

Approximation of control and inverse problems for PDEs using variational methods

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Context

We discuss **hyperbolic** and **parabolic** equations and try to emphasize the interest of **space-time variational methods** with respect to time marching methods.

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Link with the observability for the adjoint system

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$$\mathbf{V} := H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) = \mathbf{H}'.$$

OBSERVABILITY INEQUALITY- System (3) is **observable in time T** if there exists a positive constant $C_{obs} > 0$ such that

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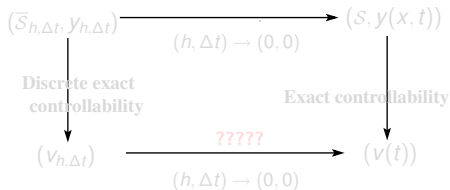
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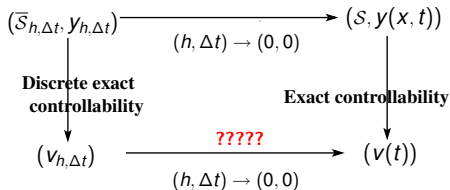
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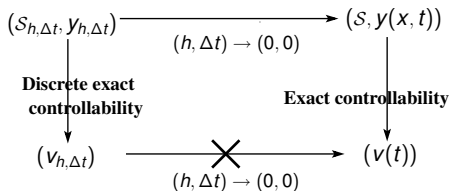
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1D - Negative Commutation diagram

Centered finite difference in space and time - Uniform discretization - Constant coefficients $c := 1$, $d := 0$

$$(\bar{S}_{h,\Delta t}) \begin{cases} \Delta_{\Delta t} y_{h,\Delta t} - \Delta_h y_{h,\Delta t} = 0, \\ + \text{Initial conditions and Boundary terms} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

produces a **non discrete uniformly bounded and convergent control** under the (CFL) condition $\Delta t < h$.



For high frequency components of the discrete solution, the discrete observability constant $C_{obs,h}$ blows up as $h \rightarrow 0$

[Glowinski-Lions'90] then [Zuazua team later].

Numerical example

$$\Omega = (0, 1) - \Gamma_0 = \{1\} - T = 2.4$$

$$y_0(x) = \begin{cases} 16x & x \in [0, 1/2], \\ 0 & x \in]1/2, 1]. \end{cases} \quad ; \quad y_1(x) = 0. \quad (9)$$

The control v with minimal L^2 -norm is discontinuous :

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \in [0, 0.9] \cup [1.9, T], \\ 8(t - 1.4) & t \in]0.9, 1.9[, \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

leading to $\|v\|_{L^2(0,T)} = 4/\sqrt{3} \approx 2.3094$.

Usual centered finite difference scheme - control

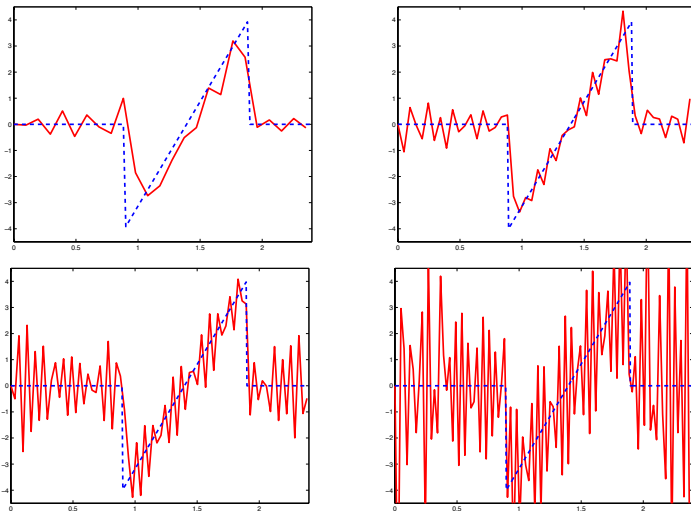


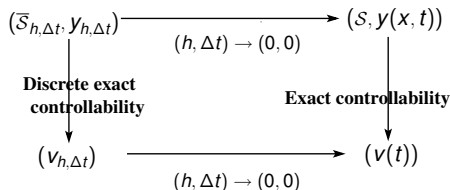
Figure: Control $P(\mathbf{v}_h)(t)$ vs. $t \in [0, T]$, $\Delta t/h = 0.98$, $T = 2.4$ and $h = 1/10, 1/20, 1/30$ and $h = 1/40$.

1D - Positive Commutation diagram with a modified scheme

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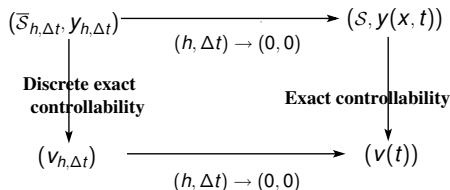
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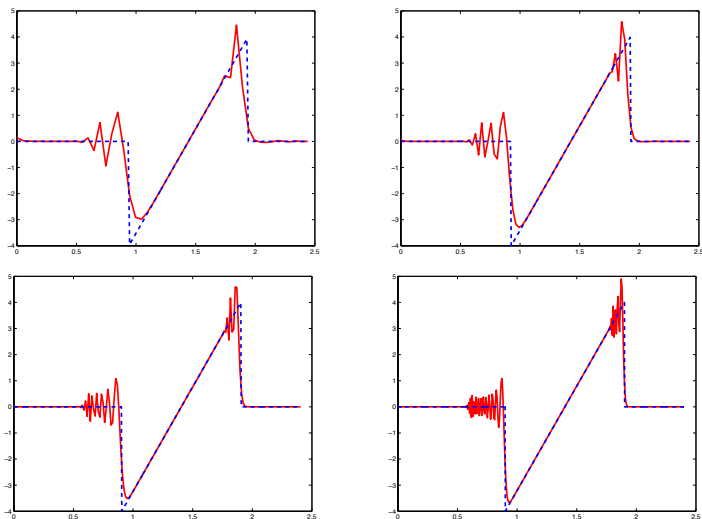


Figure: Modified scheme - Control $P(\mathbf{v}_h)(t)$ vs. $t \in [0, T]$ - $\Delta t = 1.095445h$, $T = 2.4$ and $h = 1/20, 1/40, 1/80, 1/160$.

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Mixed formulation

Find $(\varphi, \lambda) \in \Phi \times L^2(Q_T)$ solution of

$$\begin{cases} a_r(\varphi, \bar{\varphi}) + b(\bar{\varphi}, \lambda) = l(\bar{\varphi}), & \forall \bar{\varphi} \in \Phi \\ b(\varphi, \bar{\lambda}) = 0, & \forall \bar{\lambda} \in L^2(Q_T), \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

where

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$$\Omega = (0, 1) - \Gamma_0 = \{1\} - T = 2.4$$

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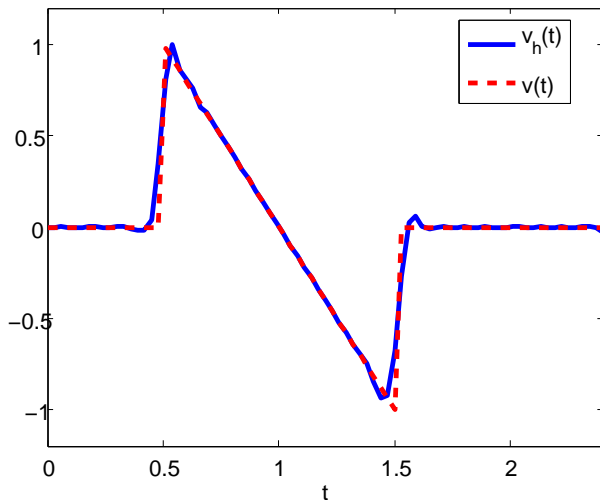


Figure: Control of minimal L^2 -norm v and its approximation v_h on $(0, T)$; $r = 10^{-2}$; $h = 2.46 \times 10^{-2}$

Example 1 - $N = 1$ - Numerical experiments

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$\ v - v_h\ _{L^2(0,T)}$	2.87×10^{-1}	2.05×10^{-1}	1.47×10^{-1}	1.08×10^{-1}	8.18×10^{-2}
$\ \lambda_h\ _{L^2(Q_T)}$	0.62	0.598	0.586	0.581	0.578
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A curiosity : $\|v_h\|_{L^2(0,T)}$ is close to $\|y_h\|_{L^2(Q_T)}$!?!!

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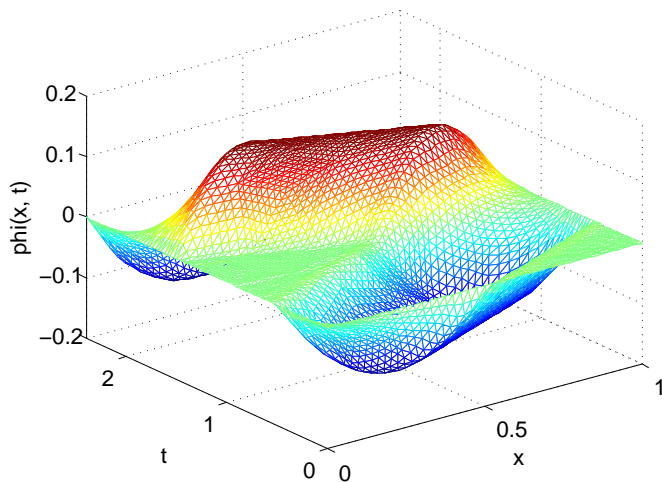


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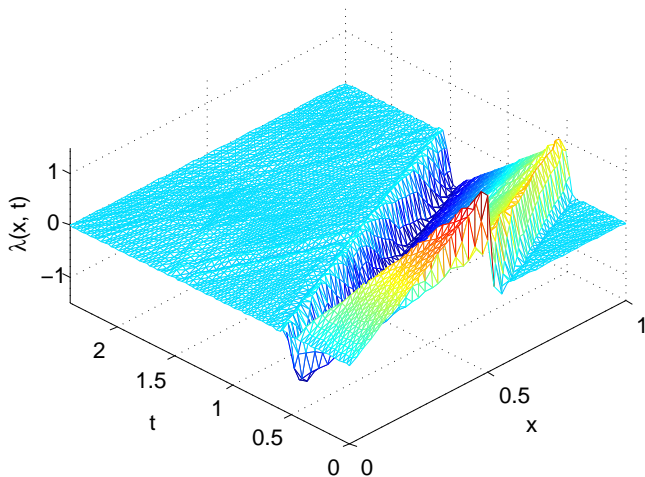


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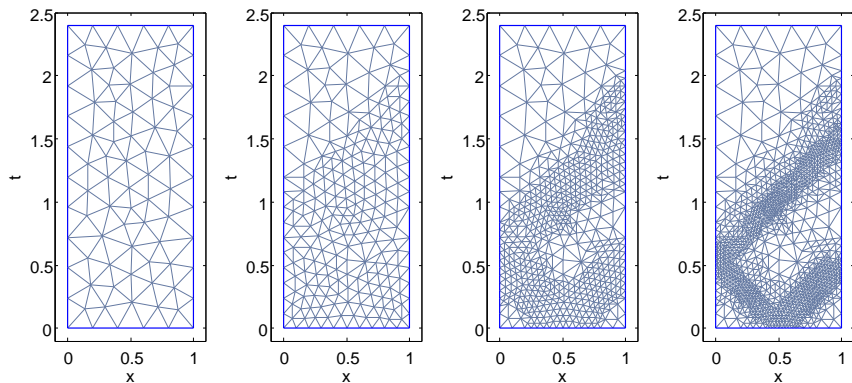


Figure: Iterative refinement of the triangular mesh over Q_T with respect to the variable λ_h : 142, 412, 1 154, 2 556 ; $r = 2 \times 10^{-3}$.

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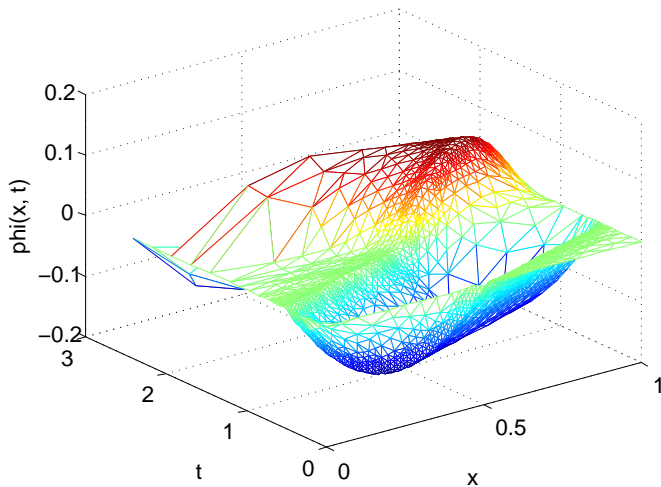


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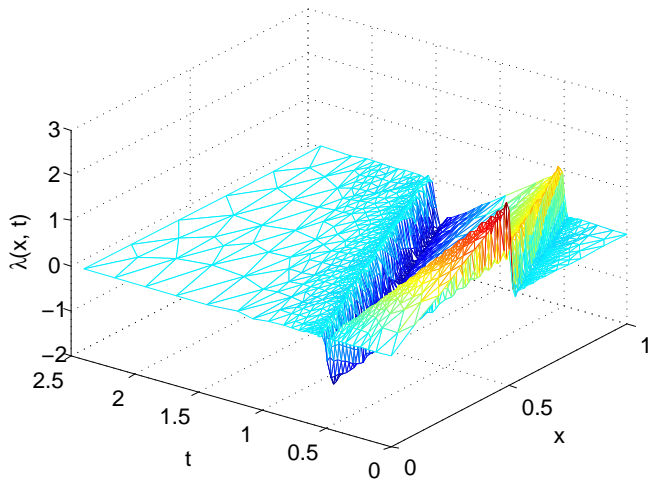


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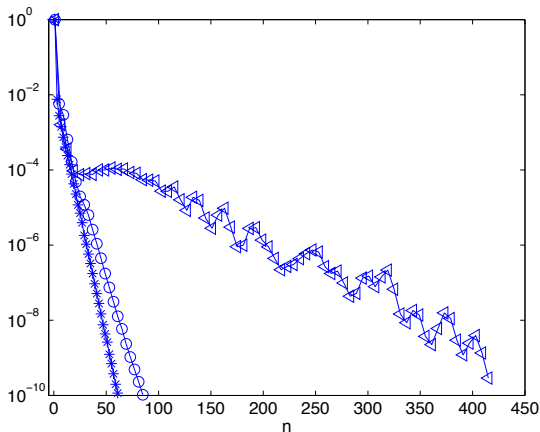


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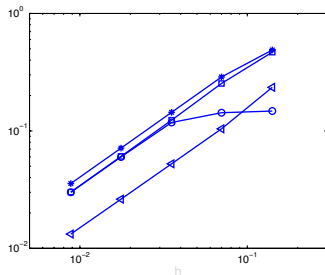
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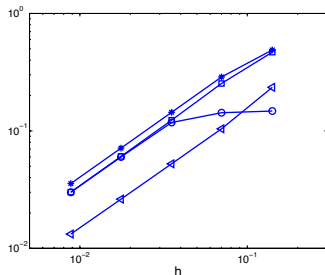
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$$v = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \nu} \text{ in } (0, T) \times \Gamma_0 \text{ and } y = \mu \text{ in } Q_T.$$

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where φ solves the nonhomogeneous backward problem

$$L^* \varphi = \mu \text{ in } Q_T, \quad \varphi = 0 \text{ on } \Sigma_T, \quad (\varphi(\cdot, 0), \varphi'(\cdot, 0)) = (\varphi_0, \varphi_1) \quad (48)$$

Non constant coefficient: $Ly := y_{tt} - (c(x)y_x)_x + d(x, t)y$

$c \in C^1([0, 1])$

$$c(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 0.45] \\ \in [1., 5.] & (c'(x) > 0), \quad x \in (0.45, 0.55) \\ 5 & x \in [0.55, 1] \end{cases} \quad (51)$$

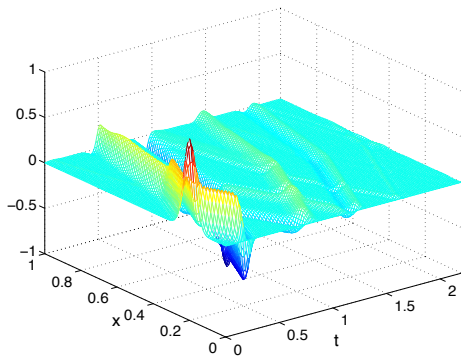


Figure: $y_0(x) \equiv e^{-500(x-0.2)^2}$ and c given by (51) -The solution \hat{y}_h over Q_T - $h = (1/80, 1/80)$.

Remark 2: The distributed case

$$Ly = v \mathbf{1}_{q_T}, \quad q_T = \omega \times (0, T) \subset \Omega \times (0, T)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min J^*(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T \int_\omega |\varphi|^2 dx dt + \langle y_0, \varphi_t(\cdot, 0) \rangle_{H^1, H^{-1}} - \langle y_1, \varphi(\cdot, 0) \rangle_{L^2} \\ \text{Subject to } \varphi \in \mathbf{W} := \left\{ \varphi : \varphi \in L^2(q_T), \varphi|_{\Sigma_T} = 0, L^* \varphi = 0 \in L^2(0, T, H^{-1}(\Omega)) \right\} \end{array} \right\} \quad (52)$$

Optimal control : $v = \varphi \mathbf{1}_{q_T}$

Generalized observability inequality : $\exists C_{obs}$ s.t.

$$\|\varphi_0, \varphi_1\|_{L^2(\Omega) \times H^{-1}(\Omega)}^2 \leq C_{obs} \left(\|\varphi\|_{L^2(q_T)}^2 + \|L^* \varphi\|_{L^2(0, T; H^{-1})}^2 \right), \quad \forall \varphi \in \Phi$$

Multiplier :

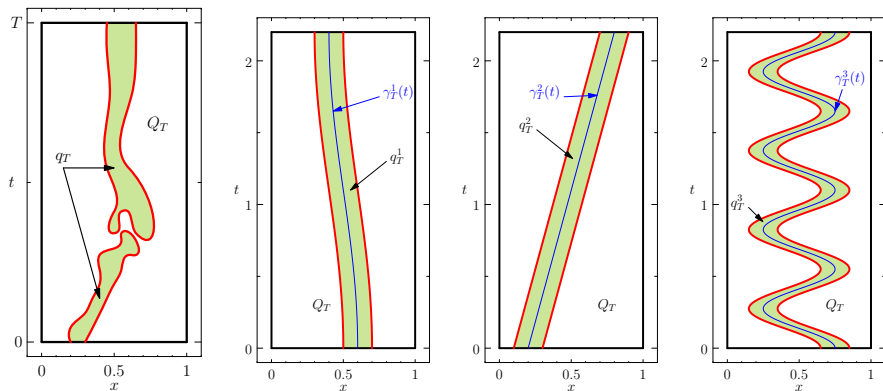
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The distributed case : Non cylindrical situation in 1D with constant coefficient

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The variational approach is well-adapted to the non cylindrical situation.



Time dependent domains $q_T \subset Q_T = \Omega \times (0, T)$

⁸C. Castro, N. Cindea, A. Münch, [Controllability of the 1D wave equation with inner moving force](#), SICON (2014)]

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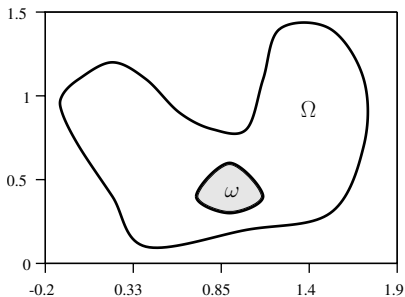
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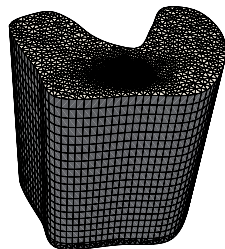
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2D example - Observation on q_T



(a)



(b)

Mesh number	0	1	2
Number of elements	5 730	44 900	196 040
Number of nodes	3 432	24 633	103 566

Characteristics of the three meshes associated with Q_T .

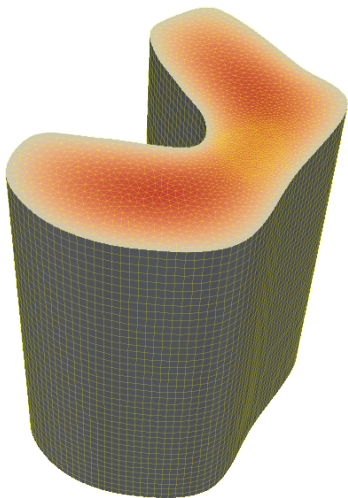
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$$\begin{cases} -\Delta y_0 = 10, & \text{in } \Omega \\ y_0 = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \end{cases} \quad y_1 = 0. \quad (53)$$

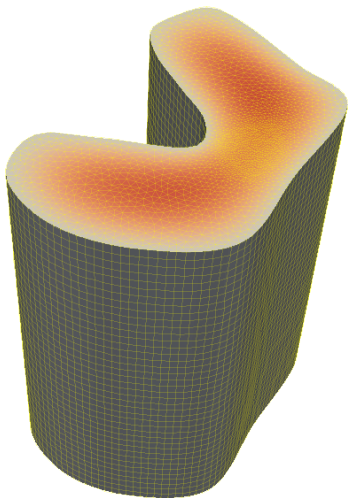
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$\ Ly_h\ _{L^2(Q_T)}$	3.21	2.01	1.17
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$$r = h^2 - T = 2$$

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(b)

y and y_h in Q_T

Example 2 - $N = 2$ - The stadium

$$T = 3$$

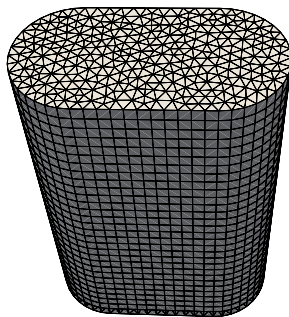
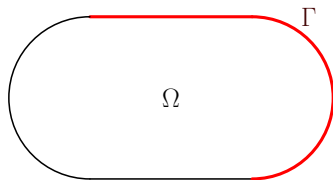


Figure: Bunimovich's stadium and the subset Γ of $\partial\Omega$ on which the observations are available. Example of mesh of the domain Q_T .

Example 2 - $N = 2$ - Recovering of the initial data

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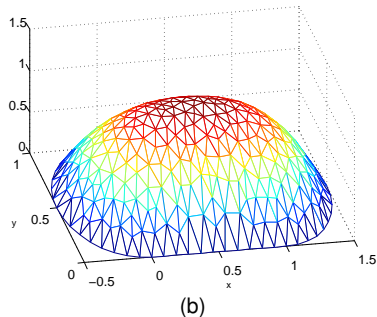
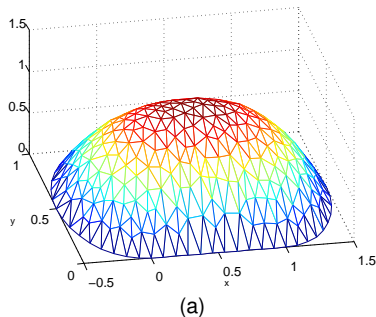


Figure: (a) Initial data y_0 given by (53). (b) Reconstructed initial data $y_h(\cdot, 0)$.

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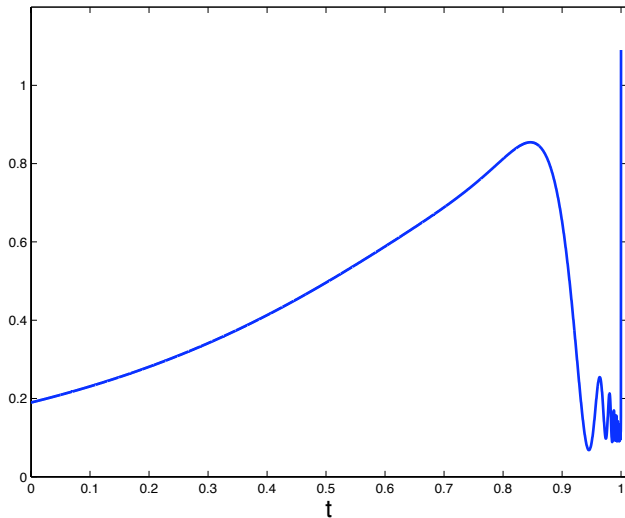


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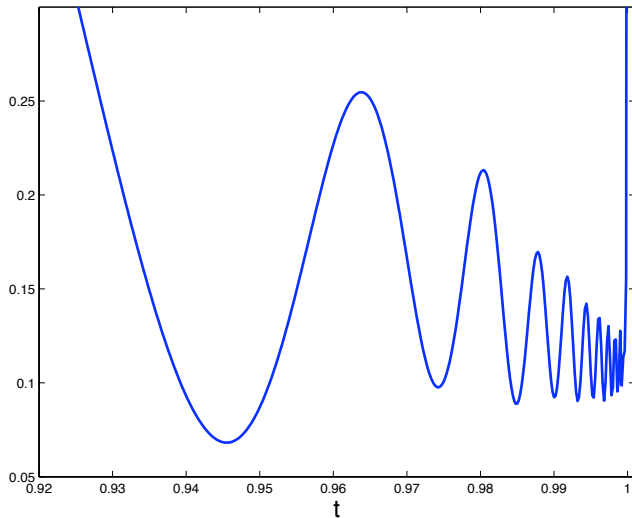


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$$H^{-s} \subset H \quad \forall s > 0!$$

(H may also contain elements which are not distribution !!):

Micu¹¹ proved in 1D that

the set of initial data y_0 , for which the corresponding ϕ_T , minimizer of J^* , does not belong to any negative Sobolev spaces, is dense in $L^2(0, 1)$!!!

-The dual variable ϕ_T is the Lagrange multiplier for the constraint $y(\cdot, T) = 0$ may belong to a "large" dual space, much larger than $L^2(\Omega)$:

$$\langle y(\cdot, T), \phi_T \rangle = 0$$

-Ill-posedness here is therefore related to the hugeness of H , poorly approximated numerically.

-This phenomenon is unavoidable (unless $\omega = \Omega$!) and is independent of the choice of the norm !

¹¹S. Micu, *Regularity issues for the null-controllability of the linear 1-d heat equation*, 2011

Optimal backward solution ϕ on $\partial\omega \times [0, T]$

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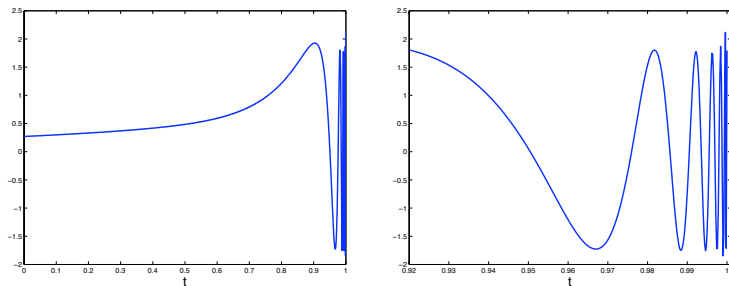


Figure: $T = 1 - \omega = (0.2, 0.8) - \phi^N(\cdot, 0.8)$ for $N = 80$ on $[0, T]$ (**Left**) and on $[0.92T, T]$ (**Right**).


[Carthel-Glowinski-Lions'94, JOTA], [AM-Zuazua'11, Inverse Problems]

Remedies : Carleman weights !!

Change of the norm : framework of Fursikov-Imanuvilov'96 ¹²

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$$P \hookrightarrow C^0([0, T - \delta]; H_0^1(\Omega)),$$

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$\ y_h(\cdot, T)\ _{L^2(0,1)}$	4.37×10^{-2}	2.18×10^{-2}	1.09×10^{-2}	5.44×10^{-3}	2.71×10^{-3}
$\ v_h\ _{L^2(q_T)}$	1.228	1.251	1.269	1.281	1.288

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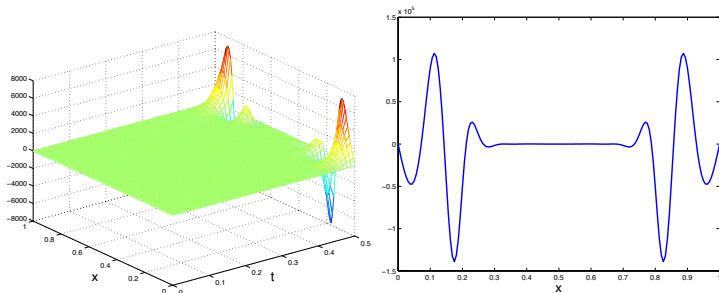


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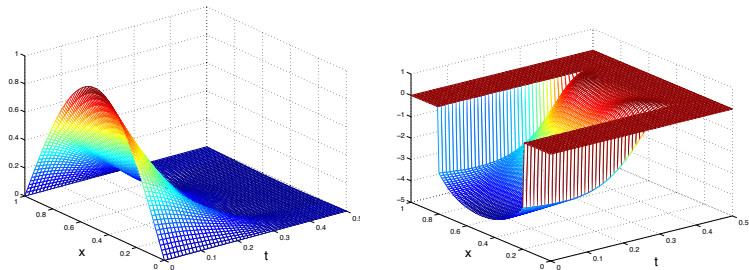


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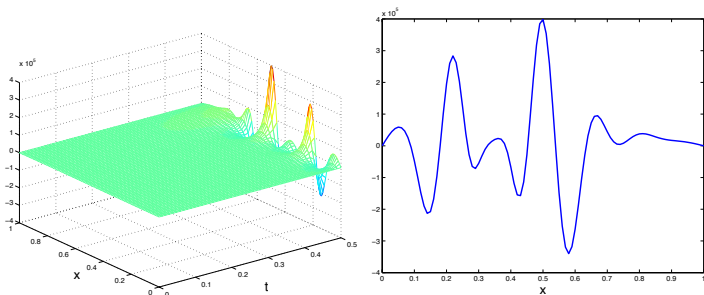


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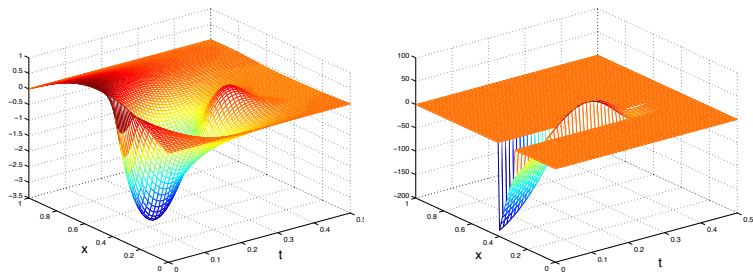


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Application: Controllability for semi-linear heat equation

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$$\begin{cases} y_t - 0.1y_{xx} - 5y \log^{1.4}(1 + |y|) = v1_{(0.2,0.8)}, & (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, 1/2) \\ y(x, t) = 0, & (x, t) \in \{0, 1\} \times (0, 1/2) \\ y(x, 0) = 40 \sin(\pi x), & x \in (0, 1). \end{cases} \quad (65)$$

Without control, blow up at $t \approx 0.318$.

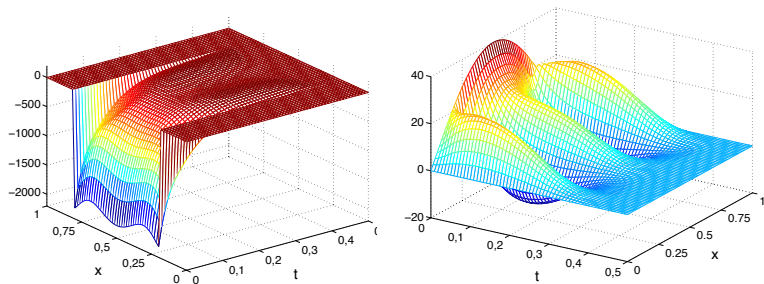


Figure: Fixed point method - $h = (1/60, 1/60)$ - $y_0(x) = 40 \sin(\pi x)$ - Control v_h (**Left**) and corresponding controlled solution y_h (**Right**) in Q_T .

A space-time Least-squares approach for controllability

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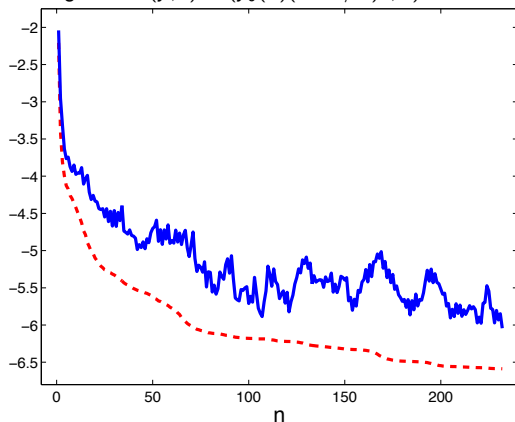
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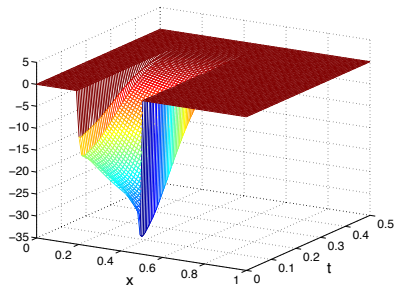
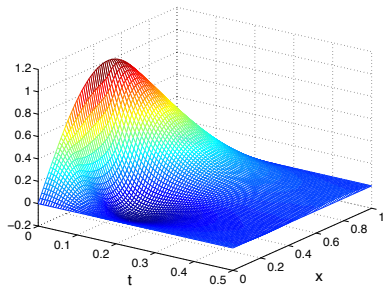
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Starting point of the algorithm: $(y, f) = (y_0(x)(1 - t/T)^2, 0) \in \mathcal{A}$



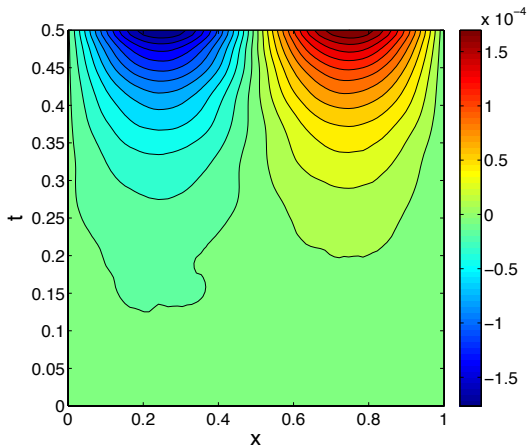
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$(y, v) \in \mathcal{A}$ along Q_T at convergence

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Isovalues along Q_T of the corresponding corrector c : $\|c\|_{H^1(Q_T)} \approx 10^{-4}$

INVERSE PROBLEM FOR HEAT - RECONSTRUCTION OF y FROM y_{q_T}

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ ($N \geq 1$) - $T > 0$, $c \in C^1(\bar{\Omega}, \mathbb{R})$, $d \in L^\infty(Q_T)$, $y_0 \in \mathbf{H}$

$$\begin{cases} Ly := y_t - \nabla \cdot (c \nabla y) + dy = f, & Q_T := \Omega \times (0, T) \\ y = 0, & \Sigma_T := \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y_0, & \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (68)$$

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WELL-KNOWN DIFFICULTY:

$$\left(Ly \in L^2(Q_T), y \in L^2(q_T), y|_{\Sigma_T} = 0 \right) \implies y \in C([\delta, T], H_0^1(\Omega)), \quad \forall \delta > 0$$

Second order mixed formulation as in the previous part

We then define the following extremal problem :

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize } J(y) := \frac{1}{2} \iint_{Q_T} \rho_0^{-2} |y(x, t) - y_{obs}(x, t)|^2 dx dt + r \iint_{Q_T} (\rho^{-1} Ly)^2 dx dt \\ \text{Subject to } y \in \mathcal{W} := \left\{ y \in \mathcal{Y} : \rho^{-1} Ly = 0 \text{ in } L^2(Q_T) \right\} \end{cases} \quad (P)$$

with $\rho_0, \rho \in \mathcal{R}$ where $(\rho_\star \in \mathbb{R}_\star^+)$

$$\mathcal{R} := \{w : w \in C(Q_T); w \geq \rho_\star > 0 \text{ in } Q_T; w \in L^\infty(\Omega \times (\delta, T)) \forall \delta > 0\}$$

$H_0^1 - L^2$ first order formulation

First order formulation involving y and the flux $\mathbf{p} = c(x)\nabla y$.

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{I}(y, \mathbf{p}) := y_t - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{p} + d y = f, & \mathcal{J}(y, \mathbf{p}) := c(x)\nabla y - \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} & \text{in } Q_T, \\ y = 0 & & \text{on } \Sigma_T, \\ y(x, 0) = y_0(x) & & \text{in } \Omega. \end{cases} \quad (69)$$

$$(y_0, f) \in L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(Q_T) \implies p \in \mathbf{L}^2(Q_T), y \in L^2(0, T, H_0^1(\Omega)), y_t \in L^2(0, T, H^{-1}(\Omega))$$

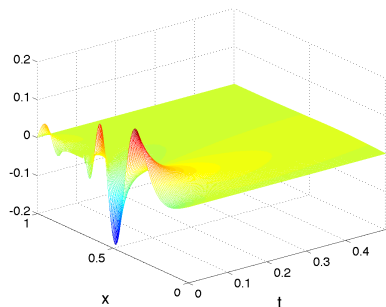
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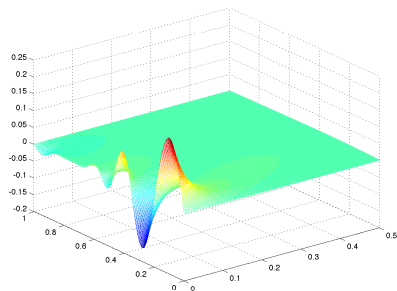
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$$\min_{y_{0h}} \left(J_h(y_{0h}) + \frac{h^2}{2} \|y_{0h}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right) \quad \text{vs.} \quad \min_{\lambda_h} J_r^{**}(\lambda_h) \quad \text{over } \Lambda_h \quad (70)$$



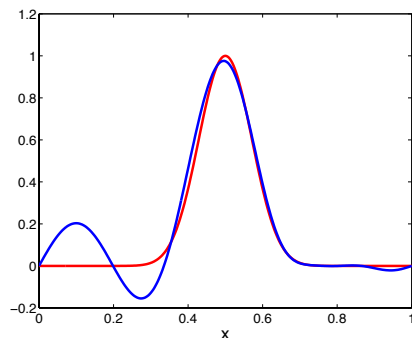
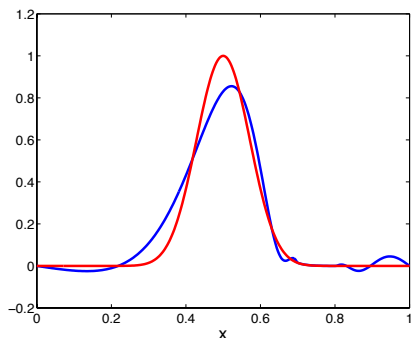
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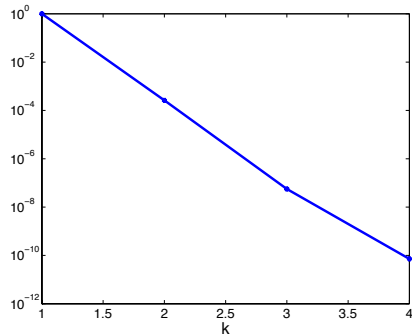
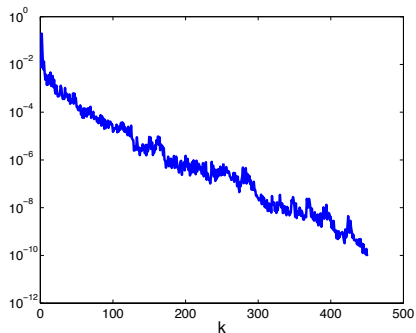
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Final comments

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THE APPROXIMATION IS ROBUST (WE HAVE TO INVERSE SYMMETRIC DEFINITE POSITIVE AND VERY SPARSE MATRICE WITH DIRECT LU AND CHOLESKY SOLVERS)

WITH CONFORMAL TIME-SPACE FINITE ELEMENTS APPROXIMATIONS, WE OBTAIN STRONG CONVERGENCE RESULTS WITH RESPECT TO $h = (\Delta x, \Delta t)$.

THE PRICE TO PAY IS TO USED C^1 FINITE ELEMENTS (AT LEAST IN SPACE) BUT WE MAY INTRODUCE LOWER ORDER SYSTEM.

IN THAT SPACE-TIME APPROACH, THE SUPPORT OF THE CONTROL MAY VARIES IN TIME (WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES).

THIS APPROACH MAY BE APPLIED FOR INVERSE PROBLEMS, OBSERVATION PROBLEMS, RECONSTRUCTION OF DATA,

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