

# INTRODUCTION TO THE CONTROLLABILITY OF COUPLED PARABOLIC EQUATIONS

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# (LINEAR) ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS FRAMEWORK

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# Controllability of systems: The finite dimensional case

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y = Ly + Bv \\ y(0) = y^0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$L \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $m \leq n$ .

## Definition

*System (1) is controllable at time  $T > 0$  if*

$$\forall y^0, y^1 \in \mathbb{R}^n, \exists v \in L^2(0, T)^m \text{ such that } y(T; y^0, v) = y^1$$

# Example

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy_1}{dt} = \frac{-1}{L} y_1 + v(t) \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} = \frac{-1}{L} y_2 \\ (y_1(0), y_2(0)) = (y_1^0, y_2^0) \end{cases}$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t/L} y_1^0 \\ e^{-t/L} y_2^0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t/L} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/L} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^t e^{\tau/L} v(\tau) d\tau \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

this implies that the solution is:

$$y_1(t) = e^{-t/L} y_1^0 + e^{-t/L} \int_0^t e^{\tau/L} v(\tau) d\tau,$$

$$y_2(t) = e^{-t/L} y_2^0.$$

System is not exactly controllable!

We cannot act on  $y_2$ .

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Proposition (Kalman rank condition )

*System (2) (or  $(L, B)$ ) is controllable if and only if*

$$\text{rank } [B \mid L] = n,$$

where

$$[B \mid L] = \begin{bmatrix} B, LB, \dots, L^{n-1}B \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times nm}(\mathbb{R})$$

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## Proposition

*System (2) is controllable at time  $T > 0$  if and only if it is controllable at any time.*

# Finite dimensional systems

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y = -k^2 (D + A) y + Bv \\ y(0) = y^0 \end{cases}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank } [B | L] = 2 \Leftrightarrow b_2[-k^2(d-1)b_1 - b_2] \neq 0$$



*Linearity* of the system allows to consider instead of *ANY* final state  $y^1 = 0$ .

In fact, let us assume that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = Ay + Bv(t) \\ y(0) = y^0 \end{cases}$$

is exactly controllable at time  $T > 0$ . That means that for every  $y^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $y^1 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  it exists  $v \in \mathcal{U}_{ad}$  such that  $y(T) = y^1$ . We can choose in particular  $y^1 = 0$ .

Reciprocally, let us assume that for every  $y^0$  it exists  $v$  such that

$$y(T) = 0.$$

We consider the equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dz}{dt} = Az \\ z(T) = y^1 \text{ the target state} \end{cases}$$

# Null controllability

If I choose  $v$  such that the solution to

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = Ax + Bv \\ x(0) = y^0 - z(0) \end{cases}$$

satisfies

$$x(T) = 0,$$

we get that

$$y(t) = x(t) + z(t)$$

verifies

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = Ay + Bv \\ y(0) = y^0 \\ y(T) = y^1 \end{cases}$$

# Using the adjoint

Let  $A^*$  be the adjoint matrix to  $A$  that is, the matrix satisfying

$$(Ax, y) = (x, A^*y)$$

for every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  denotes the inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We consider the *adjoint system*:

$$(Adj) \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{\varphi} = A^* \varphi \\ \varphi(T) = \varphi^T \end{cases}$$

## Lemma

*An initial datum  $y^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  can be driven to zero at time  $T > 0$  with  $v \in L^2(0, T)$  if and only if*

$$\int_0^T (v, B^* \varphi) dt + (y^0, \varphi(0)) = 0$$

*for every  $\varphi^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\varphi$  the corresponding solution to (Adj).*

Objective: minimize a quadratic functional  $J : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$J(\varphi^T) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T |B^* \varphi|^2 dt + (y^0, \varphi(0))$$

where  $\varphi$  is the solution to (Adj) corresponding to the datum  $\varphi^T$ . Recall that we are looking for

$$\int_0^T (v, B^* \varphi) dt + (y^0, \varphi(0)) = 0$$

We say that

$$(Adj) \quad \begin{cases} -\dot{\varphi} = A^* \varphi \\ \varphi(T) = \varphi^T \end{cases}$$

is  $B^*$ -observable if it exists  $C > 0$  such that for every  $\varphi^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we get

$$(DO) \quad \int_0^T |B^* \varphi|^2 dt \geq C |\varphi(0)|^2.$$

# Equivalences

We have that

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$$(DOT) \quad \int_0^T |B^* \varphi|^2 dt \geq C |\varphi^T|^2.$$

for every  $\varphi^T$  and  $\varphi$  the corresponding solution (Adj) .

## Proposition

*The observability ineqequality (DO) is equivalent to the following unique continuation property:*

$$(CU) \quad B^* \varphi(t) = 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \Rightarrow \varphi^T = 0.$$



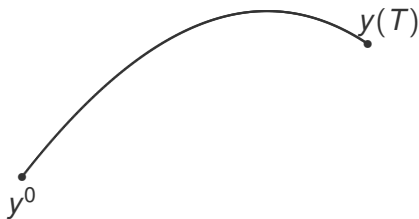
# SINGLE ONE-DIMENSIONAL HEAT EQUATION

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# Heat Equation

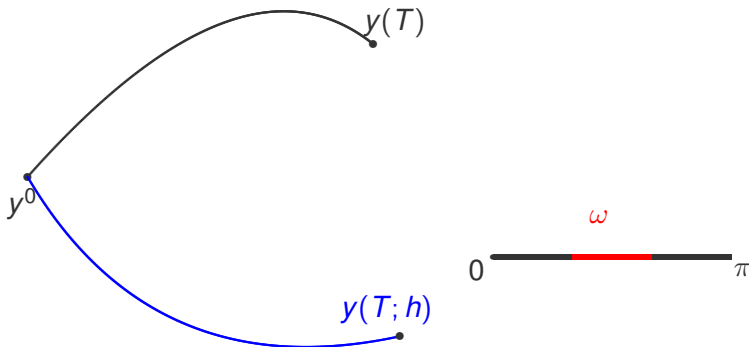
We consider for  $y^0 \in L^2(0, \pi)$ ,

$$(H) \quad \begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = 0 & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times (0, \pi) = \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ y(0, x) = y^0, & x \in (0, \pi) = \Omega. \end{cases}$$



- $\chi_\omega$  is the characteristic function of  $\omega \subset (0, \pi)$
- $h \in L^2((0, T) \times (0, \pi))$  is a control to be determined.

$$(Hc) \quad \begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = h\chi_\omega & (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ y(0, x) = y^0, & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$



**Heat**  
**No control**

# Approximate control

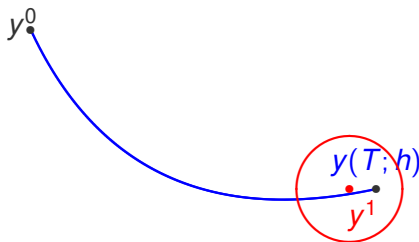
We say that (Hc) is *approximately controllable* at time  $T > 0$  in  $L^2(0, \pi)$  if for every  $y^0, y^1 \in L^2(0, \pi)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $h = h(y^0, y^1, \varepsilon)$  such that

$$\|y(T; h) - y^1\|_{L^2} \leq \varepsilon.$$

In other words, if for every  $y^0 \in L^2(0, \pi)$  the set of *reachable states*

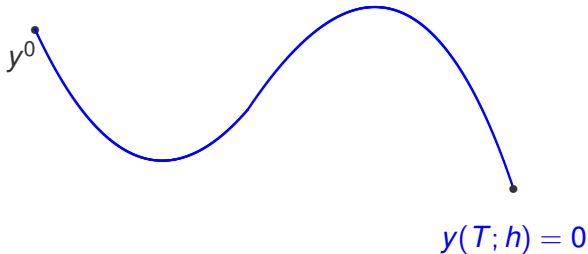
$$\mathcal{R}(y^0; T) = \{y(T; h), y \text{ solution to (Hc) with } h \in L^2((0, T) \times \omega)\}$$

is dense in  $L^2(0, \pi)$ .



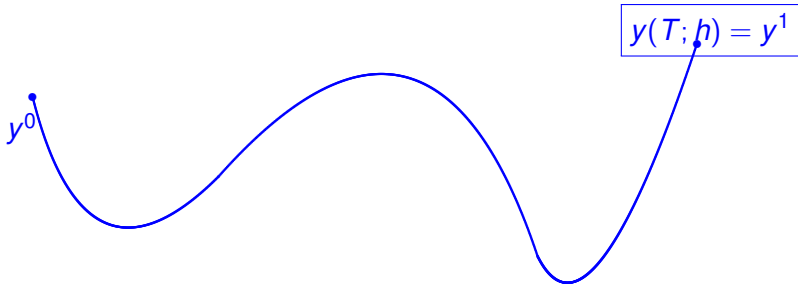
We say that  $(H_c)$  is *null controllable* if it exists  $h = h(y^0)$  such that

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We say that (Hc) is *exactly controllable* if for every pair  $y^0, y^1 \in L^2(0, \pi)$  it exists  $h = h(y^0)$  such that

$$y(T; h) = y^1.$$



# Exact controllability?

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In general NO

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Regularizing effects of the heat equation.

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Let us control on the whole interval  $(0, \pi)$ . Let us study the set

$$\mathcal{R}(0; T) = \{y(T; h), y \text{ solution to (Hc) with } h \in L^2((0, T) \times (0, \pi))\}$$

That is, we want to describe the solutions at time  $T$  to

$$(Hc) \quad \begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = h & (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ y(0, x) = 0, & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

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$$|y_k(T)|^2 = |e^{-Tk^2} \int_0^T e^{k^2 t} h_k(t) dt|^2 \leq \left( \int_0^T h_k^2(t) dt \right) \frac{1}{2k^2}$$

so

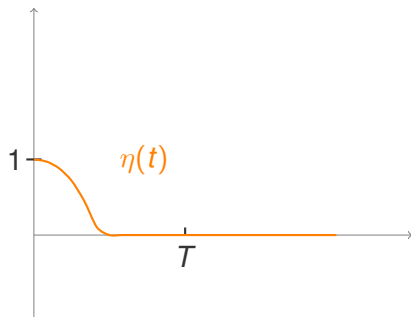
$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^2 |y_k(T)|^2 < \infty.$$

That means that  $y(T; h) \in H_0^1(0, \pi)$ .

Much more regular!

## Null controllability: $\omega = (0, \pi)$ .

Given  $T > 0$  we take  $\eta(t) \in C^1(0, T)$  such that  $\eta(0) = 1, \eta(T) = 0$ .



# Explicit construction

Given  $y^0 \in L^2(0, \pi)$  let  $z(t, x)$  solve

$$\begin{cases} z_t - z_{xx} = 0 & (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ z(t, 0) = z(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ z(0, x) = y^0, & x \in (0, \pi). \end{cases}$$

# Explicit construction

We define  $y(x, t) = \eta(t)z(t, x)$ .

Observe that  $y(x, 0) = y^0$ ,  $y(x, T) = 0$  and  $y$  solves

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = h(t, x), & (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ y(0, x) = y^0, & x \in (0, \pi). \end{cases}$$

with  $h(t, x) = \eta'(t)z(t, x)$ .



# Heat equation: Null and approximate controllability

1. There is not exact controllability (regularizing effect).
2. Approximate controllability  $\Longleftrightarrow$  null controllability.
3. There is not **minimal control time**, not geometric conditions on the control set.

# Approximate controllability and the adjoint equation

## Lemma

Consider the *adjoint system*

$$(Adj) \begin{cases} v_t + v_{xx} = 0 & (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ v(t, 0) = v(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ v(T, x) = v^T, & x \in (0, \pi). \end{cases}$$

Suppose that

$$v(t, x) = 0 \text{ a.e. in } (0, T) \times \omega$$

implies

$$\boxed{v^T = 0}$$

Then (Hc) is *approximately controllable* at time  $T > 0$ .

# Approximate controllability and the adjoint equation

Proof.

Take  $v^T \in \mathcal{R}(0; T)^\perp$ ,  $v^T \neq 0$  and  $v$  the corresponding solution to (Adj). Multiplying (Hc) (with initial datum  $y^0 = 0$ ) by  $v$  and integrating by parts in  $(0, T) \times (0, \pi)$ . We get

$$\int_0^\pi v^T(x) y(T, x) dx = \int_0^T \int_\omega h(t, x) v(t, x).$$

$$v^T \in \mathcal{R}(0; T)^\perp \Rightarrow \int_0^T \int_\omega h(t, x) v(t, x) dx dt = 0$$

for every  $h \in L^2(0, T) \times \omega$  and then  $v(t, x) \equiv 0$  in  $(0, T) \times \omega$ . Since we are assuming Unique Continuation true  $v^T = 0$  we got a contradiction. □

# Unique continuation: analiticity of the solution

## Proof of the Unique Continuation Property.

$$v(t, x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v_n^T e^{-n^2(T-t)} \sin nx, \quad v_n^T = \int_0^{\pi} v^T(x) \sin nx dx.$$



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We need to prove that  $v = 0$  in  $(0, T) \times \omega \Rightarrow v_n^T = 0, \forall n$ .



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Suppose that  $v_1^T \neq 0$ . Then, for every  $t \in (-\infty, T)$

$$-v_1^T \chi_\omega \sin x = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} v_n^T e^{-(n^2-1)(T-t)} \sin nx \chi_\omega$$



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Then  $v_1^T \sin x \chi_\omega = 0$  but  $\sin x \neq 0$  in  $\omega$  so  $v_1^T = 0$ .

Inductively we get  $v_n^T = 0$  for every  $n$ .





## Lemma

*Back to the adjoint equation*

$$(Adj) \begin{cases} v_t + v_{xx} = 0 & (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ v(t, 0) = v(t, \pi) = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ v(T, x) = v^T, & x \in (0, \pi). \end{cases}$$

*Then  $(H_c)$  is null controllable iff there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $v$  any solution to  $(Adj)$  satisfies*

$$\int_0^\pi |v(0, x)|^2 dx \leq C \int_0^T \int_\omega |v(t, x)|^2 dx dt.$$

# Minimization

Given  $y^0 \in L^2(0, \pi)$  we define

$$J(v^T) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_{\omega} |v|^2 dx dt + \int_0^T y^0(x) v(0, x) dx.$$

Observability inequality  $\Rightarrow$  existence of a minimum  $\hat{v}^T$

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = \hat{v} \chi_{\omega} & \hat{v}_t + \hat{v}_{xx} = 0 \quad (t, x) \in \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0, & \hat{v}(t, 0) = \hat{v}(t, \pi) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T), \\ y(0, x) = y^0, \quad \boxed{y(T) = 0} & \hat{v}(T, x) = \hat{v}^T, \quad x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

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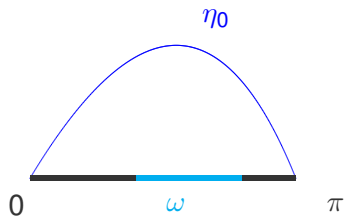


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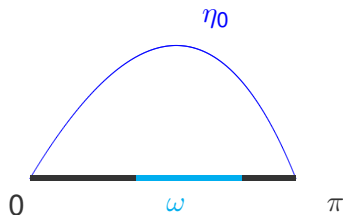
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Nowadays this kind of inequalities have been generalized and are a very useful technique for **inverse and control problems**.

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## Theorem (Fursikov-Imanuvilov)

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a open and bounded set of class  $C^2$ . Let  $\omega \subset \Omega$  be a non empty open set and  $B_\delta$  an open ball centered at  $x_0 \in \omega$  with  $B_\delta \subset \omega$ . Then there exists  $\eta_0 \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega_T})$  such that  $\eta_0(x) > 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $\frac{\partial \eta_0}{\partial \nu} < 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $|\nabla \eta_0| > 0$  in  $\Omega \setminus B_\delta$ .

# Carleman: weighted inequality

Given  $\eta_0$  as before, we define

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(x, t) &= \frac{e^{\lambda(2\|\eta_0\|_\infty + \eta_0(x))} - e^{2\lambda\|\eta_0\|_\infty}}{t(T-t)}, \\ \xi(x, t) &= \frac{e^{\lambda(2\|\eta_0\|_\infty + \eta_0(x))}}{t(T-t)}, \quad \rho(x, t) = e^{\alpha(x, t)},\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

with  $\lambda > 0$ .

Key fact

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+, T^-} \rho^{-1} = 0.$$



## Now..... Carleman inequality

$$\begin{cases} v_t + \Delta v = F_0 & \text{in } \Omega_T, \\ v = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma, \\ v(x, T) = v_T(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

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### Theorem

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  smooth. There exists constants  $s_0$ ,  $\lambda_0$  and  $C$  such that, for every  $s \geq s_0$  and  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ , the solutions satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\Omega_T} \rho^{-2s} (s\lambda^2 \xi |\nabla v|^2 + s^3 \lambda^4 \xi^3 v^2) &\leq C \left( s^3 \lambda^4 \int_0^T \int_{\omega} \rho^{-2s} \xi^3 |v|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \iint_{\Omega_T} \rho^{-2s} |F_0|^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

# Observability inequality from Carleman

For every  $s \geq s_0(T + T^2)$ . We got **lower** and **upper bounds**:

$$\begin{aligned}\rho^{-2s}(x, t)\xi^3(x, t) &\geq e^{-2C(1+1/T)} \frac{1}{T^6} \quad \text{in } \boxed{\Omega \times (T/4, 3T/4)}, \\ \rho^{-2s}(x, t)\xi^3(x, t) &\leq M \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T).\end{aligned}$$

Then,

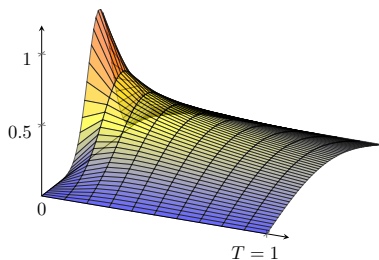
$$\iint_{\Omega \times (T/4, 3T/4)} |v|^2 \leq C \iint_{\omega \times (0, T)} |v|^2$$

Classical energy estimates give:

$$\|v(0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq \frac{2}{T} \iint_{\Omega \times (T/4, 3T/4)} |v|^2$$

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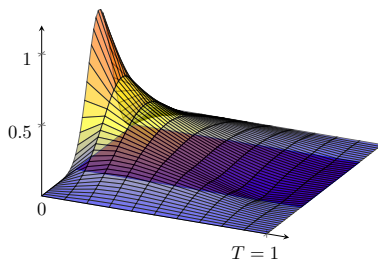
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Uncontrolled heat equation

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Controlled heat equation

# SINGLE PARABOLIC EQUATION: BOUNDARY CONTROL

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# One-dimensional boundary control



# The method of moments

We consider the operator  $-\partial_{xx}$  on  $(0, \pi)$  with homogeneous Dirichlet conditions. We have a Hilbert basis of  $L^2(0, \pi)$  given by

$$\lambda_k = k^2, \quad \phi_k(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin kx, \quad k \geq 1, \quad x \in (0, \pi) \quad (4)$$

For every  $y \in L^2(0, \pi)$  there exists a sequence  $\{y_k\}_{k \geq 1} \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$y = \sum_{k \geq 1} y_k \phi_k.$$



## Control problem

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_T = (0, \pi) \times (0, T), \\ y(0, t) = v(t), \quad y(\pi, t) = 0 & t \in (0, T), \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x) & x \in (0, \pi), \end{cases}$$

with  $y^0 \in H^{-1}(0, \pi)$  and  $v \in L^2(0, T)$ .

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By Fourier  $y^0 = \sum_{k \geq 1} y_{0,k} \phi_k$ , this is equivalent to the existence of  $v \in L^2(0, T)$  such that

$$k \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^T e^{-k^2(T-t)} v(t) dt = -e^{-k^2 T} y_{0,k} \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

We define  $\tilde{v}(t) = v(T - t)$ , then we have to solve

$$\int_0^T e^{-k^2 t} \tilde{v}(t) dt = -\frac{\sqrt{\pi} e^{-k^2 T}}{k \sqrt{2}} y_{0,k} := c_k \quad \forall k \geq 1. \quad (5)$$

This problem is known as a *problem of moments*.

We have:

### Theorem (Fattorini-Russell 1971.)

*For every  $y^0 \in L^2(0, \pi)$  and  $T > 0$ , there exists  $\tilde{v} \in L^2(0, T)$  solution to the problem of moments. That is,  $v(t) = \tilde{v}(T - t)$  is a null boundary control for the one-dimensional heat equation.*

## Idea of the proof.

We say that a family  $\{p_k\}_{k \geq 1} \subset L^2(0, T)$  is biorthogonal to  $\{e^{-k^2 t}\}_{k \geq 1}$  if it satisfies

$$\int_0^T e^{-k^2 t} p_l(t) dt = \delta_{kl}, \quad \forall (k, l) : k, l \geq 1.$$

Fattorini-Russell that there exists  $\{p_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  biorthogonal to  $\{e^{-k^2 t}\}_{k \geq 1}$  that has an additional property:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there exists a constant  $C(\varepsilon, T) > 0$  such that  $\|p_k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \leq C(\varepsilon, T) e^{\varepsilon k^2}$ . We define

$$v(T - s) = \tilde{v}(s) = \sum_{k \geq 1} c_k p_k(s) := \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} e^{-k^2 T} y_{0,k} p_k(s)$$

the given bounds prove the convergence in  $L^2(0, T)$ . □

## COUPLED EQUATIONS

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# Models: competitive models between species

## Lotka-Volterra-like equations

- $u$  and  $v$  two species
- predator prey models, radiation to new habitats

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u - d_1 \Delta u + r_1 u &= a_{11} u^2 + a_{12} uv, \text{ in } \Omega \\ \partial_t v - d_2 \Delta v + r_2 v &= a_{22} v^2 + a_{21} uv \text{ in } \Omega \\ + BC &\text{ on } \partial\Omega \\ + ID &\text{ in } \Omega\end{aligned}$$

Gives **two** coupled parabolic non linear equations.

## Keller-Seller type (chemotaxis)

- $u$  denotes de cell or organism density
- $v$  describes the concentration of the chemical signal.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t u &= \nabla(k_1(u, v)\nabla u - k_2(u, v)\nabla v) + k_3(u, v), \text{ in } \Omega \\ \partial_t v &= D_v \Delta v + k_4(u, v) - k_5(u, v)v \text{ in } \Omega \\ &+ BC \text{ on } \partial\Omega \\ &+ ID \text{ in } \Omega\end{aligned}$$

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- $v$  represents the density of the chemoattractant.

The equations governing the endothelial cell migration are

$$\partial_t u_1 = d_1 \Delta u_1 - \lambda 1_{\tilde{\Omega}} u_1 (1 - u_2) - \nabla \cdot (\xi(u_1, v) u_1 \nabla v), \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\partial_t u_2 = d_2 \Delta u_2 - \lambda 1_{\tilde{\Omega}} u_1 (1 - u_2) \text{ in } \tilde{\Omega}$$

$$\partial_t v = \Delta v - \eta v + \gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_2 u_2 \text{ in } \Omega$$

$$\partial_\nu u_1 = \partial_\nu u_2 = \partial_\nu v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

$$u_1(0, x, y) = u_1^0, \quad u_2(0, x, y) = u_2^0, \quad v(0, x, y) = 0 \text{ in } \Omega$$

# Model: Clair Poignard

Three nonlinear parabolic coupled equations.

# LINEARIZED MODELS

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$$(S) \begin{cases} \partial_t y = (D\Delta + A)y & \text{in } \Omega_T = \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y = Bv(x, t)\chi_\gamma & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \quad \gamma \subset \partial\Omega \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y^0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

$$y(x, t) = (y_1(x, t), \dots, y_n(x, t))$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & d_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times n}, B \in \mathcal{M}_{n \times m}$$

# INTERNAL CONTROLLABILITY OF TWO COUPLED PARABOLIC EQUA- TIONS



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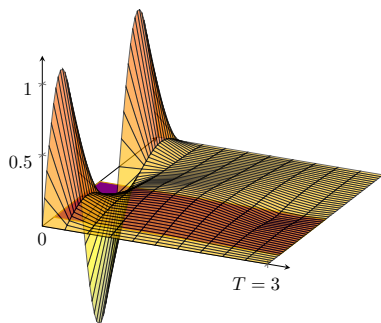
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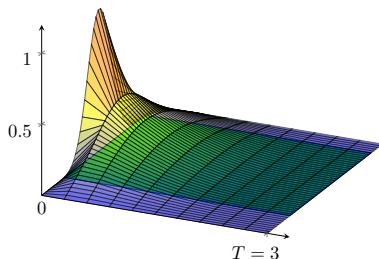
Techniques used: Carleman inequalities for the adjoint system, local energy estimates, fixed point arguments.

# Numerical example (Franck Boyer)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lll} y_t - (0.1)y_{xx} = h\chi_\omega & u_t - (0.1)u_{xx} = y\chi_\mathcal{O} & \text{in } \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0 & u(t, 0) = u(t, \pi) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T), \\ y(\cdot, 0) = \sin(3\pi x) & u(\cdot, 0) = \sin^{10}(\pi x) & \text{in } (0, 1), \\ \omega = (0.1, 0.5) & \mathcal{O} = (0.2, 0.9) & \omega \cap \mathcal{O} \neq \emptyset \end{array} \right.$$



First component  $y$



Second component  $u$

NEW CONTROL QUESTION:  
BOUNDARY CONTROLLABILITY  
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$$\tilde{\varphi}_x|_{x=0} = 0 \text{ implies } \tilde{\psi} \equiv \tilde{\varphi} \equiv 0?$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}_x = 0$$


A horizontal line segment representing the spatial domain from 0 to  $\pi$ . A red dot is placed at the left endpoint, which is labeled with a red 0. The right endpoint is labeled with  $\pi$ .

# Coupled systems problem:boundary

## Theorem (Fernández-Cara, González-Burgos, deT)

*Suppose that  $\alpha \neq 1$  then unique continuation property is true if and only if  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . In other words if  $\alpha \neq 1$ , system is approximately controllable at time  $T > 0$  if and only if  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .*

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# Proof

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Suppose that  $\sqrt{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . That means that  $\alpha = \frac{k_0^2}{i_0^2}$  and then

$$\alpha i_0^2 = k_0^2.$$

Choose  $b_j = a_j = 0$  for  $j \neq k_0, i_0$ ,  $b_{i_0} = 0$ ,  $b_{k_0} = 1$  and

$$a_{k_0} = \frac{1}{(\alpha - 1)k_0^2}, \quad a_{i_0} = \frac{-1}{(\alpha - 1)k_0^2}.$$

Then,  $\varphi_x(0, t) = 0$  in  $(0, T)$  but  $\varphi \neq 0, \psi \neq 0$ .

# Approximate controllability

Given  $\alpha$  such that  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Take sequences  $\alpha j^2$  and  $j^2$ . We can reorder and write an increasing sequence

$$0 < \mu_1 < \mu_2 < \cdots < \mu_n < \cdots$$

and

$$\varphi_x(0, t) = \sum_{j=1} A_j e^{-\mu_j t}.$$

We observe that  $e^{-\mu_j t}$  is a family of linearly independent functions in  $(0, T)$  and then

$$\varphi_x(0, t) = 0 \Rightarrow A_j = 0.$$

That implies  $b_j = 0, \forall j$  and then that  $a_j = 0, \forall j$ . In particular,  $\tilde{\psi}^0 = \tilde{\varphi}^0 = 0$  and the unique continuation property holds true .



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# Null controllability

What happens if  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ?

Theorem (Luca-deT (2013))

*Boundary control: There exist values of  $\alpha$  such that  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  and there is not NULL controllability.*

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for any  $C > 0$  and  $T > 0$ .

Construction of  $\alpha$  using **Diophantine** approximations of real numbers. □

Theorem (F. Ammar Khodja, A. Benabdallah, M. González-Burgos, L. deT, 2014)

*Let  $\alpha \neq 1$*

1.  $\forall T > 0$  : *System is approximately controllable iff  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$*
2.  $\exists T_0 = c(\Lambda) \in [0, +\infty]$  *such that*
  - *System is null controllable at time  $T$  if  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$  and  $T > T_0$*
  - *Even when  $\sqrt{\alpha} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , if  $T < T_0$ , system is not null controllable at time  $T$*

$c(\Lambda)$  is the condensation index of the sequence  $\Lambda = (k^2, dk^2)_{k \geq 1}$ .

- The *condensation index* of a sequence  $\Lambda = (\lambda_k) \subset \mathbb{C}$  is a real number

$$c(\Lambda) \in [0, +\infty]$$

associated to the sequence and “measures” the condensation at infinity.

- The notion was introduced by:
  - V.I. Bernstein in 1933:  
*Leçons sur les progrès récents de la théorie des séries de Dirichlet*  
for real sequences,
  - extended by J. R. Shackell in 1967 for complex sequences.

## Definition

The condensation index of  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_k\}$  is:

$$c(\Lambda) = \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\ln |E'(\lambda_k)|}{\Re(\lambda_k)} \in [0, +\infty].$$

$$E'(\lambda_k) = -\frac{2}{\lambda_k} \prod_{j \neq k}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_k^2}{\lambda_j^2}\right)$$

# More results

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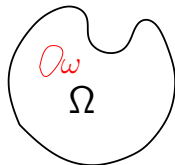


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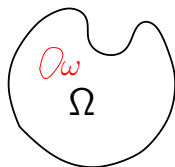
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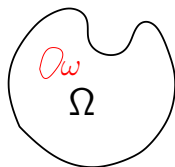
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- $D$  non diagonal. Results related with the Jordan decomposition of  $A$ ! May be technical....(Fernández-Cara, González-Burgos, deT (COCV:2015) )

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} + \alpha(x)p = 0 & p_t - p_{xx} = h\chi_{(a,b)} & \text{in } \Omega_T, \\ y(t, 0) = y(t, \pi) = 0 & p(t, 0) = p(t, \pi) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T), \\ y(0, x) = y^0(x) & p(0, x) = p^0(x) & \text{in } (0, \pi), \end{cases}$$

## Theorem

1. Let  $l_{1,k}(\alpha) := \int_0^a \alpha(x) |\sin kx|^2 dx$ ,  $l_{2,k}(\alpha) := \int_b^\pi \alpha(x) |\sin kx|^2 dx$ , system is approximately controllable at time  $T > 0$  if and only if  $l_{1,k}(\alpha) + l_{2,k}(\alpha) = l_k(\alpha) \neq 0 \quad \forall k \geq 1$ .
2. Assume that system is app.controllable. Define

$$\tilde{T}_0(\alpha) := \limsup \frac{-\log |l_k(\alpha)|}{k^2} \in [0, \infty]. \quad (6)$$

Then, if  $T > \tilde{T}_0(\alpha)$  system is null controllable at time  $T$ . On the other hand, if  $T < \tilde{T}_0(\alpha)$  system is not null controllable at time  $T$ .

Coron-Guilleron

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_t - \Delta \alpha = \beta^3, & \text{in } \Omega_T, \\ \beta_t - \Delta \beta = \gamma^3, & \text{in } \Omega_T \\ \gamma_t - \Delta \gamma = u \chi_\omega, & \text{in } \Omega_T \\ \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega \\ \alpha(0, x) = \alpha^0(x); \beta(0, x) = \beta^0(x); \gamma(0, x) = \gamma^0(x); & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

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