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Summary of Main Results on Function Space

Controllability and Stabilizability

Obtained in Original Proposal

Controllability properties of linear retarded control systems of the type

\[ \dot{y}(t) = A_0 y(t) + A_1 y(t-h) + Bu(t) \]  \hspace{1cm} (A.1)

where \( h \) is a positive constant, \( y \in \mathbb{R}^n \), \( u \in \mathbb{R}^m \), and \( A_0, A_1, \) and \( B \) are matrices of appropriate dimensions, were investigated. The approach followed consists in replacing (A.1) by its abstract representation given by

\[ \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) \]  \hspace{1cm} (A.2)

Here \( x \) belongs to the Hilbert space \( \mathbb{R}^n \times L_2([-h,0],\mathbb{R}^n) \), denoted shortly by \( M_2 \), \( A \) is a certain first order differential operator generating a \( C_0 \)-semigroup, and \( B \) is a certain operator with finite dimensional range.

More specifically, the following concepts were investigated:

1) \textit{\( M_2 \)-approximate controllability of (A.1)} (Loosely: steer the solution of (A.1) arbitrarily close to a preassigned pair consisting of an \( L_2([-h,0],\mathbb{R}^n) \)-target function and an \( \mathbb{R}^n \)-target point.)

2) \textit{\( L_2 \)-approximate controllability of (A.1)} (Loosely: steer the solution of (A.1) arbitrarily close to a preassigned \( L_2([-h,0],\mathbb{R}^n) \)-target function.)

3) \( \mathbb{R}^n \) (or Euclidean) controllability of (A.1) (Loosely: steer the solution of (A.1) to hit exactly a preassigned \( \mathbb{R}^n \)-target point.)

(For precise definitions, cf. Original Proposal)

4) Spectral controllability of (A.1) described below

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project it onto each of the countably many generalized eigenspaces associated to the operator $A$. Since each such eigenspace is finite dimensional, each projection is a linear ordinary (finite dimensional) differential equation. Then (A.1) is called 'spectrally controllable' in case all its associated projections onto the generalized eigenspaces are controllable (in the usual, finite dimensional sense).

One importance of the concept of spectral controllability is that it provides a sufficient condition (weaker than $M_2$-approximate controllability in fact!) for feedback stabilizability of (A.1) with arbitrarily prefixed exponential decay; this means that there exists a linear operator $F : M_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that the feedback input

$$u(t) = F(y(t), y(t+\phi)), \quad -h \leq \phi \leq 0$$

once substituted in (A.1), makes (A.1) a globally asymptotically stable linear retarded delay equation, bounded above by $M_6 e^{-\delta t}$, $t \geq 0$, for some $M_6 > 0$ and with $\delta$ arbitrarily prescribed positive constant.

Our declared goal in the Original Proposal was to characterize the above concepts of controllability in terms of easy-to-check tests involving only the data defining (A.1), i.e., the matrices $A_0, A_1, B$ and the constant $h$. Our declared approach was to use, as a starting point, an abstract characterization for controllability of general control systems in Banach spaces, as it applies to the infinite dimensional version (A.2) of the system (A.1). (See Original Proposal). (Such abstract characterization is a combination of results due to Fattorini and myself.) In previous papers, I had successfully applied such abstract characterization to derive easy to check tests for controllability of both parabolic and hyperbolic partial differential equations (P.D.E.) and other
infinite dimensional systems. Manitius and I have finally succeeded in applying such abstract characterizations to derive simple tests also for the above controllability concepts of the delay-equations (A.1). As a consequence, it is possible now to treat the controllability properties of various dynamical systems as parabolic, hyperbolic P.D.E., and delay-equations (plus other distributed parameter systems) in a mathematically unified way within the same framework of control systems defined on Banach spaces (semigroup theory of operators). Following the indicated unified approach, Manitius and I have, in one stroke, solved the $L_2$- and $M_2$- approximate controllability problems, which were completely open; provided a new treatment for rederiving already known tests for Euclidean controllability; derived new conditions for spectral controllability (and hence stabilizability) much easier to handle than those previously known; brought to light an interesting link between pointwise degeneracy and lack of $L_2$-approximate controllability; and clarified the relationship between $L_2$-approximate controllability and Popov reachability (see Original Proposal).

While detailed results are to be found in our paper, which are listed at the end, I briefly list some of our main findings:

1. Necessary conditions for $L_2$- (and $M_2$- ) approximate controllability of (A.1) stated in terms of the rank of a certain polynomial $n \times m$ matrix $P(\lambda)$, which is easily computable from the original system matrices $A_0, A_1$, and $B$. ($P(\lambda)$ does not depend on the delay $h$).

2. Necessary and sufficient conditions for $L_2$- and $M_2$-approximate controllability of (A.1) that reduce to the algebraic question on whether a system of linear homogeneous equations has a non-zero solution.

3. Sufficient conditions for $M_2$-approximate controllability of (A.1) for all values of $h > 0$ stated directly in terms of the original matrices.
A_0, A_1, and B. (For n \geq 3, the particular value of the delay \( h \) is shown through examples to be crucial even for \( L_2 \)-approximate controllability.)

4. A new treatment of Euclidean controllability written the same general unified approach described above.

5. Simple criteria for spectral controllability, hence for feedback stabilizability with arbitrarily prefixed exponential decay rate. These improve on previously known results in that they do not require knowledge of the eigenvalues of \( \tilde{A} \) (countably many, in general) but only (when \( m = 1 \)) the roots of the polynomial \( \det P(\lambda) \).

6. A link between pointwise degeneracy of (A.1) and lack for it of \( L_2 \)-approximate controllability.

7. \( L_2 \)-approximate controllability implies Popov reachability but not conversely.

Moreover, many examples complement the theoretical results and show the various links (or lack thereof) of the different concepts involved. Mathematically, our analysis is carried out through three distinct stages:

i. Functional analysis and semigroup of operator theory,

ii. Theory of entire functions, and

iii. Matrix theory and linear algebra.
Results obtained during this period of research include solving two approximate controllability problems, which were previously open. New treatments were provided for rederivings already known tests for Euclidean controllability. New conditions were derived for spectral controllability (and hence stabilizability) much easier to handle than those previously known. An interesting link was brought to light between pointwise degeneracy and the lack of approximate controllability in a Hilbert defined approximate controllability and Popov reachability was clarified.
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Moreover, I have completed and revised the following paper: