

# A Lagrangian description of entropy solutions of the eikonal equation

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We consider the behaviour as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$  of the following family of functionals introduced by P. Aviles and Y. Giga:

$$F_\varepsilon(u, \Omega) := \int_\Omega \left( \varepsilon |\nabla^2 u|^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} |1 - |\nabla u|^2|^2 \right) dx, \quad \text{where } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2. \text{ Functions with the } \varepsilon \text{-bounded energy as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

are pre-compact in  $L^1(\Omega)$  and all the limits belong to the class of the so called 'entropy solutions' of the eikonal equation  $|\nabla u| = 1$  in  $\Omega$ .

We introduce a Lagrangian description of these solutions and we investigate their fine properties. As a corollary we obtain that if  $\Omega$  is an ellipse, then minimizers of  $F_\varepsilon(\cdot, \Omega)$  in the space  $\{u \in W^{2,2}(\Omega) : u = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = -1 \text{ at } \partial\Omega\}$  converge to  $\text{dist}(\cdot, \partial\Omega)$ .

Moreover we get a sharp quantitative version of the result in Jabin–Otto–Perthame (2002), stating that the only bounded simply connected domain  $\Omega$  admitting zero energy states with Dirichlet boundary conditions is the disk.

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