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Well-posedness in L^1

Theorem

If $\rho_0 \in L^1_+(0, 1)$ and $u \in L^1_+(0, T)$, then system (1) admits a unique weak solution $\rho \in C^0([0, T]; L^1_+(0, 1))$, which is also nonnegative almost everywhere in $Q = [0, T] \times [0, 1]$.

Proof sketch.

1 Existence and uniqueness of local solution

Characteristic method + fixed point argument by contraction mapping principle.

Explicit expression of ρ in terms of $\xi(t) := \int_0^t \lambda(W_\tau) d\tau$.

2 Existence of global solution

Uniform a priori estimate of $\|\rho(t, \cdot)\|_{L^1(0,1)}$.



Adjoint system

Suppose that $\rho \in C^0([0, T]; W_+^{1,p}(0, 1)) \cap C^0([0, 1]; W_+^{1,p}(0, T))$ is solution to (1). The adjoint system is defined as

$$\begin{cases} q_t(t, x) + (q(t, x)\lambda(W(t)))_x \\ \quad = -\lambda(W(t)) \int_0^1 \rho(t, s) q_x(t, s) ds, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ q(T, x) = q_0(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ q(t, 1) = v(t), & t \in (0, T). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $W(t) = \int_0^1 \rho(t, x) dx$.

Proof sketch (I)

Step 1

It suffices to study

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q_t(t, x) + \alpha(t)q_x(t, x) \\ \quad = - \int_0^1 \gamma(t, s)q_x(t, s)ds, \quad (t, x) \in (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ q(0, x) = q_0(x), \quad x \in (0, 1), \\ q(t, 0) = v(t), \quad t \in (0, T). \end{array} \right. \quad (3)$$

where $\alpha \in C^0([0, T]; (0, \infty))$ and $\gamma \in C_+^0([0, T] \times [0, 1])$.

Proof sketch (II)

Step 2

Differentiate (3) with respect to x :

$$\begin{cases} q_{xt}(t, x) + \alpha(t)q_{xx}(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ q_x(0, x) = q'_0(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ q_x(t, 0) = -\frac{1}{\alpha(t)} \cdot \left(v'(t) + \int_0^1 \gamma(t, s)q_x(t, s)ds \right), & t \in (0, T). \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Let $f(t) := \int_0^1 \gamma(t, s)q_x(t, s)ds$.

Proof sketch (III)

Step 3

$$f(t) = g(t) + \int_0^t k(t, \tau) f(\tau) d\tau, \quad (5)$$

where $k(t, \tau) := -\gamma\left(t, \int_\tau^t \alpha(r) dr\right)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} g(t) := & - \int_0^t \gamma\left(t, \int_\tau^t \alpha(r) dr\right) v'(\tau) d\tau \\ & + \int_0^{1 - \int_0^t \alpha(r) dr} \gamma\left(t, s + \int_\tau^t \alpha(r) dr\right) q_0'(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

are continuous.

$$(5) \implies f \xrightarrow{(4)} q_x \xrightarrow{\int_0^x} q.$$

Definition of exact (state) controllability

Exact (State) Controllability

State $\rho(t, \cdot) \in L_+^p(0, 1)$.

Does there exists **Control** $u(t) \in L_+^p(0, T)$ to drive the hyperbolic system (1): $\rho_0 \in L_+^p(0, 1) \rightsquigarrow \rho_1 \in L_+^p(0, 1)$ on $[0, T]$, i.e.,

$$\rho(T, x) = \rho_1(x), \quad x \in (0, 1).$$

Local controllability around $\bar{\rho}$

Theorem

Let $\bar{\rho} \geq 0$ be the given constant equilibrium and $T_0 := \frac{1}{\lambda(\bar{\rho})}$.
Then, for any $T > T_0$, and any $p \geq 1$, the system (1) is locally controllable.

Proof sketch.

- 1 Controllability for linear control system
 $\xi \implies u \implies \rho$
- 2 Fixed point argument by contraction mapping principle
 $\xi \implies u \implies \rho \implies F(\xi) = \xi$



Global controllability

Theorem

For any $p \in [1, +\infty)$, any $\rho_0 \in L_+^p(0, 1)$ and any $\rho_1 \in L_+^p(0, 1)$, there exists $T_1 > 0$ (depending on ρ_0 and ρ_1) such that for any $T \geq T_1$, the system (1) is controllable.

Proof sketch.

- 1 Drive the state from ρ_0 at $t = 0$ to some equilibrium $\bar{\rho}$ at $t = T_f$.
Input control $u(t)$ can be induced by **natural state control**
 $\rho(t, 0) \equiv \bar{\rho}$.
- 2 Drive the system from $\bar{\rho}$ at $t = T_f$ to ρ_1 at $t = T := T_f + T_b$ by using the reversibility of the hyperbolic system
 $(t, x, \rho(t, x)) \rightarrow (T - t, 1 - x, \rho(T - t, 1 - x))$.



Transition between equilibria

Exact controllability

Drive the system from one equilibrium ρ_0 to another ρ_1 .
Admissible control set.

Time-optimal control

The global controllability time is not optimal.
What is the **optimal control time** to drive the system (1) from one equilibrium state ρ_0 to another equilibrium state ρ_1 .
What is the control?

An intuitive time-optimal control

Choose the **intuitive density control**

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t(t, x) + (\rho(t, x)\lambda(W(t)))_x = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ \rho(0, x) = \rho_0, & x \in (0, 1), \\ \rho(t, 0) = \rho_1, & t \in (0, T) \end{cases}$$

for the special case: $\lambda(W) = \frac{1}{1+W}$.

$$\rho(T, x) \equiv \rho_1 \text{ for } T \geq 1 + \frac{\rho_0 + \rho_1}{2}$$

$$u(t) = \frac{\rho_1}{\sqrt{(1+\rho_0)^2 + 2t(\rho_1 - \rho_0)}}, t \in (0, T).$$

Time-optimal control of transition between equilibria

Theorem

The minimum time to transfer the state from one equilibrium ρ_0 to the other equilibrium ρ_1 using nonnegative influx control $u \in L^1_+(0, \infty)$ is $T = 1 + \frac{\rho_0 + \rho_1}{2}$. The time-optimal control is indeed the natural one $u(t) = \frac{\rho_1}{\sqrt{(1 + \rho_0)^2 + 2t(\rho_1 - \rho_0)}}$, $t \in (0, T)$.

Proof.

Direct computations. □

Definition of nodal profile controllability

Where it comes?

Nodal profile controllability was originally introduced by [M. Gugat et al.](#) for gas demanding control. This kind of controllability was later named by [T. Li](#) and generalized for first order quasilinear hyperbolic systems.

Definition

For any given initial data ρ_0 , boundary data y_d and any T_1, T with $0 < T_1 < T$, to find suitable control $u : (0, T) \mapsto [0, +\infty)$ such that the solution ρ to the system (1) satisfies also the nodal profile condition:

$$\rho(t, 1)\lambda(W(t)) = y_d(t), \quad t \in (T_1, T). \quad (6)$$

Nodal profile controllability

Theorem

Let $\bar{\rho} \geq 0$ be the given constant equilibrium and let $T_0 := \frac{1}{\lambda(\bar{\rho})}$. For any $p \in [1, +\infty)$, and any T_1, T with $T_0 < T_1 < T$, there exists $\nu > 0$ such that the following holds: For any $\rho_0 \in L_+^p(0, 1)$ and any $y_d \in L_+^p(T_1, T)$

$$\|\rho_0(\cdot) - \bar{\rho}\|_{L^p(0,1)} \leq \nu, \quad \|y(\cdot) - \bar{\rho}\lambda(\bar{\rho})\|_{L^p(T_1,T)} \leq \nu,$$

there exists $u \in L_+^p(0, T)$ such that the weak solution $\rho \in C^0([0, T]; L^p(0, 1))$ to the system (1) satisfies the out-flux condition (6).

Proof sketch.

Nodal profile controllability for linear system

Fixed point argument. □

Output feedback stabilization

Definition of output feedback stabilization

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t(t, x) + (\rho(t, x)\lambda(W(t)))_x = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, 1), \\ \rho(0, x) = \rho_0(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(t) - \bar{\rho}\lambda(\bar{\rho}) = k(y(t) - \bar{\rho}\lambda(\bar{\rho})), & t \in (0, \infty). \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

with $W(t) = \int_0^1 \rho(t, x) dx$, $u(t) = \rho(t, 0)\lambda(W(t))$, $y(t) = \rho(t, 1)\lambda(W(t))$.

Can we find k such that $\|\rho - \bar{\rho}\| \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$?

Simple observation

Does $k = 0$ work?

$$u(t) = \bar{\rho}\lambda(\bar{\rho}).$$

- For $\bar{\rho} = 0$, YES, it works!

$$u(t) = 0 \iff \rho(t, 0) = 0$$

- While for $\bar{\rho} \neq 0$, NOT clear!

Linearization near constant $\bar{\rho} \geq 0$

Linearized system

Let

$$d := \frac{\bar{\rho}\lambda'(\bar{\rho})}{\lambda(\bar{\rho})}. \quad (8)$$

The difference function $\tilde{\rho} := \rho - \bar{\rho}$. Omitting $\tilde{\rho}$, then ρ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t(t, x) + \rho_x(t, x) = 0, & t \in (0, \infty), x \in (0, 1), \\ \rho(0, x) = \rho_0(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ \rho(t, 0) = k\rho(t, 1) + (k-1)dW(t), & t \in (0, \infty), \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where $W(t) = \int_0^1 \rho(t, x) dx$ and

$$\lambda(\bar{\rho}) = 1$$

without loss of generality.

IFF condition for stabilization

Theorem

Let $\bar{\rho} \geq 0$. Then, $\bar{\rho} \in L^2(0, 1)$ is exponentially stable in $L^2(0, 1)$ for the control system (9) if and only if $d > -1$ and $|k| < 1$.

That is to say: if and only if $d > -1$ and $|k| < 1$, there exist constants $C = C(d, k) > 0$ and $\alpha = \alpha(d, k) > 0$ such that the following holds: For any $\rho_0 \in L^2(0, 1)$, the weak solution $\rho \in C^0([0, \infty); L^2(0, 1))$ to the system (9) satisfies

$$\|\rho(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq Ce^{-\alpha t} \cdot \|\rho_0\|_{L^2(0,1)}, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty). \quad (10)$$

Proof by spectral analysis

Characteristic equation

Let $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\phi \neq 0$ be an eigen pair s.t.

$$\begin{cases} \mu\phi(x) + \phi'(x) = 0, & x \in (0, 1), \\ \phi(0) = k\phi(1) + (k-1)d \cdot \int_0^1 \phi(x) dx. \end{cases}$$

which implies

$$\begin{cases} \phi(x) = e^{-\mu x}, \\ 1 - ke^{-\mu} + (1-k)d \cdot \int_0^1 e^{-\mu x} dx = 0. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Spectral condition

Proposition

(11) has no solution (μ, ϕ) such that $\Re(\mu) \geq 0$ and $\phi \neq 0$ if and only if $d > -1$ and $|k| < 1$.

Proof sketch.

Degree theory homotopic functions

- 1 $d = -1$ and $k \in \mathbb{R}$ or $d \neq -1$ and $k = 1$. $\exists \mu = 0$
- 2 $d \neq -1$ and $|k| > 1$. $\exists \Re(\mu) > 0$
- 3 $d < -1$ and $|k| < 1$ or $k = -1$. $\exists \mu \in (0, \infty)$
- 4 $d > -1$ and $k = -1$. $\exists \mu = ib, b \in \mathbb{R}, b \neq 0$
- 5 $d > -1$ and $|k| < 1$. No $\Re \mu \geq 0$



Lyapunov function approach

Case $|d| < 1$ and $|k| < 1$

Define

$$L(t) := \int_0^1 e^{-\beta x} \rho^2(t, x) dx + aW^2(t), \quad (12)$$

By letting $\beta \rightarrow 0^+$, $a := \frac{e^{-\beta} - k}{1 - k} d > 0$,

$$\dot{L}(t) \leq -\frac{\beta}{C} [1 - d^2(e^\beta - 1)^2 e^{-\beta} \beta^{-2}] \cdot L(t) \leq -\alpha L(t),$$

since $1 - d^2(e^\beta - 1)^2 e^{-\beta} \beta^{-2} \rightarrow 1 - d^2 > 0$ as $\beta \rightarrow 0^+$.

Lyapunov function approach

Case $d \geq 1$ and $|k| < 1$

Define

$$V_1(t) := \int_0^1 \rho^2(t, x) dx + bW^2(t), \quad (13)$$

Choose $b = d$, then

$$\dot{V}_1(t) = (k^2 - 1)\xi^2(t, 1) \leq 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\xi(t, x) := \rho(t, x) + dW(t)$$

satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \xi_t(t, x) + \xi_x(t, x) = d\dot{W}(t), & t \in (0, \infty), x \in (0, 1), \\ \xi(0, x) = \rho_0(x) - \bar{\rho} + dW(0), & x \in (0, 1), \\ \xi(t, 0) = k\xi(t, 1), & t \in (0, \infty). \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Lyapunov function approach

Case $d \geq 1$ and $|k| < 1$

Define

$$V_2(t) := \int_0^1 e^{-x} \xi^2(t, x) dx, \quad (15)$$

then

$$\dot{V}_2(t) \leq -\frac{1}{2} V_2(t) + A \xi^2(t, 1).$$

Let

$$V(t) := \frac{A}{1-k^2} V_1(t) + V_2(t). \quad (16)$$

Then

$$\dot{V}(t) = \frac{A}{1-k^2} \dot{V}_1(t) + \dot{V}_2(t) \leq -\frac{1}{2} V_2(t) \leq -\alpha V(t), \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Stabilization to $\bar{\rho} = 0$ for nonlinear system

$$\bar{\rho} = 0 \implies d = 0.$$

Theorem

For any $k \in (-1, 1)$ and any $R > 0$, there exist constants $C = C(k, R) > 0$ and $\alpha = \alpha(k, R)$ such that for any $\rho_0 \in L^2((0, 1); [0, \infty))$ with

$$\|\rho_0\|_{L^1(0,1)} \leq R, \quad (17)$$

the solution $\rho \in C^0([0, \infty); L^2(0, 1))$ to the system with feedback

$$u(t) = ky(t)$$

satisfies

$$\|\rho(t, \cdot)\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq Ce^{-\alpha t} \cdot \|\rho_0\|_{L^2(0,1)}, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty). \quad (18)$$

Proof by Lyapunov approach

Proof.

Define

$$L(t) := \int_0^1 e^{-\beta x} |\rho(t, x)|^2 dx, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{L}(t) &= -\beta \lambda(W(t)) L(t) + (\lambda(W(t)))^{-1} (k^2 - e^{-\beta}) y^2(t), \\ &\leq -\alpha L(t), \quad t \in (0, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

by $\beta \rightarrow 0^+$ and

$$0 \leq W(t) \leq \|\rho_0\|_{L^1(0,1)} \leq R, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty).$$



Stabilization to $\bar{\rho} > 0$ for nonlinear system

Theorem

Let $d > -1$. For any $k \in (-1, 1)$, there exist constants $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(d, k) > 0$, $C = C(d, k) > 0$ and $\alpha = \alpha(d, k) > 0$ such that the following holds: For any $\rho_0 \in L^2((0, 1); [0, \infty))$ with

$$\|\rho_0(\cdot) - \bar{\rho}\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq \varepsilon,$$

the weak solution $\rho \in C^0([0, \infty); L^2(0, 1))$ to the system with

$$u(t) - \bar{\rho}\lambda(\bar{\rho}) = k(y(t) - \bar{\rho}\lambda(\bar{\rho})), \quad t \in (0, \infty)$$

satisfies

$$\|\rho(t, \cdot) - \bar{\rho}\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq Ce^{-\alpha t} \cdot \|\rho_0(\cdot) - \bar{\rho}\|_{L^2(0,1)}, \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty).$$

Proof by Lyapunov approach

Case $d \in (-1, 1)$ and $|k| < 1$.

Define $L(t)$ as (12), then

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{L}(t) &\leq -\frac{\beta}{C_2} \left(1 - d^2(e^\beta - 1)^2 e^{-\beta} \beta^{-2} + O(\varepsilon) \right) \cdot L(t) \\ &\leq -\alpha L(t),\end{aligned}$$

letting first $\beta = \beta(d, k) \rightarrow 0^+$ and then $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(d, k) \rightarrow 0^+$, since $1 - d^2(e^\beta - 1)^2 e^{-\beta} \beta^{-2} \rightarrow 1 - d^2 > 0$ as $\beta \rightarrow 0^+$.



Proof by Lyapunov approach

Case $d \geq 1$ and $|k| < 1$.

Define $V_1(t)$, $V_2(t)$, $V(t)$ as (13),(15),(16), then

$$\dot{V}(t) \leq \left(-\frac{1}{2} + O(\varepsilon)\right)V_2(t) \leq -\alpha V(t), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

by letting $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(d, k) \rightarrow 0^+$.



Optimal Control Problem (I)

Optimal Control Problem without constraints

For any fixed *Demand Forecast* $y_d \in L_+^2(0, T)$ and initial data $\rho_0 \in L_+^2(0, 1)$, we look for solution to the optimal control problem:

$$\min_{u \in L_+^2(0, T)} J(u) := \|u\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2,$$

where $y(t) = \rho(t, 1)\lambda(W(t))$ is the outflux corresponding to the influx $u \in L_+^2(0, T)$ and initial data $\rho_0 \in L_+^2(0, 1)$.

Solution to optimal control problem

Theorem

The infimum of the functional $J(u)$ in $L^2_+(0, T)$ is achieved, i.e., there exists $u_\infty \in L^2_+(0, T)$ such that $J(u_\infty) = \inf_{u \in L^2_+(0, T)} J(u)$.

Proof sketch.

- 1 Choose a minimizing sequence $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$.

Take a subsequence $u_n \rightharpoonup u_\infty$ weakly in $L^2_+(0, T)$.

- 2 Solve system (1) corresponding to influx u_n (resp., u_∞) to obtain solution ρ_n (resp., ρ_∞).

Prove that $y_n(\cdot) := \lambda(W_n(\cdot))\rho_n(\cdot, 1)$

$\rightharpoonup y_\infty(\cdot) := \lambda(W_\infty(\cdot))\rho_\infty(\cdot, 1)$ weakly in $L^2(0, T)$.



Optimal Control Problem (II)

Optimal control problem with constrains

$$\min_{u \in U, y \in Y} J(u, y)$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} \rho_t(t, x) + (\rho(t, x)\lambda(W(t)))_x = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times (0, 1), \\ \rho(0, x) = \rho_0(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ \rho(t, 0)\lambda(W(t)) = u(t), & t \in (0, T), \\ \rho(t, 1)\lambda(W(t)) = y(t), & t \in (0, T), \end{cases}$$

with $W(t) = \int_0^1 \rho(t, x) dx$.

Basic setting of cost functional J

Basic setting of J

For given $U \subseteq L^2_+(0, T)$ and $Y \subseteq L^2_+(0, T)$, $J : U \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is assumed to be Fréchet differentiable in $L^2(0, T)$ and

$$\frac{\partial J(u, y)}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial J(u, y)}{\partial y} \in H^1(0, T).$$

Example

$$U = Y \subseteq H^1_+(0, T)$$

$$J(u, y) = \frac{\kappa}{2} \|u - u_d\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2, \text{ with}$$

$u_d, y_d \in H^1(0, T)$ and $\kappa, \nu \in (0, \infty)$.

$$\frac{\partial J(u, y)}{\partial u} = \kappa(u - u_d), \frac{\partial J(u, y)}{\partial y} = \nu(y - y_d).$$

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