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Global regularity of one-dimensional solutions of the Boltzmann equation

For the Boltzmann equation the setting of a narrow shock tube implies that solutions depend only on one spatial coordinate, while having a three-dimensional velocity dependence. We study the propagation of some regularity estimates, such as sup-norms of the macroscopic density, for the corresponding solutions of the Boltzmann equation. Using the methods based on the relative entropy control and on a certain nonlinear functional introduced by Bony and Cercignani, we establish the global in time existence of regular solutions for some model cases of particle interactions.

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