

Exponential stability of the wave equation with boundary time varying delay

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Motivation

Stabilization

Assure the decay of the energy of solutions by a feedback law.

Degrees of stability

- Strong stability : $E(t) \rightarrow 0$, when $t \rightarrow +\infty$.
- Exponential stability : $E(t) \leq Ce^{-\nu t}$, $\forall t > 0$.
- Polynomial stability : $E(t) \leq \frac{C}{t^\alpha}$, $\forall t > 0$.

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The problem

We consider the wave equation with a time-varying delay term in the boundary condition in a bounded domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ with a boundary Γ of class C^2 such that $\Gamma = \Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N$, with $\bar{\Gamma}_D \cap \bar{\Gamma}_N = \emptyset$ and $\Gamma_D \neq \emptyset$:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt}(x, t) - \Delta u(x, t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D \times (0, +\infty) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x, t) = -\mu_1 u_t(x, t) - \mu_2 u_t(x, t - \tau(t)) & \text{on } \Gamma_N \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \text{ and } u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u_t(x, t - \tau(0)) = f_0(x, t - \tau(0)) & \text{in } \Gamma_N \times (0, \tau(0)), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $\tau(t)$ is the time-varying delay, $\mu_1, \mu_2 > 0$.

Assumptions on the delay and on the domain

We assume that the delay satisfies

$$0 \leq \tau(t) \leq M, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\tau'(t) \leq d < 1, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (3)$$

and

$$\tau \in W^{2,\infty}([0, T]), \quad \forall T > 0. \quad (4)$$

We assume that there exists $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that, denoting by m the standard multiplier

$$m(x) := x - x_0,$$

we have

$$m(x) \cdot \nu(x) \leq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_D \quad (5)$$

and,

$$m(x) \cdot \nu(x) \geq \delta > 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_N. \quad (6)$$

Case without delay and with constant delay: some references

- In absence of delay (i.e. $\mu_2 = 0$), the energy decays exponentially (see [Chen, 1981], [Lagnese, 1983, 1988], [Lasiecka-Triggiani, 1987], [Komornik-Zuazua, 1990], [Komornik, 1991, 1994]).
- If the delay is constant in time (i.e. $\tau(t) = \tau$), the energy decays also exponentially under some assumptions (see [Xu-Yung-Li, 2006], [Nicaise-Pignotti, 2006]).
- For time-varying delay, we refer to [Nicaise-Valein-Fridman, 2009] for one space dimension.

The main difficulty with time-varying delay

To prove the exponential decay in constant delay case (or without delay case), the authors use an observability inequality of type:

$$\exists T > 0, \exists C_T > 0, E(0) \leq C_T \int_0^T \int_{\Gamma_N} (u_t^2(x, t) + u_t^2(x, t - \tau)) d\Gamma dt.$$

This implies the exponential decay of the energy since the system is **invariant by translation in time**.

However, in our case (for time-varying delay), this method can not be applied due to **the loss of the time-translation invariance** \rightsquigarrow other method: **Lyapunov functional**.

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Transformation of the system

We set $z(x, \rho, t) = u_t(x, t - \tau(t)\rho)$ for $x \in \Gamma_N$, $\rho \in (0, 1)$ and $t > 0$. Then (1) is equivalent to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{tt}(x, t) - \Delta u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ \tau(t)z_t(x, \rho, t) + (1 - \tau'(t)\rho)z_\rho(x, \rho, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Gamma_N \times (0, 1) \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D \times (0, +\infty) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x, t) = -\mu_1 u_t(x, t) - \mu_2 z(x, 1, t) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \times (0, +\infty) \\ z(x, 0, t) = u_t(x, t) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \times (0, \infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ z(x, \rho, 0) = f_0(x, -\rho\tau(0)) \quad \text{in } \Gamma_N \times (0, \tau(0)). \end{array} \right.$$

If we denote by $U = (u, u_t, z)^T$, then U satisfies

$$U' = (u_t, u_{tt}, z_t)^T = \left(u_t, \Delta u, \frac{\tau'(t)\rho - 1}{\tau(t)} z_\rho \right)^T.$$

First order system

The system (1) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{cases} U'(t) = \mathcal{A}(t)U(t) \\ U(0) = (u_0, u_1, f^0(\cdot, -\tau(0)))^T, \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where the operator $\mathcal{A}(t)$ depends on time and is defined by

$$\mathcal{A}(t) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \Delta u \\ \frac{\tau'(t)\rho-1}{\tau(t)} z_\rho \end{pmatrix},$$

with domain (independent of time) $D(\mathcal{A}(t)) = \{(u, v, z) \in (E(\Delta, L^2(\Omega)) \cap H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega)) \times H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Gamma_N; H^1(0, 1)); v = z(\cdot, 0), \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = -\mu_1 v - \mu_2 z(\cdot, 1) \text{ on } \Gamma_N\}$. We introduce the Hilbert space

$$\mathcal{H} = H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Gamma_N \times (0, 1)).$$

Choice of weights

If the delay is **constant in time**,

- if $\mu_1 = 0$, the system is unstable [Dakto-Lagnese-Polis, 1986],
- if $\mu_2 \geq \mu_1$, some unstabilities may appear [Nicaise-Pignotti, 2006, Nicaise-Valein, 2007],
- but if $\mu_2 < \mu_1$, the system is dissipative.

Here, with time-varying delay, we impose:

Condition between μ_1 and μ_2

$$\mu_2 \leq \sqrt{1-d}\mu_1, \quad (8)$$

where

$$\tau'(t) \leq d < 1, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Inner product on \mathcal{H}

We choose $q > 0$ such that

$$\frac{\mu_2}{\sqrt{1-d}} \leq q \leq 2\mu_1 - \frac{\mu_2}{\sqrt{1-d}}.$$

The difficulty to prove the well-posedness of (1) is that $\mathcal{A}(t)$ **depends on t** . We use the variable norm technique of Kato and we define the **time dependent** inner product on \mathcal{H} :

$$\left\langle \left(\begin{array}{c} u \\ v \\ z \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{c} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \right) \right\rangle_t = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla \tilde{u}(x) + v(x)\tilde{v}(x)) dx \\ + q\tau(t) \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 z(x, \rho)\tilde{z}(x, \rho) d\rho d\Gamma.$$

A result from Kato

Theorem ([Kato, 1976])

Assume that

- (i) $Y = \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(0))$ is a dense subset of \mathcal{H} ,*
- (ii) $D(\mathcal{A}(t)) = D(\mathcal{A}(0)), \quad \forall t > 0,$*
- (iii) for all $t \in [0, T]$, $\mathcal{A}(t)$ generates a strongly continuous semigroup on \mathcal{H} and $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathcal{A}(t) : t \in [0, T]\}$ is stable with stability constants C and m independent of t (i.e. $(S_t(s))_{s \geq 0}$ satisfies $\|S_t(s)u\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq Ce^{ms}\|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}, \forall u \in \mathcal{H}, s \geq 0$),*
- (iv) $\partial_t \mathcal{A} \in L_*^\infty([0, T], B(Y, \mathcal{H}))$, the space of equivalent classes of essentially bounded, strongly measure functions from $[0, T]$ into the set $B(Y, \mathcal{H})$.*

Then, problem (7) has a unique solution

$U \in C([0, T], Y) \cap C^1([0, T], \mathcal{H})$ for any initial datum in Y .

Well-posedness

In a first time, we assume that

$$0 < \tau_0 \leq \tau(t) \leq M, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

Theorem

For any initial datum $U_0 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(0))$, there exists a unique solution $U \in C([0, +\infty), D(\mathcal{A}(0))) \cap C^1([0, +\infty), \mathcal{H})$ of (7).

Proof: To verify (ii), we prove, for a fixed $t > 0$:

- $\mathcal{A}(t)$ is dissipative, ie $\forall U \in D(\mathcal{A}(t)), \langle \mathcal{A}(t)U, U \rangle_t \leq 0$,
- $\forall \lambda > 0, \lambda I - \mathcal{A}(t)$ is surjective,
- $\frac{\|\phi\|_t}{\|\phi\|_s} \leq e^{\frac{c}{2\tau_0}|t-s|}, \forall t, s \in [0, T]$.

Well-posedness: the general case

We assume now only $0 \leq \tau(t) \leq M$, $\forall t > 0$ holds. We take

$$\tau_\epsilon(t) = \tau(t) + \epsilon, \quad \forall 0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0.$$

Then, by the previous theorem, there exists a unique solution $U_\epsilon = (u^\epsilon, v^\epsilon, z^\epsilon)^T \in C([0, +\infty), \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t))) \cap C^1([0, \infty), \mathcal{H})$, of

$$\begin{cases} U'_\epsilon = \mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t)U_\epsilon \\ U_\epsilon(0) = (u_0, u_1, f_0(\cdot, -\cdot \tau_\epsilon(0)))^T = U_{\epsilon,0} \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_\epsilon(0)), \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where the operator $\mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t)$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ z \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \Delta u \\ \frac{\tau'_\epsilon(t)\rho-1}{\tau_\epsilon(t)} z_\rho \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \Delta u \\ \frac{\tau'(t)\rho-1}{\tau(t)+\epsilon} z_\rho \end{pmatrix}, \text{ with domain}$$

$\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_\epsilon(t)) = \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(t))$. The aim is then to **take the limit of $(u_\epsilon)_{0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0}$ when ϵ tends to 0.**

Well-posedness: the general case

To pass at the limit, we need to have more regularity on the solution and, for that purpose, we use a theorem of [Kato,1976]. Introduce $D^2(0) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(0)) \cap X_2 : -\mathcal{A}(0)\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(0))\}$, where

$$X_2 = (H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega) \cap H^{3/2}(\Omega)) \times (H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega) \cap H^{3/2}(\Omega)) \times L^2(\Gamma_N; H^2(0, 1)).$$

Therefore, for all initial data $U_{\epsilon,0} \in D^2(0)$, there exists a unique solution $U_\epsilon \in C^1([0, T], \mathcal{H}) \cap C([0, T], \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_\epsilon(0)))$ of (9) which satisfies, moreover,

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} U_\epsilon \in C([0, T], \mathcal{H}).$$

We can give a sense to the derivative of the energy \tilde{E}_ϵ ,

$$\tilde{E}_\epsilon(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left((\Delta u_\epsilon)^2 + (\nabla u_{\epsilon,t})^2 \right) dx + \frac{q' \tau_\epsilon(t)}{2} \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 u_{\epsilon,tt}^2(x, t - \tau_\epsilon(t) \rho) d\rho d\Gamma.$$

Well-posedness: the general case

We verify, under $(1-d)(1-\tau'_{min}) \leq 2$, that $\tilde{E}'_\epsilon(t) \leq 0$. Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \left((u_{\epsilon,tt})^2 + (\nabla u_{\epsilon,t})^2 \right) dx + \frac{q' \tau_\epsilon(t)}{2} \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 u_{\epsilon,tt}^2(x, t - \tau_\epsilon(t)\rho) d\rho d\Gamma \\ & \leq \int_{\Omega} \left((\Delta u_0)^2 + (\nabla u_1)^2 \right) dx + \frac{q'}{2} (\tau(0) + \epsilon) \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 f_{0,t}^2(x, -(\tau(0) + \epsilon)\rho) d\rho d\Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Assuming that $(f_{0,t}(x, -(\tau(0) + \epsilon)\rho))_{0 < \epsilon < \epsilon_0}$ is bounded on $L^2(\Gamma_N \times (0, 1))$, there exists $u \in H^1((0, T); H^1_{\Gamma_D}(\Omega)) \cap H^2((0, T); L^2(\Omega))$ such that, up to a subsequence,

$$u_\epsilon \rightharpoonup u \quad \text{in } H^1((0, T); H^1_{\Gamma_D}(\Omega)) \cap H^2((0, T); L^2(\Omega)).$$

The limit u then satisfies (1). Therefore

Theorem

For all initial data $U_0 \in D^2(0)$, there exists a unique solution $u \in H^1((0, T); H^1_{\Gamma_D}(\Omega)) \cap H^2((0, T); L^2(\Omega))$ of (7).

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Energy

Assume

$$\mu_2 < \sqrt{1-d}\mu_1.$$

We define the energy as

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2) dx + \frac{q\tau(t)}{2} \int_0^1 \int_{\Gamma_N} u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t)\rho) d\rho d\Gamma,$$

where $q > 0$ is such that $\frac{\mu_2}{\sqrt{1-d}} < q < 2\mu_1 - \frac{\mu_2}{\sqrt{1-d}}$.

Proposition

For any regular solution of (7), the energy is decreasing and there exists $D > 0$ such that

$$E'(t) \leq -D \int_{\Gamma_N} \{u_t^2(x, t) + u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t))\} d\Gamma.$$

Lyapunov functional

As the system is **not invariant by translation in time**, we can not use an observability inequality to obtain the stability of the system. We use an other method and introduce the following **Lyapunov functional**:

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = E(t) + \gamma \left(\int_{\Omega} [2m \cdot \nabla u + (n-1)u] u_t dx + \mathcal{E}_2(t) \right), \quad (10)$$

where γ is a positive small constant that we will choose later on and $\mathcal{E}_2(t)$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{E}_2(t) := q\tau(t) \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau(t)\rho} u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t)\rho) d\rho d\Gamma. \quad (11)$$

Note that \mathcal{E} is equivalent to the energy E :

$$\exists d_1, d_2 > 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad d_1 E(t) \leq \mathcal{E}(t) \leq d_2 E(t).$$

Two lemma

Denoting by $E_0(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2(x, t) + |\nabla u(x, t)|^2) dx$:

Lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \exists C_0, C_1 > 0, \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} [2m \cdot \nabla u + (n-1)u] u_t dx \\ \leq -C_0 E_0(t) + C_1 \int_{\Gamma_N} (u_t^2(x, t) + u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t))) d\Gamma, \end{aligned}$$

Lemma

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}_2(t) \leq -2\mathcal{E}_2(t) + q \int_{\Gamma_N} u_t^2 d\Gamma.$$

Stability result

We can deduce the exponential stability estimate for system (1).

Theorem

There exist positive constants C, ν such that for any solution of system (1)

$$E(t) \leq CE(0)e^{-\nu t}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (12)$$

Remark

The decay rate is given by

$$\nu = \frac{\gamma}{d_2} \min \left(C_0, 4e^{-2M} \right).$$

Sketch of the proof (1)

By two previous lemma and the decay of the energy,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}(t) \leq & -D \int_{\Gamma_N} \{u_t^2(x, t) + u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t))\} d\Gamma + \gamma (-C_0 E_0(t) \\ & + C_1 \int_{\Gamma_N} (u_t^2(x, t) + u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t))) d\Gamma - 2\mathcal{E}_2(t) + q \int_{\Gamma_N} u_t^2 d\Gamma). \end{aligned}$$

For γ sufficiently small, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}(t) \leq -\gamma C_0 E_0(t) - 2\gamma \mathcal{E}_2(t).$$

Moreover, as $\tau(t) \leq M$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}(t) \leq -\gamma C_0 E_0(t) - 2\gamma e^{-2M} q \tau(t) \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 u_t^2(x, t - \tau(t) \rho) d\rho d\Gamma.$$

Sketch of the proof (2)

Then for $0 < \gamma' < \gamma \min(C_0, 4e^{-2M})$,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{E}(t) \leq -\gamma' E(t) \leq -\frac{\gamma'}{d_2} \mathcal{E}(t)$$

and thus

$$\mathcal{E}(t) \leq \mathcal{E}(0) e^{-\frac{\gamma'}{d_2} t}.$$

Therefore

$$E(t) \leq \frac{1}{d_1} \mathcal{E}(t) \leq \frac{1}{d_1} \mathcal{E}(0) e^{-\frac{\gamma'}{d_2} t} \leq \frac{d_2}{d_1} E(0) e^{-\frac{\gamma'}{d_2} t}.$$

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The nonlinear problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{tt}(x, t) - \Delta u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D \times (0, +\infty) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}(x, t) = -\beta_1(u_t(x, t)) - \beta_2(u_t(x, t - \tau(t))) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \times (0, +\infty) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad \text{and} \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u_t(x, t - \tau(0)) = g_0(x, t - \tau(0)) \quad \text{in } \Gamma_N \times (0, \tau), \end{array} \right. \quad (13)$$

where $\beta_j : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, j = 1, 2$, satisfy:

$$|\beta_j(s)| \leq c_j |s|, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}, \quad j = 1, 2,$$

$$\beta_1(s) \cdot s \geq cs^2, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\beta_2(s) \cdot s \geq 0, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\exists \gamma_1 > 0, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, (\beta_1(x) - \beta_1(y))(x - y) \geq \gamma_1(x - y)^2,$$

and

$$\exists \gamma_2 > 0, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, |\beta_2(x) - \beta_2(y)|^2 \leq \gamma_2 |x - y|^2.$$

Well-posedness

As for the linear case, we rewrite the system as a first order evolution equation:

$$\begin{cases} U' = \mathcal{A}(t)U \\ U(0) = (u_0, u_1, g_0(\cdot, - \cdot \tau(0)))^T \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

where the operator $\mathcal{A}(t)$ is defined by

$$\mathcal{A}(t) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ z \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \Delta u \\ \frac{\tau'(t)\rho-1}{\tau(t)} z_\rho \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(t)) = \\ \left\{ (u, v, z)^T \in (E(\Delta, L^2(\Omega)) \cap H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega)) \times H_{\Gamma_D}^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Gamma_N; H^1(0, 1)) : \right. \\ \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = -\beta_1(v) - \beta_2(z(\cdot, 1)) \text{ on } \Gamma_N; v = z(\cdot, 0) \text{ on } \Gamma_N \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that $\mathcal{A}(t)$ is **nonlinear** (due to the domain of $\mathcal{A}(t)$).

Well-posedness

We use this time the following result due to [Kato, 1967]:

Theorem

For $T > 0$ and $t \in [0, T]$ we assume that there exists $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_t$ on X :

$$\exists c > 0, \forall u \in X, \forall t, s \in [0, T], \quad \frac{\|u\|_t}{\|u\|_s} \leq e^{c|t-s|}.$$

Assume furthermore that:

- (i) for all $t \in [0, T]$, $A(t)$ is a maximal monotone operator for $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_t$;
- (ii) the domain $\mathcal{D}(A(t))$ of $A(t)$ is independent of t , for all $t \in [0, T]$;
- (iii) $\exists K > 0, \forall u \in \mathcal{D}(A(t)), \forall s, t \in [0, T]$,

$$\|A(t)u - A(s)u\|_0 \leq K |t - s| (\|u\|_0 + \|A(s)u\|_0).$$

Then for all $v \in \mathcal{D}(A(t))$ the evolution equation

$u' + A(t)u = 0$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$, $u(0) = v$ has a unique solution

$u \in C([0, T]; X)$ such that $u(t)$ belongs to $\mathcal{D}(A(t))$ for all $t \in [0, T]$, its strong derivative $u'(t) = -A(t)u(t)$ exists and is continuous except at a countable numbers of values t .

Well-posedness

We assume that

$$\sqrt{\gamma_2} \leq \gamma_1 \sqrt{1-d}$$

and define the following inner product on \mathcal{H} :

$$\left\langle \left(\begin{array}{c} u \\ v \\ z \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{c} \tilde{u} \\ \tilde{v} \\ \tilde{z} \end{array} \right) \right\rangle_t = \int_{\Omega} \{ \nabla u \nabla \tilde{u} + v \tilde{v} \} dx + q\tau(t) \int_{\Gamma_N} \int_0^1 z(x, \rho) \tilde{z}(x, \rho) d\rho d\Gamma,$$

where

$$\frac{\sqrt{\gamma_2}}{\sqrt{1-d}} \leq q \leq 2\gamma_1 - \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_2}}{\sqrt{1-d}}.$$

Theorem

If β_2 is nondecreasing and $0 < \tau_0 \leq \tau(t) \leq M, \forall t > 0$, for any $U_0 \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(t))$, then there exists a unique solution $U \in C([0, +\infty), \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}(t))) \cap C^1([0, +\infty), \mathcal{H})$ of (14).

Stability

We assume that

$$c > \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{1-d}},$$

where c , c_2 are the constants such that

$$|\beta_2(s)| \leq c_2|s|, \quad \beta_1(s) \cdot s \geq cs^2, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We define the energy associated to (13) by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2 + |\nabla u|^2) dx + \frac{q\tau(t)}{2} \int_0^1 \int_{\Gamma_N} u_t^2(x, t-\tau(t)\rho) d\rho d\Gamma,$$

where $q > 0$ is such that $\frac{c_2}{\sqrt{1-d}} < q < 2c - \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{1-d}}$.

Exponential stability

By introducing the same Lyapunov functional as previously with γ sufficiently small, we deduce:

Theorem

There exist positive constants C' , ν' such that for any solution of system (13)

$$E(t) \leq C' E(0) e^{-\nu' t}, \quad \forall t \geq 0. \quad (15)$$

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Conclusion

- Stabilization of the wave equation with boundary time-varying delay
 - under hypothesis on the delay, on the weights and on the domain,
 - by using Lyapunov functional,
 - influence of the delay.
- Extension to nonlinear case.

Open problems

- Stabilization of second order evolution equations with unbounded feedback with time-dependent delay.
- Internal stabilization of the wave equation with time-varying delay, stabilization of the wave equation on networks with time-varying delay.
- Well-posedness of the nonlinear case if the delay vanishes.