

# Averaged controllability of finitely many strings equations

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## The general Problem

Let  $X$  and  $U$  be two Hilbert spaces. Consider the parameter dependent Cauchy problems:

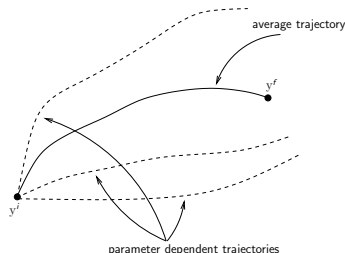
$$\dot{x}_\zeta = A_\zeta x_\zeta + B_\zeta u, \quad x_\zeta(0) = x_\zeta^i \in X, \quad (*)$$

with parameter  $\zeta \in \Omega$  and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  a probability space.

**The aim:**

given  $(x_\zeta^i)_{\zeta \in \Omega}$ ,  $(x_\zeta^f)_{\zeta \in \Omega}$  and  $T > 0$ ,  
find  $u \in L^2([0, T], U)$  such that the solution of  $x_\zeta(\cdot; u)$  of  $(*)$  satisfies:

**Averaged controllability:** 
$$\int_{\Omega} x_\zeta(T; u) d\mu_\zeta = \int_{\Omega} x_\zeta^f d\mu_\zeta.$$



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## Exact averaged controllability and observability

## Definition

System  $(\star)$  is said *exactly controllable in average* in time  $T > 0$  if:

$$\left\{ \int_{\Omega} \int_0^T e^{(T-t)A_{\zeta}} B_{\zeta} u(t) dt d\mu_{\zeta}, u \in L^2([0, T], U) \right\} = X.$$

Let us consider for every  $z^f \in X$  the adjoint system:

$$-\dot{z}_{\zeta} = A_{\zeta}^* z_{\zeta}, \quad z_{\zeta}(T) = z^f. \quad (\overline{\text{Adj}})$$

## Definition

The system  $(\overline{\text{Adj}})$  is said *exactly observable in average* in time  $T > 0$  if there exists  $\bar{c}(T) > 0$  such that:

$$\bar{c}(T) \|z^f\|_X^2 \leq \int_0^T \left\| \int_{\Omega} B_{\zeta}^* z_{\zeta}(t) d\mu_{\zeta} \right\|_X^2 dt \quad (z^f \in X).$$

## Duality results

## Theorem

- The system  $(\star)$  is admissible in average if and only if  $(\overline{\text{Adj}})$  is, i.e.

$$\forall T > 0, \exists \bar{C}(T) > 0,$$

$$\int_0^T \left\| \int_{\Omega} B_{\zeta}^* z_{\zeta}(t) d\mu_{\zeta} \right\|_X^2 dt \leq \bar{C}(T) \|z^f\|_X^2 \quad (z^f \in X);$$

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## Kalman rank condition

## Theorem (Zuazua, 2014)

Assume  $\dim X < \infty$ , then the system  $(\star)$  is controllable in average if and only if the rank condition:

$$\text{rank} \left[ \int_{\Omega} A_{\zeta}^j B_{\zeta} \, d\mu_{\zeta}, \quad j \in \mathbb{N} \right] = \dim X$$

is satisfied.



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## Perturbation result I

## Theorem

Set  $T > 0$ ,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \tilde{\mu})$  a probability space and  $\zeta_0 \in \Omega$ .

Assume:

- $\{\zeta_0\} \in \mathcal{F}$  and there exists  $C_{\zeta_0}(T), c_{\zeta_0}(T) > 0$  such that:

$$c_{\zeta_0}(T) \|z^f\|_X^2 \leq \int_0^T \|B_{\zeta_0}^* z_{\zeta_0}(t)\|_U^2 dt \leq C_{\zeta_0}(T) \|z^f\|_X^2 \quad (z^f \in X);$$

- For almost every  $\zeta \in \Omega$ , there exists  $C_\zeta(T) > 0$  such that:

$$\int_0^T \|B_\zeta^* z_\zeta(t)\|_U^2 dt \leq C_\zeta(T) \|z^f\|_X^2 \quad (z^f \in X);$$

and

$$\int_\Omega \sqrt{C_\zeta(T)} d\tilde{\mu}_\zeta < \infty.$$

Then for every  $\theta \in \left[0, \left(1 + \int_\Omega \sqrt{\frac{C_\zeta(T)}{c_{\zeta_0}(T)}} d\tilde{\mu}_\zeta\right)^{-1}\right)$ , the system  $(*)$  is exactly controllable in average for the probability measure:

$$\mu = \theta \tilde{\mu} + (1 - \theta) \delta_{\zeta_0}.$$

## Perturbation result II

**Proof:** Use Minkowski inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left( \int_0^T \left\| \int_{\Omega} B_{\zeta}^* z_{\zeta}(t) d\mu_{\zeta} \right\|_U^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &= \left( \int_0^T \left\| (1-\theta) B_{\zeta_0}^* z_{\zeta_0}(t) + \theta \int_{\Omega} B_{\zeta}^* z_{\zeta}(t) d\tilde{\mu}_{\zeta} \right\|_U^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\geq (1-\theta) \left( \int_0^T \left\| B_{\zeta_0}^* z_{\zeta_0}(t) \right\|_U^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \theta \left( \int_0^T \left\| \int_{\Omega} B_{\zeta}^* z_{\zeta}(t) d\tilde{\mu}_{\zeta} \right\|_U^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\geq (1-\theta) \sqrt{c_{\zeta_0}(T)} \|z^f\|_X - \theta \int_{\Omega} \sqrt{C_{\zeta}(T)} d\tilde{\mu}_{\zeta} \|z^f\|_X
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Ingham inequalities I

Consider  $X = \ell^2(\mathbb{N}^*, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $U = \mathbb{C}$  and  $(\lambda_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}^*}$ , with  $\sum 1/\lambda_n^2 < \infty$ .

Set the operator  $A$  of domain  $\mathcal{D}(A) = \left\{ (a_n)_n \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}^*), \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} |\lambda_n|^2 |a_n|^2 < \infty \right\} := X_1$

defined by:

$$Ae_n = 2i\pi\lambda_n e_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*)$$

and the operator  $B \in \mathcal{L}(U, X_{-1})$  defined by :

$$[Bv]_n = v \quad (v \in \mathbb{C}).$$

Consider the system:

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \dot{x}_n = 2i\pi\lambda_n x_n + u \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*).$$

The adjoint system is:

$$\dot{z} = -Az \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \dot{z}_n = 2i\pi\lambda_n z_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*) \quad \text{thus} \quad z_n(t) = e^{2i\pi\lambda_n t} z_n(0)$$

and the observation operator:

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &\rightarrow L^2([0, T], \mathbb{C}) \\ (a_n)_n &\mapsto \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi\lambda_n t}. \end{aligned}$$

## Ingham inequalities II

## Theorem (Ingham inequalities, Ingham 1936)

Assume  $\inf_{\substack{m, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \\ m \neq n}} |\lambda_m - \lambda_n| := \gamma > 0$ . Then for every  $T > 0$ , there exists  $C(T) > 0$  such

that:

$$\int_0^T \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi\lambda_n t} \right|^2 dt \leq C(T) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} |a_n|^2$$

and for every  $T > \frac{1}{\gamma}$ , there exists  $c(T) > 0$  such that:

$$c(T) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} |a_n|^2 \leq \int_0^T \left| \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi\lambda_n t} \right|^2 dt.$$

Consequently, if  $\gamma > 0$  and  $T > \frac{1}{\gamma}$ , the system  $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$  is exactly controllable.

## Averaged version of Ingham inequalities I

Let us now consider the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  given by  $\Omega = \{\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_K\} \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  and  $\mu$  given by  $\mu(\{\zeta_k\}) := \theta_k \in [0, 1]$ .

Consider the parameter dependent system:

$$\dot{x}_\zeta = \zeta A x_\zeta + B u.$$

The goal would be to find  $T > 0$  and  $\bar{c}(T) > 0$  such that;

$$\bar{c}(T) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} |a_n|^2 \leq \int_0^T \left| \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi \lambda_n \zeta_k t} \right|^2 dt \quad ((a_n)_n \in X).$$

## Theorem

Set  $\gamma > 0$  and assume  $\lambda_n \in \gamma \mathbb{N}$ . Then, if  $T > \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^K \frac{1}{|\zeta_k|}$ , there exists a constant

$\bar{c}(T) > 0$  such that:

$$\theta_0 \bar{c}(T) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} |a_n|^2 \prod_{k=1}^K \sin \left( \frac{\lambda_n \pi \zeta_0}{\gamma \zeta_k} \right) \leq \int_0^T \left| \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi \lambda_n \zeta_k t} \right|^2 dt \quad ((a_n)_n \in X).$$

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**Idea of the proof:**

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## Corollary (With diophantine approximation, cf. Schmidt, 1970)

Assume in addition that  $\frac{\zeta_1}{\zeta_0}, \dots, \frac{\zeta_K}{\zeta_0}$  are algebraic,  $\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_K$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearly independent and  $\theta_0 > 0$ .

Then for every  $T > \frac{1}{\gamma} \sum_{k=0}^K \frac{1}{|\zeta_k|}$ , and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\bar{c}_\varepsilon(T) > 0$  such that:

$$\bar{c}_\varepsilon(T) \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|a_n|^2}{|\lambda_n|^{2(1+\varepsilon)}} \leq \int_0^T \left| \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi \lambda_n \zeta_k t} \right|^2 dt.$$

Consequently we obtained an Ingham inequality in a weighed space.

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## Application to the string equation I

Consider the parameter dependent string equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{w}_\zeta(t, x) &= \zeta^2 \partial_x^2 w_\zeta(t, x) && ((t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times (0, 1)), \\ w_\zeta(t, 0) &= u(t) && (t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*), \\ w_\zeta(t, 1) &= 0 && (t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*), \end{aligned}$$

$$w_\zeta(0, x) = w^{i,0}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{w}_\zeta(0, x) = w^{i,1}(x) \quad (x \in (0, 1)).$$

The adjoint problem of averaged observability is:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{z}_\zeta(t, x) &= \zeta^2 \partial_x^2 z_\zeta(t, x) && ((t, x) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times (0, 1)), \\ 0 &= z_\zeta(t, 0) = z_\zeta(t, 1) && (t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*), \end{aligned}$$

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and the averaged observability map is:

$$(z^{i,0}, z^{i,1}) \mapsto - \sum_{k=0}^K \partial_x (A_0^{-1} \dot{z}_\zeta(t, \cdot))(0) \zeta_k \theta_k.$$

## Application to the string equation II

Expanding  $z_\zeta(t, x)$  on the Fourier basis  $\sin(\pi n \zeta x)$ , i.e.  $z_\zeta(t, x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n(t) \sin(\pi n \zeta x)$  leads to an averaged observability map of the type:

$$\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^*} a_n e^{2i\pi \lambda_n \zeta_k t},$$

with  $\lambda_n = \frac{1}{2}n$ .

Applying the previous corollary, we obtain:

## Application to the string equation III

## Proposition

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and assume  $\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_K$   $\mathbb{Q}$ -linearly independent and  $\frac{\zeta_1}{\zeta_0}, \dots, \frac{\zeta_K}{\zeta_0}$  are algebraic.

Then, if  $(w_{\zeta_0}^{i,0}, w_{\zeta_0}^{i,1}), \dots, (w_{\zeta_K}^{i,0}, w_{\zeta_K}^{i,1}), (w^{f,0}, w^{f,1}) \in X_{1+\varepsilon} \times X_\varepsilon$ , for every  $T > 2 \sum_{k=0}^K \frac{1}{|\zeta_k|}$ , there exists  $u \in L^2([0, T])$  such that the solution  $w_\zeta(t, x) = w_\zeta(t, x; u)$  satisfies:

$$\sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k w_{\zeta_k}(T, x) = w^{f,0}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=0}^K \theta_k \dot{w}_{\zeta_k}(T, x) = w^{f,1}(x) \quad (x \in (0, 1)).$$

With  $X_\alpha = \left\{ \varphi : x \in (0, 1) \mapsto \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} a_n \sin(\pi n x), \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} n^{2\alpha} |a_n|^2 < \infty \right\} \quad (\alpha \geq 0).$

From Dáger-Zuazua (2006),

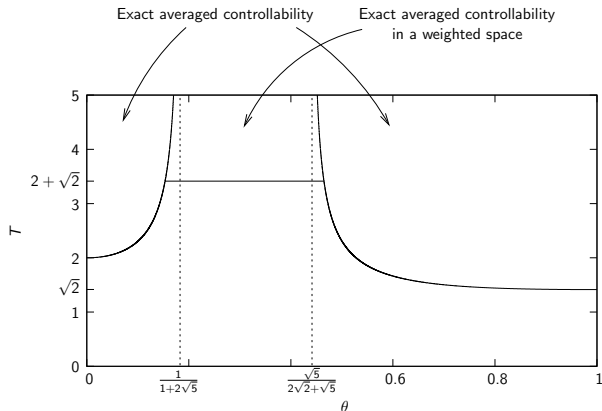
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## Application to the string equation IV

We can also apply the perturbation argument.

For instance, for  $\zeta_0 = 1$  and  $\zeta_1 = \sqrt{2}$  and measure  $\mu = (1 - \theta)\delta_{\zeta_0} + \theta\delta_{\zeta_1}$ , we obtain the set of parameters where averaged controllability holds.



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In particular, for  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ , we end up with:

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