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Title: Oscillations in hyperbolic-parabolic systems and homogenization via kinetic equations

Abstract:

We present examples of sustained oscillations for hyperbolic-parabolic systems. In the existence theory for viscoelasticity of Kelvin-Voigt type, oscillations on the deformation gradient

can persist and propagate in time. The existence of sustained oscillations is demonstrated in two classes

of systems: (i) Examples from nonlinear viscoelasticity with elastic strain energy that is not rank-1

convex, and (ii) in the compressible Navier-Stokes system with non-monotone pressures.

The subject naturally leads to the problem of deriving effective equations for the associated homogenization problems. This problem is addressed using ideas from the kinetic formulation for conservation

laws. One derives homogenization equations for oscillations of the density in one-dimensional models of viscoelasticity with non-monotone stresses and also for the compressible Navier-Stokes system with nonmonotone pressures. This leads to effective systems consisting of kinetic equations coupled with the macroscopic flow.