

# The moment method in action

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### Remarks

- Uniqueness  $\iff E^\perp = \{0\} \iff E$  is complete in  $H$ .
- Necessary existence conditions : there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$|\omega_e| \leq C \|e\|_H, \quad \forall e \in E,$$

$$|\omega_e - \omega_f| \leq C \|e - f\|_H, \quad \forall e, f \in E,$$

...

$$\left| \sum_{e \in E} \alpha_e \omega_e \right| \leq C \left\| \sum_{e \in E} \alpha_e e \right\|_H, \quad \forall (\alpha_e)_{e \in E} \subset \mathbb{R} \text{ finitely supported.}$$

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### Proposition (Finite case)

If  $E$  is finite and linearly independent, then (P) has a solution for every  $\omega$ .

### Sketch of proof

- There exists a **biorthogonal family**  $(q_e)_{e \in E} \subset H$

$$(e, q_f)_H = \delta_{e,f}, \quad \forall e, f \in E.$$

- A solution of (P) is given by  $x = \sum_{f \in E} \omega_f q_f$ .

- Note that the minimal such family satisfies  $\|q_e\|_H = \frac{1}{d(e, \text{Span}(E \setminus \{e\}))}$ .

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### Theorem (Infinite case - usual approach)

If  $E$  is infinite, there exists a biorthogonal family  $(q_e)_{e \in E}$  **if and only if**

$$d(e, \text{Span}(E \setminus \{e\})) > 0, \quad \forall e \in E.$$

In that case, we have  $\|q_e\|_H = \frac{1}{d(e, \text{Span}(E \setminus \{e\}))}$ .

In particular,

$$\sum_{e \in E} |\omega_e| \|q_e\|_H < +\infty \quad \implies \quad x = \sum_{e \in E} \omega_e q_e \text{ solves (P) .}$$

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Assume  $d(e, \text{Span}(E \setminus \{e\})) > 0, \forall e \in E$ . Let  $(q_e)_{e \in E}$  be the minimal biorthogonal family.

Let  $E = \bigsqcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} G$  be a partition of  $E$  into finite subsets. We have

$$\sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \left\| \sum_{e \in G} \omega_e q_e \right\| < +\infty \quad \Longrightarrow \quad x = \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \left( \sum_{e \in G} \omega_e q_e \right) \text{ solves (P) .}$$

**Remark :**  $q_G = \sum_{e \in G} \omega_e q_e$  solves the partial moment problem  $(e, q_G)_H = \begin{cases} \omega_e, & \text{if } e \in G, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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## Abstract linear time invariant parabolic control problems

- Two Hilbert spaces : the state space  $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and the control space  $(U, (\cdot, \cdot)_U)$ .
- $\mathcal{A} : D(\mathcal{A}) \subset X \mapsto X$  some unbounded operator and such that  $-\mathcal{A}$  generates a continuous semigroup.
- $\mathcal{B} : U \mapsto X$  the (bounded) control operator,  $\mathcal{B}^*$  its adjoint.

Our controlled parabolic problem is

$$(S) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t y + \mathcal{A}y = \mathcal{B}u & \text{in } ]0, T[, \\ y(0) = y_0, \end{cases}$$

- $y_0 \in X$  is the initial data and  $u \in L^2(]0, T[, U)$  is the control we are looking for.

### Theorem (Well-posedness of (S) in a dual sense)

For any  $y_0 \in X$  and  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$ , there exists a unique  $y = y_{u, y_0} \in C^0([0, T], X)$  such that

$$\langle y(\tau), \phi \rangle - \langle y_0, e^{-\tau \mathcal{A}^*} \phi \rangle = \int_0^\tau \left( u(t), \mathcal{B}^* e^{-(\tau-t)\mathcal{A}^*} \phi \right)_U dt, \quad \forall \tau \in [0, T], \forall \phi \in X.$$

### Null-controllability

Let  $T > 0$  be given. We say that (S) is null-controllable at time  $T$ , if

$$\forall y_0 \in X, \exists u \in L^2(0, T; U), \text{ such that } y_{u, y_0}(T) = 0.$$

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### Remarks

- It is enough to test against the elements of **any complete family  $\Phi$  of elements in  $X$** .
- Solving *(GMP)* is *a priori* as difficult as solving the initial control problem or not ... see M. Morancey's talk.
- *(GMP)* can be reduced to a more tractable moment problem if we manage to find  $\Phi$  such that the "test functions"

$$\left( t \mapsto \mathcal{B}^* e^{-t\mathcal{A}^*} \phi \right)_{\phi \in \Phi}$$

have simple enough expressions.

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### Second level of simplification : scalar control

Assume we are dealing with a scalar control problem :  $U = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}^* : U \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ .

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### Notation

$$e[\lambda] := \left( t \in (0, +\infty) \mapsto e^{-\lambda t} \right) \in L^2(0, +\infty).$$

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## Theorem (Necessary condition : the price to pay for orthogonality)

A solution to (PM) exists **if and only if**  $\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \frac{1}{|\lambda|} < +\infty$ .

Sketch of proof

(Müntz, 1914) (Schwartz, 1943)

$$d_{L^2(0,\infty)} \left( e[\lambda], \text{Span}(e[\mu], \mu \neq \lambda) \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \operatorname{Re} \lambda}} \prod_{\substack{\mu \in \Lambda \\ \mu \neq \lambda}} \left| \frac{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\bar{\mu}}} \right|.$$

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- Asymptotics :  $N_\Lambda(r) \leq \kappa r^\theta$  for any  $r > 0$  with  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ .
- Group size :  $\#G \leq n$  and  $\text{diam}(G) \leq \rho$ .
- Separation :  $d(\text{conv}(G), \Lambda \setminus G) \geq \gamma$ .

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## Theorem

There exists  $C > 0$  depending only on  $\eta, \kappa, \theta, n, \rho, \gamma$  such that :  
for any  $T > 0$ , there exists a solution  $q_{G, \omega, T}$  to (PM) that satisfies

(B., '23•)

$$\|q_{G, \omega, T}\|_{L^2(0, T)} \leq C e^{Cr_G^\theta + CT^{-\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}} \max_{L \subset G} |\omega[L]|,$$

where  $r_G = \min_{\lambda \in G} \text{Re } \lambda$  and  $\omega[L]$  denotes the divided difference associated to  $L$  and  $\omega$ .

## Partial (scalar, exponential) moment problems

### Examples, extensions

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- Taking into account multiplicities :

We get **for free** similar estimates for solutions to

$$\begin{cases} (e[\mu], q_{\lambda, 0})_{L^2(0, T)} = \delta_{\lambda, \mu}, \quad \forall \mu \in \Lambda, \\ (e[\mu, \mu], q_{\lambda, 0})_{L^2(0, T)} = 0, \quad \forall \mu \in \Lambda, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} (e[\mu], q_{\lambda, 1})_{L^2(0, T)} = 0, \quad \forall \mu \in \Lambda, \\ (e[\mu, \mu], q_{\lambda, 1})_{L^2(0, T)} = \delta_{\lambda, \mu}, \quad \forall \mu \in \Lambda, \end{cases}$$

with

$$e[\lambda, \lambda] := \left( t \in (0, +\infty) \mapsto (-t)e^{-\lambda t} \right) \in L^2(0, +\infty).$$

# Partial moment problems arising from parabolic controllability questions

(Benabdallah - B. - Morancey, '20) (B., '23+)

Recall the original moment problem to solve

$$\int_0^T e^{-\lambda t} v(t) dt = e^{-\lambda T} \frac{\langle y_0, \phi_\lambda \rangle}{\mathcal{B}^* \phi_\lambda}, \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

This amounts to consider

$$\omega_\lambda = e^{-\lambda T} \psi_\lambda,$$

## Lemma ( $\approx$ Leibniz rule)

In a group  $G$  we have

$$\max_{L \subset G} |\omega[L]| \leq C e^{-r_G T} \max_{L \subset G} |\psi[L]|.$$

## Theorem

With the same assumption above there exists, for any  $T > 0$ , a solution to

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### Lemma

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then we can write

$$\Lambda = \bigsqcup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} G, \tag{1}$$

where each  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  is a finite set satisfying the assumptions we considered above

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### Theorem (Small time null-controllability)

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Assume that for some  $M > 0$  we have

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### Boundary control for 1D cascade parabolic systems

(Fernandez-Cara - González-Burgos - de Teresa, '10)

The following system is null-controllable at any time  $T > 0$

$$\partial_t y + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} & 1 \\ 0 & \mathcal{A} \end{pmatrix} y = 0, \quad y(t, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad y(t, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Uniform boundary control for discrete 1D cascade parabolic systems

(Allonsius-B.-Morancey, '18)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y_h + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_h & 1 \\ 0 & \mathcal{A}_h \end{pmatrix} y_h = \mathcal{B}_h \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u_h(t) \end{pmatrix} \\ y_h(0) = y_{0,h}, \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_h$  is the F.D. approximation of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_h$  is the discrete boundary control operator.

#### Theorem (Relaxed uniform null-controllability)

There exists  $C > 0$  and  $h_0 > 0$  such that : For any  $h < h_0$ , any initial data  $y_{0,h}$ , there exists a  $u_h \in L^2(0, T, U_h)$  such that

$$\|u_h\|_{L^2(0, T)} \leq C \|y_{0,h}\|_h,$$

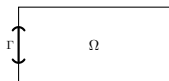
$$\|y_h(T)\|_h \leq C e^{-C/h^2} \|y_{0,h}\|_h.$$

## Back to the full scalar moment problem

Some examples in 2D

The cascade system on a rectangle

(Benabdallah - B. - Gonzalez-Burgos - Olive, '14) (Allonsius - B., '20)



$$\partial_t y + \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta & 1 \\ 0 & -\Delta \end{pmatrix} y = 0, \quad y(t, \cdot) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_\Gamma u(t, \cdot) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (S)$$

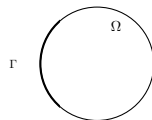
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For any non empty  $\Gamma$  the system (S) is null-controllable at any time  $T > 0$ , with the estimate

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The cascade system on a disk

(Trabut, '24)



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$$\max_{L \subset G} |\psi[L]| \leq M e^{r_G T^*}, \quad \forall G \in \mathcal{G}, \quad (2)$$

then for every  $T > T^*$ , the full moment problem (= the NC problem) has a solution  $v \in L^2(0, T)$  s.t.

$$\|v\|_{L^2(0, T)} \leq C_{T^*} M e^{C(T-T^*)^{-\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}}.$$

**Remark :** Conversely if the NC at time  $T$  has a solution, then (2) holds for  $T^* = T$ .

The minimal null control time for this problem is thus the quantity

$$T_0 = \limsup_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \frac{\ln \left( \max_{L \subset G} |\psi[L]| \right)}{r_G}.$$

## Back to the full scalar moment problem

Some examples

1D boundary control - non constant coupling

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Less involved (yet interesting) example

(B. - Benabdallah - Morancey, '20)

$$\partial_t y + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} & 1 \\ 0 & \mathcal{A} + b(x) \end{pmatrix} y = 0, \quad y(t, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad y(t, 1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↪ For  $b$  small enough in  $L^2$  the system is null-controllable at any time  $T > 0$  despite the spectral condensation that occurs in the system.

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## Few words about some non scalar moment problem

Reminder

For a non scalar control: the moment problem to solve is more involved

$$\text{Find } v \in L^2(0, T; U) \text{ such that } \int_0^T e^{-\lambda t} (v(t), \mathcal{B}^* \phi_\lambda)_U dt = -e^{-\lambda T} \langle y_0, \phi_\lambda \rangle, \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

### Abstract problem

Given a family  $(b_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subset U \setminus \{0\}$ , a family of scalars  $(\omega_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , can we find  $v \in L^2(0, T; U)$  such that

$$(e[\lambda] b_\lambda, v)_{L^2(0, T; U)} = \omega_\lambda, \quad \forall \lambda \in \Lambda.$$

### Partial version

Given  $G \subset \Lambda$ , find  $q = q_{G, b, \omega, T}$  such that

$$\begin{cases} (e[\lambda] b_\lambda, q)_{L^2(0, T; U)} = \omega_\lambda, & \forall \lambda \in G, \\ (e[\lambda], q)_{L^2(0, T)} = \mathbf{0}_U, & \forall \lambda \in \Lambda \setminus G. \end{cases}$$



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Two particular *limiting* cases

Case 1: All the  $(b_\lambda)_{\lambda \in G}$  are **colinear**

(VPM) is equivalent to a scalar moment problem

$\Rightarrow$  same estimates as before depending on the divided differences  $\omega[L]$  for  $L \subset G$ .

Case 2: All the  $(b_\lambda)_{\lambda \in G}$  are **pairwise orthogonal**

The eigenvalues in  $G$  do not see each other

$$q(t) = \sum_{\mu \in G} \omega_\mu \frac{b_\mu}{\|b_\mu\|^2} \tilde{q}_\mu(t),$$

where  $\tilde{q}_\mu$  is the biorthogonal in  $L^2(0, T)$  to  $e[\mu]$  among the family  $(\Lambda \setminus G) \cup \{\mu\}$ .

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Fifty shades of grey

(B. - Morancey, '23)

### Theorem

Consider the same assumptions as before on  $\Lambda$  and  $G$ .

For each  $G$ , we can build:

- an **explicit**  $n \times n$  matrix  $M_G$  depending only on  $G$  and  $(b_\lambda)_{\lambda \in G}$
- an **explicit** vector  $\xi_G \in \mathbb{C}^n$  depending only on the divided differences  $\omega[L]$  with  $L \subset G$

such that there exists a solution to (VPM) that satisfies

$$\|q_{G,b,\omega,T}\|_{L^2(0,T;U)} \leq C e^{C r_G^\theta + C T^{-\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}}} (M_G \xi_G, \xi_G)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The **red** factor is optimal.

(Gonzalez-Burgos - de Teresa, '16) (Ammar-Khodja - Benabdallah - Gonzalez-Burgos - de Teresa, '16) (B. - Morancey, '24)

### 1D distributed control - non constant coupling

$$\partial_t y + \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A} & a(x) \\ 0 & \mathcal{A} \end{pmatrix} y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_\omega u(t, x) \end{pmatrix},$$

- If  $\omega \cap \text{Supp}(a) \neq \emptyset$ , the system is null-controllable at any time  $T$ .
- There exists a coupling term  $a$  and two non trivial control domains  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  that do not intersect  $\text{Supp}(a)$  such that
  - If  $\omega = \omega_1$ , the system is null-controllable at any time  $T > 0$ .
  - If  $\omega = \omega_2$ , the system is not even approximately controllable.

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**Moment formulation** : Instead of exponentials, use this family of time discrete functions

$$p[\lambda] := \left( n \in \llbracket 0, M \rrbracket \mapsto (1 + \lambda\tau)^{-n} \right) \in L_\tau^2(0, T).$$

## Theorem

Assume  $\Lambda \subset (0, +\infty)$ , the gap condition and  $N_\Lambda(r) \leq \kappa r^\theta$ .

There exists  $\varpi > 0$ ,  $\tau_0$  depending only on  $\rho$ ,  $\kappa$ ,  $\theta$ , such that :

For any  $\tau < \tau_0$  there exists a family  $(q_{\lambda, T})_{\substack{\lambda \in \Lambda \\ \lambda\tau \leq \varpi}}$

$$(p[\mu], q_{\lambda, T})_{L_\tau^2(0, T)} = \delta_{\lambda, \mu}, \quad \forall \lambda, \mu \in \Lambda, \text{ with } \lambda\tau \leq \varpi, \mu\tau \leq \varpi,$$

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Same result with multiplicities ...

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For any initial data  $y^0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , for any  $\tau < \tau_0$  there exists a time-discrete control  $v_\tau = (v^n)_{n \in \llbracket 0, M \rrbracket}$  such that

$$\|v_\tau\|_{L^2_\tau(0, T)} \leq C \|y^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

$$\|y^M\| \leq C e^{-\frac{C}{\tau^2}} \|y^0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

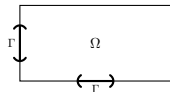
We have a similar result for fully discrete case.

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(B.-Olive, '24)

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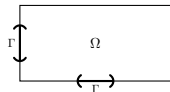
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Everything boils down to a (very) weird family of moment-like problems






Here  $\Omega = (0, \pi)^2$

Find two families  $(u_k)_k, (v_l)_l \subset L^2(0, T)$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \int_0^T e^{-(k^2+l^2)t} u_k(t) dt + \int_0^T e^{-(k^2+l^2)t} v_l(t) dt = \omega_{k,l}, & \forall k, l \geq 1, \\ \int_0^T e^{-d(k^2+l^2)t} u_k(t) dt + \int_0^T e^{-d(k^2+l^2)t} v_l(t) dt = \tilde{\omega}_{k,l}, & \forall k, l \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

# Thanks for your attention !

## Any questions ?

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