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# Uniqueness of the self-similar profile for a kinetic annihilation model

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## Abstract

We prove the uniqueness of the self-similar profile solution for a modified Boltzmann equation describing probabilistic ballistic annihilation. Such a model describes a system of hard spheres such that, whenever two particles meet, they either annihilate with probability  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  or they undergo an elastic collision with probability  $1 - \alpha$ . The existence of a self-similar profile for  $\alpha$  smaller than an explicit threshold value  $\underline{\alpha}_1$  has been obtained in our previous contribution [6]. We complement here our analysis of such a model by showing that, for some  $\alpha^\sharp$  explicit, the self-similar profile is unique for  $\alpha \in (0, \alpha^\sharp)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

We investigate in the present paper a kinetic model, recently introduced in [9,12–15,21], which describes the so-called probabilistic ballistic annihilation of hard-spheres. In such a description, a system of (elastic) hard spheres interact according to the following mechanism: they freely move between collisions while, whenever two particles meet, they either annihilate with probability  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  or they undergo an elastic collision with probability  $1 - \alpha$ . In the spatially homogeneous situation, the velocity distribution  $f(t, v)$  of particles with velocity  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$  ( $d \geq 2$ ) at time  $t \geq 0$  satisfies the following

$$\partial_t f(t, v) = (1 - \alpha)\mathcal{Q}(f, f)(t, v) - \alpha\mathcal{Q}^-(f, f)(t, v) \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}$  is the quadratic Boltzmann collision operator defined by

$$\mathcal{Q}(g, f)(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} |v - v_*| \left( g(v') f(v'_*) - g(v) f(v_*) \right) \frac{dv_* d\sigma}{|\mathbb{S}^{d-1}|},$$

where the post-collisional velocities  $v'$  and  $v'_*$  are parametrized by

$$v' = \frac{v + v_*}{2} + \frac{|v - v_*|}{2} \sigma, \quad v'_* = \frac{v + v_*}{2} - \frac{|v - v_*|}{2} \sigma, \quad \sigma \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}.$$

The above collision operator  $\mathcal{Q}(g, f)$  splits as  $\mathcal{Q}(g, f) = \mathcal{Q}^+(g, f) - \mathcal{Q}^-(g, f)$  where the gain part  $\mathcal{Q}^+$  is given by

$$\mathcal{Q}^+(g, f)(v) = C_d \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} |v - v_*| f(v'_*) g(v') dv_* d\sigma$$

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