa}{}_B \partial_a C^B + R(u, \partial u, t, x)^A{}_B C^B,$$

- Want to study what can we say about the properties of the subsidiary system from what we know from the evolution system.

# Constraint Propagation II

- Problem: In general  $S(u, t, x)^{Aa}_B$  is not unique if the constraint themselves satisfy certain identities.

For instance, if there is an  $L_A(\omega)$  such that:

$$L_A(\omega)K^{An}_{\alpha}\omega_n = 0$$

we could add to  $S(u, t, x)^{Aa}_B$

$$M^{Aa}L_B$$

- With this addition there are easy examples where one can get any sort of badly posed systems!



# Constraint Propagation III

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- Assume: For any  $\omega_i$ ,  $K^{An}_\alpha \omega_n$  is surjective.
- In general this is not satisfied, but in examples of interest one finds subset of constraints which do satisfy it. [Maxwell, EC].

# Constraint Propagation IV

Integrability condition implies:

$$K^{A(a}{}_{\alpha} A^{|\alpha|b)}{}_{\beta} - S^{A(a}{}_{B} K^{|B|b)}{}_{\beta} = 0$$

- **Lemma 1:** Given any fixed non-vanishing co-vector  $\omega_a$ . If  $(\sigma, u^\alpha)$  is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $A^{\alpha a}{}_{\beta} \omega_a$  then  $(\sigma, v^A = K^{Aa}{}_{\alpha} \omega_a u^\alpha)$ , if  $v^A$  is non-vanishing, is an eigenvalue-eigenvector pair of  $S^{Aa}{}_{B} \omega_a$ .

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- **Corollary 1:** If the evolution system is strongly hyperbolic then so is the subsidiary system. [It does not work symmetric  $\rightarrow$  symmetric].
- **Corollary 2:** The characteristics of the subsidiary system are a subset of the characteristics of the evolution system. The domain of dependence of the subsidiary system is at least as large as the domain of dependence of the evolution system.