

Hydrodynamic limit for fast diffusion equation

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Resumo/Abstract:

We obtain a conservative interacting particle system whose macroscopic density profile evolves according to the partial differential equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \rho(t, u) = \Delta \left(\frac{1}{\rho(t, u)} \right) \\ \rho(0, \cdot) = \rho_0(\cdot) . \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

This equation can be rewritten in the divergence form as

$$\partial_t \rho(t, u) = \nabla (D(\rho(t, u)) \nabla (\rho(t, u))),$$

Because of the fact that diffusion coefficient $D(\rho(t, u)) = \rho^{-2}(t, u)$ goes to infinity as $\rho \rightarrow 0$, equation (??) is called **Fast Diffusion Equation** (FDE). Using the relative entropy method, we obtain FDE as hydrodynamic limit of a zero-range process with *symmetric unit rate*. In order to capture the explosion of the diffusion coefficient, we consider a model with a typically high number of particles per site. This is a joint work with F. Hernandez (UFF) and M. Jara (IMPA).