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Critical thresholds in 1D Euler equations
with non-local forces

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We study the critical thresholds for the compressible pressureless Euler equations with pairwise attractive or repulsive interaction forces and non-local alignment forces in velocity in one dimension. We provide a complete description for the critical threshold to the system without interaction forces leading to a sharp dichotomy condition between global-in-time existence or finite-time blowup of strong solutions. When the interaction forces are considered, we also give a classification of the critical thresholds according to the different type of interaction forces. We also remark on global-in-time existence when the repulsion is modeled by the isothermal pressure law.

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1. Introduction and Statement of Main Results

We are concerned with the following 1D system of pressureless Euler equations with non-local interaction and alignment forces:

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ t > 0, \tag{1.1a}$$

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy - \partial_x K \star \rho, \tag{1.1b}$$

subject to initial density and velocity

$$(\rho(\cdot, t), u(\cdot, t))|_{t=0} = (\rho_0, u_0).$$

Since the total mass is conserved in time, we may assume, without loss of generality, that ρ is a probability density function, i.e. $\|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{L^1} = 1$.

The system involves two types of non-local forces arising in many different fields such as collective behavior patterns in mathematical biology, opinion dynamics, granular media and others. In the particular context of multi-agents interactions, the system (1.1a) arises as macroscopic descriptions for individual-based models (IBMs) of the form

$$\dot{x}_i = v_i, \quad \dot{v}_i = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \psi(x_i - x_j)(v_j - v_i) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \partial_{x_i} K(x_i - x_j),$$

where the force consists of attractive–alignment–repulsive interactions, under a "three-zone" framework proposed in Refs. 1, 18 and 11. Starting from the basic system of IBMs, one can derive a kinetic description by BBGKY hierarchies or mean field limits, see Refs. 10, 2 and 4 and the references therein. The hydrodynamic equations of the form (1.1a) are obtained by taking moments on the kinetic equations and assuming a closure based on a monokinetic distribution, see Refs. 7, 10, 3 and 4 for details. These hydrodynamic equations lead to numerical solutions which share common features with the original IBMs systems such as flocks and mills patterns as demonstrated in Ref. 5.

The first term on the right-hand side of (1.1b) represents a non-local *alignment*, where $\psi \in W^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$ is the *influence function* which is assumed symmetric and uniformly bounded

$$0 \leq \psi_m \leq \psi(x) = \psi(-x) \leq \psi_M.$$

The second term on the right-hand side of (1.1b) represents *attractive and/or repulsive* forces, through a symmetric smooth enough *interaction potential*. We will start by assuming the regularity $K \in \dot{W}^{2,1}(\mathbb{R})$. If the potential is convex (respectively, concave) in x, the forces are attractive (respectively, repulsive).

We begin our discussion with the case in which the particles are only driven by alignment. Setting the attraction/repulsion force $K \equiv 0$, we arrive at a system of

1D mass and momentum Euler equations coupled with the alignment force,

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x (\rho u) = 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy. \qquad (1.2)$$

We refer (1.2) as the *Euler-alignment* system for short. It is realized as the hydro-dynamic system of the Cucker–Smale flocking model.[8,10]

The authors in Ref. 19 have recently shown that global regularity of Euler-alignment system is determined by the initial configurations. They show that there are only two possible scenarios, depending on upper- and lower-thresholds $\sigma_+ > \sigma_-$. If the initial data lie above the upper threshold in the sense that $\partial_x u_0(x) > \sigma_+$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then such initial data lead to global smooth solutions which must flock; on the other hand, if the initial data lie below the lower threshold σ_-, namely, if there exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\partial_x u_0(x) < \sigma_-$, then such supercritical initial data lead to finite time blowup of solutions. Our first result, investigated in Sec. 2, refines this *critical threshold phenomenon* and quantifies the precise threshold in this case of Euler-alignment dynamics.

Theorem 1.1. *Consider Euler-alignment system* (1.2).

- *(Subcritical region). If $\partial_x u_0(x) \geq -\psi \star \rho_0(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then the system has a global classical solution, $(\rho, u) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+; L^\infty(\mathbb{R})) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^+; \dot{W}^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}))$.*
- *(Supercritical region). If there exists an x such that $\partial_x u_0(x) < -\psi \star \rho_0(x)$, then the solution blows up in a finite time.*

Theorem 1.1 is sharp in the sense that it provides a precise initial threshold characterized by the point values of ρ_0 and $\partial_x u_0$, for the following dichotomy of initial configurations: either subcritical initial data which evolve into global strong solutions, or supercritical initial data which will blow up in a finite time. Moreover, in A.1 we show that for the more general setup of subcritical case, the solutions remain as smooth as the initial data permit.

Remark 1.1. A subcritical condition which gives rise to global smooth solutions derived in Ref. 19, requires $\sigma_- < \inf_x \partial_x u_0(x) < \sigma_+$, where the thresholds $\sigma_\pm \equiv \sigma_\pm(V_0)$ shown in Ref. 19, are now functions of the initial variance of velocity V_0 but otherwise are uniform in x. In particular, the function σ_+ is increasing and one checks that $-\psi \star \rho_0 \leq -\psi_m = \sigma_+(0) \leq \sigma_+(V_0)$. Similarly, σ_- is decreasing and $-\psi \star \rho_0 \geq \sigma_-(0) \geq \sigma_-(V_0)$. Thus, Theorem 1.1 extends both, the sub- and supercritical regions derived in Ref. 19.

Next, we deal with the case of $K \not\equiv 0$, i.e. there is an additional force through the attractive–repulsive potential K. We begin by analyzing the behavior of the solutions for the particular potential $K(x) = \frac{k}{2}|x|$, $k \in \mathbb{R}$. This special potential is the 1D *Newtonian potential*, where $\partial_x^2 K = k\delta_0$ is the Dirac delta function. When

there is no alignment force, $\psi \equiv 0$, the system coincides with the 1D pressureless Euler–Poisson equations:

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0,$$
$$\partial_t u + u\partial_x u = -k\partial_x \phi, \quad \partial_x^2 \phi = \rho. \tag{1.3}$$

Critical thresholds of the system (1.3) were studied in Ref. 9, followed by a series of extensions on multi-dimensional systems.[14,16,17] The result in Ref. 9 shows that the system has finite-time blowup in the attractive case, $k > 0$, while in the repulsive force, $k < 0$, there exists a critical threshold.

With the alignment force ($\psi \not\equiv 0$), we can naturally expect that the solution tends to be smoother than for Euler–Poisson. In Sec. 3.1, we investigate the critical threshold phenomenon for the following Euler–Poisson-alignment system:

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0,$$
$$\partial_t u + u\partial_x u = -k\partial_x \phi + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)(u(y,t) - u(x,t))\rho(y,t)dy, \quad \partial_x^2 \phi = \rho. \tag{1.4}$$

Theorem 1.2. *Consider Euler–Poisson-alignment system* (1.4).

(1) *Attractive Poisson forcing $k > 0$. An unconditional finite-time blowup of the solution for all initial configurations.*

(2) *Repulsive Poisson forcing $k < 0$. We distinguish between two cases:*

- *(Subcritical region). If $\partial_x u_0(x) > -\psi \star \rho_0(x) + \sigma_+(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then the system has a global classical solution. Here, $\sigma_+(x) = 0$ whenever $\rho_0(x) = 0$ and elsewhere $\sigma_+(x)$ is the (unique) negative root of the equation*

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0(x)} - \frac{1}{\psi_M^2}\left(k + \psi_M \sigma_+(x)/\rho_0(x) - ke^{\psi_M \sigma_+(x)/k\rho_0(x)}\right) = 0, \quad \rho_0(x) > 0.$$

- *(Supercritical region). If there exists an x such that*

$$\partial_x u_0(x) < -\psi \star \rho_0(x) + \sigma_-(x), \quad \sigma_-(x) := -\sqrt{-2k\rho_0(x)},$$

then the solution blows up in a finite time.

Remark 1.2. (i) In the attractive case, the blowup is "unconditional", independent of the choice of initial configuration. It indicates that Poisson force dominates the alignment force.

(ii) In the repulsive case, alignment force enhances regularity. Indeed, we have a larger subcritical region than the case of $K \equiv 0$, as $\sigma_+(x) < 0$.

(iii) If ψ has a positive lower bound $\psi_m > 0$, we can obtain a better supercritical region for the repulsive case. In particular, the threshold condition is sharp when ψ is a constant. Consult Remark 3.1 below for details.

In Sec. 3.2, we consider general potentials with enough smoothness, $K \in \dot{W}^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$. We show the following threshold conditions.

Theorem 1.3. *Consider the system* (1.1a) *with alignment and attractive–repulsive forces.*

(1) *Attractive case,* $\partial_x^2 K < 0$. *If there exists an* x *such that* $\partial_x u_0(x) < -\psi \star \rho_0(x)$, *then the solution blows up in a finite time.*

(2) *Repulsive case* $\partial_x^2 K > 0$. *We distinguish between two cases.*

    • *(Subcritical region). If for all* $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\partial_x u_0(x) \geq -\psi \star \rho_0(x),$$

    then the system has a global classical solution.

    • *(Supercritical region). If there exists an* x *such that*

$$\partial_x u_0(x) < -\psi \star \rho_0(x) - \sqrt{\|\partial_x^2 K\|_{L^\infty}},$$

    then the solution blows up in a finite time.

We note in passing that if ψ admits a positive lower bound, $\psi_m > 0$, then there is a refined critical threshold outlined in Remark 3.2 below, which is irrespective of the sign of interaction force.

Finally, we close our discussion by considering the alignment system with additional pressure term $p(\rho) := A\rho^\gamma$:

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ t > 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u + \frac{\partial_x p(\rho)}{\rho} \tag{1.5}$$

$$= -k\partial_x \phi + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy, \quad \partial_x^2 \phi = \rho.$$

The presence of the pressure destroys the original characteristic structure and it is well known that the solutions of the isentropic Euler equation (1.5) with $\psi \equiv k = 0$ develop singularities in a finite time, consult e.g. Ref. 6 and the references therein. Thus, the regularizing effects of Poisson and alignment forcing compete with the generic formation of singularities due to the pressure term. In Ref. 20 it was shown that the critical threshold for global regularity of the pressureless Euler–Poisson equations (1.3) survives when pressure is being added. The question arises whether the Euler–alignment *with* pressure admits a critical threshold for global regularity. Specifically, in Sec. 4, we consider the Euler-alignment with isothermal pressure $p(\rho) = A\rho$,

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ t > 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u + A \partial_x \ln(\rho) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy.$$

This Euler-alignment system with isothermal pressure was rigorously derived in Ref. 12 as the hydrodynamic limit of the kinetic Cucker–Smale system (under the assumptions that $\partial_x u$ and $\partial_x \ln \rho$ are bounded). In Theorem 4.1 below we prove global regularity for subcritical initial configurations in the special case of a constant

influence function $\psi \equiv$ const. We also point out the difficulties to extend this result to general influence functions, which is left for a future investigation. The necessary *a priori* estimate on the isothermal Euler-alignment system is found in A.2.

2. Euler-Alignment System

In this section, we study the one-dimensional Euler-alignment system (1.2), without taking into account the interaction potential K.

Differentiate the momentum equation in (1.2) with respect to x, then $v := \partial_x u$ satisfies[a]:

$$\partial_t \rho + u \partial_x \rho = -\rho v,$$

$$\partial_t v + u \partial_x v + v^2$$
$$= -u \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x \psi(x-y)\rho(y)dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)\partial_t\rho(y)dy - v \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)\rho(y)dy,$$

where we used

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x \psi(x-y)(u(y)-u(x))\rho(y)dy$$
$$= -u(x) \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x \psi(x-y)\rho(y)dy - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)\partial_t\rho(y)dy.$$

Here the symmetry assumption of the influence function ψ is essential. Consider the characteristic flow $x(a,t)$ associated to the velocity field u defined by

$$\frac{d}{dt}x(a,t) = u(x(a,t),t), \quad \text{with } x(a,0) = a.$$

Then along this characteristic flow we find:

$$\partial_t\rho(x(a,t),t) = -\rho(x(a,t),t)v(x(a,t),t),$$

$$\partial_t(v(x(a,t),t) + (\psi \star \rho)(x(a,t),t)) = -v^2(x(a,t),t) - v(x(a,t),t)(\psi \star \rho)(x(a,t),t).$$

Set $d = v + \psi \star \rho$. Then we again rewrite the above system:

$$\rho' = -\rho v = -\rho(d - \psi \star \rho), \tag{2.1a}$$

$$d' = -v(v + \psi \star \rho) = -d(d - \psi \star \rho), \tag{2.1b}$$

where $'$ denotes the time derivative along the characteristic flow $x(a,t)$.

Proposition 2.1. *Consider Eq. (2.1). Then we have the following:*

- *If $d_0 < 0$, then $d \to -\infty$ in a finite time.*
- *If $d_0 = 0$, then $d(t) = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.*
- *If $d_0 > 0$, then $d(t)$ remains bounded for all time, and $d(t) \to \psi \star \rho(t)$ as $t \to \infty$.*

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[a] We suppress the time dependence whenever it is clear from the context.

Proof. First case $d_0 < 0$. It is clear to have that if $d_0 < 0$, then $d(t) \leq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. Then it follows from (2.1b) that $d' \leq -d^2$ which in turn yields $d(t) \leq \frac{d_0}{t+d_0}$. Hence, $d(t)$ blows up at $t^* \leq -d_0$.

The second case $d_0 = 0$ is trivial.

Finally the third case $d_0 > 0$. Note that if $d(t) \in (0, \psi \star \rho(t))$, then $d'(t) > 0$ thus $d(t)$ is increasing up to $\psi \star \rho(t)$. On the other hand, if $d(t) > \psi \star \rho(t)$, then $d(t)$ is decreasing up to $\psi \star \rho(t)$. Note that

$$\|\psi \star \rho\|_{L^\infty} \leq \|\psi\|_{L^\infty} \|\rho\|_{L^1} = \psi_M < \infty.$$

Thus $\psi \star \rho$ is bounded and we conclude the third statement of the proposition. $\square$

We can also trace the dynamics of ρ along the characteristic flow from (2.1a).

- If $\rho_0 = 0$, clearly $\rho(t) = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$.
- If $\rho_0 > 0$, we set $\beta := \frac{d}{\rho}$ and its dynamics along particle path is governed by

$$\beta' = \frac{d'\rho - d\rho'}{\rho^2} = \frac{1}{\rho^2}(-d(d - \psi \star \rho)\rho + d\rho(d - \psi \star \rho)) = 0.$$

Thus $\beta(t) = \beta_0$ for all $t \geq 0$ and ρ remains proportional to d along each path, $\rho(t)\beta_0 = d(t)$.

As a conclusion we have the following complete description of the critical threshold for system (1.2), and Theorem 1.1 then follows as a direct consequence.

Corollary 2.1. *Consider the Euler-alignment system* (1.2). *Then we have the following:*

- *If $\partial_x u_0(a) < -\psi \star \rho_0(a)$, then $\partial_x u(x(a,t),t) \to -\infty$. Moreover, if $\rho_0(a) > 0$, $\rho(x(a,t),t) \to +\infty$ in a finite time.*
- *If $\partial_x u(a) = -\psi \star \rho(a)$, then $\partial_x u(x(a,t),t) = -\psi \star \rho(x(a,t),t)$ for all time $t \geq 0$.*
- *If $\partial_x u_0(a) > -\psi \star \rho_0(a)$, then $\partial_x u(x(a,t),t)$ and $\rho(x(a,t),t)$ remain uniformly bounded for all $t \geq 0$, and furthermore $\partial_x u(x(a,t),t) \to 0$ as $t \to +\infty$.*

3. Euler-Alignment System with Attractive–Repulsive Potentials

In this section, we study the main system (1.1) of Euler equations with alignment, and attractive–repulsive forces.

3.1. *A special potential: Euler–Poisson-alignment system*

We first consider Euler-alignment system (1.1) with a special Newtonian potential:

$$K(x) = \frac{k|x|}{2}.$$

As $\partial_x^2 K = k\delta_0$, $k(\partial_x K \star \rho)$ is a Poisson force which is attractive if $k > 0$, or repulsive if $k < 0$. We recall the corresponding Poisson-alignment system (1.4):

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u\partial_x u = -k\partial_x \phi + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)(u(y,t) - u(x,t))\rho(y,t)dy, \quad \partial_x^2 \phi = \rho.$$

By using similar arguments to Sec. 2, we find:

$$\rho' = -\rho(d - \psi \star \rho), \tag{3.1a}$$

$$d' = -d(d - \psi \star \rho) - k\rho. \tag{3.1b}$$

In the case of vacuum state where $\rho_0 = 0$, the dynamics of d in (3.1b) is the same as the Euler-alignment case (2.1b). Thus Proposition 2.1 holds.

We now focus on the case $\rho_0 > 0$. Set $\beta = d/\rho$, then we can find

$$\beta' = -k, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \beta(t) = \beta_0 - kt. \tag{3.2}$$

This again yields that

$$\rho' = -\rho(d - \psi \star \rho) = -\rho(\rho(\beta_0 - kt) - \psi \star \rho) = -\beta_0\rho^2 + kt\rho^2 + \rho(\psi \star \rho). \tag{3.3}$$

Then we obtain an implicit form of solution ρ from (3.3) that

$$\frac{1}{\rho(t)} = e^{-\int_0^t \psi \star \rho ds}\left(\frac{1}{\rho_0} + \int_0^t (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau}ds\right). \tag{3.4}$$

For the attractive case $k > 0$, $\beta_0 - ks$ becomes negative in finite time, irrespective of the value of β_0. The right-hand side decreases to 0 in a finite time, resulting in a blowup of ρ. Hence, we have the following lemma, and this directly implies the result in Part (1) of Theorem 1.2.

Lemma 3.1. (Blowup with attractive potential) *If $k > 0$, then $\rho(t) \to +\infty$ in a finite time.*

For the repulsive case $k < 0$, critical thresholds are expected since a similar phenomenon is proved for both Euler–Poisson[9] and Euler–alignment (Sec. 2) systems. We start with the following rough estimate.

Lemma 3.2. (Rough subcritical region with repulsive potential) *If $k < 0$ and $\beta_0 \geq 0$, then $\rho(t)$ remains bounded for all time $t \geq 0$.*

Proof. By our assumption on k and β_0 we have $\beta_0 - kt \geq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$. Also,

$$0 \leq \psi_m t \leq \int_0^t \psi \star \rho ds \leq \psi_M t. \tag{3.5}$$

Hence, the following lower bound, $1/\rho(t) \geq e^{-\psi_M t}/\rho_0 > 0$, follows directly from (3.4). □

We notice that Lemma 3.2 provides the same subcritical region as in the Euler-alignment system, namely, $\partial_x u_0 + \psi \star \rho_0 > 0$. With the additional repulsive force, however, the subcritical region is expected to be larger. Indeed, we turn to derive a refined estimate which yields the larger subcritical region stated in Theorem 1.2. Consider the case when $\beta_0 < 0$. To bound ρ, it is enough to check when the following value is zero or not:

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} + \int_0^t (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds. \tag{3.6}$$

Since $\beta_0 - ks \leq 0$ for $s \leq \frac{\beta_0}{k}$, we rewrite (3.6) as

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} + \int_0^{\beta_0/k} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds + \int_{\beta_0/k}^t (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds. \tag{3.7}$$

Thus if there is no blowup of solutions until $t \leq \frac{\beta_0}{k}$ then it holds for all times, due to the positivity of the last term in (3.7).

Proposition 3.1. *Consider the dynamics* (3.3) *with* $k < 0$ *and* $\beta_0 < 0$. *Then* $\rho(\cdot, t)$ *remains bounded if and only if*

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} + \int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds > 0. \tag{3.8}$$

In order to derive a sufficient condition for (3.8) determined by the initial conditions, we use (3.5) to get

$$\int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds \geq \int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\psi_M s} ds$$

$$= -\frac{\beta_0}{\psi_M} + \frac{k}{\psi_M^2}(e^{\psi_M \beta_0/k} - 1)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\psi_M^2}(k + \psi_M \beta_0 - ke^{\psi_M \beta_0/k}).$$

Thus, we deduce that if initially

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} - \frac{1}{\psi_M^2}(k + \psi_M \beta_0 - ke^{\psi_M \beta_0/k}) > 0,$$

then there is no finite-time blowup of classical solutions. Note that the left-hand side is increasing with respect to β_0 if $\beta_0 < 0$. This together with Lemma 3.2 implies the subcritical region in part (2) of Theorem 1.2.

Next, we estimate the blowup criterion of solutions. According to Proposition 3.1, we shall find a sufficient condition of d_0 that makes

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} + \int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds \leq 0.$$

Since

$$\int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds \leq \int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks) ds = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\beta_0^2}{k},$$

we obtain $1/\rho_0 + \beta_0^2/2k \leq 0$, and this holds if $d_0 \leq -\sqrt{-2k\rho_0}$. It concludes that if $d_0 \leq -\sqrt{-2k\rho_0}$ then there exists t_* such that $\rho(t) \to +\infty$ until $t \leq t_*$.

Remark 3.1. If ψ has a positive lower bound, i.e. $\psi_m > 0$, a better bound can be obtained as follows:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\int_0^s \psi \star \rho d\tau} ds$$

$$\leq \int_0^{\frac{\beta_0}{k}} (\beta_0 - ks)e^{\psi_m s} ds = -\frac{1}{\psi_m^2}(k + \psi_m \beta_0 - ke^{\psi_m \beta_0/k}).$$

Therefore, we arrive at a refined supercritical region, where σ_- in Theorem 1.2 can be redefined as

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0(x)} - \frac{1}{\psi_m^2}\left(k + \psi_m \frac{\sigma_-(x)}{\rho_0(x)} - ke^{\psi_M \sigma_-(x)/k\rho_0(x)}\right) = 0, \quad \text{for } \rho_0(x) > 0,$$

and $\sigma_-(x) = 0$ for $\rho_0(x) = 0$. In particular when ψ is a constant, $\sigma_+ = \sigma_-$, the two thresholds matches and the results are sharp.

It follows from (3.2) that if $\rho(t)$ blows up in finite time, then $d(t)$ is also blowing up in finite time. Similarly, if $\rho(t)$ remains bounded, then $d(t)$ remains bounded as well. As $|\psi \star \rho| \leq \psi_M$, $\rho(t)$ and $\partial_x u(t)$ blow up simultaneously, concluding the proof of Theorem 1.2.

3.2. Euler-alignment with general attractive–repulsive potentials

In this part, we consider Euler-alignment system with general attractive–repulsive potentials:

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy + \partial_x K \star \rho.$$

By using the similar arguments in Sec. 2, we find:

$$\rho' = -\rho(d - \psi \star \rho),$$
$$d' = -d(d - \psi \star \rho) + \partial_x^2 K \star \rho. \tag{3.9}$$

For this system, we can classify the initial configurations that leading to the global regularity or the finite-time breakdown, when $\partial_x^2 K$ is bounded.

Proposition 3.2. *Consider the system* (3.9). *Then the following conditions hold.*

- *(Attractive case $\partial_x^2 K > 0$). If $d_0 < 0$, then $d(t) \to -\infty$ in a finite time.*
- *(Repulsive case $\partial_x^2 K < 0$). If $d_0 \geq 0$, then $d(t)$ remains uniformly bounded for all time $t \geq 0$. On the other hand, if $d_0 < -\sqrt{\|\partial_x^2 K\|_{L^\infty}}$, then $d(t) \to -\infty$ in a finite time.*

Proof. We begin with the attractive case ($\partial_x^2 K \geq 0$). In this case, we find from (3.9) that:

$$\rho' = -\rho(d - \psi \star \rho),$$
$$d' \leq -d(d - \psi \star \rho).$$

(3.10)

Then one can use the comparison principle for the above system (3.10) with the system (2.1a) to obtain

$$d(t) \to -\infty \quad \text{in a finite time if } d_0 < 0.$$

We turn to the repulsive case, ($\partial_x^2 K < 0$). We have

$$d' = -d^2 + (\psi \star \rho)d + \partial_x^2 K \star \rho.$$

To obtain a global bound on d, we estimate when $d \geq 0$,

$$d' \geq -d^2 + (\psi \star \rho)d.$$

Thus $d(t) \geq 0$ if $d_0 \geq 0$ due to the comparison principle with the system (2.1a). Moreover, we can also obtain the upper bound when $d > 0$.

$$d' \leq -d^2 + \psi_M d + B = -(d - d_1^*)(d - d_2^*), \quad B := \|\partial_x^2 K\|_{L^\infty},$$

where

$$d_1^* := \frac{\psi_M - \sqrt{\psi_M^2 + 4B}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad d_2^* := \frac{\psi_M + \sqrt{\psi_M^2 + 4B}}{2} > 0.$$

It implies $d' < 0$ for $d > d_2^*$, and this deduces d has an upper bound. Hence we have the global boundedness of d.

On the other hand, for $d < 0$, the upper bound is given as

$$d' \leq -d^2 + B = -(d - \sqrt{B})(d + \sqrt{B}).$$

If $d_0 < -\sqrt{B}$, through the comparison principle, it is easy to see that $d(t) \to -\infty$ in a finite time. $\qquad\square$

Collecting all characteristic flows together, we deduce Theorem 1.3.

We can also have more refined estimates by using the same argument as in Proposition 3.2 when the influence function ψ is bounded from below by $\psi_m > 0$. In this case, we can treat the case of combined attractive and repulsive forces.

Corollary 3.1. *Consider the system* (1.1) *with the non-local interaction force $K \in \dot{W}^{2,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$. Suppose that the influence function ψ satisfies $\psi(x) \geq \psi_m > 0$. If the initial slope u_0' is not "too negative" in the sense that*

$$\psi_m^2 \geq 4B \quad \text{and} \quad d_0 \geq -\frac{\psi_m + \sqrt{\psi_m^2 - 4B}}{2},$$

then $d(t)$ is bounded for all time $t \geq 0$. On the other hand, if u_0' is "too negative" in the sense that

$$d_0 < \frac{\psi_m - \sqrt{\psi_M^2 + 4B}}{2},$$

then $d(t) \to -\infty$ in a finite time.

Remark 3.2. Corollary 3.1 implies that if the influence function ψ is bounded from below and it is sufficiently large, then we have better threshold conditions:

- (Subcritical region). If $\psi_m^2 \geq 4B$ and for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\partial_x u_0(x) \geq -\psi \star \rho_0(x) - \frac{1}{2}(\psi_m + \sqrt{\psi_m^2 - 4B}),$$

  then the system has a global classical solution.
- (Supercritical region). If there exists an x such that

$$\partial_x u_0(x) < -\psi \star \rho_0(x) + \frac{1}{2}(\psi_m - \sqrt{\psi_M^2 + 4B}),$$

  then the solution blows up in a finite time.

4. A Remark on Euler-Alignment System with Pressure

In this section, we consider Euler-alignment system with pressure,

$$\partial_t \rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \ t > 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u \partial_x u + \frac{\partial_x p(\rho)}{\rho} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy. \tag{4.1}$$

The pressure is usually modeled through a power law $p(\rho) = A\rho^\gamma$, with $A \geq 0$ and $\gamma \geq 1$. In particular, if there is no alignment interaction, namely $\psi \equiv 0$, the system becomes 1D compressible Euler equation with isentropic pressure, where general initial data leads to finite-time blowup. On the other hand, if $A = 0$, we recover the pressureless system (1.2).

It is of great interest to see whether alignment force regularizes Euler equation with pressure, and if there exists a non-empty subcritical region of initial configurations such that the solution of (4.1) is globally smooth. Since the pressure term destroys the original characteristic structure, it is more delicate to trace the dynamics in this case. To this end, we follow the argument of Ref. 20, where Euler–Poisson equations with pressure is discussed.

Rewrite (4.1) as the following system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \end{pmatrix}_t + \begin{pmatrix} u & \rho \\ A\gamma\rho^{\gamma-2} & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ u \end{pmatrix}_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.2}$$

We decouple the system by diagonalizing the matrix in (4.2). It yields:

$$R_t + \lambda R_x = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy,$$

$$S_t + \mu S_x = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy,$$

where λ, μ are eigenvalues of the matrix

$$\lambda := u - \sqrt{A\gamma}\rho^{(\gamma-1)/2}, \quad \mu := u + \sqrt{A\gamma}\rho^{(\gamma-1)/2},$$

and R, S are the corresponding Riemann invariants:

$$R = \begin{cases} u - \dfrac{2\sqrt{A\gamma}}{\gamma - 1}\rho^{(\gamma-1)/2}, & \gamma > 1, \\ u - \sqrt{A}\ln\rho, & \gamma = 1. \end{cases} \qquad S = \begin{cases} u + \dfrac{2\sqrt{A\gamma}}{\gamma - 1}\rho^{(\gamma-1)/2}, & \gamma > 1, \\ u + \sqrt{A}\ln\rho, & \gamma = 1. \end{cases}$$

Let us denote material derivatives $\grave{} = \partial_t + \lambda\partial_x$ and $' = \partial_t + \mu\partial_x$ along two particle paths. We derive the dynamics of R_x and S_x using the same procedure as in Ref. 20:

$$R_x\grave{} + \frac{1+\theta}{2}R_x^2 + \frac{1-\theta}{2}R_xS_x = \partial_x\int_{\mathbb{R}}\psi(x-y)(u(y,t)-u(x,t))\rho(y,t)dy,$$

$$S_x' + \frac{1+\theta}{2}S_x^2 + \frac{1-\theta}{2}R_xS_x = \partial_x\int_{\mathbb{R}}\psi(x-y)(u(y,t)-u(x,t))\rho(y,t)dy, \tag{4.3}$$

where $\theta = \frac{\gamma-1}{2}$.

We treat the right-hand side of the system similarly as the pressureless system. Define

$$r = R_x + \psi\star\rho \quad \text{and} \quad s = S_x + \psi\star\rho.$$

The paired equations (4.3) can be written in terms of (r,s):

$$r\grave{} + \frac{1+\theta}{2}r^2 + \frac{1-\theta}{2}rs = \left[\left(1+\frac{\theta}{2}\right)r - \frac{\theta}{2}s\right](\psi\star\rho) - \sqrt{A\gamma}\rho^\theta(\psi_x\star\rho),$$

$$s' + \frac{1+\theta}{2}s^2 + \frac{1-\theta}{2}rs = \left[\left(1+\frac{\theta}{2}\right)s - \frac{\theta}{2}r\right](\psi\star\rho) + \sqrt{A\gamma}\rho^\theta(\psi_x\star\rho).$$

We begin our study on a very special isothermal case, where $p(\rho) = A\rho$. Moreover, we take $\psi \equiv C > 0$. Under this setup, the alignment force is reduced to a local damping force, and system (4.1) is simplified to:

$$\partial_t\rho + \partial_x(\rho u) = 0,$$

$$\partial_t u + u\partial_x u + A\partial_x(\ln\rho) = -Cu + C\int_{\mathbb{R}}\rho_0 u_0 dx. \tag{4.4}$$

Here we used the momentum conservation of the system (4.1), i.e.

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}}\rho u dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}}\rho_0 u_0 dx, \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Under the above assumptions, the dynamics of (r,s) can be simplified as follows:

$$r\grave{} = -\frac{1}{2}r^2 - \frac{1}{2}rs + Cr, \tag{4.5a}$$

$$s' = -\frac{1}{2}s^2 - \frac{1}{2}rs + Cs. \tag{4.5b}$$

The following proposition shows a subcritical threshold where global regularity is guaranteed.

Proposition 4.1. (Subcritical region) *If r_0 and s_0 are non-negative and $r_0, s_0 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$, then $r(x,t), s(x,t)$ are bounded for all $x \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0$. More precisely, we have*

$$0 \leq r(x,t), s(x,t) \leq \max\{\|r_0\|_{L^\infty}, \|s_0\|_{L^\infty}, 2C\} \quad \text{for } (x,t) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+.$$

Proof. As r and s has the same dynamics along their own characteristics, it suffices to prove that r is bounded along its characteristic path.

For the proof, we look for an invariant region of the form $[0, M_0]$ with $M_0 > 0$ which will be determined later. If $r, s \in [0, M_0]$, then we find from (4.5a) that

$$r` \geq -\frac{1}{2}r^2 - \frac{1}{2}M_0 r + Cr.$$

We will show that r cannot escape from the left. Let q solve the following differential equation:

$$\frac{dq}{dt} = -\frac{1}{2}q^2 - \frac{1}{2}M_0 q + Cq,$$

with the initial data $q_0 = 0$. Then by the uniqueness of solutions to the above equation, we obtain $q(t) \equiv 0$. This and together with the comparison lemma yield $r(t) \geq 0$ for all time.

We now show that r has an upper bound. We notice that

$$r` = -\frac{1}{2}r(r - 2C) - \frac{1}{2}sr \leq -\frac{1}{2}r(r - 2C).$$

Thus if $r_0 \in (0, 2C]$, then $r(t) \leq 2C$ for all time. On the other hand, if $r_0 > 2C$, then we clearly get $r` \leq 0$ and this implies that $r(t) \leq r_0$ for all time. Hence we obtain that r is uniformly bounded in time with

$$0 \leq r(t) \leq \max\{\|r_0\|_{L^\infty}, 2C\}.$$

The boundedness of s can be done by the same process, and this implies

$$0 \leq r(t), \quad s(t) \leq \max\{\|r_0\|_{L^\infty}, \|s_0\|_{L^\infty}, 2C\}.$$

We conclude our desired result by choosing $M_0 = \max\{\|r_0\|_{L^\infty}, \|s_0\|_{L^\infty}, 2C\}$. □

Recall $r_0 = \partial_x u_0 - \sqrt{A}(\partial_x \rho_0)/\rho_0 + C$ and $s_0 = \partial_x u_0 + \sqrt{A}(\partial_x \rho_0)/\rho_0 + C$. The subcritical region is equivalent to

$$\partial_x u_0(x) \geq -C + \sqrt{A}\left|\frac{\partial_x \rho_0(x)}{\rho_0(x)}\right|, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{4.6}$$

For $C > 0$, the set (ρ_0, u_0) is non-empty. In the case of $A = 0$, we recover the subcritical threshold condition for pressureless Euler dynamics with damping.

On the other hand, the boundedness of r and s will imply the boundedness of $\partial_x u$ and $\partial_x \ln \rho$, we obtain the following global existence result.

Theorem 4.1. *Consider* (4.4) *with subcritical initial condition* (4.6). *Then, the system has a global classical solution.*

Remark 4.1. Critical thresholds on Euler equation with local damping has been discussed in Ref. 15, for general types of pressure. Our result provides a larger subcritical region for the special case (4.5).

For the general non-local influence function ψ, the strategy does not apply, due to the presence of the extra term $\pm\sqrt{A\gamma}\rho^\theta(\psi_x \star \rho)$. In this case, $r = 0$ and $s = 0$ are not stationary states, and it is more delicate to control the lower bound of (r, s) in time. We leave the problem for future investigation.

Appendix. Global Regularity

In this part, we consider smoother subcritical initial data, and prove that initial regularity persists globally in time, under suitable assumptions on the influence function ψ and the interaction potential K.

A.1. *Pressureless Euler equations with non-local forces*

We start with our main system (1.1a).

Theorem A.1. *Let $s \geq 0$ be an integer. Consider system* (1.1a) *with smooth influence function ψ satisfying*

$$\psi \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) + const. \quad and \quad x\partial_x\psi \in L^1(\mathbb{R}), \tag{A.1}$$

and potential K such that

$$\partial_x^2 K \in L^1(\mathbb{R}). \tag{A.2}$$

Suppose the initial data (ρ_0, u_0) lie in the subcritical region, and satisfy $\rho_0, \partial_x u_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$. Then, there exists a unique global solution (ρ, u) such that

$$\rho \in \mathcal{C}([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R})) \quad and \quad \partial_x u \in \mathcal{C}([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R})),$$

for any time T.

Remark A.1. The condition (A.1) on ψ is valid for constant influence function $\psi \equiv 1$, as well as the typical Cucker–Smale weight $\psi(x) = (1+x^2)^{-\gamma}$, with $\gamma > 1/2$. The condition on K is valid for Newtonian potential $K = \frac{k}{2}|x|$.

As subcritical initial data imply global-in-time bounds on $\|\rho\|_{L^\infty}$ and $\|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}$, it suffices to prove the following estimate.

Theorem A.2. *Let $s \geq 0$ be an integer. Define $Y(t) := \|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 + \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2$. If the influence function ψ and the potential K satisfy* (A.1) *and* (A.2), *respectively,*

then

$$Y(T) \lesssim Y(0) \exp \left[\int_0^T (1 + \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty}) dt \right]. \tag{A.3}$$

Proof. We start with acting operator Λ^s on Eq. $(1.1)_1$ and integrate by parts against $\Lambda^s \rho$. Here $\Lambda := (I - \Delta)^{1/2}$ is the pseudo-differential operator. We also denote $(\cdot, \cdot)$ as L^2 inner product in $\mathbb{R}$.

The evolution of the H^s-norm reads

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 = -([\Lambda^s \partial_x, u] \rho, \Lambda^s \rho) + \frac{1}{2} (\Lambda^s \rho, (\partial_x u) \Lambda^s \rho).$$

We postpone the proof of the following commutator estimate to Lemma A.1.

$$\|[\Lambda^s \partial_x, u] \rho\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty} \|\rho\|_{H^s} + \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} \|\rho\|_{L^\infty}.$$

With this, we deduce the following estimate

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\rho(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 \lesssim [\|\rho\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}](\|\rho\|_{H^s}^2 + \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2).$$

Similarly, for Eq. (1.1b), we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 = -([\Lambda^s \partial_x, u] \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x u) + \frac{1}{2} (\Lambda^s \partial_x u, (\partial_x u) \Lambda^s \partial_x u)$$

$$+ \left(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y) - u(x)) \rho(y) dy \right)$$

$$+ \left(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x K(x - y) \rho(y) dy \right).$$

For the commutator, we obtain the same estimate from Lemma A.1.

$$\|[\Lambda^s \partial_x, u] \partial_x u\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty} \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}.$$

For the alignment term, we claim and will prove in Lemma A.2 that

$$\left(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y) - u(x)) \rho(y) dy \right)$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} [\|\rho\|_{H^s} \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty} + (1 + \|\rho\|_{L^\infty}) \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}]. \tag{A.4}$$

For the attraction–repulsion term, as $\partial_x^2 K \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\left(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x K(x - y) \rho(y) dy \right)$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} \|\partial_x^2 K\|_{L^1} \|\Lambda^s \rho\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} \|\rho\|_{H^s}.$$

Putting everything together, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 \lesssim [1 + \|\rho\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}](\|\rho\|_{H^s}^2 + \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2).$$

A Gronwall's inequality implies (A.3). $\qquad \qquad \square$

Next, we provide a short proof of the Kato–Pounce-type commutator estimate,[13] which is used in the regularity estimates.

Lemma A.1. (Commutator estimate) *Let* $f, \partial_x u \in (L^\infty \cap H^s)(\mathbb{R})$. *Take* s *to be a non-negative integer. Then,*

$$\|[\partial_x^{s+1}, u]f\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^\infty}\|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|f\|_{H^s}.$$

Remark A.2. Take $f = \rho$, we get

$$\|[\partial_x^{s+1}, u]\rho\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\rho\|_{L^\infty}\|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|\rho\|_{H^s}.$$

Take $f = \partial_x u$, we get

$$\|[\partial_x^{s+1}, u]\partial_x u\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}.$$

These imply the two commutator inequalities in Theorem A.2.

Proof of Lemma A.1. We first rewrite the commutator and use appropriate Hölder inequality to get

$$\|[\partial_x^{s+1}, u]f\|_{L^2} = \|\partial_x^{s+1}(uf) - u \cdot \partial_x^{s+1} f\|_{L^2} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} \|\partial_x^{s+1-i}u \cdot \partial_x^i f\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} \|\partial_x^{s-i}(\partial_x u)\|_{L^{\frac{2s}{s-i}}} \|\partial_x^i f\|_{L^{\frac{2s}{i}}}.$$

Next, we apply the following type of Gagliardo–Nirenberg interpolation inequality

$$\|\partial_x^j g\|_{L^{\frac{2s}{j}}} \lesssim \|\partial_x^s g\|_{L^2}^{\frac{j}{s}} \|g\|_{L^\infty}^{1-\frac{j}{s}}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, s.$$

Taking $(g, j) = (\partial_x u, s - i)$ and $(g, j) = (f, i)$, we continue the estimate

$$\|[\partial_x^{s+1}, u]f\|_{L^2} \lesssim \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} (\|\partial_x^s(\partial_x u)\|_{L^2}\|f\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{s-i}{s}} (\|\partial_x^s f\|_{L^2}\|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty})^{\frac{i}{s}}$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x^s(\partial_x u)\|_{L^2}\|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x^s f\|_{L^2}\|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}.$$

The last estimate is due to Young's inequality. This ends the proof. $\square$

We are left with the final estimate (A.4).

Lemma A.2. *If the influence function* ψ *satisfies* (A.1), *then*

$$\left\|\partial_x^{s+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y) - u(x))\rho(y)dy\right\|_{L^2}$$

$$\lesssim (\|\rho\|_{L^\infty} + 1)\|\partial_x u\|_{H^s} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|\rho\|_{H^s}.$$

Proof. We first assume $\psi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Estimate the left-hand side as follows:

$$\text{LHS} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} \|\partial_x^{s+1-i} u \cdot \partial_x^i (\psi \star \rho)\|_{L^2}$$

$$+ \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x^{s+1} \psi(x-y)(u(y)-u(x))\rho(y)dy \right\|_{L^2} =: \text{I} + \text{II}.$$

We control the first term in the similar way as Lemma A.1, along with the assumption that $\psi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$:

$$\text{I} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} \|\partial_x^{s-i}(\partial_x u)\|_{L^{\frac{2s}{s-i}}} \|\partial_x^i \rho\|_{L^{\frac{2s}{i}}} \|\psi\|_{L^1}$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x^s(\partial_x u)\|_{L^2} \|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x^s f\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}.$$

For the second term, we again break it into two terms (again, suppressing the t-dependence),

$$\text{II} = \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_y^{s+1} \psi(x-y)(u(y)-u(x))\rho(y)dy \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$= \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)\partial_y^{s+1}[(u(y)-u(x))\rho(y)] \, dy \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y) \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} \partial_y^{s+1-i} u(y) \partial_y^i \rho(y) dy \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$+ \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)(u(y)-u(x))\partial_y^{s+1}\rho(y)dy \right\|_{L^2} =: \text{III} + \text{IV}.$$

The third term can be controlled by Lemma A.1 after applying Young's inequality

$$\text{III} \leq \|\psi\|_{L^1} \sum_{i=0}^{s} \binom{s+1}{i} \|\partial_x^{s+1-i} u \cdot \partial_x^i \rho\|_{L^2}$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x^s(\partial_x u)\|_{L^2}\|\rho\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x^s \rho\|_{L^2}\|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}.$$

Finally, for the last term, we have

$$\text{IV} = \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_y[\psi(x-y)(u(y)-u(x))]\partial_y^s \rho(y,t)dy \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_y \psi(x-y)(u(y)-u(x))\partial_y^s \rho(y)dy \right\|_{L^2} + \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x-y)\partial_y u(y)\partial_y^s \rho(y)dy \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq \|x\partial_x \psi\|_{L^1}\|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|\partial_x^s \rho\|_{L^2} + \|\psi\|_{L^1}\|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|\partial_x^s \rho\|_{L^2}.$$

For $\psi \in L^1 + \text{const.}$ it is easy to check that for constant c,

$$\partial_x^{s+1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} c(u(y,t) - u(x,t))\rho(y,t)dy = -c\partial_x^{s+1} u(x),$$

and the desired estimate follows.   □

A.2. *Isothermal Euler equations with non-local dissipation*

In this part, we study the global regularity for the system (4.1) with the pressure law $p(\rho) = \rho$. The system can be rewritten in the following form:

$$\partial_t n + u\partial_x n = -\partial_x u, \quad n := \ln \rho,$$

$$\partial_t u + u\partial_x u + \partial_x n = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y, t) - u(x, t))\rho(y, t)dy. \tag{A.5}$$

Theorem A.3. *Let $s \geq 0$ be an integer. Consider the system (A.5) with the influence function ψ satisfying*

$$\partial_x \psi \in W^{s-1,\infty}(\mathbb{R}), \quad |x|^{1/2}\partial_x^\alpha \psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq \alpha \leq s+1. \tag{A.6}$$

Suppose the initial data $(n_0 := \ln \rho_0, u_0)$ satisfy $\partial_x n_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$, and $\partial_x u_0 \in H^s(\mathbb{R})$. If the solutions (n, u) have the following global-in-time bounds

$$\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} (\|\partial_x n\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}) < \infty,$$

then there exists a unique global solution (n, u) such that

$$\partial_x n \in \mathcal{C}([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R})) \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_x u \in \mathcal{C}([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R})),$$

for any time T.

For the similar reason as before, it is enough to prove the following estimate for the global solvability.

Remark A.3. If the influence function ψ is a constant, then we do not need the assumption (A.6) for ψ. Since the subcritical initial data obtained in Theorem 4.1 for the system (4.4) imply global-in-time bounds on $\|\partial_x(n, u)\|_{L^\infty}$, Theorem A.3 deduces that the initial regularity persists globally in time.

Theorem A.4. *Let $s \geq 0$ be an integer. Define $Y(t) := \|\partial_x n(\cdot, t)\|^2_{H^s} + \|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|^2_{H^s}$. If the influence function ψ satisfies (A.6), then*

$$Y(T) \lesssim Y(0) \exp\left(\int_0^T (1 + \|\partial_x n(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty}) dt\right).$$

Proof. The proof proceeds along similar lines of Theorem A.2.

We begin by acting with the operator $\Lambda^s \partial_x$ on Eq. (A.5)$_1$: integration by parts against $\Lambda^s \partial_x n$ then yields,

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\|\partial_x n(\cdot, t)\|^2_{H^s}$$

$$= -([\Lambda^s \partial_x, u]\partial_x n, \Lambda^s \partial_x n) + \frac{1}{2}(\Lambda^s \partial_x n, (\partial_x u)\Lambda^s \partial_x n) - (\Lambda^s \partial_s n, \Lambda^s \partial_x^2 u).$$

The commutator estimate in Lemma A.1 implies

$$\|[\Lambda^s \partial_x, u]\partial_x n\|_{L^2} \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}\|\partial_x n\|_{H^s} + \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}\|\partial_x n\|_{L^\infty}.$$

With this, we deduce the following estimate:

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\|\partial_x n(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 + (\Lambda^s \partial_s n, \Lambda^s \partial_x^2 u)$$

$$\lesssim [\|\partial_x n\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}](\|\partial_x n\|_{H^s}^2 + \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2). \tag{A.7}$$

Similarly, for Eq. (A.5)$_2$, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2$$

$$= -([\Lambda^s \partial_x, u]\partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x u) + \frac{1}{2}(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, (\partial_x u)\Lambda^s \partial_x u) - (\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \partial_x \Lambda^s \partial_x^2 n)$$

$$+ \left(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y) - u(x))\rho(y)dy\right).$$

With the same argument as in Theorem A.2, we get

$$\frac{1}{2}\frac{d}{dt}\|\partial_x u(\cdot, t)\|_{H^s}^2 + (\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \partial_x \Lambda^s \partial_x^2 n)$$

$$\lesssim [1 + \|\rho\|_{L^\infty} + \|\partial_x u\|_{L^\infty}](\|\partial_x n\|_{H^s}^2 + \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2), \tag{A.8}$$

provided that the following estimate for the alignment term is true:

$$\left(\Lambda^s \partial_x u, \Lambda^s \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y) - u(x))\rho(y)dy\right) \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2. \tag{A.9}$$

See Lemma A.3 for the proof of this inequality.

Finally, we add (A.7)–(A.8) and use Gronwall's inequality to end the proof. $\quad\square$

We end this section by proving the estimate (A.9). A stronger regularity on ψ is required (compared with Lemma A.2) as we do not have regularity for ρ any more.

Lemma A.3. *If ψ satisfies* (A.6), *then the estimate* (A.9) *is satisfied.*

Proof. It suffices to prove for all $1 \leq \alpha \leq s + 1$,

$$\left(\partial_x^\alpha u, \partial_x^\alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(x - y)(u(y) - u(x))\rho(y)dy\right) \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2.$$

In fact, we get

$$\text{LHS} = \left(\partial_x^\alpha u, \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha} \binom{\alpha}{i} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x^i \psi(x - y)\partial_x^{\alpha-i}(u(y) - u(x))\rho(y)dy\right)$$

$$\leq -(\psi \star \rho)\|\partial_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha-1} \binom{\alpha}{i}\|\partial_x^{\alpha-i}u \cdot \partial_x^i(\psi \star \rho)\|_{L^2}$$

$$+ \|\partial_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2} \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \partial_x^\alpha \psi(x-y)(u(y,t)-u(x,t))\rho(y,t)dy \right\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq 0 + \mathrm{I} + \mathrm{II}.$$

Next, we estimate I and II term-by-term:

$$\mathrm{I} \leq \|\partial_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha-1} \binom{\alpha}{i} \|\partial_x^{\alpha-i} u\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x^i \psi\|_{L^\infty} \|\rho\|_{L^1}$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x \psi\|_{W^{s-1,\infty}} \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2 \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2,$$

$$\mathrm{II} \leq \|\partial_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2} [u]_{C^{1/2}} \||x|^{1/2} \partial_x^\alpha \psi(x) \star \rho\|_{L^2}$$

$$\lesssim \|\partial_x^\alpha u\|_{L^2} \|\partial_x u\|_{L^2} \||x|^{1/2} \partial_x^\alpha \psi(x)\|_{L^2} \|\rho\|_{L^1} \lesssim \|\partial_x u\|_{H^s}^2.$$

This concludes the proof. □

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