

# Asymptotic behaviour of infinite systems ODEs

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# Main Problem

Study asymptotics of infinite systems of the form

$$\dot{x}_k(t) = A_0 x_k(t) + A_1 x_{k-1}(t), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}, t \geq 0,$$

where  $A_0, A_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  do not depend on  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## Problem

*We want to study the rates of convergence*

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|x_k(t) - y_k\|_{\mathbb{C}^m} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

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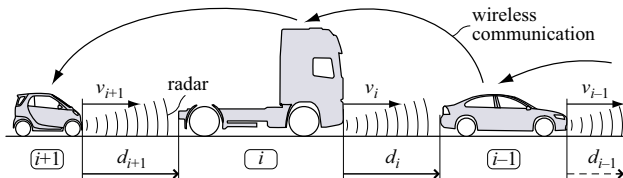


Figure: Source: Ploeg *et. al.*, IEEE, 2011.

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$a_k(t)$  = acceleration of  $k$ th vehicle

**Objective:** Choose  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |y_k| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Infinite Systems of Differential Equations

Our system can be formulated as an abstract Cauchy problem

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \in X$$

on  $X = \ell^p(\mathbb{C}^m)$  for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  by choosing  $x(t) = (x_k(t))_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  and

$$Ax = (A_0x_k + A_1x_{k-1})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}.$$

i.e.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & A_1 & A_0 & \\ & & A_1 & A_0 & \\ & & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Here  $A \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and our system belongs to the class of “Spatially invariant systems” (Bamieh et. al., Curtain–Iftime–Zwart, and others).

## The Platoon Model

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**Challenge:** The matrices  $A_0$  and  $A_1$  do not commute.

# A More Abstract Class

## Assumption

Assume  $A_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\sigma(A_0) \subset \mathbb{C}_-$ , and there exists  $\phi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$A_1(\lambda - A_0)^{-1}A_1 = \phi(\lambda)A_1, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(A_0).$$

$\phi(\cdot)$  is called *characteristic function* of the infinite system.

## Lemma

If  $A_1$  is of rank one such that  $A_1 = ab^* \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , then

$$\phi(\lambda) = b^*(\lambda - A_0)^{-1}a.$$

Clearly  $\phi(\lambda) = \frac{n(\lambda)}{d(\lambda)}$  where  $\deg n(\cdot) \leq \deg d(\cdot)$ .



# Main Aims and Results

- (i) Characterize spectrum of  $A$
- (ii) Present conditions for uniform boundedness of  $T(t)$
- (iii) Study rates of convergence of  $\|T(t)x - y\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

For all these purposes use the characteristic function  $\phi(\cdot)$ :

$$A_1(\lambda - A_0)^{-1}A_1 = \phi(\lambda)A_1, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(A_0).$$

**Main idea:** Existence of  $\phi(\cdot)$  compensates for the lack of commutativity of  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ .

# Spectrum of the System

Characteristic function  $\phi(\cdot)$  determines the spectrum of  $A$ :

## Theorem

*Let  $X = \ell^p(\mathbb{C}^m)$  with  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Then for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(A_0)$*

$$\lambda \in \sigma(A) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad |\phi(\lambda)| = 1.$$

*Moreover, for  $\lambda \in \sigma(A) \setminus \sigma(A_0)$  we have*

- $\text{Ker}(\lambda - A) \neq \{0\}$  if and only if  $p = \infty$
- $\overline{\text{Ran}(\lambda - A)} = X$  if and only if  $1 < p < \infty$ .

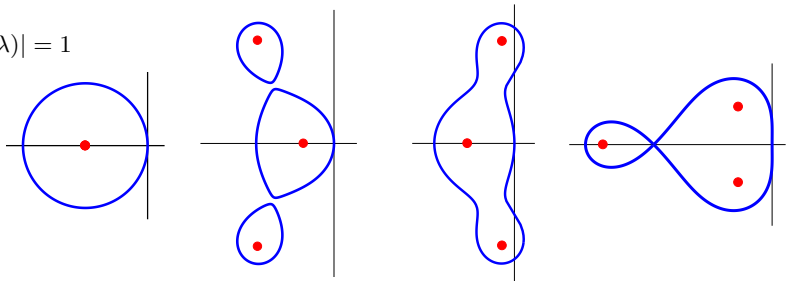
The type of spectrum depends on  $p$ , but the location does not.

# Spectrum of the Platoon System

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Characteristic function:  $\phi(\lambda) = \frac{\alpha_0}{p(\lambda)} = \frac{\alpha_0}{\lambda^3 + \alpha_2\lambda^2 + \alpha_1\lambda + \alpha_0}$ .

$$|\phi(\lambda)| = 1$$



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## Theorem

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . If  $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{C}_- \cup \{0\}$ ,

$$\sup_{0 < \lambda \leq 1} \frac{\lambda}{1 - |\phi(\lambda)|} < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{\lambda > 0} \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{n!} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} \phi(\lambda)^\ell \right| < \infty,$$

then the semigroup generated by  $A$  is uniformly bounded.

## Proof.

A fairly direct Hille–Yosida approach using a resolvent formula. □

Property: Systems for  $m \geq 2$  are typically not contractive. In particular, the platoon system is never contractive.

# Sufficient Conditions for Uniform Boundedness

## Lemma

Let  $\phi(\lambda) = \frac{p(0)}{p(\lambda)}$  for a polynomial  $p(\lambda)$  with roots in  $\mathbb{C}_-$  and  $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{C}_- \cup \{0\}$ . If  $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is **completely monotone**, i.e.,

$$(-1)^n \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} \phi(\lambda) \geq 0, \quad \lambda > 0$$

then

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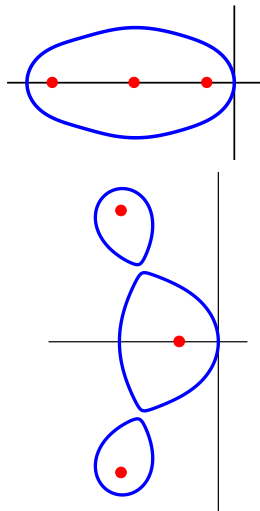
Bernstein:  $\phi(\cdot)$  is completely monotone if and only if it is a Laplace transform of a finite Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

# Sufficient Conditions for Uniform Boundedness

## Lemma

*Uniform boundedness in the following cases:*

- $\phi(\lambda) = \frac{a_1 \cdots a_q}{(\lambda + a_1) \cdots (\lambda + a_q)}, \quad a_k > 0$
- $\phi(\lambda) = \frac{(a^2 + b^2)c}{(\lambda^2 + 2a\lambda + a^2 + b^2)(\lambda + c)}, \quad a \geq c$
- $\phi(\lambda) = \phi_1(\lambda)\phi_2(\lambda)$  where  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are completely monotone.



# Stability Properties (without rates)

## Theorem

Let  $X = \ell^p(\mathbb{C}^m)$ . Assume  $\phi(\lambda) = \frac{p(0)}{p(\lambda)}$  is completely monotone and  $\sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{C}_- \cup \{0\}$ .

- If  $1 < p < \infty$ , then  $T(t)$  is strongly stable, i.e.,  $T(t)x \rightarrow 0$
- If  $p = 1$ , then  $T(t)x \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in \overline{\text{Ran}(A)} \neq X$ .
- If  $p = \infty$  and  $x = x_0 + x_1 \in \overline{\text{Ran}(A)} \oplus \text{Ker}(A) \neq X$ , then

$$T(t)x \rightarrow x_1 \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$



# Rates of Convergence

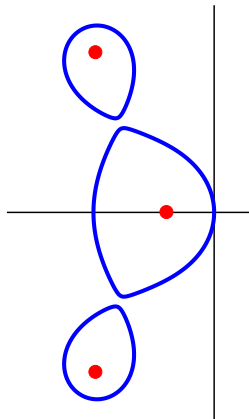
**Next aim:** Find rates of convergence for

$$\|T(t)x\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

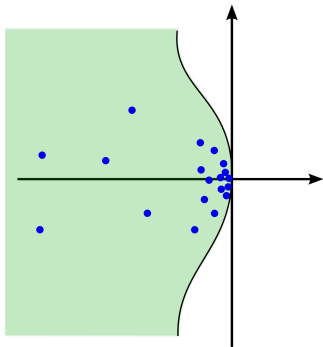
and

$$\|T(t)x - y\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

under the assumption  $\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \{0\}$ .



Rates for  $T(t)$  via  $R(is, A) = (is - A)^{-1}$



### Theorem (Martinez '11)

If  $\|R(is, A)\| \leq M_R |s|^{-\alpha}$ , then

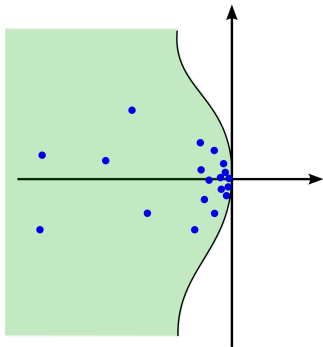
$$\|T(t)x - x_1\| = O\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{1/\alpha}$$

whenever

$$x = x_0 + x_1 \in \text{Ran}(A) \oplus \text{Ker}(A).$$

- On Hilbert,  $\log t$  can be omitted [Batty, Chill & Tomilov '16]. (preprint '13).

## Further Properties of the Class



Perturbation theory on Hilbert space  $X$ :

### Theorem (LP 2014)

Assume  $\|R(is, A)\| \leq M_R |s|^{-\alpha}$ ,  $0 \in \sigma_c(A)$ .

Also  $A + BC$  stable if for  $\beta + \gamma \geq \alpha$

$$\|(-A^{-1})^\beta B\|, \quad \|(-A^{-*})^\gamma C^*\|$$

are small,  $B, C$  Hilbert–Schmidt.

- Dual to the perturbation theory of polynomial stability [LP 2012].

# Convergence Rates via Resolvent Estimates

## Theorem

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . If  $0 \in \sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{C}_- \cup \{0\}$ , then for  $0 < s \leq 1$

$$\|R(is, A)\| \asymp \frac{1}{|1 - |\phi(is)||} = O(|s|^{-n_\phi})$$

for an even integer  $n_\phi \geq 2$ . Thus if  $T(t)$  is uniformly bounded and  $x = x_0 + x_1 \in \text{Ran}(A) \oplus \text{Ker}(A)$ , then

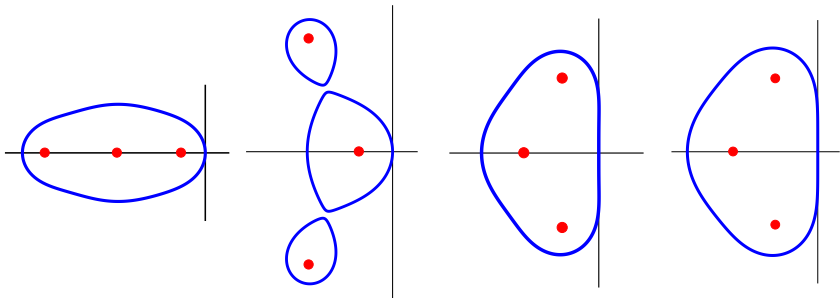
$$\|T(t)x - x_1\| = O\left(\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{1/n_\phi}\right)$$

Batty, Chill & Tomilov '16: Logarithm can be omitted if  $p = 2$ .

(Note that  $x_1 = 0$  if  $1 \leq p < \infty$ )

## Decay Rates for the Platoon System

For the platoon system, the possible exponents  $n_\phi$  are 2, 4 and 6.



Corresponding rates are  $\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$  and  $\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}}$  (though the uniform boundedness condition is not valid in the last two cases).

# Characterizing Initial States Leading to Convergence

## Problem

Characterize elements  $x \in \text{Ran}(A)$  and  $x \in \overline{\text{Ran}(A)}$ .

**Motivation:** Initial states  $x \in \text{Ran}(A) \oplus \text{Ker}(A)$  lead to convergence

$$\|T(t)x\| = O\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{1/n_\phi}.$$

In the cases  $X = \ell^1(\mathbb{C}^m)$  and  $X = \ell^\infty(\mathbb{C}^m)$

$$t \mapsto T(t)x$$

converges to some  $y \in X$  if and only if  $x \in \overline{\text{Ran}(A)} \oplus \text{Ker}(A)$ .

## Theorem

Let  $X = \ell^\infty(\mathbb{C}^m)$ ,  $0 \in \sigma(A) \subset \mathbb{C}_- \cup \{0\}$ ,  $T(t)$  is bdd,  $\phi'(0) \neq 0$ .

$x \in \overline{\text{Ran}(A)} \oplus \text{Ker}(A)$  if and only if there exists  $y_0 \in \text{Ran}(A_1)$

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \phi(0)^{j-k} A_1 A_0^{-1} x_{k-j} - y_0 \right\|_{\mathbb{C}^m} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (1)$$

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Moreover, if the decay in (1) is like  $O(n^{-1})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  then  $x = x_0 + x_1 \in \text{Ran}(A) \oplus \text{Ker}(A)$  and

$$\|T(t)x - x_1\| = O\left(\left(\frac{\log t}{t}\right)^{1/n_\phi}\right), \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$



# Quantified Decay for the Platoon System

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_k \\ \dot{w}_k \\ \dot{a}_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\zeta^3 & -3\zeta^2 & -3\zeta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_k \\ w_k \\ a_k \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_{k-1} \\ w_{k-1} \\ a_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Theorem

Let  $X = \ell^\infty(\mathbb{C}^3)$ . If there exists  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left| c - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n y_{k-j}(0) \right| = O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then  $\|T(t)x - x_1\| = O(\sqrt{\log t/t})$  where  $x_1 = ((c, -\zeta c/3, 0)^T)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$

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# Conclusions

Thank You!