

Index of condensation and controllability

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GOAL:

Give necessary and sufficient conditions which characterize the boundary controllability properties of a class of systems.

We will only deal with

"Simple" Parabolic Systems:

Coupling Matrices of Constant Coefficients

**Even for this simple class of systems, it appears new behaviors
totally different from the scalar case!**

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1. The parabolic scalar case: The heat equation

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be a bounded domain, $N \geq 1$, with boundary $\partial\Omega$ of class C^2 . Let $\omega \subseteq \Omega$ be an open non empty subset, $\gamma \subseteq \partial\Omega$ a relative non empty open subset and let us fix $T > 0$.

We consider the **linear** problems for the **heat equation**:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t y - \Delta y = v 1_{\omega} & \text{in } Q = \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y_0 & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t y - \Delta y = 0 & \text{in } Q, \\ y = v 1_{\gamma} \text{ on } \Sigma, \quad y(\cdot, 0) = y_0 & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases}$$

In (1) and (2), 1_{ω} and 1_{γ} represent resp. the characteristic function of the sets ω and γ , $y(x, t)$ is the state, y_0 is the **initial datum** and is given in an appropriate space, and v is the control function (which is localized in ω -**distributed control-** or in γ -**boundary control**-).

1. The parabolic scalar case: The heat equation

Theorem (**Distributed Controllability Results**)

Fix $\omega \subseteq \Omega$ and $T > 0$. Then,

- ① System (1) is **approximately controllable** at time T , i.e., for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $y_0, y_d \in L^2(\Omega)$ there is $v \in L^2(Q)$ s.t. the solution y to (1) satisfies

$$\|y(\cdot, T) - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \varepsilon.$$

- ② System (1) is **null controllable** at time T , i.e., for any $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ there is $v \in L^2(Q)$ s.t. the solution y to (1) satisfies

$$y(\cdot, T) \equiv 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

Theorem (**Boundary Controllability Results**)

Let $\gamma \subseteq \partial\Omega$ and $T > 0$ be given. Then, for any $y_0 \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$ there exists $v \in L^2(\Sigma)$ s.t. the solution y to (2) satisfies

$$y(\cdot, T) \equiv 0 \text{ in } \Omega.$$

1. The parabolic scalar case: The heat equation

Four IMPORTANT REFERENCES

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- ② S. DOLECKI , *Observability for the one-dimensional heat equation*, Studia Mathematica. 48 (1973), 292-305.
- ③ G. LEBEAU, L. ROBBIANO, *Contrôle exact de l'équation de la chaleur*, Comm. P.D.E. 20 (1995), no. 1-2, 335–356.
- ④ A. FURSIKOV, O. YU. IMANUVILOV, *Controllability of Evolution Equations*, Lecture Notes Series 34, Seoul National University, Research Institute of Mathematics, Global Analysis Research Center, Seoul, 1996.

1.Distributed controls and boundary controls of parabolic systems : known results

Distributed Controllability:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = (M\Delta + A)y + 1_{\omega}Bv, & \text{in } Q = \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma = \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y^0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ v \in L^2(Q, \mathbb{R}^m), \omega \Subset \Omega. \end{cases}$$

The null-controllability is equivalent to the "Kalman rank condition"

$$\ker \begin{bmatrix} B^* \\ B^*(M\Delta + A^*) \\ \vdots \\ B^*(M\Delta + A^*)^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \{0\}.$$

- F. Ammar Khodja, C. Dupaix, M. Gonzalez-Burgos & A.B, (J.E.E, 2009).

Does there exist a similar formulation for the boundary controllability?

- ① In N space dimension, there is not yet an answer.
- ② In 1 space dimension, a necessary and sufficient condition of null-controllability was obtained in the case $M = I_d$:
 - $n = 2$: E. Fernandez-Cara, M. Gonzalez-Burgos & L. de Teresa (J. Funct. Anal. 2010),
 - $n \geq 2$: F. Ammar Khodja , M. Gonzalez-Burgos, L. de Teresa & A.B (J.M.P.A. 2011).

1. A simple case of **two** coupled parabolic equations

Let $Q := (0, T) \times (0, \pi)$, $y = (y_1, y_2)$

$$\begin{cases} y' = \left(M \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + A \right) y, \\ y(0, \cdot) = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{v}, \quad y(\pi, \cdot) = 0, \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y^0 \in \mathbb{L}^2(0, \pi). \end{cases}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \quad (d > 0), \quad A = (a_{ij}), \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

GOAL:

Does there exist $v \in L^2(0, T)$ such that $y(T) = 0$?

1. A simple case of two coupled parabolic equations

- What is about the case $M \neq I_d$?
- The answer seems to be more intricate than for the internal controllability and different from the case $M = I_d$: besides conditions on A, B , there is the way the eigenvalues of the operator $M \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + A^*$ (with homogeneous Dirichlet conditions) condense at infinity.
- The *index of condensation* of a sequence $\Lambda = (\lambda_k) \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a real number $c(\Lambda) \in [0, +\infty]$ associated with this sequence and which "measures" the condensation at infinity.
- This notion has been :
 - introduced by Vl. 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.

Index of condensation : some background

Let $\Lambda = (\lambda_k) \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a sequence with pairwise distinct elements and:

$$\begin{aligned}\exists \delta > 0 : \Re(\lambda_k) \geq \delta |\lambda_k| > 0, \quad \forall k \geq 1, \\ \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{|\lambda_k|} < \infty.\end{aligned}$$

and the interpolating function:

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

Definition

The index of condensation of Λ is:

$$c(\Lambda) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\ln \left| \frac{1}{E'(\lambda_k)} \right|}{|\lambda_k|} \in [0, +\infty].$$

Fact

$$|\lambda_k - \lambda_l| \geq |k - l| \Rightarrow c(\Lambda) = 0$$

The results

- Let $A_k^* := -k^2M + A^*$, $\sigma(A_k) = \{\lambda_{k,1}, \lambda_{k,2}\}$,
 $\Lambda = \{\lambda_{k,i}, i = 1, 2, k \geq 1\}$ and $c(\Lambda)$ the *index of condensation of Λ* .

Theorem

Suppose $d \neq 1$. Then the problem is null-controllable at *any $T > 0$* if and only if the following three conditions are satisfied:

$$(3) \quad \lambda_{k,i} \neq \lambda_{l,j} \quad \forall (k,i) \neq (l,j),$$

$$(4) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} (-k^2M + A^*)V = \lambda V \\ V \neq 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow B^*MV \neq 0 \right), \quad \forall k \geq 1$$

$$(5) \quad c(\Lambda) = 0.$$

- The two first conditions are equivalent to the **approximate controllability**: it does not depend on $c(\Lambda)$.
- If $d = 1$, then $c(\Lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow$ FC-GB-DeT.

The results

GOAL:

What happens if $c(\Lambda) > 0$?

Theorem

Suppose $d \neq 1$ and

$$\lambda_{k,i} \neq \lambda_{l,j} \quad \forall (k,i) \neq (l,j),$$
$$\left(\begin{array}{l} (-k^2 M + A^*) V = \lambda V \\ V \neq 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow B^* M V \neq 0 \right), \quad \forall k \geq 1$$

Then the problem is :

Null-controllable at any $T > c(\Lambda)$,

Not null-controllable for any $T < c(\Lambda)$.

The results

GOAL:

Is it possible that $c(\Lambda) > 0$?

Consider the case $A = 0$. Then we have:

$$\lambda_{k,1} = k^2, \lambda_{k,2} = dk^2, V_{k,1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, V_{k,2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$[\lambda_{k,i} \neq \lambda_{l,j} \ \forall (k,i) \neq (l,j)] \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{d} \notin \mathbb{Q},$$

$$B^* M V_{k,i} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow b_1 b_2 \neq 0.$$

Theorem

Let $\Lambda = (k^2, dk^2)$. For any $\delta \in [0, \infty]$, there exists $\sqrt{d} \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\delta = c(\Lambda)$.

- **A particular consequence:** there exists d such that $c(\Lambda) = \infty$ and, for such a number, the problem is never null-controllable while it is always approximately controllable!

The method of Fattorini-Russell

- Let φ be a solution of the adjoint problem:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \left(M \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + A^* \right) \varphi, & \text{in } Q = (0, \pi) \times (0, T), \\ \varphi(0, \cdot) = \varphi(\pi, \cdot) = 0 & \text{on } (0, T), \\ \varphi(\cdot, T) = \varphi^0 \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(0, \pi). \end{cases}$$

- If y is a solution of the direct problem, then:

$$\left\langle y(T), \varphi^0 \right\rangle_{H^{-1}, H_0^1} - \left\langle y^0, \varphi(0) \right\rangle_{H^{-1}, H_0^1} = \int_0^T v.B^*M \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} |_{x=0}$$

Thus $y(T) = 0$ if, and only if, there exists v such that

$$\int_0^T v.B^*M \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} |_{x=0} = - \left\langle y^0, \varphi(0) \right\rangle_{H^{-1}, H_0^1}, \quad \forall \varphi^0 \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(0, \pi).$$

The method of Fattorini-Russell

Besides, let $\sigma(-k^2M + A^*) = \{-\lambda_{k,1}, -\lambda_{k,2}\}$ and $V_{k,1}$ and $V_{k,2}$ the associated eigenvectors. Then

$$\sigma\left(M\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + A^*\right) = \cup_{k \geq 1} \{-\lambda_{k,1}, -\lambda_{k,2}\}$$

$\Phi_{k,i} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} V_{k,i} \sin kx$, $i = 1, 2$, are the normalized eigenfunctions.

- By assumption, A^* is such that $\lambda_{k,i} \neq \lambda_{l,j}$ for all $(k,i) \neq (l,j)$: otherwise, the system is neither null nor approximately controllable.
- Last, $(\Phi_{k,i})$ is a (Riesz) basis of $\mathbb{L}^2(0, \pi)$.

The method of Fattorini-Russell

- Choosing $\varphi^0 = \Phi_{k,i}$, we have $\varphi(x, t) = e^{-\lambda_{k,i}(T-t)} \Phi_{k,i}$ and

$$\varphi(0) = e^{-\lambda_{k,i} T} \Phi_{k,i}, \quad \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x} |_{x=0} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} k e^{-\lambda_{k,i}(T-t)} V_{k,i}$$

- The identity connecting y and φ writes

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} k B^* M V_{k,i} \int_0^T v(T-t) e^{-\lambda_{k,i} t} \\ &= -e^{-\lambda_{k,i} T} \left\langle y^0, \Phi_{k,i} \right\rangle_{H^{-1}, H_0^1}, \quad \forall (k, i). \end{aligned}$$

- The assumption implies $B^* M V_{k,i} \neq 0$ for all $k \geq 1, i = 1, 2$ and:

$$\int_0^T v(T-t) e^{-\lambda_{k,i} t} = -\frac{\left\langle y^0, \Phi_{k,i} \right\rangle_{H^{-1}, H_0^1}}{B^* M V_{k,i} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} k} e^{-\lambda_{k,i} T} = m_{k,i}, \quad \forall (k, i).$$

The method of Fattorini-Russell

- If $(e^{-\lambda_{k,i}t})$ admits a biorthogonal family $(q_{k,i})$ in $L^2(0, T)$, i.e.:

$$\int_0^T e^{-\lambda_{k,i}t} q_{l,j} dt = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } (k, i) = (l, j) \\ 0, & \text{if } (k, i) \neq (l, j) \end{cases}$$

Then v is given by:

$$v(T-t) = \sum_{k \geq 1} m_{k,i} q_{k,i}(t).$$

- The question is:

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} m_{k,i} q_{k,i}(t) \in L^2(0, T)?$$

- But this question itself amounts to:

$$\|q_{k,i}\|_{L^2(0,T)} \underset{k \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} ?$$

Here comes the index of condensation of Λ .

The method of Fattorini-Russell

- Going back to the question:

$$\|q_{k,i}\|_{L^2(0,T)} \underset{k \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} ?$$

- The family $q_{k,i}$ can be constructed (L. Schwartz, Fattorini-Russell, etc) such that

$$\|q_{k,i}\|_{L^2(0,T)} \underset{k \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \left| \frac{1}{E'(\lambda_{k,i})} \right| \underset{k \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C e^{Re(\lambda_{k,i})(\varepsilon + c(\Lambda))}.$$

- $|m_{k,i}| \|q_{k,i}\|_{L^2(0,T)} \underset{k \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{|\langle y^0, \Phi_{k,i} \rangle_{H^{-1}, H_0^1}|}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} k |B^* M V_{k,i}|} e^{-Re(\lambda_{k,i})(T - " - c(\Lambda))}$
- Conclusion: after checking that $k |B^* M V_{k,i}| \geq e^{-\varepsilon Re(\lambda_{k,i})}$,

$$T > c(\Lambda) \Rightarrow v(T-t) = \sum_{k \geq 1} m_{k,i} q_{k,i}(t) \in L^2(0, T).$$

No controllability

- The null controllability property is equivalent to the observability inequality:

$$\|\varphi(0)\|_{H_0^1}^2 \leq C_T \int_0^T \left| B^* M \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(t, 0) \right|^2 dt.$$

- Let $0 < T < c(\Lambda)$

Lemma

There exists $\Delta = (G_k)_{k \geq 1} = \left(\left(\lambda_{n_{k,j}} \right)_{0 \leq j \leq p_k} \right)_{k \geq 1}$ such that:

$$\overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{0 \leq j \leq p_k} \left\{ \frac{1}{|\lambda_{n_{k,j}}|} \log \frac{p_k!}{|P'_{G_k}(\lambda_n)|} \right\} = c(\Lambda),$$

where $|P'_{G_k}(\lambda_n)| = \prod_{\substack{\lambda_m \in G_k \\ \lambda_m \neq \lambda_n}} |\lambda_n - \lambda_m|$.

Over convergence of Dirichlet Series

The idea is to construct a sequence (φ_k) of solutions of the adjoint problem such that

$$\int_0^T \left| B^* M \frac{\partial \varphi_k}{\partial x} (t, 0) \right|^2 dt \rightarrow 0, \quad \|\varphi_k(0)\|_{H_0^1}^2 \geq \delta > 0.$$

Theorem (Shackell-Theorem 9)

Suppose that the sequence (λ_n) has maximum density $D := \lim \frac{k}{|\lambda_k|} < +\infty$ and index of condensation δ . We can choose a sequence of integers $(n(k))$ and a sequence of complex numbers a_n , such that the following conditions are satisfied

① $\frac{n(k+1)-n(k)}{n(k)} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow +\infty} 0,$

② If R denotes the region of convergence of the $\sum a_n e^{-ns}$, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} (\sum_{n(k)}^{n(k+1)-1} a_n e^{-\lambda_n s})$ converges in the region $R + \delta E$.

$$\varphi_k(0) = \sum_{\lambda_n \in G_k} \frac{p_k!}{\bar{b}_n P'_{G_k}(\lambda_n)}, e^{-\lambda_n T} \Phi_n.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|\varphi_k(0)\|^2 = \sum_{\lambda_n \in G_k} \left| \frac{p_k!}{\bar{b}_n P'_{G_k}(\lambda_n)} e^{-\lambda_n T} \right|^2 \geq \left| \frac{p_k!}{\bar{b}_{n_k} P'_{G_k}(\lambda_{n_k})} e^{-\lambda_{n_k} T} \right|^2 \\ = e^{2\Re(\lambda_{n_k}) \left[\frac{1}{\Re(\lambda_{n_k})} \left(\log \left| \frac{1}{\bar{b}_{n_k}} \right| + \log \left| \frac{p_k!}{P'_{G_k}(\lambda_{n_k})} \right| \right) - T \right]} \sim e^{\Re(\lambda_{n_k})(c(\Lambda) - T)} \rightarrow +\infty. \end{array} \right.$$

Generalization to controls that depend only on time

$$(6) \quad \begin{cases} y' = \mathcal{A}y + \mathcal{B}v & \text{on } (0, T) \\ y(0) = y_0 \in \mathbb{X}. \end{cases}$$

$v \in L^2(0, T; \mathbb{C}).$

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Scalar case: S. Dolecki , *Observability for the one-dimensional heat equation*, Studia Mathematica (1973)

Generalization to controls that depend only on time

Theorem

Under some assumptions on \mathcal{B} , $\Lambda := (\lambda_k)$ the sequence of eigenvalues of $(\mathcal{A}, D(\mathcal{A}))$, let

$$T_0 = \limsup_{i=1,2} \max \left(\frac{\log \frac{1}{|b_{k,i}|}}{\Re(\lambda_{k,i})} + \frac{\log \frac{1}{|E'(\lambda_{k,i})|}}{\Re(\lambda_{k,i})} \right),$$

where

$$E(z) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{\lambda_k^2} \right), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad b_{k,i} := \mathcal{B}^* \psi_{k,i} = \varphi_k(x_0) B^* V_{k,i}.$$

Then:

- ① System (??) is null controllable for $T > T_0$;
- ② System (??) is not null controllable for $T < T_0$.

Comments

- For the first attempts to generalize the Kalman rank condition:
 - R. Triggiani. *Extensions of Rank Conditions for Controllability and Observability to Banach Spaces and Unbounded Operators.* SIAM J. of Control (1976).
 - See also Russell's review paper (1978') and the references therein.
- Fattorini has also used the method of moments to prove the first null-controllability result for the heat equation by mean of boundary controls in higher dimension of space for parallelepipedon. A work in progress is going in this way for systems.
- In higher dimension, partial results F. Alabau & M. Leautaud (J. Math. Pures Appl (2012)
- The non constant coefficient case is widely open, even if some recent works of M.Gonzalez-Burgos & L. de Teresa (2010, cascade systems), M.Cristofol, P. Gaitan, L. de Teresa & A.B (2011) and K. Mauffrey (2012) for 3×3 systems , offer interesting perspectives.

Thank you for your attention