

• Peter - Nonlinear stochastic homogenization

Consider:  $\mathbb{D}_\varepsilon \begin{cases} F(D^2 u, Du, u, x, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega) = 0 & \text{in } U, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial U. \end{cases}$

→ there exists a solution  $u_\varepsilon(\cdot, \omega)$  (in the viscosity sense)

• Question:  $u_\varepsilon(\cdot, \omega) \xrightarrow{?} u_0$ ,  $u_0$  deterministic?

We will see that that is the case, with uniform convergence, where  $u_0$  solves:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{F}(D^2 u, Du, u, x) = 0 & \text{in } U, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial U. \end{cases}$$

→ See papers:

• Hypothesis on  $F$ :

•  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$ : probability space

•  $(T_x)_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d}: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  s.t.  $T_x T_y = T_{x+y}$   
 group  
 measure pres.  $P(T_x A) = P(A)$   
 ergodic  $\leftarrow$  if  $T_x A = A \ \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$   
 $\Rightarrow P(A) \in \{0, 1\}$ .

•  $F: \mathbb{R}_{sym}^{d \times d} \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R} \times \bar{U} \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be s.t.

$$1) F(M, p, u, x, y+h, \omega) = F(M, p, u, x, y, T_h \omega) \quad \forall h$$

[ergodicity]

$$2) \cdot \forall N \geq M \quad F(N, p, u, x, y, \omega) \leq F(M, p, u, x, y, \omega) - \lambda |N - M|$$

[ellipticity]

• if  $u \leq v$ , then  $F(M, p, u, x, y, \omega) \leq F(M, p, v, x, y, \omega)$

3)  $F$  is uniformly Lipschitz in  $M, p$   
and equicontinuous in  $u, x, y$ . [strong hypothesis]

• Examples:

i) the Monge-Ampère eq.:

$$\begin{cases} -\det D^2 u + \frac{f(x, \omega)}{g(Du(x, \omega))} = 0 \\ u \text{ convex} \end{cases}$$

ii) minimal surface eq.:

$$\min \int a(x, \omega) \sqrt{|Du|^2 + 1}$$

$$\leadsto -\operatorname{div} \left( a(x, \omega) \frac{Du}{\sqrt{1 + |Du|^2}} \right) = 0$$

• For simplicity, remove  $u, x, w$  and let us put ourselves in  $\mathbb{D}$ :  $(0, R) =: U$

$$F(u'', \gamma) = -u'' - a(\gamma)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -u'' - a(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}) = 0 \\ u = 0 \end{array} \right. \rightsquigarrow u(x) \approx \frac{d}{2} (x^2 - R^2) + \varepsilon^2 \underbrace{u(\frac{x}{\varepsilon})}_{\text{corrector function}}$$

$\begin{array}{l} \text{with } \gamma = \frac{R}{\varepsilon} \\ \text{and } \gamma \rightarrow \infty \end{array}$

$$\bar{F}(u'') = u'' - a$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  another way to look at it is the following:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \bar{F}(u'') \text{ is the unique } \lambda \text{ s.t.} \\ \text{the solution to } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F(u'', \frac{x}{\varepsilon}) = \lambda \text{ in } (0, R), \\ u = 0 \text{ at } \pm R, \end{array} \right. \\ \text{converges uniformly to } \frac{M}{2} (|x|^2 - R^2). \end{array} \right.$$

$\rightarrow$  the above is difficult to prove.

So, instead, we consider another pb.

• Obstacle problem:

Solve:

$$(O)_{F, V, \omega} \begin{cases} \min(F(D^2u, Du, \gamma, \omega), u) = 0 & \text{in } V, \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial V. \end{cases}$$

→ there exists a viscosity solution  $w$  defined as:

$$w_{F, V, \omega}(x) := \inf \left\{ u(x) : \begin{array}{l} u \geq 0 \text{ in } \bar{V} \\ F(D^2u, Du, \gamma, \omega) \geq 0 \text{ in } V \end{array} \right\}$$

[good if  $V$  has a Lipschitz boundary]

Properties:

i)  $F \geq G \Rightarrow w_{F, V, \omega} \leq w_{G, V, \omega}$

ii) if  $V \leq W$ , then  $w_{F, V, \omega} \leq w_{F, W, \omega}$  in  $\bar{V}$

• Let  $m(F, V, \omega) := |\{x \in V : w_{F, V, \omega} = 0\}|$ .

iii)  $F \geq G \Rightarrow m(F, V, \omega) \geq m(G, V, \omega)$

iv) if  $U_1, \dots, U_n, V \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $|V \setminus (U_1 \cup \dots \cup U_n)| = 0$ ,  
then  $\downarrow$   
Lipschitz bounded sets

$$m(F, V, \omega) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(F, U_i, \omega). \quad [\text{subadditivity}]$$

v)  $\mu$  is stationary & ergodic

We recall the following result:

• Thm:

If  $\mu: \Omega \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is subadditive and stationary, then  $\exists \bar{\mu}: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mu(tV, \omega)}{|tV|} = \bar{\mu}(\omega),$$

for a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ , every  $V \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

Moreover, if  $\mu$  is ergodic, then  $\bar{\mu}$  is constant.

→ The idea is to apply the above result to the function  $\mu(F, \cdot, \cdot) \rightsquigarrow \bar{\mu}(F, \cdot)$

→ How to find the limiting operator:

define

$$F_{M,p}(M, \gamma, \omega) := F(M+M, p, \gamma, \omega).$$

and consider the function:

$$\alpha \mapsto \bar{\mu}(F_{M,p} - \alpha).$$

That function is decreasing, and will eventually go to zero.

We thus set:

$$\bar{F}(M, p) := \sup \{ \alpha : \bar{m}(F_{M, p} - \alpha) > 0 \}.$$

It turns out that  $\bar{F}$  is strongly elliptic and Lipschitz in  $M, p$ .

• We want to sketch the proof of the homogenization:

fix  $\omega \in \Omega_0$ ; take  $\bar{u}(x, \omega) := \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} u_\varepsilon(x, \omega)$ .

Show that:  $\bar{F}(D^2 \bar{u}, D \bar{u}) \leq 0$  in the viscosity sense.

So, fix  $x_0 \in U$ , take  $\varphi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  s.t.

$\varphi - \bar{u}$  has a strict local minimum at  $x_0$ .

Assume  $\bar{F}(D^2 \varphi, D \varphi) = \alpha > 0$ .

For simplicity, assume  $x_0 = 0$ .

Take  $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) := \varphi(x) + \varepsilon^2 \omega_{F_{M, p} - \frac{\alpha}{2}, B_{\frac{r}{\varepsilon}, \omega}} \left( \frac{x}{\varepsilon} \right)$ , where

$M := D^2 \varphi(x_0)$ ,  $p := D \varphi(x_0)$ ,  $r \ll 1$ .

Fact [not exactly true]:  $F(D^2 \varphi_\varepsilon, D \varphi_\varepsilon, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega) \geq \frac{\alpha}{4}$   
[true if we consider the Yosida transform]

Use that  $F(D^2 u_\varepsilon, D u_\varepsilon, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega) = 0$ .

For  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon'$  it holds:

$$v_\varepsilon(x_0) - u_\varepsilon(x_0) < \inf_{DB(x_0, \varepsilon)} (v_\varepsilon - u_\varepsilon) =: c$$

$$\Rightarrow v_\varepsilon(x_0) < u_\varepsilon(x_0) + c$$

$$\rightarrow v_\varepsilon(x) > u_\varepsilon(x) + c \quad \text{for } x \in DB(x_0, \varepsilon)$$

$$F(D^2 v_\varepsilon, Dv_\varepsilon, \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega) \geq F(D^2(u+c), D(u+c), \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, \omega)$$

