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Abstract

We prove nonuniqueness of weak solutions to multi-dimensional generalisation of the Aw-Rascle model of vehicular traffic. Our generalisation includes the velocity offset in a form of gradient of density function, which results in a dissipation effect, similar to viscous dissipation in the compressible viscous fluid models. We show that despite this dissipation, the extension of the method of convex integration can be applied to generate infinitely many weak solutions connecting arbitrary initial and final states. We also show that for certain choice of data, ill posedness holds in the class of admissible weak solutions.

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1 Motivation

The Aw–Rascle model of vehicular traffic (AR) is a second order macroscopic model of traffic developed originally in one-dimensional framework [2]. It is a system of two conservation laws describing the conservation of mass and conservation of linear momentum. However, unlike in the

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fluid models, the second equation is not associated with the actual velocity of motion u , but with the preferred velocity w :

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \varrho + \partial_x(\varrho u) &= 0, \\ \partial_t(\varrho w) + \partial_x(\varrho w u) &= 0, \\ w &= u + P(\varrho).\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

The two velocities differ by the velocity offset denoted by $P(\varrho) > 0$, which, in this particular case, depends only on the density. The relation $u = w - P(\varrho)$ means that the actual velocity of motion is always smaller than the preferred velocity depending on the congestion of the cars ahead. The one-dimensional AR system has been derived in [1] from the particle model called Follow-the-Leader model with particular form of the offset function $P(\varrho) = \varrho^\gamma$. This form of the offset function has several drawbacks. First of all, the maximal velocity and maximal density constraint are not preserved by the system (1.1). Secondly, it is not clear what this offset should be for multi-dimensional model of traffic, where the velocity is a vector and the offset is a scalar function.

The remedy to the first problem has been proposed [5] where the authors considered a cost function with maximal density constraint $\bar{\varrho} > 0$

$$P(\varrho) = \left(\frac{1}{\varrho} - \frac{1}{\bar{\varrho}} \right)^{-\gamma}.\tag{1.2}$$

In this way, the density ϱ stays always below its critical value $\bar{\varrho}$, provided it was so initially. To talk about the remedy to the second problem – the dimension discrepancy – we first point out that avoidance of collisions can also be modelled by introduction of the force that becomes singular at the contact points. This is the main idea behind the macroscopic models of lubrication, considered for example in [16]. In particular, the one-dimensional macroscopic lubrication model for interacting rigid spheres integrating the inertial effects reads:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \varrho + \partial_x(\varrho u) &= 0, \\ \partial_t(\varrho u) + \partial_x(\varrho u^2) - \partial_x(\mu(\varrho)\partial_x u) &= 0.\end{aligned}\tag{1.3}$$

Here $\mu(\varrho) > 0$ is a singular function of the density such that $\mu(\varrho) \rightarrow \infty$ when density tends to some maximal constraint, say $\bar{\varrho}$, which is dictated by the physical dimensions of the interacting balls. Note that (1.3) is in fact the compressible, pressureless Navier-Stokes system, studied for example in [14]. Extension of this system to multi-dimensional case, in particular, the form of the stress and maximal constraint of the density are not known. Note, however, that a simple formal calculation allows to convert the system (1.3) into a version AR system (1.1) with

$$P(\varrho) = \frac{\mu(\varrho)}{\varrho^2} \partial_x \varrho.\tag{1.4}$$

Taking this form of the offset function has the advantage of dimension compatibility with the velocity vector field in higher dimensions. The existence of measure-valued solutions to such

generalisation in multi-dimensional setting, and their weak-strong uniqueness was recently proved in [8].

Replacement of a scalar function by its gradient in the form of offset $P(\varrho)$ accounts for including certain non-local effects in the interactions between the drivers at the microscopic level in the Follow-the-Leader model. Another generalisation of the AR model including the non-local interactions was recently studied in [9].

On the other hand, in line with the derivation from [15], the velocity offset in the two-dimensional AR system is a vector of functions i.e. $P(\varrho) = \mathbf{h}(\varrho) = [h_1(\varrho), h_2(\varrho)]$.

In the current paper we consider a combination of these ansatz and we study a d -dimensional AR model of the form:

$$\partial_t \varrho + \operatorname{div}_x(\varrho \mathbf{u}) = 0, \tag{1.5}$$

$$\partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{w}) + \operatorname{div}_x(\varrho \mathbf{w} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = 0, \tag{1.6}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho). \tag{1.7}$$

For simplicity, we consider the periodic boundary conditions – the physical domain is identified with the d -dimensional flat torus

$$\mathbb{T}^d = ([-1, 1]_{\{-1;1\}})^d, \quad d = 2, 3. \tag{1.8}$$

The goal of the paper is to show that, similarly to the compressible Euler system, the Aw-Rascle system is basically ill-posed in the class of weak (distributional) solutions. To this end, we adapt the general approach developed in [12] based on the method of *convex integration*. This method was introduced by DeLellis and Székelyhidi [11], primarily to prove the existence of infinitely many *wild* solutions to the incompressible Euler system. Subsequently, it was extended by Chiodaroli [10] to the compressible Euler system, and more recently by Buckmaster and Vicol for the incompressible Navier-Stokes equations [6]. It is not yet known if convex integration technique could be further extended to the compressible Navier-Stokes equations. Note, however, that weak inviscid limit of compressible Navier-Stokes system with degenerate viscosities has been recently used in [7] to generate infinitely many global-in-time admissible weak solutions to the isentropic Euler system. The fact that the convex integration technique works for system (1.5)–(1.7), which in one-dimensional setting coincides with the compressible Navier-Stokes system (1.3), is therefore a very interesting observation. In multi-dimensional setting system (1.5)–(1.7) is equivalent to a dissipate pressureless compressible system with degenerate, density-dependent shear viscosity and a lower order drift term. Indeed, taking $\mathbf{h} = 0$ in (1.7), and substituting for \mathbf{w} in the equation (1.6), we formally obtain

$$\partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{u}) + \operatorname{div}_x(\varrho \mathbf{u} \otimes \mathbf{u}) = \nabla_x(\varrho Q'(\varrho) \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{u}) + \mathcal{L}[\nabla_x Q(\varrho), \nabla_x \mathbf{u}],$$

where $Q'(\varrho) = \varrho p'(\varrho)$ and

$$\mathcal{L}[\nabla_x Q(\varrho), \nabla_x \mathbf{u}] = \nabla_x(\nabla_x Q(\varrho) \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \operatorname{div}_x(\nabla_x Q(\varrho) \otimes \mathbf{u}),$$

which is a lower order term, a simple calculation yields

$$(\mathcal{L}[\nabla_x Q(\varrho), \nabla_x \mathbf{u}])_j = \sum_{i=1}^3 (\partial_{x_i} Q(\varrho) \partial_{x_j} u_i - \partial_{x_j} Q(\varrho) \partial_{x_i} u_i) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, 3.$$

We can thus say that our idea works for certain viscous compressible models with degenerate viscosity coefficients possessing the “two-velocity” structure”. Similar structure has been used in the past to prove the existence of solutions to compressible Navier-Stokes equations with density-dependent viscosity [4], and in [3] to consider stochastically perturbed transport terms in the compressible Navier-Stokes system with constant viscosity coefficients.

The paper is organised as follows. In Section 2 we state our first main result, Theorem 2.1, about ill posedness of the Aw–Rascle system (1.5) – (1.7) with respect to the initial-final data. The solutions obtained in this section connect *arbitrary* initial and terminal states, however, they may violate the energy inequality. The ill posedness in the class of *admissible* weak solutions satisfying this inequality is shown in Section 3, the final result is stated in Theorem 3.2. The paper is concluded with a discussion of other boundary conditions.

2 Ill posedness with respect to the initial–final data

In this section we formulate and prove our first main result: that any initial density–velocity data $(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) = (\varrho(0, \cdot), \mathbf{u}(0, \cdot))$ can connect to arbitrary terminal state $(\varrho_T, \mathbf{u}_T) = ((\varrho(T, \cdot), \mathbf{u}(T, \cdot))$ via a weak solution to problem (1.5)–(1.8). More specifically, we consider

$$\varrho_0, \varrho_T \in C^2(\mathbb{T}^d), \inf_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 > 0, \inf_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_T > 0, \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_T \, dx \quad (2.1)$$

together with

$$\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{u}_T \in C^3(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d), \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_T \mathbf{u}_T \, dx - \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 \mathbf{u}_0 \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 \mathbf{h}(\varrho_0) \, dx - \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_T \mathbf{h}(\varrho_T) \, dx. \quad (2.2)$$

Note that the integral equalities in (2.1), (2.2) represent necessary compatibility conditions as the quantities

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho(t, \cdot) \, dx, \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho \mathbf{w}(t, \cdot) \, dx$$

are conserved even in the class of weak solutions.

We claim the following result.

Theorem 2.1 (Ill posedness with respect to the data). *Let $d = 2, 3$. Suppose that*

$$\mathbf{h} \in C^2((0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^d), \quad p \in C^2((0, \infty)). \quad (2.3)$$

Let $(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0), (\varrho_T, \mathbf{u}_T)$ satisfy (2.1), (2.2).

Then the system (1.5) – (1.7), endowed with the periodic boundary conditions (1.8) admits infinitely many weak solutions in the class

$$\varrho \in C^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{T}^d), \quad \mathbf{u} \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$$

such that

$$\varrho(0, \cdot) = \varrho_0, \quad \varrho(T, \cdot) = \varrho_T, \quad (\varrho \mathbf{u})(0, \cdot) = \varrho_0 \mathbf{u}_0, \quad (\varrho \mathbf{u})(T, \cdot) = \varrho_T \mathbf{u}_T. \quad (2.4)$$

Remark 2.2. It will become clear in the course of the proof (see formula (2.12) below) that hypothesis (2.3) can be relaxed to

$$\mathbf{h} \in C^2(I; \mathbb{R}^d), \quad p \in C^2(I; \mathbb{R}^d),$$

where $I \subset (0, \infty)$ is an open interval containing the convex closure of the range of ϱ_0, ϱ_T . In particular, we can choose $\mathbf{h}(\varrho), p(\varrho)$ to be singular as in the form (1.2) proposed by the authors of [5].

Here and hereafter, we adopt the standard definition of *weak solution* via the integral identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} [\varrho \partial_t \varphi + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_x \varphi] \, dx \, dt &= 0 \\ &\text{for any } \varphi \in C_c^1((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d); \\ \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} [\varrho \mathbf{w} \cdot \partial_t \varphi + \varrho \mathbf{w} \otimes \mathbf{u} : \nabla_x \varphi] \, dx \, dt &= 0 \\ &\text{for any } \varphi \in C_c^1((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

In particular,

$$\varrho \mathbf{w} \in C_{\text{weak}}([0, T]; L^q(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)) \text{ for any } 1 \leq q < \infty;$$

hence

$$\varrho \mathbf{u} \in C_{\text{weak}}([0, T]; L^q(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)) \text{ for any } 1 \leq q < \infty,$$

and (2.4) makes sense.

In the remaining part of the paper, we develop an abstract framework that enables to prove Theorem 2.1 along with other results stated below.

2.1 Momentum decomposition

Write

$$\varrho \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi, \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \mathbf{v} \, dx = 0, \quad \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}(t) \in R^d. \quad (2.7)$$

Accordingly, the equation of continuity (1.5) reads

$$\partial_t \varrho + \Delta_x \Phi = 0. \quad (2.8)$$

2.1.1 Density profile

The next step is adjusting a suitable density profile,

$$\varrho \in C^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{T}^d), \quad \varrho(0, \cdot) = \varrho_0, \varrho > 0, \varrho(T, \cdot) = \varrho_T \quad (2.9)$$

where ϱ_0, ϱ_T are the desired initial and terminal states. In accordance with (2.8), this should be done in such a way that

$$\partial_t \varrho(0, \cdot) + \Delta_x \Phi_0 = 0, \quad \partial_t \varrho(T, \cdot) + \Delta_x \Phi_T = 0, \quad (2.10)$$

where Φ_0, Φ_T are the values of the acoustic potential determined by the Helmholtz decomposition of the initial data, and terminal data

$$\varrho_0 \mathbf{u}_0 = \mathbf{v}_0 + \mathbf{V}_0 + \nabla_x \Phi_0, \quad \varrho_T \mathbf{u}_T = \mathbf{v}_T + \mathbf{V}_T + \nabla_x \Phi_T, \quad (2.11)$$

respectively.

Consider the functions

$$\begin{aligned} H &\in C^\infty[0, T], \quad 0 \leq H \leq 1, \quad H(0) = 1, \quad H(T) = 0, \quad H'(0) = H'(T) = 0, \\ Z_0^\delta &\in C_c^\infty[0, T], \quad Z_0^\delta(0) = 0, \quad (Z_0^\delta)'(0) = -1, \\ Z_T^\delta &\in C_c^\infty(0, T], \quad Z_T^\delta(T) = 0, \quad (Z_T^\delta)'(T) = -1, \\ |Z_0^\delta|, |Z_T^\delta| &< \delta, \quad \delta > 0. \end{aligned}$$

The desired density profile can be taken as

$$\varrho(t, x) = H(t)\varrho_0(x) + \varrho_T(x)(1 - H(t)) + Z_0^\delta(t)\Delta_x \Phi_0(x) + Z_T^\delta(t)\Delta_x \Phi_T(x). \quad (2.12)$$

Indeed it is easy to check that (2.9), (2.10) hold while the acoustic potential Φ is uniquely determined by (2.8). Moreover, if $\delta > 0$ is chosen small enough, we get

$$\inf_{(0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d} \varrho > 0. \quad (2.13)$$

2.2 Transformed problem I

With ϱ , Φ fixed in the preceding part, the problem (1.5)–(1.7) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V}) + \operatorname{div}_x \left(\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \otimes (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi)}{\varrho} + \partial_t(\Phi + P(\varrho)) \mathbb{I} \right) \\ = -\partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho)) - \operatorname{div}_x \left((\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \otimes (\mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \right) \\ - \nabla_x(\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad (2.15)$$

where $\nabla_x P(\varrho) = \varrho \nabla_x p(\varrho)$. System (2.14), (2.15) still contains two unknowns – \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{V} that should satisfy the associated initial and terminal conditions

$$\mathbf{v}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_0, \quad \mathbf{V}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{V}_0, \quad \mathbf{v}(T, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_T, \quad \mathbf{V}(T, \cdot) = \mathbf{V}_T.$$

2.3 Fixing \mathbf{V}

In addition to (2.10), the density profile should give rise to the desired momentum average \mathbf{V} . In accordance with the momentum equation (1.6), we get

$$\mathbf{V}(t) = \mathbf{V}_0 - \frac{1}{|\mathbb{T}^d|} \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho))(s, \cdot) \, dx ds \quad (2.16)$$

so that

$$\partial_t \mathbf{V} = -\frac{1}{|\mathbb{T}^d|} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho))(t, \cdot) \, dx.$$

Moreover, in accordance with (2.2), (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_T \mathbf{u}_T \, dx &= |\mathbb{T}^d| \mathbf{V}_T = |\mathbb{T}^d| \mathbf{V}(T) = |\mathbb{T}^d| \mathbf{V}_0 - \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho))(s, \cdot) \, dx ds \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 \mathbf{u}_0 \, dx - \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_T \mathbf{h}(\varrho_T) \, dx + \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 \mathbf{h}(\varrho_0) \, dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

Consequently, equation (2.14) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \left(\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \otimes (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi)}{\varrho} + \partial_t(\Phi + P(\varrho)) \mathbb{I} \right) \\ = \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbb{T}^d|} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho)) \, dx - \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho)) \right) - \operatorname{div}_x \left((\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \otimes (\mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \right) \\ - \nabla_x(\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Similarly to the acoustic potential Φ , the function \mathbf{V} is now determined through the given density profile ϱ via (2.16).

2.4 Elliptic problem I

To rewrite (2.18) in the form considered in [12], we consider a symmetric traceless tensor

$$\mathbb{M} = \nabla_x \mathbf{U} + \nabla_x \mathbf{U}^t - \frac{2}{d} \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{U} \mathbb{I}, \quad (2.19)$$

where \mathbf{U} is the unique zero-mean solution of the elliptic problem

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}_x \left(\nabla_x \mathbf{U} + \nabla_x \mathbf{U}^t - \frac{2}{d} \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{U} \mathbb{I} \right) &= \operatorname{div}_x \left((\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \otimes (\mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \right) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbb{T}^d|} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho)) \, dx - \partial_t(\varrho \mathbf{h}(\varrho)) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Consequently, problem (2.14), (2.15) can be rewritten in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \left(\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \otimes (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi)}{\varrho} + \partial_t (\Phi + P(\varrho)) \mathbb{I} + \mathbb{M} \right) \\ = -\nabla_x (\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \cdot \mathbf{v}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad (2.22)$$

with $\mathbf{v}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_0$, $\mathbf{v}(T, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_T$.

2.5 Elliptic problem II

Similarly to the preceding step, we set

$$\mathbb{N} = \nabla_x \mathbf{R} + \nabla_x \mathbf{R}^t - \frac{2}{d} \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{R} \mathbb{I}, \quad (2.23)$$

with \mathbf{R} solving

$$\operatorname{div}_x \left(\nabla_x \mathbf{R} + \nabla_x \mathbf{R}^t - \frac{2}{d} \operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{R} \mathbb{I} \right) = \nabla_x (\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \cdot \mathbf{v}. \quad (2.24)$$

Note carefully that $\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}]$ depends on the unknown \mathbf{v} .

Consequently, we may rewrite (2.21), (2.22) in the form

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \left(\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \otimes (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi)}{\varrho} + \partial_t (\Phi + P(\varrho)) \mathbb{I} + \mathbb{M} + \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}] \right) = 0, \quad (2.25)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0. \quad (2.26)$$

2.6 Adjusting the energy

Finally, let us consider the energy associated to the system,

$$e = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi|^2}{\varrho}. \quad (2.27)$$

Introducing the notation

$$\mathbf{m} \odot \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{m} - \frac{1}{d} |\mathbf{m}|^2 \mathbb{I},$$

we may rewrite (2.25), (2.26) as an abstract ‘‘Euler system’’:

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \left(\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \odot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi)}{\varrho} + \mathbb{M} + \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}] \right) = 0, \quad (2.28)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad (2.29)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi|^2}{\varrho} = e = \Lambda - \frac{d}{2} \partial_t (\Phi + P(\varrho)), \quad (2.30)$$

$$\mathbf{v}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_0, \quad \mathbf{v}(T, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_T \quad (2.31)$$

where $\Lambda = \Lambda(t)$ is an arbitrary spatially homogeneous function to be adjusted below.

2.7 Convex integration

Motivated by [12, Section 13.2.2], we introduce the class of *subsolutions* to problem (2.28)–(2.31):

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in C_{\text{weak}}([0, T]; L^2(\mathbb{T}^d; R^d) \cap L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^d) \mid \mathbf{v}(0, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}(T, \cdot) = \mathbf{v}_T, \right. \\ \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \mathbb{F} = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}'((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^d) \text{ for some } \mathbb{F} \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R_{0, \text{sym}}^{d \times d}), \\ \mathbf{v} \in C((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^d), \mathbb{F} \in C((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R_{0, \text{sym}}^{d \times d}), \\ \left. \sup_{\tau < t \leq T, x \in \mathbb{T}^d} \frac{d}{2} \lambda_{\max} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi) \otimes (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{V} + \nabla_x \Phi)}{\varrho} - \mathbb{F} + \mathbb{M} + \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}] \right] - e < 0 \right. \\ \left. \text{for any } 0 < \tau < T \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

In accordance with (2.30), the energy e in (2.32) is given as

$$e = \Lambda - \frac{d}{2} \partial_t (\Phi + P(\varrho)).$$

The symbol $\lambda_{\max}[\mathbb{A}]$ denotes the maximal eigenvalue of a symmetric matrix \mathbb{A} . We recall the algebraic inequality

$$\frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{w}|^2 \leq d \lambda_{\max}[\mathbf{w} \otimes \mathbf{w} - \mathbb{B}], \quad \mathbb{B} \in R_{0, \text{sym}}^{d \times d}. \quad (2.33)$$

As proved in [12, Theorem 13.2.1], problem (2.28)–(2.31) admits infinitely many weak solution if the following holds:

- the set X_0 of subsolutions is non–empty;
- the set X_0 is bounded in $L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^d)$;
- the mapping

$$\mathbf{v} \mapsto \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}]$$

enjoys the following weak continuity property:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{v} \text{ in } C_{\text{weak}}([0, \tau]; L^2(\mathbb{T}^d; R^d)) \text{ and weakly-}^* \text{ in } L^\infty((0, \tau) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^d) \\ \Rightarrow \\ \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}_n] \rightarrow \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}] \text{ in } C([0, \tau] \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^{d \times d}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

for any $0 < \tau \leq T$.

To see that X_0 is non–empty, it is enough to consider

$$\mathbf{v} = (1 - t/T)\mathbf{v}_0 + t/T\mathbf{v}_T$$

the obviously satisfies the initial–terminal conditions, $\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0$, and

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{T}(\mathbf{v}_T - \mathbf{v}_0).$$

Since

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} (\mathbf{v}_T - \mathbf{v}_0) \, dx = 0,$$

it is easy to find (smooth) $\mathbb{F} \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R_{0, \text{sym}}^{d \times d})$ such that

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \mathbb{F} = 0.$$

Finally, we fix $\Lambda > 0$ large enough yielding $\mathbf{v} \in X_0$ – the set of subsolutions is non–empty. Moreover, with Λ fixed, we may use inequality (2.33) to concluded that X_0 is bounded in $L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; R^d)$. The continuity property (2.34) follows easily from (2.23), (2.24) and the standard elliptic L^p –theory.

We have proved Theorem 2.1. \square

3 Satisfaction of the energy inequality

The AR system (1.5) – (1.7) admits a natural energy functional

$$E(\varrho, \mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)|^2.$$

Given the periodic boundary conditions, the total energy of *smooth* solutions is conserved,

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u})(t, \cdot) \, dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) \, dx \text{ for any } t \in [0, T].$$

Admissible *weak* solutions should satisfy at least the energy inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u}) \, dx \leq 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u})(t, \cdot) \, dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) \, dx. \quad (3.1)$$

Remark 3.1. The first inequality in (3.1) is satisfied in the sense of distributions, and the second one guarantees that there is no initial energy jump. Equivalently, we can include both inequalities in a single weak formulation

$$- \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u}) \partial_t \psi \, dx \, dt \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) \, dx$$

satisfied for any $\psi \in C_c^1[0, T)$, $\psi \geq 0$, $\psi(0) = 1$.

The solutions obtained in Theorem 2.1 connect *arbitrary* initial and terminal states, in particular, they may violate at least one of the inequalities in (3.1).

To obtain the existence of infinitely many admissible solutions, we change slightly the ansatz in Theorem (2.1) choosing

$$\varrho_0 = \varrho_T, \quad \mathbf{u}_0 = \mathbf{u}_T = 0.$$

Keeping the notation of Section 2 we therefore obtain

$$\varrho \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}, \quad \Phi = 0, \quad \mathbf{V} = 0,$$

while system (2.28)–(2.30) reduces to

$$\partial_t \mathbf{v} + \operatorname{div}_x \left(\frac{\mathbf{v} \odot \mathbf{v}}{\varrho} + \mathbb{M} + \mathbb{N}[\mathbf{v}] \right) = 0, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\operatorname{div}_x \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{\varrho} = e = \Lambda. \quad (3.4)$$

Seeing that $\mathbf{v} = \varrho \mathbf{u}$ with ϱ independent of time, we have to fix Λ in (3.4) so that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)|^2 dx \leq 0. \quad (3.5)$$

We have

$$\frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{\varrho} + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_x \varrho + \frac{1}{2} \varrho |\mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)|^2.$$

As $\varrho = \varrho_0(x)$ is independent of t , we easily compute

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u}) dx = \frac{|\mathbb{T}^d|}{2} \Lambda'(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{h}(\varrho) dx,$$

where we have used

$$\int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_x p(\varrho) dx = 0.$$

Finally, using the momentum equation (1.6) we compute

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{h}(\varrho) dx = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{h}(\varrho) + \nabla_x p(\varrho)) \otimes \mathbf{u} : \nabla_x \mathbf{h}(\varrho) dx.$$

Consequently, we may fix $\Lambda = \Lambda(t)$ in such a way that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u}) dx \leq 0.$$

Thus, fixing Λ and applying Theorem 2.1, we obtain infinitely many solutions of the Aw–Rascle system with a non-increasing total energy profile. This, however, does not exclude the possibility that the energy experiences initial jump, specifically,

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) dx > \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) dx.$$

To solve the problem of initial energy jump, we use [12, Theorem 13.6.1]. Specifically, there exists a sequence of times $\tau_n \searrow 0$ such that the problem (3.2)–(3.4) admits infinitely many weak solutions on the interval $[\tau_n, T]$, with the initial data

$$(\varrho(\tau_n, \cdot), \mathbf{u}(\tau_n, \cdot)) = (\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}(\tau_n, \cdot))$$

such that

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \tau_n^+} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) dx > \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho(\tau_n, \cdot), \mathbf{u}(\tau_n, \cdot)) dx.$$

We have shown the following result.

Theorem 3.2 (Ill posedness in the class of admissible solutions). *Let $d = 2, 3$. Suppose that*

$$\mathbf{h} \in C^2((0, \infty); \mathbb{R}^d), \quad p \in C^2((0, \infty)). \quad (3.6)$$

Let $\varrho_0 \in C^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$, $\inf_{\mathbb{T}^d} \varrho_0 > 0$ be given. Then there exists an initial velocity $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L^\infty(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$ such that the system (1.5) – (1.7), endowed with the periodic boundary conditions (1.8) admits infinitely many weak solutions in the class

$$\varrho \in C^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{T}^d), \quad \mathbf{u} \in L^\infty((0, T) \times \mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$$

satisfying

$$\varrho(0, \cdot) = \varrho(T, \cdot) = \varrho_0, \quad (\varrho \mathbf{u})(T, \cdot) = 0, \quad (3.7)$$

together with the energy inequality

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u}) \, dx \leq 0, \quad \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho, \mathbf{u})(t, \cdot) \, dx \leq \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} E(\varrho_0, \mathbf{u}_0) \, dx.$$

Remark 3.3. Hypothesis (3.6) can be relaxed exactly as in Remark 2.2.

We conclude the paper with two remarks concerning other choices of boundary data.

Remark 3.4. The periodic boundary data can be replaced by more physically realistic boundary conditions, namely

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad (3.8)$$

where $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a bounded domain with smooth boundary. Accordingly, the weak formulation of the equation (1.6) reads

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left(\varrho \mathbf{w} \cdot \partial_t \varphi + \varrho \mathbf{w} \otimes \mathbf{u} : \nabla_x \varphi \right) \, dx \, dt = - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_0 \mathbf{w}_0 \cdot \varphi(0, \cdot) \, dx, \quad (3.9)$$

for any test function φ in the class

$$\varphi \in C_c^1([0, T] \times \bar{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}^d), \quad \varphi \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

For the proofs from the previous sections to be adaptable to this boundary conditions, we have to impose a geometric restriction on the shape of the domain Ω , specifically, Ω is *not* rotationally symmetric with respect to some axis.

Remark 3.5. We can also consider the case of general boundary conditions on a regular bounded domain Ω , namely,

$$\varrho \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = v_B, \quad \varrho|_{\partial\Omega} = \varrho_B, \quad \nabla_x \varrho \cdot \mathbf{n}|_{\partial\Omega} = D_N \varrho_B, \quad (3.11)$$

where D_N is the Dirichlet-to-Neumann operator.

To accommodate (3.11), we consider a weaker formulation of (1.6), namely

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left(\varrho \mathbf{w} \cdot \partial_t \varphi + \varrho \mathbf{w} \otimes \mathbf{u} : \nabla_x \varphi \right) \, dx \, dt = - \int_{\Omega} \varrho_0 \mathbf{w}_0 \cdot \varphi(0, \cdot) \, dx \quad (3.12)$$

for any test function φ in the class

$$\varphi \in C_c^1([0, T) \times \Omega; \mathbb{R}^d). \quad (3.13)$$

In the case of general boundary conditions, we can obtain the existence of infinitely many solutions for given data. The related energy inequality must be modified accordingly to discuss admissible solutions for certain data.

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