

Spectral analysis of an elliptic operator and application in control theory.

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$$\boxed{\mathcal{A}^h : \text{discretization of } \mathcal{A} = -\partial_x \gamma \partial_x \cdot + q \cdot} \quad \begin{cases} \bullet & \gamma \in C^2(\Omega), \gamma \geq \gamma_{\min} > 0, \\ \bullet & q \in C^0(\Omega). \end{cases}$$

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THE MOMENTS METHOD

- $\begin{cases} \Lambda := (\lambda_k)_{k \geq 1}, \\ (\phi_k)_{k \geq 1} \end{cases} \rightarrow$ eigenelements of \mathcal{A} .
- $y(T) = 0 \rightarrow$ Moments problem in $L^2((0, T) \times \omega)$:

$$\boxed{-\langle y^0, e^{-\lambda_k T} \phi_k \rangle_{H^{-1} \times H_0^1} = \int_0^T \int_\omega V_d(t, x) e^{-\lambda_k(T-t)} \phi_k(x) dx dt}, \forall k \geq 1$$

- $(q_l^\Lambda)_{l \geq 1}$ biorthogonal family of $(e^{-\lambda_k(T-t)})_{k \geq 1}$ i.e. :

$$\int_0^T e^{-\lambda_k(T-t)} q_l^\Lambda(t) dt = \delta_{l,k}, \forall l, k \geq 1.$$

- We set :

$$V_d(t, x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k q_k^\Lambda(t) \phi_k(x)$$

- Reinjecting :

$$V_d(t, x) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \left(-\frac{\langle y^0, \phi_k \rangle_{H^{-1} \times H_0^1} e^{-\lambda_k T}}{\|\phi_k\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2} \right) q_k^\Lambda(t) \phi_k(x)$$

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- existence of $(q_k^\Lambda)_{k \geq 1}$?
- convergence of the series : $\begin{cases} \bullet \|\phi_k\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \geq \dots \\ \bullet |\partial_x \phi_k(1)| \geq \dots \\ \bullet \|q_k^\Lambda\|_{L^2(0, T)} \leq \dots \end{cases}$

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Theorem [Fattorini-Russel, 1974]

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where (q_k^Σ) is a biorthogonal family for Σ .

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EXAMPLE $\gamma = 1, q = 0$

$\lambda_k = \pi^2 k^2, \phi_k(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin(k\pi x).$

- ① $\|\phi_k\|_{L^2(a,b)}^2 \rightarrow b - a$
- ② $|\partial_x \phi_k(1)| \geq Ck$
- ③ $\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k \geq Ck$ and $\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{\lambda_k} < \infty.$

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Poschel - Trubowitz. Inverse Spectral Theory.

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Let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function and $\lambda > 0$. Suppose $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$\mathcal{A}u(x) = \lambda u(x) + f, \forall x \in \Omega.$$

Then the following equation holds

$$U'(x) = M(x)U(x) + Q(x)U(x) + F(x),$$

where

$$U(x) = \begin{pmatrix} u(x) \\ \sqrt{\frac{\gamma(x)}{\lambda}} u'(x) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } F(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{\gamma(x)\lambda}} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$M(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma(x)}} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma(x)}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } Q(x) \text{ is uniformly bounded.}$$

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Lemma 2

$\exists C_1(q, \gamma) > 0, C_2(q, \gamma, \omega) > 0$ s.t. $\forall k \geq 1,$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_k} |\partial_x \phi_k(1)| \geq C_1 \mathcal{R}_k \text{ and } \|\phi_k\|_{L^2(\omega)}^2 \geq C_2 \mathcal{R}_k,$$

where $\mathcal{R}_k = \inf_{x, y \in \Omega} \frac{|\phi_k(x)|^2 + \frac{\gamma(x)}{\lambda_k} |\phi'_k(x)|^2}{|\phi_k(y)|^2 + \frac{\gamma(y)}{\lambda_k} |\phi'_k(y)|^2}$

- To answer questions 1. and 2., use Lemma 1 with $(u = \phi_k, f = 0)$ and Lemma 2.
- To answer question 3., use Lemma 1 with $u(x) = \phi'_k(1)\phi_{k+1}(x) - \phi'_{k+1}(1)\phi_k(x)$ and $f(x) = \phi'_{k+1}(1)\phi_k(x)(\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k)$.

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- 3 $\lambda_{k+1} - \lambda_k \geq C_1 k.$

What about the discrete setting ?

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1998, López and Zuazua

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- uniform mesh,
- boundary null-control problem : V_b^h ,
- in space dimension 1 : $\Omega = (0, 1)$.

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2010, Boyer, Hubert and Le Rousseau

- semi-discretized parabolic equation : $\mathcal{A}^h = (-\partial_x(\gamma \partial_x \cdot))^h$,
- distributed control problem : V_d^h , ($\phi(h)$ -null control)
- in space dimension ≥ 1 ,
- discrete Carleman estimates.

WHAT WE DO

Extend their work to :

- Cascade system of parabolic equations: $\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^h & 0 \\ 1 & \mathcal{A}^h \end{pmatrix}$ with $\begin{pmatrix} \text{control} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- boundary and distributed controls : V_d^h , V_b^h ,
- BUT : in space dimension 1.

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PROPERTY OF THE SOLUTION

- $\int_0^T \left(e^{-\lambda_k^h(T-t)} \phi_k^h, \left[(y^h)'(t) + \mathcal{A}^h y^h(t) = \mathbf{0} + \gamma_{N+1/2} \frac{V_b^h(t)}{h^2} \mathbf{e}_N \right] \right) dt,$
- Integrate by parts,

$$(y^h(T), \phi_k^h) - (y_0^h, e^{-\lambda_k^h T} \phi_k^h) = -\gamma_{N+1/2} \left(\frac{0 - (\phi_k^h)_N}{h} \right) \int_0^T e^{-\lambda_k^h(T-t)} V_b^h(t) dt$$

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$$\Downarrow$$

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IT REMAINS TO PROVE

- Uniform bounds on V_b^h and $V_d^h \Leftarrow$

$$\|\mathbf{1}_\omega \phi_j^h\|_h^2 \geq ? \text{ and } \left(\frac{0 - \phi_{j,N}^h}{h} \right) \geq ?$$

- Bounds on $(q_j^{\Lambda^h})_{j \geq 1}$ for all $h > 0$

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IT REMAINS TO PROVE

- Uniform bounds on V_b^h and $V_d^h \Leftarrow \|\mathbf{1}_\omega \phi_j^h\|_h^2 \geq ?$ and $\left(\frac{0 - \phi_{j,N}^h}{h}\right) \geq ?$
- Bounds on $(q_j^{\Lambda^h})_{j \geq 1}$ for all $h > 0 \Leftarrow \text{find } \rho, \mathcal{N} : \forall h > 0, \Lambda^h \in \mathcal{L}(\rho, \mathcal{N})$

Theorem [Fattorini-Russel, 1974]

Let $\rho > 0$ and $\mathcal{N} : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K_\varepsilon > 0, \boxed{\forall \Sigma \in \mathcal{L}(\rho, \mathcal{N})}, \exists (q_k^\Sigma)_{k \geq 1}, \forall k \geq 1, \|q_k^\Sigma\|_{L^2} \leq K_\varepsilon \exp(\varepsilon \sigma_k).$$

where (q_k^Σ) is a biorthogonal family for Σ .

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PROOF Explicit expression for the eigenelements !

$$\begin{cases} \phi_k^h = (\sin(j\pi hk))_{j=1}^N, \text{ we can estimate } \left| \frac{0 - (\phi_k^h)_N}{h} \right| \geq \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{\lambda_k^h} \\ \forall k \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \lambda_k^h = \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi hk}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

Extend the sequence:

$$(\lambda_k^h)_{k \geq 1} = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi hk}{2}\right), \text{ for } k \in \{1, \dots, N\}, & \text{(discrete eigenvalues)} \\ k^2 \pi^2, \text{ for } k \geq N + 1. & \text{(continuous eigenvalues)} \end{cases}$$

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γ AND q IN THE GENERAL CASE ?

Can one obtain the same results with a general operator $\mathcal{A} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \cdot \right) + q$?

No explicit formulae for the eigenlements.

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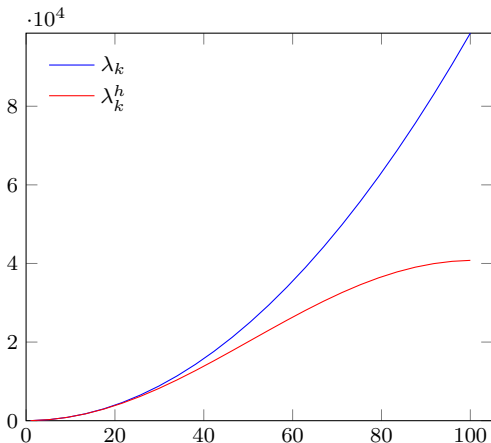
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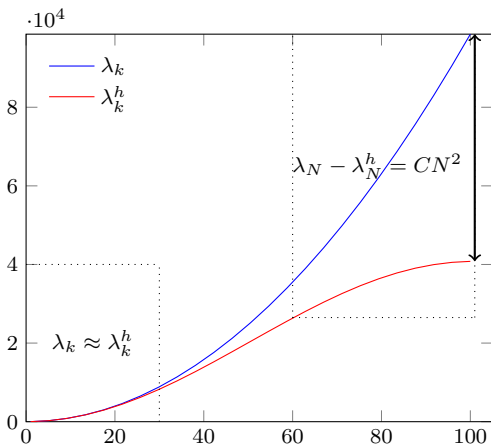


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Lemma 2 - in the discrete setting

Let $\beta > 0$ and suppose that $\Theta_h < \beta$.

$\exists C_1(q, \gamma, \beta) > 0, C_2(q, \gamma, \omega, \beta) > 0$ s.t. $\forall k \geq 1$,

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_k^h} \left| \frac{0 - (\phi_k^h)_N}{h_{N+1}} \right| \geq C_1 \mathcal{R}_k^h \text{ and } \|\phi_k^h\|_{L^2(\omega^h)}^2 \geq C_2 \mathcal{R}_k^h,$$

where $\mathcal{R}_k^h = \min_{i,j \in \llbracket 1, N+1 \rrbracket} \frac{\left| \phi_{i,k}^h \right|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{i-1/2}}{\lambda_k^h} \left| \frac{\phi_{i,k}^h - \phi_{i-1,k}^h}{h_{i-1/2}} \right|^2}{\left| \phi_{j,k}^h \right|^2 + \frac{\gamma_{j-1/2}}{\lambda_k^h} \left| \frac{\phi_{j,k}^h - \phi_{j-1,k}^h}{h_{j-1/2}} \right|^2}.$

Goal : Find a sharp lower bound of \mathcal{R}_k .

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DISCRETE SETTING

EINGENVALUE PROBLEM FOR \mathcal{A}^h

- “ODE” of order 2 : $\mathcal{A}^h u^h = \lambda u^h + f^h \rightarrow$ system of “ODEs” of order 1.
- **CHANGE OF VARIABLE** $(U^h)_j = \left(\frac{(u^h)_j - (u^h)_{j-1}}{h} \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_{j-1/2}}}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \right)$
- Duhamel’s formula + Gronwall’s lemma : $\forall 1 \leq i, j \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(U^h)_j\| \leq & \max_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \|S_{i \leftarrow j}^\lambda\| \left(\|(U^h)_i\| + h \sum_{p \in \llbracket i, j \rrbracket \setminus \{i\}} \|F_p^h\| \right) \times \\ & \exp \left(\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \|S_{i \leftarrow j}^\lambda\| h \sum_{p \in \llbracket i, j \rrbracket \setminus \{i\}} \|Q_p^h\| \right) \end{aligned}$$

where : $S_{i,j}^\lambda = (I_h + hM_{\lambda,i-1})(I_h + hM_{\lambda,i-2}) \dots (I_h + hM_{\lambda,j})$,

and : $M_{\lambda,j} := \begin{pmatrix} -h \frac{\lambda}{\gamma_{j+1/2}} & \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma_{j+1/2}}} \\ -\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\gamma_{j+1/2}}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

ESTIMATES ON EIGENVECTORS (questions 1. & 2.)

Take $u^h = \phi_k^h$, $\lambda = \lambda_k^h \rightarrow F^h = 0$.

We get,

$$\left| (\phi_k^h)_i + \frac{(\phi_k^h)_i - (\phi_k^h)_{i-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \leq \max_{1 \leq i, j \leq N} \|S_{i \leftarrow j}^\lambda\| \left(\left| (\phi_k^h)_j + \frac{(\phi_k^h)_j - (\phi_k^h)_{j-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \right)$$

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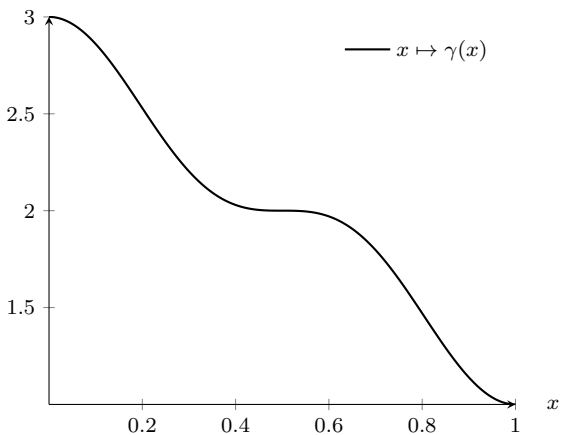


Figure: Case 1 - $\gamma(x) = 2 + \cos(\pi x)^3$.

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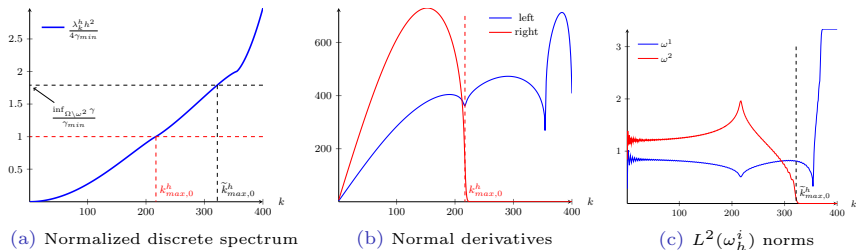
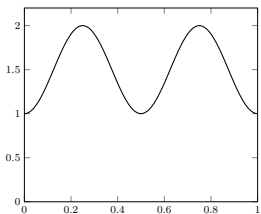


Figure: Case 1 - $N = 400$

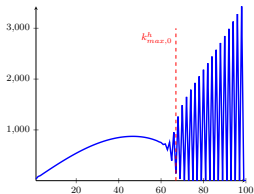
N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	$I_l^h(\cdot)$		$I_r^h(\cdot)$		$I_1^h(\cdot)$		$I_2^h(\cdot)$		$\Delta^h(\cdot)$	
		$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N
50	26	2.99	2.99	7.07	1.01 ₋₂₃	0.29	0.29	0.86	8.71 ₋₂₉	56.82	56.82
100	52	2.99	2.99	7.08	2.46 ₋₅₁	0.28	0.28	0.85	1.26 ₋₅₉	56.89	56.89
200	104	2.99	2.99	7.08	4.16 ₋₁₀₇	0.28	0.28	0.85	1.97 ₋₁₂₁	56.91	56.91
300	156	2.99	2.99	7.08	4.22 ₋₁₆₃	0.28	0.28	0.84	2.70 ₋₁₈₃	56.91	56.91
400	208	2.99	2.99	7.08	3.47 ₋₂₁₉	0.28	0.28	0.84	3.50 ₋₂₄₅	56.91	56.91

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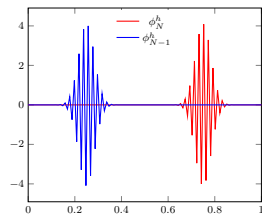
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(b) $k \mapsto |\lambda_{k+1}^h - \lambda_k^h|$

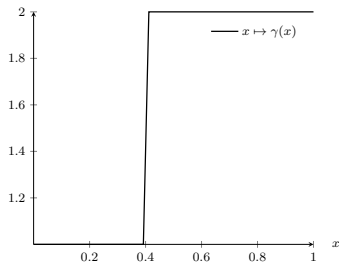


(c) The last two eigenfunctions

Figure: Case 2 - $N = 100$

N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	$I_l^h(\cdot)$		$I_r^h(\cdot)$		$I_1^h(\cdot)$		$I_2^h(\cdot)$		$\Delta^h(\cdot)$	
		$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N	$k_{max,\varepsilon}^h$	N
50	32	6.39	1.74 ₋₃	6.39	1.74 ₋₃	0.56	0.56	0.6	0.6	33.53	4.51 ₋₈
100	64	6.41	6.85 ₋₁₅	6.41	7.18 ₋₃₀	0.59	1.75 ₋₃₀	0.59	2.83 ₋₄₂	33.58	2.91 ₋₁₁
200	126	6.42	3.02 ₋₆₃	6.42	3.80 ₋₁₄	0.58	8.90 ₋₈₇	0.58	2.81 ₋₃₀	33.59	2.91 ₋₁₁
300	187	6.42	8.41 ₋₁₅	6.42	9.47 ₋₉₇	0.61	4.41 ₋₃₀	0.58	1.60 ₋₁₃₁	33.59	1.16 ₋₁₀
400	250	6.42	2.50 ₋₁₃₀	6.42	5.30 ₋₁₅	0.58	7.38 ₋₁₇₆	0.58	6.02 ₋₃₀	33.59	6.98 ₋₁₀

Table: Case 2 - behavior as $h \rightarrow 0$


 Figure: Case 3 - $\gamma(x) = 1]_{0,0.4[+ 2 \times 1]_{0.4,1[}$, $q = 0$.

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50	35	4.41	1.89 ₋₁₄	3.79	3.79	0.55	2.43 ₋₁₁	0.12	0.12	44.89	44.89
100	68	5.37	9.21 ₋₃₀	3.79	3.79	0.68	7.18 ₋₂₀	5.87 ₋₂	5.87 ₋₂	44.62	44.62
200	131	5.37	2.19 ₋₆₀	3.79	3.79	0.67	4.53 ₋₃₆	8.86 ₋₂	2.79 ₋₂	44.47	44.47
300	194	5.37	5.22 ₋₉₁	3.79	3.79	0.67	6.63 ₋₅₂	9.81 ₋₂	1.88 ₋₂	44.42	44.42
400	257	5.37	1.25 ₋₁₂₁	3.79	3.79	0.67	1.37 ₋₆₇	0.1	1.42 ₋₂	44.4	44.4

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Elements of proof.

Main difference with the scalar case :

- Operator $\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^h & 0 \\ 1 & \mathcal{A}^h \end{pmatrix}$ is not diagonalizable \Rightarrow we use the Jordan form.
- Existence + estimates of a biorthogonal family for

$$\left\{ e^{-\lambda_k^h t} \right\}_{k \geq 1} \cup \left\{ t e^{-\lambda_k^h t} \right\}_{k \geq 1}.$$



SUM UP

We have built an elementary approach:

- to solve the $\phi(h)$ -null controllability control problem for a large class of parabolic equations,
- which applies on quasi-uniform meshes,
- which applies on a parabolic cascade system,
(with fewer controls than equations)
- only valid in 1D.

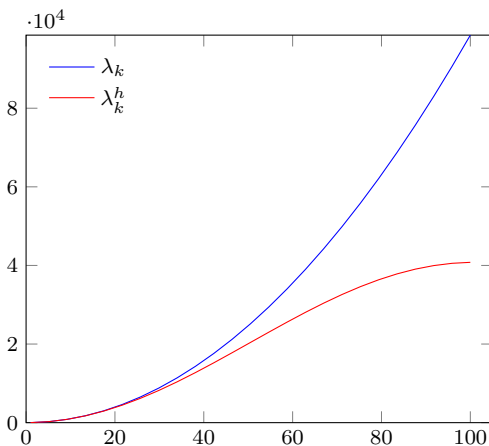
PERSPECTIVES

Cascade systems with variable coefficients.

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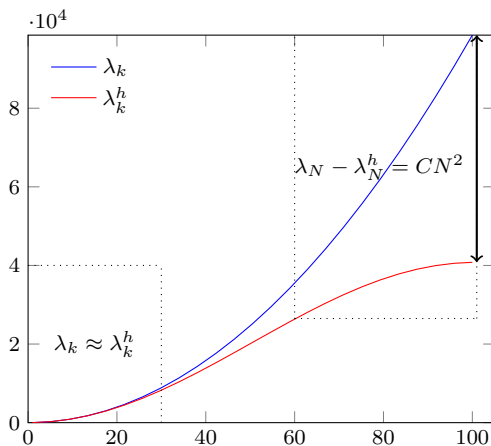
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Let $\rho > 0$ and $\mathcal{N} : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Denote by $\mathcal{L}(\rho, \mathcal{N})$ the set of sequences $\Sigma = (\sigma_k)_{k \geq 1}$ such that :

- $\forall k \geq 1, \sigma_{k+1} - \sigma_k \geq \rho,$
- $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \sum_{k=\mathcal{N}(\varepsilon)}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma_k} \leq \varepsilon.$

Theorem [Fattorini-Russel, 1974]

Let $\rho > 0$ and $\mathcal{N} : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists K_\varepsilon > 0, \boxed{\forall \Sigma \in \mathcal{L}(\rho, \mathcal{N})}, \exists (q_k^\Sigma)_{k \geq 1}, \forall k \geq 1, \|q_k^\Sigma\|_{L^2} \leq K_\varepsilon \exp(\varepsilon \sigma_k).$$

where (q_k^Σ) is a biorthogonal family for Σ .

[Ammar Khodja - Benabdallah - González Burgos - de Teresa, 2011]

Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we have the same results for the family $(t^j e^{-\sigma_k t})_{m \geq j \geq 0, k \geq 1}$.

Lemma

Assume that one can prove that there exists C_k such that $\forall 1 \leq i, j \leq N$:

$$\left| (\phi_k^h)_i \right| + \left| \frac{(\phi_k^h)_i - (\phi_k^h)_{i-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \geq C_k \left(\left| (\phi_k^h)_j \right| + \left| \frac{(\phi_k^h)_j - (\phi_k^h)_{j-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \right) \quad (1)$$

then the following relations holds: $\left| \frac{0 - (\phi_k^h)_N}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \geq C_k$ and $\|\mathbf{1}_\omega \phi_k^h\| \geq C_k$.

PROOF (SKETCH)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (\phi_k^h)_i \right| + \left| \frac{(\phi_k^h)_i - (\phi_k^h)_{i-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| &\geq C_k \left(\left| (\phi_k^h)_j \right| + \left| \frac{(\phi_k^h)_j - (\phi_k^h)_{j-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \right) \\ \left| (\phi_k^h)_i \right| + \left| \frac{(\phi_k^h)_i - (\phi_k^h)_{i-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| &\geq C_k \left| (\phi_k^h)_j \right| \quad \text{now : } h \sum_{j=1}^N \cdot \\ \left| (\phi_k^h)_i \right| + \left| \frac{(\phi_k^h)_i - (\phi_k^h)_{i-1}}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| &\geq C_k \cdot \text{Take } i = N + 1 : \left| \frac{0 - (\phi_k^h)_N}{h\sqrt{\lambda_k^h}} \right| \geq C_k \end{aligned}$$

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PROOF (SKETCH) Now : $\|\mathbf{1}_\omega \phi_k^h\| \geq C_k$?

CONTINUOUS CASE : STEP 1

Find a nodal domain (a, b) in ω : $\phi_k(a) = \phi_k(b) = 0$

$$\int_a^b -\partial_x(\gamma \partial_x \phi_k)(x) \phi_k(x) dx = \lambda_k \int_a^b (\phi_k(x))^2 dx$$

$$\text{Integrate by parts } \int_a^b (\gamma(x) \partial_x \phi_k(x))^2 dx = \lambda_k \int_a^b (\phi_k(x))^2 dx$$

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PROOF (SKETCH) Now : $\|\mathbf{1}_\omega \phi_k^h\| \geq C_k$?

CONTINUOUS CASE : STEP 2

$$\text{Integrate by parts } \int_a^b (\gamma(x) \partial_x \phi_k(x))^2 dx = \lambda_k \int_a^b (\phi_k(x))^2 dx$$

$$\text{Use the expression } \phi_k(x) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_k}} \partial_x \phi_k(x) \geq C_1$$

$$\int_a^b \lambda_k (\phi_k(x))^2 + (\gamma(x) \partial_x \phi_k(x))^2 dx \geq \lambda_k C_2$$

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$$\int_a^b 2\lambda_k (\phi_k(x))^2 dx \geq \lambda_k C_2$$

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$$\int_\omega (\phi_k(x))^2 dx \geq \int_a^b (\phi_k(x))^2 dx \geq C_3$$