DESCRIPTION OF THE MATHEMATICAL MODELS

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1. Introduction

This document describes the mathematical models in the simulation examples related to the article [1]. The simulation codes can be downloaded using the link below. The considered models are particular cases of the boundary controlled heat equations on one and two-dimensional spatial domains considered in [1, Sec. 5]. The simulation codes utilise the free **RORPack** MATLAB library (link below) for controller construction and simulation of the controlled system. In addition, the one-dimensional example uses the free **Chebfun** MATLAB library (link below) for solving the boundary value problems in construction of the controller parameters.

Download links:

github.com/lassipau/CDC22-Matlab-simulations/ (Simulation codes)
github.com/lassipau/rorpack-matlab/ (RORPack library)
www.chebfun.org (Chebfun library)

2. The Heat Equation on a Rectangle

We consider a heat equation on a square $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ defined by

$$x_{t}(\xi,t) = \Delta x(\xi,t), \quad x(\xi,0) = x_{0}(\xi)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial n}(\xi,t) = u(t), \qquad \xi \in \Gamma_{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial n}(\xi,t) = w_{dist}(t), \qquad \xi \in \Gamma_{2}$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial n}(\xi,t) = 0, \qquad \xi \in \Gamma_{0}$$

$$y(t) = \int_{\Gamma_{0}} x(\xi,t)d\xi.$$

Here $\frac{\partial x}{\partial n}$ denotes the outward normal derivative and Γ_0 , Γ_1 , Γ_2 , and Γ_3 are parts of the boundary $\partial\Omega$ of the rectangle defined by (see Figure 1)

$$\Gamma_{1} = \{ (\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \mid 0 < \xi_{1} < 1/2, \ \xi_{2} = 0 \}$$

$$\Gamma_{2} = \{ (\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \mid \xi_{1} = 0, \ 0 < \xi_{2} < 1 \}$$

$$\Gamma_{0} = \partial \Omega \setminus (\Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2})$$

$$\Gamma_{3} = \{ (\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{2} \mid 0 < \xi_{1} < 1, \ \xi_{2} = 1 \}.$$

The system fits in the setting of the example in [1, Sec. 5] with suitable choices of $b, c \in L^2(\partial\Omega; \mathbb{R})$ and $B_d^1(\cdot) \in L^2(\partial\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n_{d1}})$.

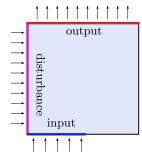


FIGURE 1. Input-output configuration for the 2D heat equation.

In the simulation, the state feedback and output injection operators are chosen based on LQR/LQG design. Then $K_0x = \int_{\Omega} x(\xi)k_0(\xi)d\xi$ for some $k_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ and the results in [1, Sec. 4] show that for $\omega = \pm \omega_k \in \mathbb{R}$ the values $P_K(i\omega)$ and $P_{KI}(i\omega)$ required in the controller construction could be computed by solving the boundary value problem

$$\begin{split} i\omega x_0(\xi) &= \Delta x_0(\xi) + \psi_n(\xi), \\ \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial n}(\xi) &= u_0 + \int_{\Omega} x_0(\zeta) k_0(\zeta) d\zeta, \qquad \xi \in \Gamma_1 \\ \frac{\partial x_0}{\partial n}(\xi) &= 0, \qquad \qquad \xi \in \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_0 \\ y_0 &= \int_{\Gamma_3} x_0(\xi) d\xi. \end{split}$$

With the choices $u_0 = 1 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\psi_n = 0 \in L^2(0,1)$ we then have $y_0 = P_K(i\omega)$, and for $u_0 = 0$ and $\psi_n \in L^2(0,1)$ we get $y_0 = P_{KI}(i\omega)\psi_n$. However, based on the results in [1, Sec. 4], the parameter H_K can alternatively be computed as the (approximate) solution of the Sylvester equation

$$G_1H_K = H_K(A + BK_0) + G_2(C_{\Lambda} + DK_0)$$
 on $D(A + BK_0)$,

and the simulation code takes advantage of this possibility. In the code H_K is computed using another Finite Difference approximation of the original PDE system. Subsequently, the parameter B_1 can be correspondingly approximated by $B_1 = H_K B + G_2 D$ (where D = 0 for our system).

Figure 2 shows an example output of the simulation.

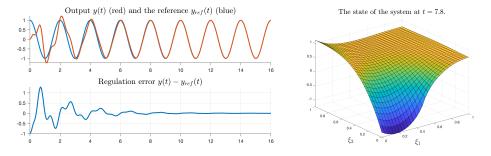


FIGURE 2. Simulation of the 2D heat equation. Output y(t) and tracking error (left) and the temperature profile at t = 7.8s (right).

3. The One-Dimensional Heat Equation

Consider a one-dimensional heat equation on $\Omega = [0, 1]$ with non-collocated boundary inputs and outputs,

$$x_t(\xi, t) = (a(\xi)x_{\xi})_{\xi}(\xi, t) + b_d(\xi)w_d^0(t)$$

-x_\xi(0, t) = u(t) + w_d^1(t), x_\xi(1, t) = w_d^2(t)
y(t) = x(1, t), x(\xi, 0) = x_0(\xi),

where the spatially varying heat conductivity satisfies $a(\cdot) \in C([0,1])$, $a(\xi) > 0$ for all $\xi \in [0,1]$, and $w_d^0(t)$, $w_d^1(t)$, and $w_d^2(t)$ are external disturbance signals. It is well-known that this PDE defines a regular linear system on $X = L^2(0,1)$. The system is unstable due to the eigenvalue at $0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

For stabilizing the system (1) with state feedback and output injection we can choose, e.g., $K_0 = -\langle \cdot, \mathbf{1} \rangle_{L^2}$ and $L = -\mathbf{1}(\cdot) \in L^2(0,1)$, where $\mathbf{1}(\xi) = 1$ for all $\xi \in [0,1]$. Since $K_0 x = -\int_0^1 x(\xi) d\xi$, the results in [1, Sec. 4] show that for $\omega = \pm \omega_k \in \mathbb{R}$ the values $P_K(i\omega)$ and $P_{KI}(i\omega)$ required in the controller construction can be computed by solving the boundary value problem

(2a)
$$i\omega x(\xi) = (a(\xi)x_{\xi})_{\xi}(\xi) + \psi_n(\xi)$$

(2b)
$$-x_{\xi}(0) = u_0 - \int_0^1 x(\xi)d\xi, \quad x_{\xi}(1) = 0$$

(2c)
$$y_0 = x(1)$$
.

With the choices $u_0 = 1 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\psi_n = 0 \in L^2(0,1)$ we then have $y_0 = P_K(i\omega)$, and for $u_0 = 0$ and $\psi_n \in L^2(0,1)$ we get $y_0 = P_{KI}(i\omega)\psi_n$. Based on the results in [1, Sec. 4], the simulation code solves the the boundary value problem numerically using the **Chebfun** library and the solution is computed for a finite number of functions ψ_n taken from any orthonormal basis of $L^2(0,1)$ (by default $\{1\} \cup \{\sqrt{2}\cos(2\pi n \cdot)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \cup \{\sqrt{2}\sin(2\pi n \cdot)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$).

Figure 3 shows an example output of the simulation.

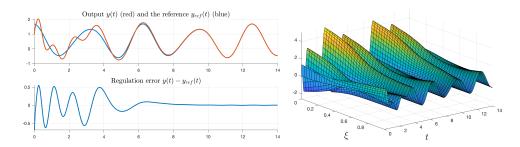


FIGURE 3. Simulation of the 1D heat equation. Output y(t) and tracking error (left) and the controlled temperature profile (right).

References

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