# Large-time behavior of viscous Hamilton-Jacobi equations

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where

$$dX_t = a_t dt + dB_t$$
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Bounded domain—the stationary problem

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# *The ergodic problem in* $\mathbb{R}^N$ in the case m > 2

#### Theorem ([Barles and Meireles, 2016])

Assume that  $f \in W_{loc}^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^N)$  is coercive. If  $\phi$  is a solution of  $(E_{\lambda_1})$  and  $\psi$  is a solution of  $(E_{\lambda_2})$ , both bounded from below, then  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$  and there exists a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\phi = \psi + c$ .

- In short, if *m* > 2 there is a unique solution pair (λ\*, φ) in the class of bounded from below solutions.
- $\phi$  is unique up to additive constants, we may assume  $\inf_{\mathbb{R}^N} \phi = 0.$
- Uniqueness follows from a comparison principle on exterior domains, i.e., ℝ<sup>N</sup>\B<sub>R</sub> for large R > 0.

## *LTB*, assumptions on f case m > 2

• There exists an increasing function  $\varphi : [0, +\infty) \to [0, +\infty)$  and constants  $\alpha, \varphi_0, f_0 > 0$  such that for all  $r \ge 0$ ,

$$\varphi_0^{-1}r^\alpha \leq \varphi(r)$$

and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and r = |x|,

$$f_0^{-1}\varphi(r) \le f(x) \le f_0(\varphi(r) + 1). \tag{H1}$$

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- In [Ichihara, 2012], this is shown for  $f(x) \approx |x|^{\beta}$ , where  $\beta \ge m^* = \frac{m}{m-1}$ , and  $u_0$  has at most polynomial growth.

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# Behavior of $\phi$

#### Lemma

$$\lim_{|x|\to\infty}\frac{\phi(x)}{|x|}=\infty$$

**Proof.** Blow up argument to find a supersolution of the eikonal equation Comparison with eikonal equation we find a contradiction.

#### Lemma (Sub- and supersolutions)

- There exists a constant  $\sigma > 0$  such that  $U(\cdot, t) \to \phi \sigma$  and  $V(\cdot, t) \to \phi + \sigma$  locally uniformly in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  as  $t \to \infty$ .
- **2** For any fixed  $\hat{t} > 0$ ,

$$V(x, \hat{t}) \to +\infty$$
 as  $x \to \partial Q_{\hat{t}} \ (x \in Q_{\hat{t}})$ .

3 There exists M > 0 such that, for all t > 0,

 $U(x,t) \leq t + M$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ .

## The Supersolution

$$V(x,t) = \phi(x) + \chi(\phi(x) - (t+t_0)) + \int_0^t (\tau^{\hat{\alpha}} + 1)^{-\hat{\beta}} d\tau.$$

$$\begin{cases} \chi'' = C(\chi')^{\beta_1} (1+\chi')^{\beta_2} & \text{in } (-\infty, b), \\ \chi(0) = \chi'(0) = 0, & \text{(SUP-ODE)} \\ \chi(s) \equiv +\infty & \text{for all } s \ge b. \end{cases}$$

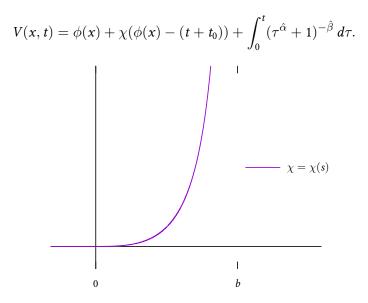
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Choice of constants  $t_0 > 0$  (to be chosen) determines "when the supersolution comes into play".

Suitable choices of  $\beta_1 \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 > 1$  imply that (SUP-ODE) has a nontrivial solution and  $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}(\beta_1, \beta_2, p)$  is large, hence

$$\sigma := \int_0^\infty ( au^{\hatlpha} + 1)^{-\hateta} \, d au < \infty.$$

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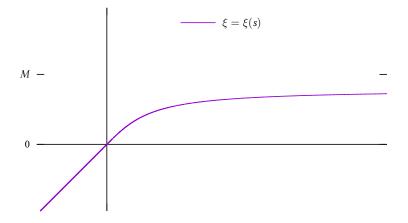
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$$\begin{cases} \xi'' = -C(1-\xi)^{\eta_1}(\xi')^{\eta_2} & \text{in } (0,\infty), \\ \xi(0) = 0, \ \xi'(0) = 1, \end{cases}$$
(SUB-ODE)

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## Convergence argument

#### Lemma

 $u(x, t) - \lambda^* t$  is bounded over compact sets, uniformly with respect to t > 0.

The Lemma allows us to define upper and lower limits at  $t \to +\infty$  for  $u(x, t) - \lambda^* t$ .

Together with local gradient bounds [Barles 2017] by compactness we have convergence along subsequences  $(t_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $t_n \to +\infty$  over compact sets.

The SMP implies the limit is  $\phi + \hat{c}$ , for some  $\hat{c} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# Full convergence

To prove convergence on  $\widehat{K} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  we use

- Convergent subsequence on  $\overline{B}_R$  for  $B_R \supset \widehat{K}$ , with R >> 1
- Finer parametrization of sub-, supersolutions  $U_R$ ,  $V_R$ : For R > 0 and  $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times (0, +\infty)$ ,

$$V_R(x,t) = \phi(x) + \hat{c} + \chi(\phi(x) + \hat{c} - (t+R)) + \int_R^{t+R} (\tau^{\hat{\alpha}} + 1)^{-\hat{\beta}} d\tau + \frac{1}{R},$$

and similarly for a subsolution  $U_R$ .

• Note that the "extra terms" vanish as  $R \to +\infty$ .

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## *LTB*, *assumptions on* f for the case $1 < m \le 2$

• There exists a nondecreasing function  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  and c > 0 such that, if r = |x|, then

$$c^{-1}\varphi(r) \le f(x) \le c(\varphi(r)+1)$$

and for sufficiently large  $\rho > 0$ ,

$$\rho\varphi(\rho+1)^{\frac{1}{m}} \le \varphi(\rho). \tag{H2}$$

$$\limsup_{x \to +\infty} \frac{|Df(x)|^{\frac{1}{2m-1}}}{|f(x)|^{\frac{1}{m}}} < +\infty$$
(H3)

• The initial data satisfies

$$u_0(x) \le c_0 + c_2 |x| \left[ \inf_{\mathbb{R}^N \setminus B_{\frac{1}{2}|x|}} f \right]^{\frac{1}{m}}$$
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for a precise value of  $c_2 > 0$  and some  $c_0 \ge 0$ .

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## *LTB*, convergence result $1 < m \le 2$

#### Theorem (Quaas, R.)

Assume (H2)-(H4) hold. Then,  $u(\cdot, t) - \lambda^* t \rightarrow \phi + \hat{c}$  locally uniformly over  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , for some constant  $\hat{c} \in \mathbb{R}$ , where u = u(x, t) is any solution of (VHJ) and  $\phi$  is the unique (normalized) solution of  $(E_{\lambda^*})$ .

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