Rearrangement, Convection and Competition

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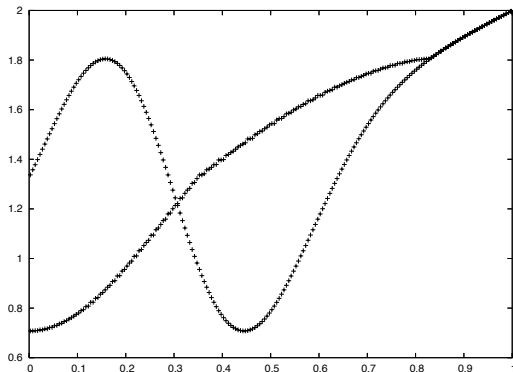
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Notice that in the discrete case when

$$z(x) = z_j, \quad j/N < x < (j+1)/N, \quad j = 0, ..., N-1$$

then $Z(x) = Z_j$ where $(Z_1, ..., Z_N)$ is just $(z_1, ..., z_N)$ sorted in increasing order.

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N $=$ 200 grid points in x

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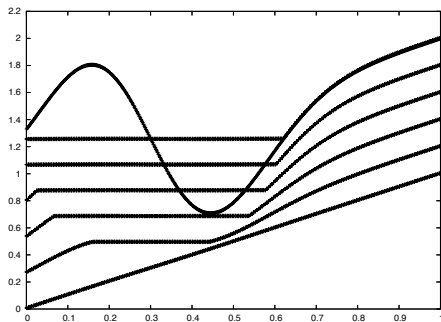
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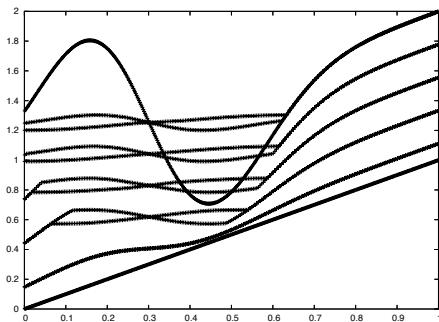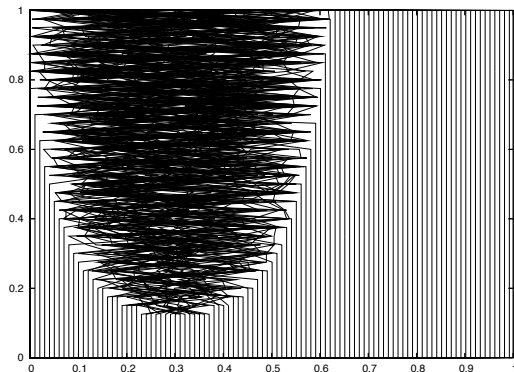
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mixing of the fluid parcels

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The model means that the production between two different times
depends essentially on the ranking. For example $G(x) = 1 - x$,
means that the top people slow down their production while the
bottom people catch up as fast as possible. It seems that
$G(x) = (\sin(1.5\pi x))^2$, for example, is more realistic (bottom people
are discouraged while top people get even more competitive!).

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the pseudo-inverse x = u(t, y) is an entropy solution to the scalar
conservation law

$$\boxed{\partial_t u + \partial_y(g(u)) = 0.}$$

This is an example of the more general L^2 formulation of multidimensional
scalar conservation laws, YB ARMA 2009

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This is a typical result in optimal transport theory, see YB, CRAS Paris 1987 and CPAM 1991, Smith and Knott, JOTA 1987, cf. Villani, Topics in optimal transportation, AMS, 2003, see also papers, lecture notes and books by Rachev-Rüschendorf, Evans, Caffarelli, Urbas, Gangbo-McCann, Otto, Ambrosio-Savaré, Trudinger-Wang and many others contributions...

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See YB, JNLS 2009. Notice that the system is self-consistent, thanks to the rearrangement theorem. However, our global existence result does not imply stability with respect to initial conditions, except for $d = 1$, where we can use the theory of scalar conservation laws, or $d > 1$ and $G(x) = -x$, where we can use maximal monotone operator theory

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$$\partial_t y + (v \cdot \nabla) y = G(t,x,y), \quad \nabla \cdot v = 0, \quad v // \partial D$$

which, continuously in time, rearranges $y(t,x)$ so that y stays a map with a convex potential at any time.

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It turns out that the model can be interpreted as a singular limit of the Navier-Stokes Boussinesq equations with vector-valued buoyancy forces. This is what we are now going to explain in the last part of the talk

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where G is a given smooth source term with bounded derivatives.

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We call Hydrostatic − Boussinesq(HB) the limit equations formally obtained by setting ϵ, ν to zero.

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This linear 'magnetostatic' system in A is elliptic whenever p is strongly convex: $\boxed{\mathbf{0} << \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}}^2 p(t, \mathbf{x}) << +\infty}$

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We say that $(t \to y(t, \cdot)) \in C^0(R_+, L^2(D, R^3))$ valued in the cone C is a solution to the HB system if

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dt} \int_D f(y(t, x)) dx = \int_D (\nabla f)(y(t, x)) \cdot G(t, x, y(t, x)) dx, \quad \forall f}$$

Then, for each $y_0 \in C$, there is always a GLOBAL solution such that $y(t = 0, \cdot) = y_0$

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