## Positivity of infinite-dimensional linear control systems

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# Motivation

Let us consider the following system of transport equations on a network:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} z_j(t, x, v) = v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} z_j(t, x, v) + q_j(x, v) . z_j(t, x, v), & t \ge 0, \quad (x, v) \in \Omega_j, \\ z_j(0, x, v) = f_j(x, v) \ge 0, & (x, v) \in \Omega_j, \\ \imath_{ij}^{out} z_j(t, 1, \cdot) = \mathsf{w}_{ij} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{M}} \imath_{ik}^{in} \mathbb{J}_k(z_k)(t, 0, \cdot) + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}_c} \mathsf{b}_{il} u_l(t, .), & t \ge 0, \end{cases}$$

for  $i \in \{1, ..., N\} := \mathcal{N}, j \in \{1, ..., M\} := \mathcal{M}$  and  $I \in \{1, ..., n\} := \mathcal{N}_c$  with  $M \ge N \ge n$ , where we set  $\Omega_j := [0, I_j] \times [v_{\min}, v_{\max}], I_j > 0$ . Here, the scattering operators  $\mathbb{J}_j$  are given by

$$(\mathbb{J}f)_j(x,v) = \int_{v_{\min}}^{v_{\max}} \ell_j(x,v,v') f_j(x,v') dv', \qquad (x,v) \in \Omega_j, \ f_j \in L^p(\Omega_j),$$

where  $\ell_j \in L^{\infty}(\Omega_j \times [v_{\min}, v_{\max}])$  for every  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ .

We consider the following size-structured population model with delayed birth process:

$$\begin{cases} rac{\partial}{\partial t} z(t,s) + rac{\partial}{\partial s} q(s) z(t,s) = -\mu(s) z(t,s), & t \geq 0, \quad s \in (0,s^*), \ z(0,s) = f(s) \geq 0, \quad z( heta,s) = arphi( heta,s) \geq 0, \quad heta \in [-r,0], & s \in (0,s^*), \ g(0) z(t,0) = \int_0^{s^*} \int_{-r}^0 eta(s) z(t+ heta,s) d\eta( heta) ds + bu(t), & t \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Here, z(t, s) represents the population density of certain species of size  $s \in (0, s^*)$  at time  $t \ge 0$ , where  $s^* > 0$  is the maximum size of any individual in the population. The function q(s) is the growth rate of size over time and the size dependent functions  $\beta$  and  $\mu$  denote the fertility and mortality, respectively. We denotes by *b* the boundary control operator, *u* define the control functions and  $(f, \varphi)$  are the initial distributions of our target population.

Can be transformed as the following perturbed boundary value control system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}(t) = A_m z(t), & t > 0, \\ z(0) = x \ge 0, \\ Gz(t) = \Gamma z(t) + Ku(t), & t > 0, \end{cases}$$

where the state variable z(.) takes values in a Banach lattice X and the control function  $u(\cdot)$  is given in the Banach space  $L^{p}([0, +\infty); U)$ .

- The maximal (differential) operator  $A_m : D(A_m) \subset X \to X$  is closed and densely defined.
- K is a bounded linear operator from U into  $\partial X$  (both are Banach lattices).
- $G, \Gamma : D(A_m) \rightarrow \partial X$  are linear continuous trace operators.

# Boundary control positive systems

Consider the following boundary control system

$$(CS)\begin{cases} \dot{z}(t) = A_m z(t), & z(0) = x, \quad t > 0, \\ Gz(t) = v(t), & t > 0, \end{cases}$$

for  $x \in X_+$  and  $v \in L^p_+(\mathbb{R}_+; \partial X)$ , where we recall that  $X, \partial X$  are Banach lattices.

### **Main Assumptions:**

H1.  $A := (A_m)_{|D(A)|}$  with  $D(A) = \ker G$ , generates a strongly continuous positive semigroup  $\mathbb{T} := (T(t))_{t \ge 0}$  on X;

H2. Range (*G*) =  $\partial X$  and  $\Gamma$  is positive.

## Boundary control positive systems

For any  $\mu \in \rho(A)$ , we have

$$D(A_m) = D(A) \oplus \ker(\mu I_X - A_m)$$

and the following inverse (called the Dirichlet operator associated with (G, A))

$$D_{\mu} := \left(G_{\mid \ker(\mu I_X - A_m)}\right)^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(\partial X, X)$$

exists. So, it makes sense to define the following operator

$${old B}:=(\mu I_X-{old A}_{-1})D_\mu\in {\mathcal L}(\partial X,X_{-1,A}),\qquad \mu\in
ho({old A}).$$

The extrapolation space associated with X and A, denoted by  $X_{-1,A}$ , is the completion of X with respect to the norm  $||x||_{-1} := ||R(\mu, A)x||$  for  $x \in X$  and some  $\mu \in \rho(A)$ .

$$X_+=(X_{-1,A})_+\cap X.$$

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The system (CS) is reformulated as follows

$$\dot{z}(t) = A_{-1}z(t) + Bv(t), \quad z(0) = x, \quad t \ge 0.$$

An integral solution of the above equation is given by:  $z(t) = T(t)x + \Phi_t v \in X_{-1}$ , for any  $t \ge 0$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $v \in L^p([0, +\infty), \partial X)$ , where

$$\Phi_t \mathbf{v} := \int_0^t T_{-1}(t-s) B \mathbf{v}(s) ds \in X_{-1,A} \qquad (*).$$

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In particular,  $z(\cdot) \in C([0, +\infty), X)$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $v \in L^{p}([0, +\infty), \partial X)$ .

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- An operator B ∈ L(∂X, X<sub>-1</sub>) is called L<sup>p</sup>-admissible control operator for A if, for some τ > 0, the operator Range Φ<sub>τ</sub> ⊂ X.
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We have the following characterization of the well-posedness of (CS).

## Proposition (Yassine, 2022)

Let  $X, \partial X$  be Banach lattices, let (A, D(A)) generate a strongly continuous semigroup  $\mathbb{T}$  on X and  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\partial X, X_{-1})$ . Then for every  $x \in X$  and  $v \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+; \partial X)$ , the system (CS) has a unique solution  $z(\cdot) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+; X)$  if one of the following equivalent assertions holds.

(*i*) for any  $x \in X_+$  and  $v \in L^p_+(\mathbb{R}_+; \partial X)$ , the solution  $z(\cdot)$  of (CS) remains in  $X_+$ .

(*ii*)  $\mathbb{T}$ , *B* are positive and for some  $\tau > 0$ ,  $\Phi_{\tau} v \in X_{+}$  for all  $v \in L^{p}_{+}(\mathbb{R}_{+}; \partial X)$ .

#### Lemma

Let X,  $\partial X$  be Banach lattices and let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a positive  $C_0$ -semigroup on X. Then,

 $B \geq 0$  iff  $D_{\mu} := R(\mu, A_{-1})B \geq 0$ ,  $\forall \mu > s(A)$  iff  $\Phi_t \geq 0$ ,  $\forall t > 0$ .

Remarks:

Let  $\mathfrak{B}_p(\partial X, X, \mathbb{T})$  denote the vector space of all  $L^p$ -admissible control operators B, which is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|B\|_{\mathfrak{B}_p} := \sup_{\|v\|_{L^p([0,\tau];\partial X)} \leq 1} \left\| \int_0^\tau T_{-1}(\tau - s) Bv(s) ds \right\|,$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is fixed.

• One could relax the definition of *L<sup>p</sup>*-admissible positive control operators to

 $\|\Phi_t \mathbf{V}\|_X \leq \eta(\tau) \|\mathbf{V}\|_{L^p([0,\tau];\partial X)},$ 

for all  $v \in L^p_+([0,\tau], \partial X)$  and for some  $\tau \ge 0$ .

- $\mathfrak{B}_{p,+}(\partial X, X, \mathbb{T})$  is the positive convex cone in  $\mathfrak{B}_p(\partial X, X, \mathbb{T})$ .
- It generates the order: for  $B, B' \in \mathfrak{B}_{p}(\partial X, X, \mathbb{T})$ , we have  $B' \leq B$  whenever  $B B' \in \mathfrak{B}_{p,+}(\partial X, X, \mathbb{T})$ .

## (Yassine, 2022)

Let  $X, \partial X$  be Banach lattices, let A be a densely defined resolvent positive operator such that

$$\|R(\mu_0, A)x\| \geq c\|x\|, \qquad x \in X_+, \qquad (**)$$

for some  $\mu_0 > s(A)$  and constant c > 0. Then,  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\partial X, X_{-1})$  is a positive  $L^p$ -admissible control operator for A. Furthermore, for p > 1, B is of zero-class.

### Sketch of the proof:

For any positive constant function  $v \in \partial X$ ,  $\Phi_{\tau}^{A}v \in X_{+}$  (=  $X \cap (X_{-1,A})_{+}$ ).

• 
$$c \|\Phi_{\tau}^{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{v}\| \leq \|R(\mu_0, \mathcal{A})\Phi_{\tau}^{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{v}\| \leq \kappa(\tau) \|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^p([0, \tau]; \partial X)}$$
 with  
 $\kappa(\tau) := M e^{\omega \tau} \tau^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \|R(\mu_0, \mathcal{A}_{-1})B\|$ 

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## Desch-Schappacher perturbation, (Yassine, 2022)

Let (A, D(A)) be a densely defined resolvent positive operator satisfying the inverse estimate (\*\*) and let  $B \in \mathcal{L}(X, X_{-1})$  be a positive operator. Then  $(A_{-1} + B)|_X$  generates a positive  $C_0$ -semigroup on X and

$$s((A_{-1}+B)_{|_X}) = w_0((A_{-1}+B)_{|_X})$$

#### Sketch of the proof:

- $(A_{-1} + B)_{|_X}$  is resolvent positive.
- $(A_{-1} + B)_{|_X}$  satisfies the inverse estimate (\*\*).

# Application

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Let us consider a usual definition when dealing with delay equations. Namely, for a function  $z \in L^1([-r,\infty))$  and for  $t \ge 0$ , we define  $z_t \in L^1([-r,0])$  as  $z_t(\theta) = z(t+\theta)$ . In particular, notice that  $z_0 = z_{|[-r,0]}$ . Also, we underline that the function  $t \mapsto z_t$  is the solution of the boundary equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{v}(t,\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{v}(t,\theta), & t \ge 0, \ \theta \in [-r,0], \\ \mathbf{v}(t,0) = \mathbf{z}(t), \ \mathbf{v}(0,\theta) = \varphi(\theta), & t \ge 0, \ \theta \in [-r,0], \end{cases}$$

Let us consider the operators  $Q_m : D(Q_m) \subset L^1([-r, 0]) \to L^1([-r, 0]) := Y$  and  $Q : D(Q) \subset Y \to Y$  defined by

$$egin{aligned} Q_m arphi &= \partial_ heta arphi, & D(Q_m) = W^{1,1}([-r,0]), \ Q arphi &= (Q_m)_{|D(Q)}, & ext{with} & D(Q) = ext{ker}\{I_Y \otimes \delta_0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the operator Q generates the left shift semigroup  $(S(t))_{t\geq 0}$  on Y given by

$$(S(t)arphi)( heta) = egin{cases} \mathsf{0}, & -t \leq heta \leq \mathsf{0}, \ arphi(t+ heta), & -r \leq heta \leq -t, \end{cases}$$

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Using the additivity of the norm on the positive cone  $Y_+$  and Fubini's theorem we have

$$\begin{split} \|R(\lambda,Q)\varphi\|_{Y} &= \int_{-r}^{0} \|(R(\lambda,Q)\varphi)(\theta,\cdot)\| d\theta \\ &= \int_{-r}^{0} (R(\lambda,Q)\varphi)(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int_{-r}^{0} \frac{1}{\lambda} (e^{\lambda\sigma} - e^{-\lambda r}) e^{-\lambda\sigma} \varphi(\sigma,s) d\sigma \\ &\geq \int_{-r}^{0} \frac{1}{\lambda} (e^{\lambda\sigma} - e^{-\lambda r}) \varphi(\sigma,s) d\sigma, \end{split}$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\varphi \in Y_+$ . It follows from the Mean Value Theorem that there exists  $\alpha \in (-r, 0)$  such that

$$\int_{-r}^{0} \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{\lambda \sigma} \varphi(\sigma) d\sigma = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{\lambda \alpha} \int_{-r}^{0} \varphi(\sigma) d\sigma, \qquad \forall \, 0 \leq f \in C([-r, 0])$$

Thus, by density,

$$\|R(\lambda, Q)\varphi\|_{Y} \geq \frac{1}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda lpha} - e^{-\lambda r})\|\varphi\|_{Y}, \quad \forall \lambda > 0, \ \varphi \in Y_{+}.$$

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# Thank you