

Controllability results for KdV-type equations

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The KdV equation

The Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation $\partial_t u + \partial_x u + \partial_x^3 u + u \partial_x u = 0$ was introduced by Diederik Korteweg and Gustav de Vries in 1895^[1] to model the propagation of long water waves in a channel.

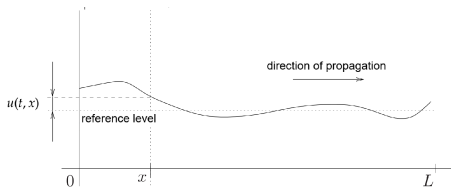


Figure: Solitary waves.

Model a variety of phenomena, including water waves, tsunamis, transmission of electrical signals in nerve fibers, plasma, cosmology, etc.

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The linearized system is exactly controllable if and only if

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Via [H.U.M](#) it is possible to show that exact controllability holds if and only if

$$\|z_0\|_{L^2(0,L)} \leq C \|\partial_x z(\cdot, 0)\|_{L^2(0,T)}, \quad \forall z_0 \in L^2(0, L) \quad (\text{Obs})$$

and $z = S(\cdot)z_0 \in C([0, T]; L^2(0, L)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(0, L))$ solution of

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Taking Fourier transform (\mathcal{A}) is equivalent to the existence of $(p, \alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{C}^3$ ($\alpha, \beta \neq 0$) such that

$$\hat{\psi}(\xi) = if(\xi), \quad f(\xi) = \frac{\alpha - \beta e^{-iL\xi}}{\xi^3 - \xi + p}, \quad \lambda = -ip \in i\mathbb{R},$$

1 f is an entire function in \mathbb{C} ;

2 $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(\xi)|^2 (1 + |\xi|^2) d\xi$;

3 $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{C}, |f(\xi)| \leq ((1 + |\xi|)^N e^{L|\operatorname{Im}(\xi)|})$, $C, N > 0$.

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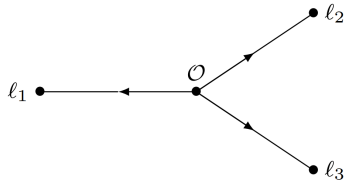
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In what follows we focus on the related overdetermined systems appearing developing this strategy. We do not put emphasis in the regularity framework and nonlinear systems.

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Figure: Star shaped network for $N = 3$.

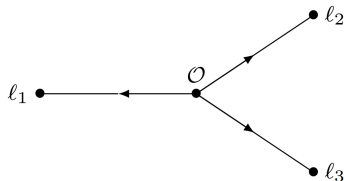
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LKdV on a star network

We study the linearization around $\underline{0}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t y_j(t, x) + \partial_x y_j(t, x) + \partial_x^3 y_j(t, x) = 0, & t \in (0, T), x \in (0, \ell_j), j = 1, \dots, N, \\ y_j(t, 0) = y_1(t, 0), & t \in (0, T), \forall j = 2, \dots, N, \\ \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_x^2 y_j(t, 0) = -\alpha y_1(t, 0) + g_0(t), & t \in (0, T), \\ y_j(t, \ell_j) = p_j(t), \quad \partial_x y_j(t, \ell_j) = g_j(t), & t \in (0, T), j = 1, \dots, N, \\ y_j(0, x) = y_j^0(x), & x \in I_j, \end{array} \right.$$

Control on network

Controllability is equivalent to an observability inequality for the adjoint system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\partial_t \varphi_j - \partial_x \varphi_j - \partial_x^3 \varphi_j = 0, \\ \varphi_j(t, 0) = \varphi_1(t, 0), \quad \forall j = 2, \dots, N, \\ \sum_{j=1}^N \partial_x^2 \varphi_j(t, 0) = (\alpha - N) \varphi_1(t, 0), \quad t \in (0, T), \\ \varphi_j(t, l_j) = \partial_x \varphi_j(t, 0) = 0, \\ \varphi_j(T, x) = \varphi_j^T(x). \end{array} \right.$$

$$\|\underline{\varphi}(T, x)\|_{\mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{T})}^2 \leq C \left(\underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^N \|\partial_x^2 \varphi_j(t, l_j)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2}_{\text{Dirichlet}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^N \|\partial_x \varphi_j(t, l_j)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2}_{\text{Neumann}} + \underbrace{\|\varphi_1(t, 0)\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2}_{\text{Central node}} \right)$$

Neumann controls

Observability inequality reads^[4]

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This case was considered in^[5], and the following result was proved.

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There exist $L_0, T_0 > 0$, such that if

$$\max_{j=1, \dots, N} \ell_j < L_0, \quad \text{and } T > T_0.$$

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This ask us to study the solutions of

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Rosier's approach arises

$$i\hat{\varphi}_j(\xi) = \frac{\kappa\xi^2 + \beta_j e^{-i\xi l_j} + \gamma_j}{\xi^3 - \xi - p_j}, \dots$$

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