

# On the construction of exact control for the wave equation

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# Control of wave equation

Let  $T > 0$ ,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ .  $\omega \neq \emptyset$  is an open subset of  $\Omega$ ,  $\Gamma_1 \neq \emptyset$  is an open subset of  $\partial\Omega$ .  $\chi_\omega$  and  $\chi_{\Gamma_1}$  denote the characteristic functions of  $\omega$  and  $\Gamma_1$ . Consider the following wave system:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} y_{tt} - \Delta y = \chi_\omega u, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

**Exact controllability problem:**

Given initial data  $(y_0, y_1)$  and target data  $(y^0, y^1)$  in some space, can we choose  $u$  in suitable space such that

$$y(T, x) = y^0(x), y_t(T, x) = y^1(x), x \in \Omega?$$

**Exact null controllability problem:**

Given initial data  $(y_0, y_1)$  in some space, can we choose  $u$  in suitable space such that

$$y(T, x) = 0, y_t(T, x) = 0, x \in \Omega?$$

# Observability

The controllability of (1) is equivalent to the observability of the following system

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} v_{tt} - \Delta v = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ v(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ v(T, x) = v^0(x), \quad v_t(T, x) = v^1(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

The observability inequality:

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \|v^1\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\nabla v^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \leq D \int_0^T \|v_t\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 dt.$$

## Multiplier geometric condition(MGC)

Assume that  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma_1$  are nonempty. Furthermore there exists an  $x_0$  such that

$$(x - x^0) \cdot \nu(x) < 0, \forall x \in \Gamma_0$$

$$(x - x^0) \cdot \nu(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \Gamma_1$$

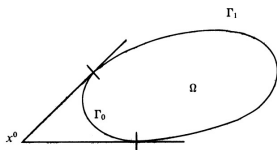


Figure: example

## Geometric Control Condition(GCC)

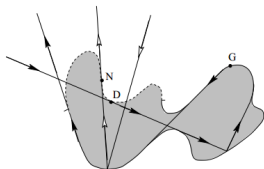


Figure: GCC condition (L. Miller)

There exists  $T > 0$  such that every geodesic traveling at speed 1 meets  $\omega$  or  $\Gamma_1$  (except for diffractive points) in  $(0, T)$ .

Theorem (Bardos-Lebeau-Rauch (1992))

*Assume that GCC holds. Then the system (1) is exactly controllable on  $L^2 \times H^{-1}$ .*

Question: How to construct an exact control?

## Theorem (J.-L. Lions)

Assume that  $\Omega$  satisfies MGC. The system (1) is exactly controllable on  $L^2 \times H^{-1}$ .

The control  $u$  satisfies

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ u(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ u(T, x) = u^0(x), \quad u_t(T, x) = u^1(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

J.-L. Lions use a solution of wave equation to control (1), taking the final data to minimize the cost.



## Linearization

Consider the following control problem of damped linear wave equation

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} y_{tt} + y_t - \Delta y = \chi_{\omega} u, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x) & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

We give a new method to prove the null controllability of system (4).

## Contraction mapping principle

We take  $u = 2\chi_\omega \cdot z_t$ , where  $z$  satisfies

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} z_{tt} - z_t - \Delta z = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ z(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ z(T, x) = z^0(x), \quad z_t(T, x) = z^1(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Then we define a map

$$\mathcal{F} : (z^0, z^1) \mapsto (y(T) + z^0, -y_t(T) + z^1).$$

By the observability inequality, we can prove that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a contraction map in the set

$$\left\{ \left\| (z^0, z^1) \right\|_{H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq M(D) \left\| (y_0, y_1) \right\|_{H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right\}$$

for some constant  $M = M(D)$  large enough. So it has a fixed point, satisfying  $y(T) = 0$ ,  $-y_t(T) = 0$ ,

Since that we can find  $(z^0, z^1)$  such that  $y(T) = 0$ ,  $-y_t(T) = 0$ , then  $u$  is the desired control function.

## Galerkin method

Firstly, we take the standard orthonormal basis  $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of  $L^2(\Omega)$ , such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta\varphi_j = \lambda_j\varphi_j \\ \varphi_j|_{\partial\Omega} \equiv 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $y_N = \sum_{j=1}^N g_{jN}(t)\varphi_j$ ,  $v_N = \sum_{j=1}^N h_{jN}(t)\varphi_j$  satisfy the following initial value problems

$$(6) \quad \begin{cases} \left( \partial_t^2 y_N - \Delta y_N + \partial_t y_N - \chi \cdot \partial_t v_N, \varphi_i \right)_{L^2} = 0, \\ t = 0 : g_{jN} = (y_0, \varphi_j)_{L^2}, \quad g'_{jN} = (y_1, \varphi_j)_{L^2} \end{cases}$$

$$(7) \quad \begin{cases} \left( \partial_t^2 v_N - \Delta v_N - \partial_t v_N, \varphi_i \right)_{L^2} = 0, \\ t = T : h_{jN} = a_j, \quad h'_{jN} = b_j \end{cases}$$

So we can define the following map

$$(8) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{F}} : (v_N(T), \partial_t v_N(T)) \mapsto (y_N(T), \partial_t y_N(T))$$

or equivalently

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{F} : (a_1, \dots, a_N, b_1, \dots, b_N) \\ \mapsto (g_{1N}(T), \dots, g_{NN}(T), g'_{1N}(T), \dots, g'_{NN}(T))$$

By the well-posedness result of linear system, the above map is continuous from  $\mathbb{R}^{2N}$  to itself.

Goal: to prove that  $\mathcal{F}$  has a zero point.

By Brouwer fixed point theorem, we can prove the following lemma.

### Lemma

*If there exists  $r > 0$ , such that the continuous map  $\mathcal{F} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  satisfies*

$$x \cdot \mathcal{F}(x) \geq 0, \quad \forall |x| = r$$

*then there exists  $x_0 \in B_r$  s.t.  $\mathcal{F}(x_0) = 0$ .*

We need to estimate

$$J_1 \triangleq \int_{\Omega} \partial_t y_N(T) \partial_t v_N(T) + \nabla y_N(T) \cdot \nabla v_N(T) dx$$

Denote  $E(u(t)) = \|u(t)\|_{H_0^1}^2 + \|u_t(t)\|_{L^2}^2$ , by the standard energy estimate of  $y_N$  and  $v_N$ , as well as the observability inequality

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \|v_t(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\nabla v(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \leq D \int_0^T \|v_t\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 dt$$

we obtain that

### Property

*If  $E(v_N(T))$  is large enough, then  $J_1 \geq 0$ .*

which means  $x \cdot \mathcal{F}(x) \geq 0$  in the lemma, so  $\mathcal{F}$  has a zero point.

By energy estimate,  $\{\partial_t v_N\}_{N=1}^\infty$  is bounded in  $L^2(0, T; H^1(\omega))$ , thus has a subsequence that converges weakly, whose limit is the desired control function. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \{y_N\}_{N=1}^\infty &\subset L^\infty(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega)) \\ \{\partial_t y_N\}_{N=1}^\infty &\subset L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \end{aligned}$$

is bounded too, and converge to the solution. Thus we have the null controllability.



Consider the following semilinear wave system:

$$(10) \quad \begin{cases} y_{tt} - \Delta y = f(y) + \chi_{\omega} u, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = \chi_{\Gamma_1} h(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x), & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Internal control ( $h \equiv 0$ ):

- If  $f(s)$  behaves like  $-s \log^p(1 + |s|)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq 2$  as  $|s| \rightarrow \infty$ , the system is exactly controllable (see E. Zuazua(1993) for 1-D; X. Fu, J. Yong and X. Zhang (2007) for n-D)
- If  $f(y) = -y^p$ ,  $n = 3$ , the system is exactly controllable when  $\omega = \Omega/B(x_0, r)$  (B. Dehman, G. Lebeau, E. Zuazua (2003) for  $p < 5$  or C. Laurent (2011) for  $p = 5$ ).

Boundary control ( $u \equiv 0$ ):

- If  $f \in W_{loc}^{1,\infty}(\mathbb{R})$  is a locally Lipschitz function, the system is exactly controllable (E. Zuazua (1990)).

Consider the following internal control problem

$$(11) \quad \begin{cases} y_{tt} + f(y_t) - \Delta y = \chi_\omega u, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x) & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

### Theorem (Y. Cui, P. Lu and Z (preprint))

Let  $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $|f(a) - f(b)| \leq L|a - b|$ , and there exists  $L > \tilde{L} > 0$ , s.t.,

$$(a - b)(f(a) - f(b)) \geq \tilde{L}(a - b)^2.$$

Assume that  $\omega$  satisfies GCC, then (11) is null controllable provided that  $2D(L - \tilde{L})^2 < L\tilde{L}^2$ .

The proof is based on Galerkin method.

## Quasilinear wave equation, boundary control

- see T. Li and L. Yu (06) for 1-D case;
- see Z. Lei and Z (08) or Yao (2010) for 2, 3-D case;

# Main result

Consider the following system

$$(12) \quad \begin{cases} y_{tt} - \Delta y = F(y, y_t, \nabla y, \nabla^2 y) + \chi_\omega u(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x) & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem (Y. Cui, P. Lu and Z (preprint))**

*Assume that  $F(y, y', y'') = O(|y|^2 + |y'|^2 + |y''|^2)$  and  $\Omega$  satisfies MGC,  $\omega = \Omega \cap O_\epsilon(\Gamma_1)$ , then the system (12) is locally null controllable.*

The proof is based on Picard iteration (Contraction mapping principle).

Consider the following damped wave system

$$(13) \quad \begin{cases} y_{tt} - \Delta y + y_t = F(y, y', y'') + \chi\omega(x)u(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x) & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Our goal is to obtain the controllability of (13) now!

## Case without damping

Consider the internal control problem of linear wave equation

$$\begin{cases} y_{tt} - \Delta y = \chi_{\omega}(x)u(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x) & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Let  $y = e^t \tilde{y}$  and  $u = e^t \tilde{u}$ , then the system is transformed into a system with damping.

## Locally controllability of quasi-linear system

In the quasi-linear case, firstly we write

$$\begin{cases} y_{tt} + b_0 y_t - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} y_{x_i x_j} = \tilde{b} y + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i y_{x_i} + \chi u, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t(0, x) = y_1(x), \\ y(t, x) = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where  $\chi$  is a smooth cut-off function on  $\omega$ ,  $\tilde{b}, b_0, a_{ij}, b_i$  are functions of  $y, y_t, \nabla y$ , satisfying

$$a^{ij} - \delta_{ij}, \quad b_0 - 1, \quad b_k, \quad \tilde{b} \in X_{C,s,\varepsilon},$$

where

$$X_{C,s,\varepsilon} = \left\{ f \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) : \|\partial_t^j \nabla^k f(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C\varepsilon, \right. \\ \left. \forall j, k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad j + k \leq s, \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \right\},$$



# Picard iteration

We establish the following iteration scheme: Put  $(z^{(0)}, y^{(0)}) \equiv 0$ , knowing  $(z^{(\alpha-1)}, y^{(\alpha-1)})$ , we define  $(z^{(\alpha)}, y^{(\alpha)})$  as follows

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_{tt}^{(\alpha)} + b_0^{(\alpha-1)} y_t^{(\alpha)} - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}^{(\alpha-1)} y_{x_i x_j}^{(\alpha)} - \tilde{b}^{(\alpha-1)} y^{(\alpha)} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^{(\alpha-1)} y_{x_i}^{(\alpha)} \\ = -2\chi \cdot z_t^{(\alpha)}(t), \\ y^{(\alpha)}(0, x) = y_0(x), \quad y_t^{(\alpha)}(0, x) = y_1(x), \\ y^{(\alpha)}(t, x) \equiv 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} z_{tt}^{(\alpha)} - b_0^{(\alpha-1)} z_t^{(\alpha)} - \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}^{(\alpha-1)} z_{x_i x_j}^{(\alpha)} - \tilde{b}^{(\alpha-1)} z^{(\alpha)} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^{(\alpha-1)} z_{x_i}^{(\alpha)} = 0, \\ z^{(\alpha)}(T, x) = y^{(\alpha-1)}(T, x) + z^{(\alpha-1)}(T, x), \\ z_t^{(\alpha)}(T, x) = y_t^{(\alpha-1)}(T, x) + z_t^{(\alpha-1)}(T, x), \\ z^{(\alpha)}(t, x) = 0, \quad x \in \partial\Omega, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\tilde{b}^{(\alpha-1)}, b_0^{(\alpha-1)}, a_{ij}^{(\alpha-1)}, b_i^{(\alpha-1)}$  are functions of  $y^{(\alpha-1)}, y_t^{(\alpha-1)}, \nabla y^{(\alpha-1)}$ .

The order is

$$(z^{(0)}, y^{(0)}) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow z^{(\alpha-1)} \rightarrow y^{(\alpha-1)} \rightarrow z^{(\alpha)} \rightarrow y^{(\alpha)} \rightarrow \dots$$

Consider the internal control problem of linear heat equation

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y = \chi_\omega(x)u(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ y(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ y(0, x) = y_0(x) \neq 0, & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

Our goal: to find a function  $u$  such that  $y(T) \equiv 0$ .

We choose  $u = \frac{D^{\frac{1}{2}} \|y_0\|_{L^2} v}{(\int_0^T \int_{\omega} |v|^2 dx dt)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ , where

$$\begin{cases} v_t + \Delta v = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ v(t, x) = 0, & (t, x) \in (0, T) \times \partial\Omega, \\ v(T, x) = v^0(x) \neq 0, & x \in \Omega, \end{cases}$$

satisfies the observability inequality

$$\|v(0)\|_{L^2}^2 \leq D \int_0^T \int_{\omega} |v|^2 dx dt.$$

# Thanks for your attention!