

Quasi exponential decay of a finite difference
space discretization of the 1-d wave equation
by pointwise interior stabilization

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Continuous problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} y_{tt} - y_{xx} = 0 & 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\ y(0, t) = 0, y_x(1, t) = 0 & t > 0, \\ y(\xi_-, t) = y(\xi_+, t) & t > 0, \\ y_x(\xi_-, t) - y_x(\xi_+, t) = -\alpha y_t(\xi, t) & t > 0, \\ y(t = 0) = y^{(0)}, y_x(t = 0) = y^{(1)} & 0 < x < 1. \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

We define

$$V := \{y \in H^1(0, 1); y(0) = 0\}$$

Proposition

For all $(y^{(0)}, y^{(1)}) \in V \times L^2(0, 1)$ and for all $\alpha > 0$, there exists a unique solution

$$y \in C((0, T), V) \cap C^1((0, T), L^2(0, 1)).$$

The energy of the solution of system (1) is given by

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (|y_t(x, t)|^2 + |y_x(x, t)|^2) dx$$

and obeys the following dissipation law :

$$\frac{dE(t)}{dt} = -\alpha |y_t(\xi, t)|^2. \quad (2)$$

This implies that the energy is decreasing. Moreover, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E(t) = 0$ for any initial data in $V \times L^2(0, 1)$ if and only if

$$\xi \neq \frac{2p}{2q+1}, \forall p, q \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The exponential decay property of the solution of (1) is equivalent to an **observability estimate** for the corresponding conservative system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \varphi_{tt} - \varphi_{xx} = 0 & 0 < x < 1, t > 0, \\ \varphi(0, t) = 0, \varphi_x(1, t) = 0 & t > 0, \\ \varphi(t = 0) = y^{(0)}, \varphi_x(t = 0) = y^{(1)} & 0 < x < 1, \end{array} \right. . \quad (3)$$

In this case, the observability estimate holds if and only if $\xi = \frac{p}{q}$, where p is odd, and therefore, the system (1) is exponentially stable in the energy space [*Ammari-Henrot-Tucsnak 2001*].

Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $h = \frac{1}{N+1}$ and consider the subdivision of $(0, 1)$ given by

$$0 = x_0 < \dots < x_{j-1} < x_j = jh < x_{j+1} < \dots < x_{N+1} = 1,$$

i.e. $x_j = jh$ for all $j = 0, \dots, N + 1$.

We fix $j_N \in \mathbb{N} \cap (0, N + 1)$ such that $x_{j_N} \rightarrow \xi$ when $N \rightarrow \infty$.

The finite-difference space semi-discretization of system (1) that we consider is the following

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} y_j'' - \frac{y_{j+1} - 2y_j + y_{j-1}}{h^2} = 0 & t > 0, j = 1, \dots, N, j \neq j_N, \\ y_0 = 0, y_{N+1} - y_N = 0 & t > 0, \\ \frac{y_{j_{N+1}} - 2y_{j_N} + y_{j_{N-1}}}{h} = \alpha y'_{j_N} & t > 0, \\ y_j(t = 0) = y_j^{(0)}, & \\ y'_j(t = 0) = y_j^{(1)} & j = 1, \dots, N \end{array} \right. . \quad (4)$$

We set $y_h = (y_j)_j$, $y_h^{(0)} = (y_j^{(0)})_j$ and $y_h^{(1)} = (y_j^{(1)})_j$.

We define the energy as

$$E_h(t) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0, j \neq j_N}^N |y'_j(t)|^2 + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N \left| \frac{y_{j+1}(t) - y_j(t)}{h} \right|^2, \quad (5)$$

Proposition

The energy is decreasing with respect to t and

$$E'_h(t) = -\alpha(y'_{j_N}(t))^2.$$

We consider the finite-difference space semi-discretization of conservative system (3) :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u_j'' - \frac{u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1}}{h^2} = 0 & t > 0, j = 1, \dots, N \\ u_0 = 0, u_{N+1} - u_N = 0 & t > 0 \\ u_j(t = 0) = y_j^{(0)}, u_j'(t = 0) = y_j^{(1)} & j = 1, \dots, N \end{array} \right. . \quad (6)$$

The system (6) can be rewritten in the following simplified form :

$$U_h'' + A_h U_h = 0, t > 0$$

where $U_h = (u_1, \dots, u_N)$ and $A_h = \frac{1}{h^2} \text{tridiag}(-1, 2, -1)$.

Spectral analysis of conservative problem

The eigenvectors of the matrix A_h satisfy the eigenvalue system

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{\varphi_{j+1}-2\varphi_j+\varphi_{j-1}}{h^2} = \lambda\varphi_j & j = 1, \dots, N \\ \varphi_0 = 0, \varphi_{N+1} - \varphi_N = 0 \end{cases} . \quad (7)$$

From [*Isaacson-Keller 1966*] we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_j^{k,h} &= \sin\left(\frac{(2k+1)\pi jh}{2-h}\right), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N \\ \lambda_{k,h} &= \frac{4}{h^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{(2k+1)\pi h}{2(2-h)}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Energy of conservative system

The energy of the conservative system (6) is given by

$$E_{j_N}(u_h, t) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N (|u'_j(t)|^2 + \left| \frac{u_{j+1}(t) - u_j(t)}{h} \right|^2). \quad (9)$$

Obviously, this energy $E_{j_N}(u_h, \cdot)$ is constant.

We now introduce a new energy \tilde{E}_h for (6) by

$$\tilde{E}_h(u_h, t) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N \left| \frac{u'_{j+1}(t) - u'_j(t)}{h} \right|^2 + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N |(A_h u_h)_j(t)|^2. \quad (10)$$

This new energy \tilde{E}_h of the conservative system (6) is constant.

Proposition

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E_h(t) = 0$ if and only if

$$j_N h \neq \frac{(2-h)l}{2k+1}, \forall k = 0, \dots, N-1, l \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Proof :

\Leftarrow : La Salle's invariance principle.

\Rightarrow : If $\exists k \in \{0, \dots, N-1\}$ such that $j_N h = \frac{(2-h)l}{2k+1}$, then $\varphi_{j_N}^{k,h} = 0$ and

$$y_h(t) = \varphi^{k,h} \cos(\lambda_{k,h} t)$$

is solution of (4) with a constant energy.

A splitting

We split up y_h solution of (4) : $y_h = u_h + w_h$, where $u_h = (u_j)_j$ is solution of (6) and $w_h = (w_j)_j$ solves

$$\begin{cases} w_j'' - \frac{w_{j+1} - 2w_j + w_{j-1}}{h^2} = 0 & t > 0, j = 1, \dots, N, j \neq j_N \\ w_0 = 0, w_{N+1} - w_N = 0 & t > 0 \\ \frac{w_{j_N+1} - 2w_{j_N} + w_{j_N-1}}{h} = \alpha y'_{j_N} - h(A_h u_h)_{j_N} & t > 0 \\ w_j(t=0) = 0, w'_j(t=0) = 0 & j = 1, \dots, N \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

The energy

$$E_h(w_h, t) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0, j \neq j_N}^N |w'_j(t)|^2 + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N \left| \frac{w_{j+1}(t) - w_j(t)}{h} \right|^2$$

verifies

$$E'_h(w_h, t) = -w'_{j_N} (\alpha y'_{j_N} - h(A_h u_h)_{j_N}). \quad (12)$$

Non exponential decay (1)

We fix $\xi = \frac{p}{q}$ where p is odd and a sequence $j_N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{j_N} = j_N h \rightarrow \xi = \frac{p}{q}$, when $h \rightarrow 0$.

Lemma

If the decay of E_h is exponential, then $\exists T > 0$ and $C > 0$ such that $\forall y_h^{(0)}, y_h^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, one has

$$E_{j_N}(u_h, 0) \leq C \int_0^T |u'_{j_N}|^2 dt + \frac{h}{2} \int_0^h |(A_h u_h)_{j_N}|^2 dt \\ + Ch^2 \int_0^T |(A_h u_h)_{j_N}|^2 dt$$

where u_h is solution of (6) and $E_{j_N}(u_h, \cdot)$ is defined by (9).

Non exponential decay (2)

Lemma

Assume that

- N is a multiple of q
- $j_N = N \frac{p}{q}$, where p is odd (and so $x_{j_N} \rightarrow \frac{p}{q}$).

Then $\forall T > 0, \exists C(T) > 0$ and initial data such that the solution u_h of (6) with these initial data satisfies

$$E_{j_N}(u_h, 0) \geq \frac{C(T)}{h^2} \left(\int_0^T |u'_{j_N}(t)|^2 dt + \frac{h}{2} \int_0^h |(A_h u_h)_{j_N}|^2 dt + Ch^2 \int_0^T |(A_h u_h)_{j_N}|^2 dt \right).$$

Non exponential decay (3)

Theorem

Assume that

- N is a multiple of q
- $j_N = N \frac{p}{q}$, where p is odd (and so $x_{j_N} \rightarrow \frac{p}{q}$).

Then the decay of E_h to zero *is not uniformly exponential with respect to h* . More precisely there do not exist positive constants M and ω which are independent of h such that for all $h > 0$ and $y_h^{(0)}$ and $y_h^{(1)}$ in \mathbb{R}^N ,

$$E_h(t) \leq M e^{-\omega t} E_h(0), \forall t \geq 0. \quad (13)$$

Every solution of (6) can be developed in Fourier series as follow

$$u_h(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left[a_k \cos(\sqrt{\lambda_{k,h}}t) + \frac{b_k}{\sqrt{\lambda_{k,h}}} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_{k,h}}t) \right] \varphi^{k,h}$$

where $a_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}$, $k = 0, \dots, N - 1$. Introduce

$$C_h(\gamma) := \left\{ u_h = \sum_{\lambda_{k,h} \leq \frac{\gamma}{h^2}} a_k \varphi^{k,h} \quad \text{with } a_k \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

The gap condition

Lemma

Assume that $\gamma = 4 \sin^2(\frac{\pi\epsilon}{2})$ for some $0 \leq \epsilon < 1$. Then

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{k,h}} - \sqrt{\lambda_{k-1,h}} \geq \pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi\epsilon}{2}\right)$$

for all eigenvalues in the range $\lambda h^2 \leq \gamma$.

We fix $\xi = \frac{p}{q}$ where p is odd and take the sequence $j_N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_{j_N} = j_N h \rightarrow \xi = \frac{p}{q}$, when $h \rightarrow 0$, defined by $j_N = \left[\frac{p(2N+1)}{2q} \right] \in \mathbb{N}$, where $[x]$ means the integral part of x .

Proposition 1

Assume that $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ is small enough such that $\alpha > \tan(\frac{\pi\epsilon}{2})$, where α verifies

$$\left| \sin\left(\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi\frac{p}{q}\right) \right| > \alpha, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then there exist $T = T(\gamma) > 2$ and $C = C(\gamma, T) > 0$ such that for every solution of (4) in the class $C_h(\gamma)$

$$(T - 2)E_{j_N}(u_h, 0) \leq C \int_0^T |u'_{j_N}(t)|^2 dt$$

uniformly as $h \rightarrow 0$.

Proof: based on a boundary observability estimate from [Tcheugoué Tébou-Zuazua 2007] and Ingham's inequality.

A preliminary estimate

Proposition

There exist $T > 0$ and $C(T) > 0$ such that the solution w_h of (11) verifies

$$\int_0^T (w'_{j_N})^2 dt \leq C(T) \left[\int_0^{2T} (y'_{j_N})^2 dt + h\tilde{E}_h(u_h, 0) + h\tilde{F}_h(u_h, 0) \right],$$

where y_h (respectively u_h) is solution of (4) (respectively (6)), \tilde{E}_h is defined by (10) and \tilde{F}_h given by

$$\tilde{F}_h(u_h, t) = \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N \left| \frac{u''_{j+1}(t) - u''_j(t)}{h} \right|^2 + \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N |(A_h u'_h)_j(t)|^2$$

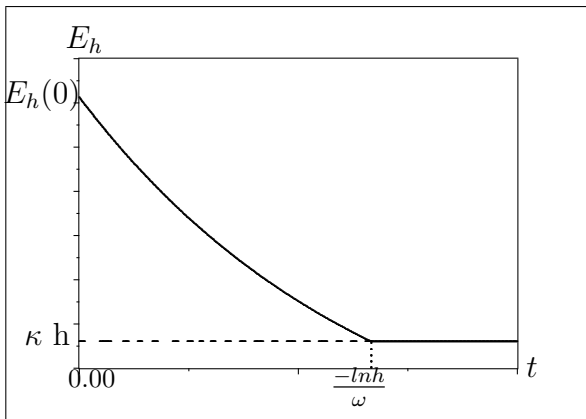
is obtained by substituting u_h by u'_h in the energy \tilde{E}_h .

Theorem

Under the assumptions of Proposition 1, there exist $K > 0$, $\omega > 0$ and $C > 0$ such that any solution of (4) with initial data in $C_h(\gamma)$ verifies

$$E_h(y_h, t) \leq Ke^{-\omega t} E_h(y_h, 0) + Ch(\tilde{E}_h(u_h, 0) + \tilde{F}_h(u_h, 0)).$$

An illustration



Proposition

Let the assumptions of Proposition 1 be satisfied, the following assertions are equivalent :

(i) There exist $K > 0$, $\omega > 0$ and $C > 0$ such that every solution of (4) with initial data in $C_h(\gamma)$ verifies

$$E_h(y_h, t) \leq Ke^{-\omega t} E_h(y_h, 0) + Ch(\tilde{E}_h(u_h, 0) + \tilde{F}_h(u_h, 0)).$$

(ii) There exist positive constants T_0 and C_0 such that every solution of (6) satisfies

$$E_{j_N}(u_h, t) \leq C_0 \int_0^{T_0} |u'_{j_N}| dt + C_0 h(\tilde{E}_h(u_h, 0) + \tilde{F}_h(u_h, 0)).$$

Conclusion

- Non uniform exponential decay of the discrete energy
- Filtering technique allows to restore a quasi exponential decay

Open problems

- Uniform polynomial decay rates
- Full discretizations
- Discretization on networks