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How do degenerate mobilities determine singularity formation in Cahn-Hilliard equations?

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Surface diffusion and electromigration in crystals and alloys (e.g. Cahn, Elliott & Novick-Cohen 1996; Barrett, Garcke & Nürnberg 2007; Dziwnik, Münch, Wagner 2017)

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Bernis and Friedman 1990: $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^n$. Neumann b.c. $h_0 \in C^0$ plus assumptions on entropy of initial data.

- If $n \geq 2$, then $h \in C^0$.
- If $n \geq 4$, then $h \in C^0$ and $\tilde{h} = 0$ has zero measure.
- If $n \geq 4$, then $h \in A_0$ and the solution is unique.

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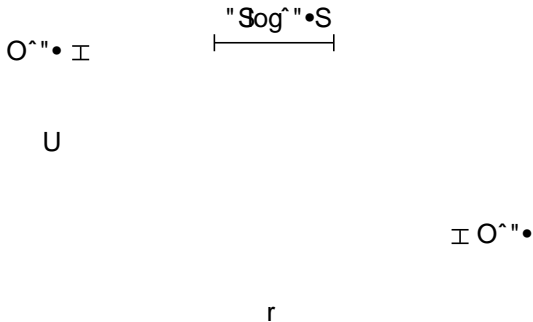
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Does it have some underlying structure?

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for $r; t > 0; 1 < r < \infty$, under boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(1; t) &= 0; \quad M^{\alpha} u(r; t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow \infty; \\ u(r; 0) &= 0; \quad \partial_r u(r; 0) = 0; \\ u(r; 0) &= u_0(r); \end{aligned}$$

and where

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Consider the Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces of radial functions B_1^0 , $H_{\text{rad}}^p(B_1^0)$.

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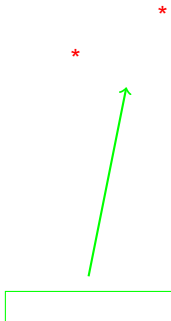
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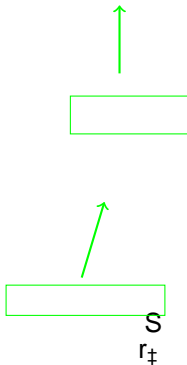
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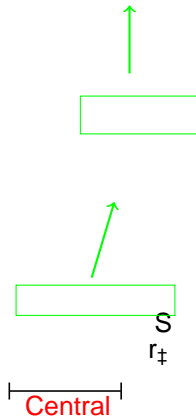


Here $V = 1$, U is the solution to the constant mobility stationary problem.

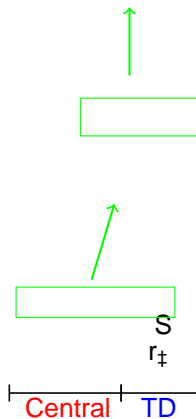
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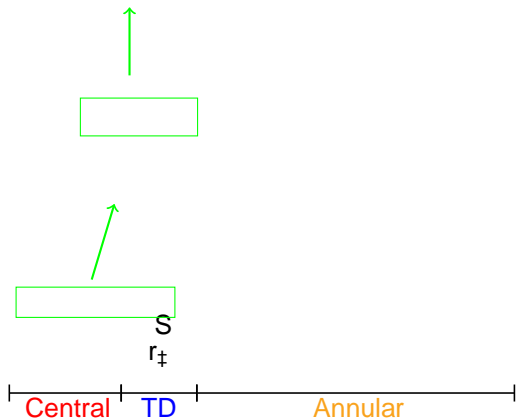
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 V_{\text{annular}} & 1 U_{\ddagger} \hat{r} \bullet; & & r > \hat{r}_{\ddagger}; 1 \bullet;
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Central region:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \psi &= c_1; \\ \psi &= 0; \\ \psi_{,r} &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

where c_1 is a constant.

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dU_{\pm}}{dr} \right) &= f_{\infty} U_{\pm}; \\ U_{\pm} &= 1; \\ U_{\pm} &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 u_0^n(x) @ u_0(x) &= J; & (x > 0); \\
 u_0(x) &= A_- + \frac{JA_-^n(x)^{3-n}}{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)} + B_- + h.o.t.: & \text{if } n < 3; \\
 u_0(x) &= A_- + \frac{J}{2A_-^3} \ln(x) + B_- + h.o.t.: & \text{if } n = 3; \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0; \\
 u_0(x) &= A_- + B_- + h.o.t.: & \text{if } n > 3; \\
 u_0(x) &= A_+ x^2 + B_+ x + C_+ + h.o.t.: & \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

where A_{\pm}, B_{\pm}, C_+, J are constants.

Central region:

$$-\frac{1}{n} \phi_0 = -\frac{2^n}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} + r^n \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} - 4 \phi_0 \quad \text{in } (0; r);$$

$$\phi_0(r) = a_0^- + a_2^- r^2 + h.o.t.; \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow 0;$$

$$\phi_0(r) = a_0^+ (r - r_0)^{\frac{3}{n+1}} + a_1^+ (r - r_0)^{\frac{4n+1 + \sqrt{-8n^2 + 20n + 1}}{2(n+1)}} + h.o.t.; \quad \text{as } r \rightarrow r_0;$$

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Touchdown region:

$$v_0''(x) = J; \quad (x_1; x_2);$$

as $x \rightarrow 0$, let $n = \frac{7+3\sqrt{3}}{11}$ we have

$$v_0''(x) = \begin{cases} A_-(x)^{\frac{3}{n+1}} + B_-(x)^{\frac{2-n}{n+1}} + C_-(x)^{\frac{4n+1-\sqrt{-8n^2+20n+1}}{2(n+1)}} + h.o.t. & \frac{1}{2} < n < n; \\ A_-(x)^{2-\frac{3}{3}} + B_-x^{1-\frac{3}{3}} \ln \frac{1}{x} + C_-x^{1-\frac{3}{3}} + h.o.t. & n = n; \\ A_-(x)^{\frac{3}{n+1}} + B_-(x)^{\frac{4n+1-\sqrt{-8n^2+20n+1}}{2(n+1)}} + C_-(x)^{\frac{2-n}{n+1}} + h.o.t. & n < n < 2; \\ ? & n = 2; \end{cases}$$

where

$$A_- = \frac{-J(n+1)^3}{3(1-2n)(2-n)} \frac{1}{n+1};$$

On the other hand, as $\dots + \dots$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_+^{-2} + \frac{-J^{3-2n}}{A_+^n(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)} + B_+ + C_+; & \quad \frac{1}{2} < n < 1; \\
 A_+^{-2} + \frac{-J}{A_+} (\ln(\dots) + 1) + B_+ + C_+; & \quad n = 1; \\
 A_+^{-2} + B_+ + \frac{-J^{3-2n}}{A_+^n(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)} + C_+; & \quad 1 < n < \frac{3}{2}; \\
 A_+^{-2} + B_+ + \frac{J}{2A_+^{3/2}} \ln(\dots) + C_+; & \quad n = \frac{3}{2}; \\
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where A_{\pm} , B_{\pm} , C_{\pm} , J are constants.

In the central region, we specifically make the ansatz

$$v(r; t) = t^{-\alpha} f(r)$$

with some $\alpha < 0$.

This assumption can be tested by plotting $v(r; t) v(0; t)$ for different times, we expect all curves to collapse near $r = 0$.

Similarly, in the touchdown region,

$$v(r;t) \sim t^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{r - \bar{r}}{t} \right); \quad = \frac{r - \bar{r}}{t};$$

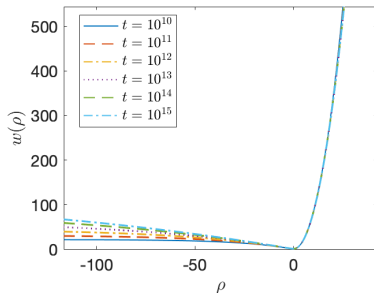
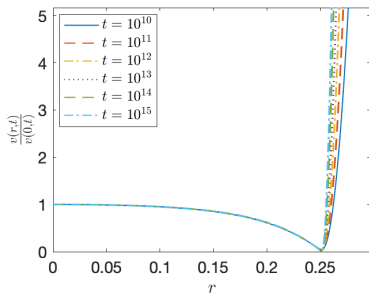
for some $\alpha < 0$. We test this ansatz by first scaling

$$w = \frac{v(r;t)}{\min_{r \in [0;1]} v(t)}; \quad = \frac{\partial_{rr} v(r;t)}{v(r;t)} \frac{1}{2} (r - \bar{r}(t));$$

Note that w is independent of t when t is large.

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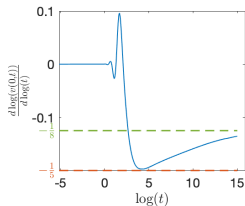
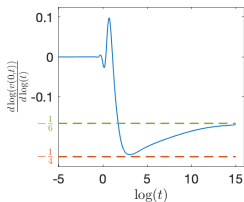
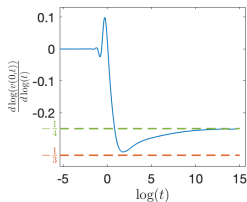
Case $n > 2$: Self-similarity



Left: Central region rescaled according to r vs. $v(r;t)/v(0;t)$ for different times. Right: Rescaled touchdown region, w vs ρ . For $n = 4$.

To obtain the coefficients we note that, for example in the central region,

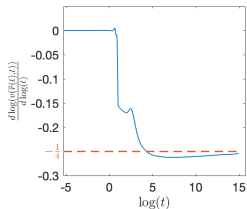
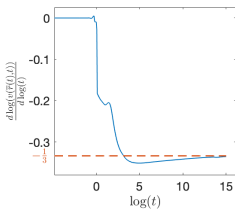
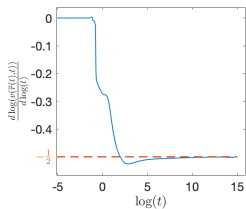
$$\log(v(0;t)) = \log(v(0)) + \log(t):$$



$\frac{d \log(v(0;t))}{d \log(t)}$ vs $\log(t)$ for final time 10^{15} and (left) $n = 3$, (middle) $n = 4$, (right) $n = 5$.

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Same for :



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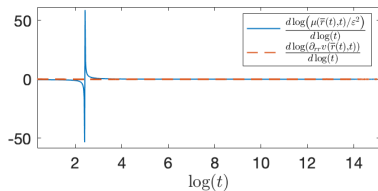
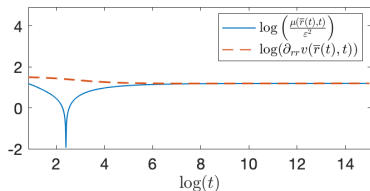
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For note

$$\partial_{rr} v(r; t) \sim t^{-2} \partial_{rr} v(\bar{r}; t)$$

Moreover, when t is large

$$(\bar{r}; t) \sim \partial_{rr} v(\bar{r}; t)$$



Left: Log-log for $(\bar{r}; t) \sim \partial_{rr} v(\bar{r}; t)$, Right: Derivative of (left) for $n = 4$ and $\epsilon = 0.05$.

$$2 - \frac{1}{(n-1)}$$