

Controllability results for degenerate parabolic equations

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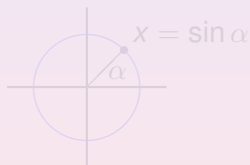
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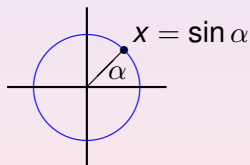
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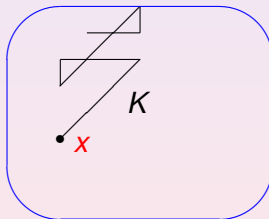
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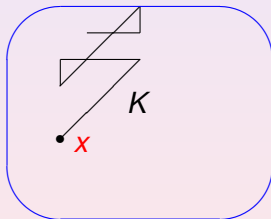
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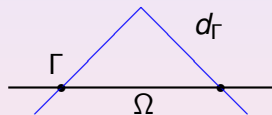


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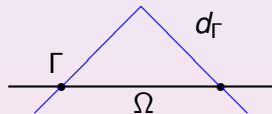
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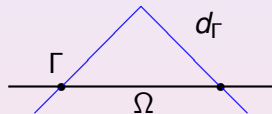


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where

$$Lu = \begin{cases} \operatorname{div}(A(x)\nabla u) + \text{lower order tms} \\ \text{or} \\ \operatorname{Tr}[A(x)\nabla^2 u] + \text{lower order tms} \end{cases}$$

with

$$A(x) > 0 \text{ in } \Omega \text{ but } A(x) \geq 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$



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$$\begin{cases} D(\mathcal{A}) = \{u \in H_a^1(0,1) \mid au_x \in H^1(0,1)\} \\ \mathcal{A}u = (au_x)_x \end{cases}$$

generates analytic semigroup in $L^2(0,1)$

- ▶ unique solution $u \in C(0,T; L^2(0,1)) \cap L^2(0,T; H_a^1(0,1))$

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- ▶ maximal regularity

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(needed to justify integration by parts)

- ▶ strongly degenerate case incorporates b.c.

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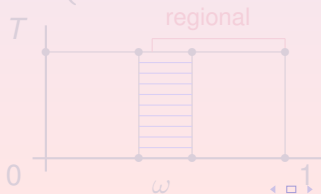
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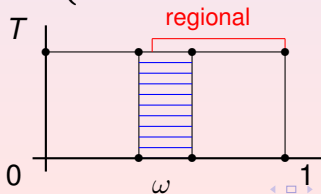
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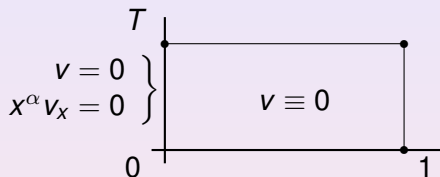
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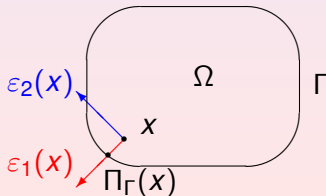


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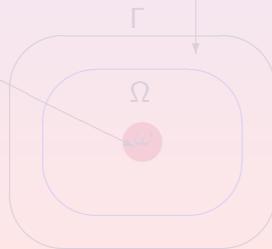
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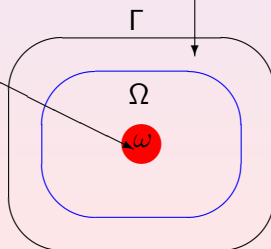
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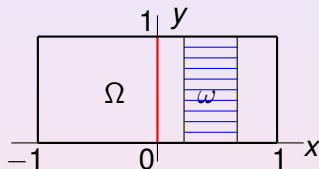


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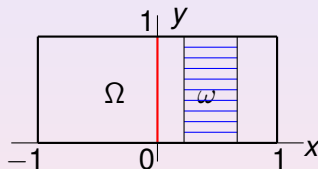


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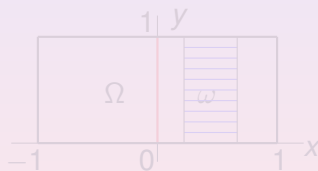
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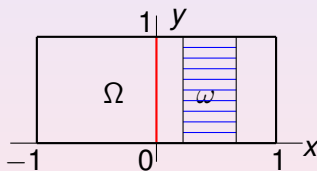
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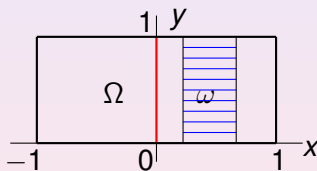
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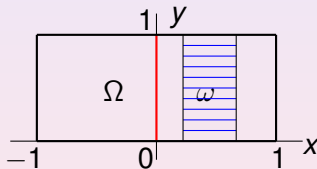
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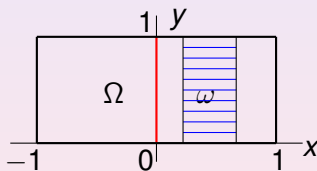
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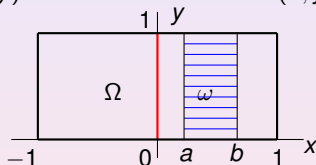
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