

§ Burger equation

The Burger's equation is a fundamental partial differential equation (PDE) in fluid dynamics and **nonlinear wave theory**. It is a simplified model that combines nonlinearity and diffusion, and it is often used to study phenomena such as shock waves, turbulence, and traffic flow.

The Burger's equation is given by :
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

Where :

1. $u(x,t)$ is the velocity field or the quantity of interest
2. t is time
3. x is the spatial coordinate
4. ν is the kinematic viscosity (a constant representing diffusion).

Key Features:

1. Nonlinear Term $u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$: This term represents the nonlinear convection or advection, which causes wave steepening and can lead to the formation of shocks.
2. Diffusion Term $\nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$: This term represents viscous (黏稠的) diffusion, which smooths out sharp gradients and prevents the formation of infinite discontinuities.

The Burger's equation is a prototypical (原型的) example of a PDE that balances nonlinearity and diffusion, making it a key equation in the study of nonlinear dynamics and applied mathematics.

Suppose u is a classical solution to the following initial-boundary value problem for a viscous Burger equation

$$\begin{cases} u_t + uu_x = \nu u_{xx}, (x,t) \in (0,1) \times (0,\infty) \\ u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0, t > 0 \\ u(x,0) = g(x), x \in [0,1] \end{cases}$$

Here, $g(x)$ is a smooth function such that $g(0)=g(1)=0$

Show that

(a) $\int_0^1 u^2(x,t)dx$ is decreasing (b) $\int_0^1 u^2(x,t)dx$ tends to 0 exponentially ◦