

# Numerical Methods for linear quadratic regulator systems with parabolic PDEs

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# Feedback-Control of Linear Parabolic PDEs

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on a domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, d = 1, 2, 3$ .

Here:

- $\mathbf{q}$  uncontrolled sink or source
- $\mathbf{k}$  diffusive part
- $\mathbf{c}$  convection part

For ease of presentation we consider  $T_f = \infty$ .



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Here  $\mathbf{v}(\xi, t) = \mathcal{B}(\xi)\mathbf{u}(t)$

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If (PDE) is linear, then a **variational formulation** leads to a **Cauchy problem** for the

linear evolution equation

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We can now formulate the

LQR-problem.

Minimize (cost) with respect to (Cauchy).



# Feedback-Control of Linear Parabolic PDEs

## LQR Design for Abstract Cauchy Problems (Solution)

Well understood in the open literature:  
Analogously to ODE systems case we find the

optimal state feedback

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Here  $\mathbf{X}_\infty$  is the stabilizing, positive semidefinite, selfadjoint solution to the

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e.g. [Lions '71; Lasiecka/Triggiani '00; Bensoussan et al. '92/'06;  
Pritchard/Salamon '87; Curtain/Zwart '95]



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## LQR Design for Abstract Cauchy Problems (Solution)

(Cauchy) can now be rewritten as

closed loop system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^*\mathbf{X}_\infty)\mathbf{x},$$

and the

optimal solution trajectory

is given as

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{S}(t)\mathbf{x}_0,$$

where  $\mathbf{S}(t)$  is the **operator semigroup** generated by  $\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{B}^*\mathbf{X}_\infty$ .

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on n-d Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{X}_n$  (state space) and  $\mathcal{Y}_n$  (observation space),  
but still  $\mathcal{U} = \mathbb{R}^k$ .

$\mathbf{P}_n : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_n$  the canonical orthogonal projection.



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n-d LQR-problem.

Minimize (n-d Cost) with respect to (n-d Cauchy).



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As above we can write (n-d Cauchy) as

closed loop system

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and the

optimal solution

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$$x_n(t) = S_n(t) \mathbf{P}_n x_0,$$

also again  $S_n(t)$  is the **operator semigroup** generated by  $A_n - B_n \mathbf{R}^{-1} B_n^* X_n$ .



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[Banks/Kunisch'84] distributed control of parabolic PDEs

[Benner/S.'05] boundary control with mixed boundary conditions

[Lasiecka/Triggiani'00] weakens regularity conditions on (Cauchy),  
also has convergence rates

[Ito'87/'90; Morris'94] general Cauchy problems

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- $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$  are always kept **fixed**, i.e.,  $\mathbf{u}$  from computations for an  $n$ -d problem can directly be applied in the  $\infty$ -d problem.





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## LQR Design for Abstract Cauchy Problems (Numerics)

### Main task in numerical solution

Efficient solution of the large sparse matrix–Riccati–equations

$$0 = \mathcal{R}_h(X) := Q_h + A_h^* X + X A_h - X B_h \mathbf{R}^{-1} B_h^* X, \quad (\text{M-ARE})$$

with regard to both memory and CPU usage.

Classical methods are **not applicable** due to their **cubic complexity**.



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(M-ARE) is non-linear  $\Rightarrow$

Newton's method for the ARE

$$\mathcal{R}'_h|_X(N_\ell) = -\mathcal{R}_h(X_\ell), \quad X_{\ell+1} = X_\ell + N_\ell.$$

The Frechét derivative of  $\mathcal{R}_h$  at  $X$  is given as the  
**Lyapunov operator**

$$\mathcal{R}'_h|_X : Z \mapsto (A_h - B_h R^{-1} B_h^T X)^T Z + Z (A_h - B_h R^{-1} B_h^T X).$$

Thus we find the

one step Newton iteration

$$(A_h - B_h R^{-1} B_h^T X_\ell)^T X_{\ell+1} + X_{\ell+1} (A_h - B_h R^{-1} B_h^T X_\ell) = -C_h^T Q_h C_h - X_\ell B_h R^{-1} B_h^T X_\ell.$$



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ADI needs shift-params; Choice of shifts: [Ellner/Wachspress'91;  
Penzl'00; Benner/Mena/S.'06; Starke '89; Sabino'06; Wachspress '08]



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For Systems with very few inputs **Newton-ADI** and **Newton-Smith** can iterate on the feedback  $K_h := \mathbf{R}^{-1}B_h^T X$  directly [Penzl'00; Banks/Ito'91].



# Tracking Control

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## Linear Systems with Inhomogeneities

Reminder for systems with

linear inhomogeneous evolution equations

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu + f.$$

Let  $\hat{x}$  solve the uncontrolled system  $\dot{\hat{x}} = A\hat{x} + f$ , then

$$f = \dot{\hat{x}} - A\hat{x},$$

and

$$\dot{x} - \dot{\hat{x}} = A(x - \hat{x}) + Bu.$$

We can solve the system

$$\dot{z} = Az + Bu$$

for  $z = x - \hat{x}$  to compute the control  $u$ .

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e.g., [Godunov'97]



# Tracking Control

## Application in Tracking Control of Parabolic PDEs

Consider  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  the state we want to track and the

tracking problem

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}, & \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}), \\ \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{u}) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \langle \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}), \mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{R}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle dt. & & \text{(tracking)} \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\mathbf{z} := \mathbf{x} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  and the Cauchy problem

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{z}. \quad (1)$$

The optimal control then is given as  $\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{K}\mathbf{z}$  as above and (1) is equivalent to

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} + \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} - \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{K}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}.$$



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- $\mathbf{f} := \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} - \mathbf{A}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{K}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  is a known inhomogeneity when solving the closed loop system.
- Equations (tracking) and (1) require the same algebraic Riccati equation.



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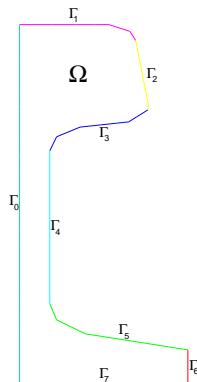
- We can compute the Feedback for (tracking) with the above technique for (1) and afterwards solve the inhomogeneous closed loop system.
- Method also works for a reference pair  $(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}})$   
[Benner/Görner/S.'06]



# Non-linear Systems

## Heat Distribution in Steel Profiles, a Model Problem

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# Non-linear Systems

## Heat Distribution in Steel Profiles, a Model Problem

The **active cooling of steel profiles** in a rolling facility serves as a model problem. We consider the **in stationary heat equation**

$$\begin{aligned}c(x)\rho(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial t}x(\xi, t) &= \nabla \cdot (\lambda(x)\nabla x(\xi, t)) && \text{on } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ -\lambda(x)\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu}x(\xi, t) &= \kappa_j(x(\xi, t) - u_j(t)) && \text{on } \Gamma_j \times (0, T), \\ x(\xi, 0) &= x_0(\xi) && \text{on } \Omega,\end{aligned}$$

(heat)

$x$  state, temperature

$u$  control

$T \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  final time

$c(x)$  specific heat capacity

$\rho(x)$  density

$\lambda(x)$  heat conductivity



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(heat)

(heat) obviously is **non-linear** due to  $c$ ,  $\rho$  and  $\lambda$  depending on the temperature  $x$ .

### Idea

Freeze the material parameters for one or more time steps.  $\Rightarrow$   
Linearization  $\Rightarrow$  method from the introduction can be applied.

# Non-linear Systems

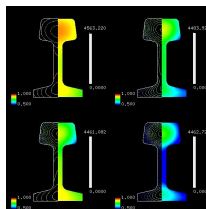
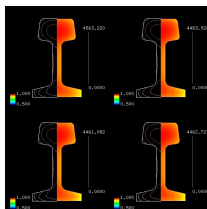
## Linearization and Results

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**Numerics** semi-implicit discretization

**Theory** embeds to model predictive control. [Benner/S.'07]





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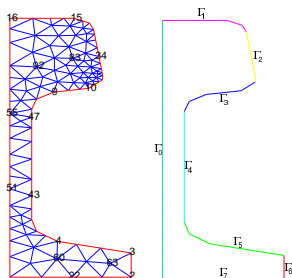


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