

**Frequency-domain conditions for convergence
to the stationary set in coupled PDEs**

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1. Introduction

Suppose: Y_0 a real Hilbert space, $(\cdot, \cdot)_0$ and $\|\cdot\|_0$ the scalar product resp. the norm on Y_0 ,

$A : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow Y_0$ the generator of a C_0 -semigroup on Y_0 ,

$Y_1 := \mathcal{D}(A)$.

For fixed $\beta \in \rho(A) \cap \mathbb{R}$ for any $y, \eta \in Y_1$ define

$$(y, \eta)_1 := ((\beta I - A)y, (\beta I - A)\eta)_0. \quad (1)$$

Y_{-1} is the completion of Y_0 with respect to the norm,

$\|y\|_{-1} := \|(\beta I - A)^{-1}y\|_0$ is the scalar product

$$(y, \eta)_{-1} := ((\beta I - A)^{-1}y, (\beta I - A)^{-1}\eta)_0, \quad \forall y, \eta \in Y_{-1}. \quad (2)$$

$Y_1 \subset Y_0 \subset Y_{-1}$ is a continuous embedding, i.e., for $\alpha = 1, 0$,

$Y_\alpha \subset Y_{\alpha-1}$, $\|y\|_{\alpha-1} \leq c\|y\|_\alpha$, $\forall y \in Y_\alpha$.

(Y_1, Y_0, Y_{-1}) is called a *Gelfand triple*.

For any $y \in Y_0$ and $z \in Y_1$ we have

$$|(y, z)_0| = |(\beta I - A)^{-1}y, (\beta I - A)z)_0| \leq \|y\|_{-1}\|z\|_1. \quad (3)$$

Extend $(\cdot, z)_0$ by continuity onto Y_{-1}

$$|(y, z)_0| \leq \|y\|_{-1}\|z\|_1, \quad \forall y \in Y_{-1}, \forall z \in Y_1.$$

Denote this extension also by $(\cdot, \cdot)_{-1,1}$.

Consider the Bochner measurable functions in

$L^2(0, T; Y_j)$ ($j = 1, 0, -1$)

$$\|y(\cdot)\|_{2,j} := \left(\int_0^T \|y(t)\|_j^2 dt \right)^{1/2}. \quad (4)$$

\mathcal{L}_T is the space of functions $y \in L^2(0, T; Y_1)$, s.th. $\dot{y} \in L^2(0, T; Y_{-1})$.

\mathcal{L}_T is equipped with the norm

$$\|y\|_{\mathcal{L}_T} := (\|y(\cdot)\|_{2,1}^2 + \|\dot{y}(\cdot)\|_{2,-1}^2)^{1/2}. \quad (5)$$

2. Evolutionary variational systems

Take $T > 0$ arbitrary and consider for a.a. $t \in [0, T]$ the evolutionary variational equation

$$(\dot{y} - Ay - B\xi - f(t), \eta - y)_{-1,1} = 0, \quad \forall \eta \in Y_1 \quad (6)$$

$$y(0) = y_0 \in Y_0,$$

$$w(t) = Cy(t), \quad \xi(t) = \varphi(t, w(t)), \quad (7)$$

$$\xi(0) = \xi_0,$$

$$z(t) = Dy(t) + E\xi(t). \quad (8)$$

$C \in \mathcal{L}(Y_{-1}, W)$, $D \in \mathcal{L}(Y_1, Z)$ and $E \in \mathcal{L}(\Xi, Z)$,
 Ξ, W and Z are real Hilbert spaces, $Y_1 \subset Y_0 \subset Y_{-1}$ is a real Gelfand triple and $A \in \mathcal{L}(Y_0, Y_{-1})$, $B \in \mathcal{L}(\Xi, Y_{-1})$,
 $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \times W \rightarrow \Xi$, $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow Y_{-1}$.

Denote by $\|\cdot\|_{\Xi}$, $\|\cdot\|_W$, $\|\cdot\|_Z$ the norm in Ξ, W resp. Z .

Definition 1 Any pair of functions $\{y(\cdot), \xi(\cdot)\}$ with $y \in \mathcal{L}_T$ and $\xi \in L^2_{loc}(0, \infty; \Xi)$ such that $B\xi \in \mathcal{L}_T$, satisfying (6), (7) almost everywhere on $(0, T)$, is called **solution of the Cauchy problem** $y(0) = y_0$, $\xi(0) = \xi_0$ defined for (6), (7).

Assumptions:

(C1) The Cauchy-problem (6), (7) has for arbitrary $y_0 \in Y_0$ and $\xi_0 \in \Xi$ at least one solution $\{y(\cdot), \xi(\cdot)\}$.

(C2) The nonlinearity $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \times W \rightarrow \Xi$ is a function having the property that $\mathcal{A}(t) := -A - B\varphi(t, C\cdot) : Y_1 \rightarrow Y_{-1}$ is a family of monotone hemicontinuous operators such that the inequality

$$\|\mathcal{A}(t)y\|_{-1} \leq c_1\|y\|_1 + c_2, \quad \forall y \in Y_1,$$

is satisfied, where $c_1 > 0$ and $c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ are constants not depending on $t \in [0, T]$.

For any $y \in Y_1$ and for any bounded set $U \subset Y_1$ the family of functions $\{(\mathcal{A}(t)\eta, y)_{-1,1}, \eta \in U\}$ is equicontinuous with respect to t on any compact subinterval of \mathbb{R}_+ .

(C3) $f \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}_+; Y_{-1})$.

(C4) Consider only solutions y of (6),(7) for which \dot{y} belongs to $L^2_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; Y_{-1})$.

Definition 2 Suppose F and G are quadratic forms on $Y_1 \times \Xi$. The **class of nonlinearities** $\mathcal{N}(F, G)$ defined by F and G consists of all maps $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \times W \rightarrow \Xi$ such that for any $y(\cdot) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(0, \infty; Y_1)$ with $\dot{y}(\cdot) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(0, \infty; Y_{-1})$ and any $\xi(\cdot) \in L^2_{\text{loc}}(0, \infty; \Xi)$ with $\xi(t) = \varphi(t, Cy(t))$ for a.e. $t \geq 0$, it follows that $F(y(t), \xi(t)) \geq 0$ for a.e. $t \geq 0$ and for any such pair $\{y, \xi\}$ there exists a continuous functional $\Phi : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that for any times $0 \leq s < t$ we have

$$\int_s^t G(y(\tau), \xi(\tau)) d\tau \geq \Phi(Cy(t)) - \Phi(Cy(s)) .$$

3. Further assumptions

(F1) $A \in \mathcal{L}(Y_1, Y_{-1})$ is *regular*, i.e., for any $T > 0, y_0 \in Y_1, \psi_T \in Y_1$ and $f \in L^2(0, T; Y_0)$ the solutions of the direct problem

$$\dot{y} = Ay + f(t), \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad \text{a.a. } t \in [0, T]$$

and of the dual problem

$$\dot{\psi} = -A^*\psi + f(t), \quad \psi(T) = \psi_T, \quad \text{a.a. } t \in [0, T]$$

are strongly continuous in t in the norm of Y_1 .

$A^* \in \mathcal{L}(Y_{-1}, Y_0)$ denotes the adjoint to A , i.e.,

$$(Ay, \eta)_{-1,1} = (y, A^*\eta)_{-1,1}, \quad \forall y, \eta \in Y_1 .$$

(F2) The pair (A, B) is L^2 -controllable, i.e., for arbitrary $y_0 \in Y_0$ exists a control $\xi(\cdot) \in L^2(0, \infty; \Xi)$ such that the problem

$$\dot{y} = Ay + B\xi, \quad y(0) = y_0$$

is well-posed on the semiaxis $[0, +\infty)$, i.e., there exists a solution $y(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_\infty$ with $y(0) = y_0$.

(F3) $F(y, \xi)$ is an Hermitian form on $Y_1 \times \Xi$, i.e.,

$$F(y, \xi) = (F_1 y, y)_{-1,1} + 2 \operatorname{Re} (F_2 y, \xi)_\Xi + (F_3 \xi, \xi)_\Xi,$$

where

$$F_1 = F_1^* \in \mathcal{L}(Y_1, Y_{-1}), \quad F_2 \in \mathcal{L}(Y_0, \Xi), \quad F_3 = F_3^* \in \mathcal{L}(\Xi, \Xi).$$

Define the *frequency-domain condition* [Likhtarnikov and Yakubovich, 1976]

$$\alpha := \sup_{\omega, y, \xi} (\|y\|_1^2 + \|\xi\|_\Xi^2)^{-1} F(y, \xi),$$

where the supremum is taken over all triples

$$(\omega, y, \xi) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times Y_1 \times \Xi \text{ such that } i\omega y = Ay + B\xi.$$

4. Absolute observation - stability of evolutionary equations

For a function $z(\cdot) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+; Z)$ we denote their norm by

$$\|z(\cdot)\|_{2,Z} := \left(\int_0^\infty \|z(t)\|_Z^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Definition 3 a) The equation (6), (7) is said to be **absolutely dichotomic** (i.e., in the class $\mathcal{N}(F, G)$) **with respect to the observation** z from (8) if for any solution $\{y(\cdot), \xi(\cdot)\}$ of (6), (7) with $y(0) = y_0, \xi(0) = \xi_0$ the following is true: Either $y(\cdot)$ is unbounded on $[0, \infty)$ in the Y_0 -norm or $y(\cdot)$ is bounded in Y_0 in this norm and there exist constants c_1 and c_2 (which depend only on A, B and $\mathcal{N}(F, G)$) such that

$$\|Dy(\cdot) + E\xi(\cdot)\|_{2,Z}^2 \leq c_1(\|y_0\|_0^2 + c_2). \quad (9)$$

b) The equation (6), (7) is said to be **absolutely stable with respect to the observation** z from (8) if (9) holds for any solution $\{y(\cdot), \xi(\cdot)\}$ of (6), (7).

Definition 4 The equation (6)–(8) with $f \equiv 0$ is said to be **minimally stable**, i.e., there exists a bounded linear operator $K : Y_1 \rightarrow \Xi$ such that the operator $A + BK$ is stable, i.e. for some $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma(A + BK) \subset \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} s \leq -\varepsilon < 0\} \\ \text{with} & \quad F(y, Ky) \geq 0, \quad \forall y \in Y_1, \quad (10) \\ \text{and} & \quad \int_s^t G(y(\tau), Ky(\tau)) d\tau \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall s, t : 0 \leq s < t, \quad \forall y \in L_{\text{loc}}^2(\mathbb{R}_+; Y_1). \quad (11)$$

Theorem 1 Consider the evolution problem (6) – (8) with $\varphi \in \mathcal{N}(F, G)$. Suppose that for the operators A^c, B^c the assumptions **(F1)** and **(F2)** are satisfied. Suppose also that there exist an $\alpha > 0$ such that with the transfer operator

$$\chi^{(z)}(s) = D^c(sI^c - A^c)^{-1}B^c + E^c \quad (s \notin \sigma(A^c)) \quad (12)$$

the frequency-domain condition

$$\begin{aligned} & F^c((i\omega I^c - A^c)^{-1}B^c\xi, \xi) \\ & + G^c((i\omega I^c - A^c)^{-1}B^c\xi, \xi) \leq -\alpha \|\chi^{(z)}(i\omega)\xi\|_{Z^c}^2 \\ & \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R} : i\omega \notin \sigma(A^c), \quad \forall \xi \in \Xi^c \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied and the functional

$$\begin{aligned} J(y(\cdot), \xi(\cdot)) := & \int_0^\infty [F^c(y(\tau), \xi(\tau)) + G^c(y(\tau), \xi(\tau)) \\ & + \alpha \|D^c y(\tau) + E^c \xi(\tau)\|_{Z^c}^2] d\tau \end{aligned}$$

is bounded from above on any set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_{y_0} := & \{y(\cdot), \xi(\cdot) : \dot{y} = Ay + B\xi \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}_+, \\ & y(0) = y_0, y(\cdot) \in \mathcal{L}_\infty, \xi(\cdot) \in L^2(0, \infty; \Xi)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose further that the equation (6)–(8) with $f \equiv 0$ is minimally stable, i.e., (10) and (11) are satisfied with some operator $K \in \mathcal{L}(Y_1, \Xi)$ and that the pair $(A + BK, D + EK)$ is observable in the sense of Kalman, i.e., for any solution $y(\cdot)$ of

$$\dot{y} = (A + BK)y, \quad y(0) = y_0,$$

with $z(t) = (D + EK)y(t) = 0$ for a.a. $t \geq 0$ it follows that $y(0) = y_0 = 0$.

Then equation (6), (7) is absolutely stable with respect to the observation z from (8).

5. Example

Consider the coupled system of Maxwell's equation and heat transfer equation

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_{tt} + \sigma(x, \theta)\Psi_t - \Psi_{xx} = 0 \\ \theta_t - \theta_{xx} = \sigma(x, \theta)\Psi_t^2 \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

Initial-boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(0, t) &= \theta(0, t) = 0, \\ \Psi(1, t) &= \theta(1, t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \\ \Psi(x, 0) &= \Psi_0(x), \Psi_t(x, 0) = \Psi_1(x), \theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x), \quad \forall x \in \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Here $x \in \Omega, t \in [0, T], T > 0, \Omega = (0, 1)$.

Energy inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \int_0^1 [\Psi_t^2 + \Psi_x^2] dx + \int_0^T \int_0^1 \sigma(x, t, \theta) \Psi_t^2 dx dt \\ &\leq C_1 + C_2 \int_0^T \int_0^1 |\theta| dx dt, \end{aligned}$$

where the constants C_1 and C_2 depend only on known data.

System in terms of operator equations in some function spaces:

$$y(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_t(x, t) \\ \Psi(x, t) \\ \theta(x, t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

$$\xi(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(x, \theta)\Psi_t(x, t) \\ \sigma(x, \theta)\Psi_t^2(x, t) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us define operators A, B from equation (6). Let Λ be the self-adjoint positiv operator, generated on $L^2(0, 1)$ by the differential expression $\Lambda(v) = -v_{xx}$ and zero boundary conditions (14).

Consider the following spaces $Y_0 = L^2(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1)$, $Y_1 = W^{1,2}(0, 1) \times W^{1,2}(0, 1) \times W^{1,2}(0, 1)$ and $\Xi = L^2(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1)$ as defined in Section 1. Thus **(F1)** of Theorem 1 is satisfied.

Then operators A and B are defined as follows:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\sigma_0 I & \Lambda & 0 \\ -I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\Lambda \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

Here constant $\sigma_0 > 0$ is derived from decomposition $\sigma(x, \theta) = \sigma_0 + \bar{\sigma}(x, \theta)$.

Finally, system (13) can be written in terms of the operator equation

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Ay + B\xi \quad (17)$$

Consider the quadratic form $F(y, \xi)$ defined by

$$F(y, \xi) = y_1 \cdot \xi_1 = \Psi_t(x, t) \cdot \sigma(x, \theta) \Psi_t(x, t). \quad (18)$$

The pair (A, B) is L^2 -controllable since the matrix operator A is stable.

Consider the eigenvalue equation for A

$$Av = \lambda v. \quad (19)$$

Denote by λ_i the eigenvalues of operator Λ and by e_k its eigenvectors, such that $\{e_k\}_k$ forms a basis of $L^2(0, 1)$.

Vector v can be decomposed in this basis $\{e_k\}_k$ as

$$v_i = \sum_k c_i^k e_k.$$

Eigenvalue equation (19):

$$\begin{cases} -v_1 = \lambda v_2 \\ -\sigma_0 v_1 + A_0 v_2 = \lambda v_1 \\ -A_0 v_3 = \lambda v_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\sum_k c_1^k e_k = \lambda \sum_k c_2^k e_k \\ -\sigma_0 \sum_k c_1^k e_k + \sum_k \lambda_k c_2^k e_k = \lambda \sum_k c_1^k e_k \\ -\sum_k \lambda_k c_3^k e_k = \lambda \sum_k c_3^k e_k \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Verification of the frequency domain condition:

Functions $\Psi(x, t)$, $\theta(x, t)$, $\xi(x, t)$ can be decomposed by $\{e_k\}_k$ as follows:

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_k \Psi^k(t) e_k, \quad \theta(x, t) = \sum_k \theta^k(t) e_k,$$

$$\xi(x, t) = \sum_k \xi^k(t) e_k.$$

Introduce the quadratic form $(\Pi_0(i\omega)\xi, \xi) = \tilde{F}(y, \xi)$, where $\tilde{F}(y, \xi)$ is the extension of the quadratic form $F(y, \xi)$ to the Hermitian form (F3).

Then the matrix-function $\Pi_0(i\omega)$ can be presented as

$$(\Pi_0(i\omega)\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\xi}) = \sum_k (\Pi_0^k(i\omega)\tilde{\xi}^k, \tilde{\xi}^k). \quad (21)$$

Fourier transform with respect to t :

$$\begin{aligned} -\omega^2 \tilde{\Psi}^k(i\omega) + i\omega \sigma_0 \tilde{\Psi}^k(i\omega) - \lambda_k \tilde{\Psi}^k(i\omega) + \tilde{\xi}_1^k(i\omega) &= 0 \\ i\omega \tilde{\theta}^k(i\omega) + \lambda_k \tilde{\theta}^k(i\omega) - \tilde{\xi}_2^k(i\omega) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

From (22) $\widetilde{\Psi}^k$ and $\widetilde{\theta}^k$ can be expressed in terms of $\widetilde{\xi}_1^k, \widetilde{\xi}_2^k$ in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}\widetilde{\Psi}^k(i\omega) &= \chi_0(i\omega, \lambda_k)\xi_1^k(i\omega), \\ \widetilde{\theta}^k(i\omega) &= \chi_1(i\omega, \lambda_k)\xi_2^k(i\omega),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_0(i\omega, \lambda_k) &= (\omega^2 - i\omega\sigma_0 + \lambda_k)^{-1}, \\ \chi_1(i\omega, \lambda_k) &= (i\omega + \lambda_k)^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

$(\Pi_0^k(i\omega)\widetilde{\xi}^k, \widetilde{\xi}^k)$ from (21) can be written as follows:

$$(\Pi_0^k(i\omega)\widetilde{\xi}^k, \widetilde{\xi}^k) = \operatorname{Re}\widetilde{\Psi}_t^k \overline{\widetilde{\xi}_1^k} = \operatorname{Re}(i\omega\chi_0)|\widetilde{\xi}_1^k(i\omega)|^2$$

Here the matrix $\Pi_0^k(i\omega)$ has the following form

$$\Pi_0^k(i\omega) = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re}(i\omega\chi_0) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (23)$$

We have to check that

$$\operatorname{Re}(i\omega\chi_0) < 0, \forall \omega \in \mathbb{R}, \omega \neq 0 \quad (24)$$

Condition (24) is equivalent to $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{i\omega}{\omega^2 - i\omega\sigma_0 + \lambda_k}\right) < 0$.

This is satisfied if $-\omega^2\sigma_0 < 0, \forall \omega \neq 0$.

Remark We can also consider another quadratic form instead of (18)

$$F(y, \xi) = -y_3\xi_2 + ay_1\xi_1 + b\xi_1^2 \quad (25)$$

For the slightly modified version of equation (13):

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_{tt} + \sigma(x, \theta)\Psi_t - \Psi_{xx} = 0 \\ \theta_t - \theta_{xx} = \sigma(x, \theta)\Psi_t^2 + \varepsilon\Psi \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

6. Experimental results

Consider system (13) - (14) in the form

$$\begin{cases} h_t + \sigma(x, \theta)h - \Psi_{xx} = 0 \\ \Psi_t = h \\ \theta_t - \theta_{xx} = \sigma(x, \theta)h^2 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

Initial-boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(0, t) &= \theta(0, t) = 0, \\ \Psi(1, t) &= \theta(1, t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, T] \\ \Psi(x, 0) &= \Psi_0(x), h(x, 0) = h_0(x), \theta(x, 0) = \theta_0(x), \forall x \in \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

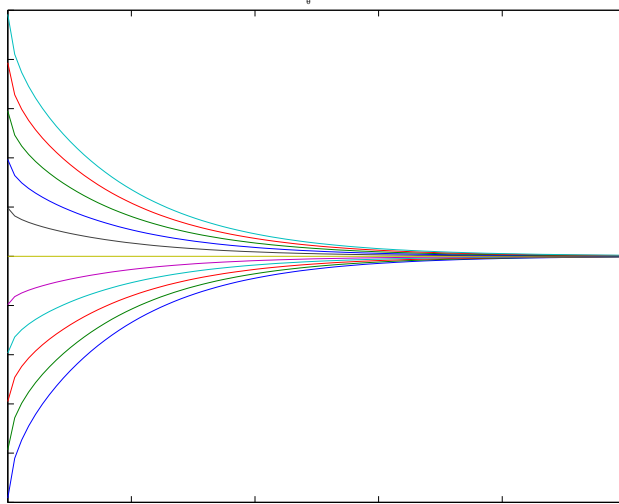
$h_0(x) = p \cdot (1 - |2x - 1|)$, $\Psi_0(x) \equiv 0$, $\theta_0(x) = p \cdot (1 - |2x - 1|)$, where $p \in \mathbb{R}$ is some parameter.

J. Morgan, H.-M. Yin, 2001

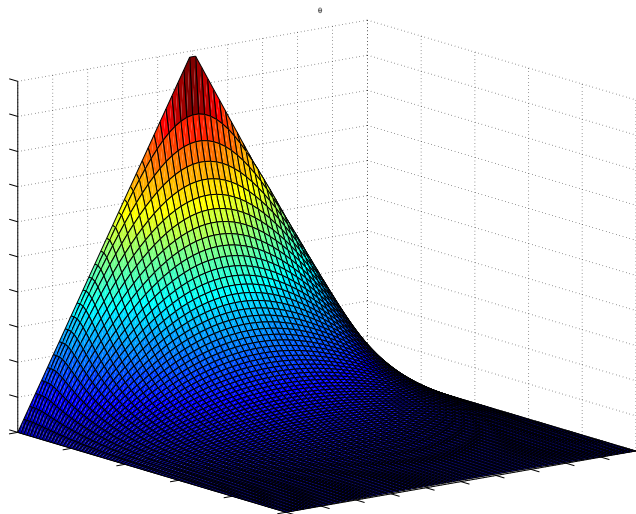
Electrical conductivity: $\sigma(x, \theta) = c + \theta(x, t)$, where c is some positive constant.

For convention: Denote $h(x, t)$ by $\Psi_t(x, t)$.

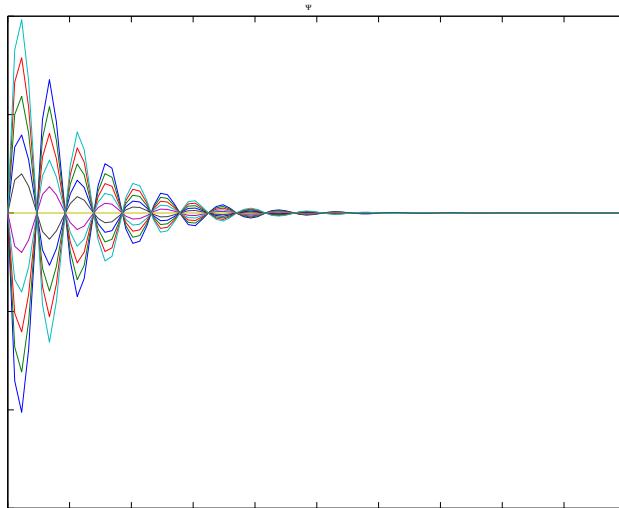
Consider solutions $(\Psi_t^p(x, t), \Psi^p(x, t), \theta^p(x, t))$ with $p \in [-0.5, 0.5]$.



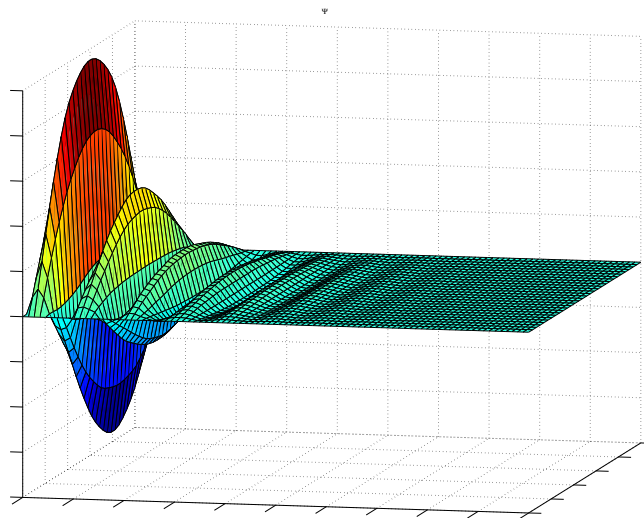
$$\theta^p(x_0, t), x_0 = 0.5, t \in (0, 0.25)$$



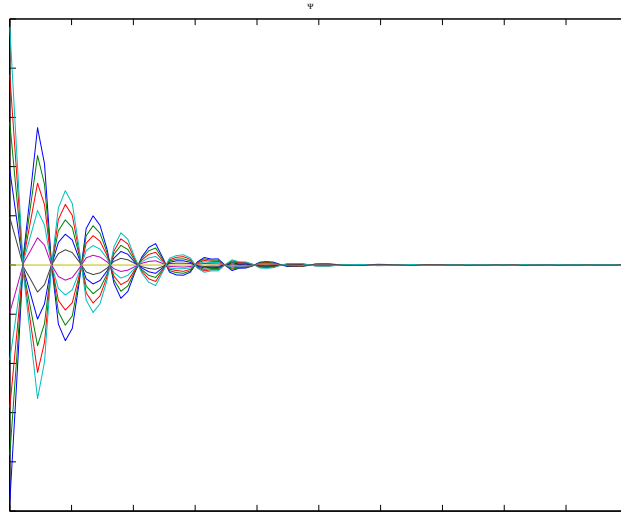
$$\theta^p(x, t), t \in (0, 0.25), p = 0.5$$



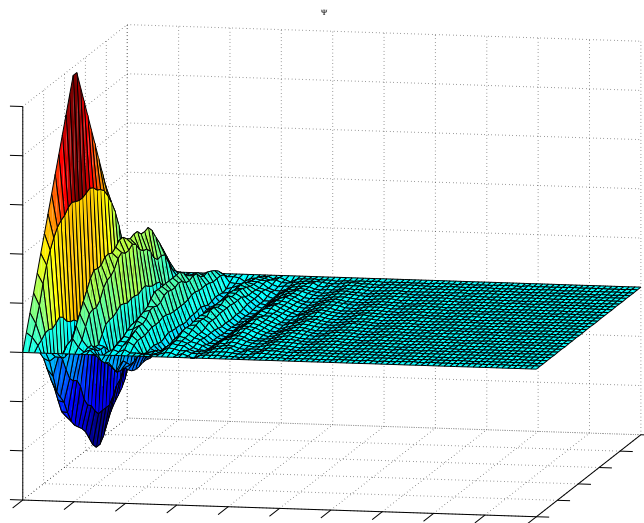
$$\Psi^p(x_0, t), x_0 = 0.5, t \in (0, 200)$$



$$\Psi^p(x, t), t \in (0, 200), p = 0.5$$



$$\Psi_t^p(x_0, t), x_0 = 0.5, t \in (0, 200)$$



$$\Psi_t^p(x, t), t \in (0, 200), p = 0.5$$

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