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# Systems of Stochastic Evolution Equations With Constant Coefficients

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What do you think:

- Equation  $u_{tt} = u_{txx} + u_{xx}$  is  
(a) hyperbolic (b) parabolic (c) neither
- System  $du = u_{xx}dt$ ,  $dv = v_{xx}dt + \sigma u_x dw$  is parabolic for  
(a) all  $\sigma$  (b) no  $\sigma$  (c)  $|\sigma| < \sqrt{2}$

# Motivation 1

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We know that equation  $u_t = u_{xx}$  is parabolic and equation  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$  is hyperbolic.

Equation  $u_{tt} = u_{txx} + u_{xx}$  is

- (a) hyperbolic
- (b) parabolic
- (c) neither

## Motivation 2

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We know that the equation  $du = u_{xx}dt + \sigma u_x dw(t)$  is parabolic for  $|\sigma| \leq \sqrt{2}$ .

System

$$du = u_{xx}dt,$$

$$dv = v_{xx}dt + \sigma u_x dw$$

is parabolic for

- (a) all  $\sigma$
- (b) no  $\sigma$
- (c)  $|\sigma| < \sqrt{2}$

# What type is this?

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$$u_{tt} = u_{txx} + u_{xx} :$$

Hyperbolic?

$$\|u_t(t)\|^2 + \|u_x(t)\|^2 \leq \|u_t(0)\|^2 + \|u_x(0)\|^2.$$

Parabolic? With  $v = u_t$  get  $v_t = v_{xx} + u_{xx}$ .

Neither!

# When is this parabolic?

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$$du = u_{xx}dt, \quad dv = v_{xx}dt + \sigma u_x dw.$$

(a) For all  $\sigma$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u_0, v_0 \in L_2 &\Rightarrow u \in L_2((0, T); H^1) \Rightarrow \sigma u_x \in L_2((0, T) \times \mathbb{R}) \\ &\Rightarrow v \in L_2(\Omega \times (0, T); H^1) \end{aligned}$$

(b) For  $|\sigma| < \sqrt{2}$ :

$$\mathbb{E} \int_0^t (\|u_x\|_0^2 + \|v_x\|_0^2) ds \leq \|u_0\|_0^2 + \|v\|_0^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \mathbb{E} \int_0^t \|u_x\|_0^2 ds$$

# Heat Equation

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$$u_t = au_{xx} + \sigma u_x \dot{w}(t) : \quad 2a \geq \sigma^2$$

$$(a) \quad \mathbb{E}\|u(t)\|^2 = \mathbb{E}\|u(0)\|^2 - \left(a - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \int_0^t \mathbb{E}\|u_x(s)\|^2 ds.$$

$$(b) \quad \hat{u}_t = -ay^2\hat{u} + iy\sigma\hat{u}\dot{w}(t), \quad \mathbf{i} = \sqrt{-1}.$$

$$\hat{u}(t, y) = \hat{u}(0, y) \exp\left(-\left(a - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)ty^2 + iy\sigma w(t)\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}|\hat{u}(t, y)|^2 = \mathbb{E}|\hat{u}(0, y)|^2 \exp\left(-\left(a - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right)ty^2\right)$$

# Generalization 1

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$$V \hookrightarrow H \hookrightarrow V', \quad A : V \rightarrow V', \quad B : V \rightarrow H.$$

$$\dot{u} = Au + Bu \dot{w}(t).$$

**Energy method:**

$$\mathbb{E}\|u(t)\|_H^2 = \mathbb{E}\|u(0)\|_H^2 + \int_0^t \mathbb{E}\left(2[Au(s), u(s)] + \|Bu(s)\|_H^2\right) ds.$$

**Stochastic Parabolicity Condition:**

$$2[Au, u] + \|Bu\|_H^2 \leq -\delta\|u\|_V^2 + c\|u\|_H^2, \quad \delta > 0.$$

**Well-posed:**  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

**(Exponentially) Stable:**  $c < 0$ .

# A digression

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**Scalar PDO  $A$  with constant coefficients and order 2:**

$$Af(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{ij} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^d b_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + cf$$

$$\widehat{A}f(y) = \left( - \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{ij} y_i y_j + i \sum_{i=1}^d b_i y_i + c \right) \widehat{f}(y) = A(y) \widehat{f}(y).$$

**Matrix  $\Psi$ DO  $A$  with constant coefficients and order  $m$ :**

$\widehat{A}\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(y) = A(y)\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(y)$  (constant coefficients),  
 $|A(y)| \sim |y|^m$ ,  $m > 0$ ,  $|y| \rightarrow +\infty$  (order  $m$ ),  
 $A = A(y)$  is continuous (for technical reasons).

**Sobolev spaces  $H^\gamma(\mathbb{R}^d)$ :**

$$\|\mathbf{f}\|_\gamma^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 + |y|^2)^\gamma |\widehat{\mathbf{f}}(y)|^2 dy < \infty.$$



## Generalization 2

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$u_t = Au + Bu \dot{w}(t)$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  are PDO or  $\Psi$ DO.

**Fourier transform:**

$$\widehat{u}_t = A(y)\widehat{u} + B(y)\widehat{u} \dot{w}$$

$$\widehat{u}(t, y) = \widehat{u}_0(y) \exp \left( \left( A(y) - \frac{1}{2}B^2(y) \right) t + B(y)w(t) \right)$$

$$|\widehat{u}(t, y)| = |\widehat{u}_0(y)| \exp \left( \left( \Re(A(y)) - \frac{1}{2}B^2(y) \right) t + \Re(B(y))w(t) \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}|\widehat{u}(t, y)|^2 = \mathbb{E}|\widehat{u}_0(y)|^2 \exp \left( \left( \Re(2A(y)) - B^2(y) + 2(\Re B(y))^2 \right) t \right).$$

**Well-posed:**  $2\Re(A(y)) + |B(y)|^2 \leq c$ .

**Neutrally Stable:**  $2\Re(A(y)) + |B(y)|^2 \leq 0$ .

**Exponentially Stable:**  $2\Re(A(y)) + |B(y)|^2 \leq \delta < 0$ .

# The $(A, B)$ system: definitions

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$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0 + \int_0^t (A\mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{f}(s)) ds + \int_0^t (B\mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{g}(s)) dw(s), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

**Well posed:**  $\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \in H^r \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}(t) \in L_2(\Omega; H^\gamma)$  and

$$\mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{u}(t)\|_\gamma^2 \leq C(T) \left( \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_r^2 + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{f}(s)\|_r^2 ds + \int_0^t \|\mathbf{g}(s)\|_r^2 ds \right).$$

**Stable:**  $C(T) \leq C_0$ ;

**Neutrally Stable:**  $\mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{u}(t)\|_\gamma^2 \leq C_0 \|\mathbf{u}_0\|_r^2$  when  $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} = 0$ .

# The main result

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## Theorem

The  $(A, B)$  system is well posed if and only if

$$\Re \lambda \left( \overline{A(y)} \otimes I + I \otimes A(y) + \overline{B(y)} \otimes B(y) \right) \leq C_0 \ln(2 + |y|).$$

The  $(A, B)$  system is stable if and only if

$$\Re \lambda \left( \overline{A(y)} \otimes I + I \otimes A(y) + \overline{B(y)} \otimes B(y) \right) \leq -\delta < 0.$$

# What is $\otimes$ ?

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If  $A, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , then  $A \otimes B$  is  $n^2$ -by- $n^2$  block matrix with blocks  $A_{ij}B$ .  
For example,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & 2a & 2b \\ c & d & 2c & 2d \\ 3a & 3b & 4a & 4b \\ 3c & 3d & 4c & 4d \end{pmatrix}$$

**What for?**  $BXA^\top = C \Leftrightarrow (A \otimes B)\text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(C)$ ;

$$\text{vec}(X) = \mathbf{X} = (X_{11}, \dots, X_{n1}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{n2}, \dots, X_{1n}, \dots, X_{nn})^\top.$$

That is,

$$\text{vec}(BXA^\top) = (A \otimes B)\text{vec}(X).$$

## Why $\otimes$ ?

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Consider

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{v}}(t, \boldsymbol{y}) = A(\boldsymbol{y})\boldsymbol{v} + \hat{\boldsymbol{f}}(t, \boldsymbol{y}) + (B(\boldsymbol{y})\boldsymbol{v} + \hat{\boldsymbol{g}}(t, \boldsymbol{y}))\dot{w}.$$

**Hope:**  $\boldsymbol{v} = \hat{\boldsymbol{u}}$ .

**Fact 1:** If  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 + |\boldsymbol{y}|^2)^\gamma \mathbb{E}|\boldsymbol{v}(t, \boldsymbol{y})|^2 d\boldsymbol{y} < \infty$ ,  
then  $\boldsymbol{v} = \hat{\boldsymbol{u}}$ .

**Fact 2:** if  $\boldsymbol{f} = \boldsymbol{g} = 0$  and  $\boldsymbol{U} = \text{vec}(\mathbb{E}\boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{v}^*)$  then

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{U}} = \left( \overline{A(\boldsymbol{y})} \otimes I + I \otimes A(\boldsymbol{y}) + \overline{B(\boldsymbol{y})} \otimes B(\boldsymbol{y}) \right) \boldsymbol{U}.$$

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## Without $\otimes$

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$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = A\mathbf{v} + B\mathbf{v}\dot{w} \quad (\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{g} = 0).$$

Try  $\mathfrak{v} = \mathbb{E}|\mathbf{v}|^2 = \mathbb{E}\mathbf{v}^*\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\dot{\mathfrak{v}} = \mathbf{v}^* (A(y) + A^*(y) + B^*(y)B(y)) \mathbf{v}.$$

Not an equation for  $\mathfrak{v}$ , so will not get a necessary condition.  
Can get a sufficient one, though:

$$\lambda(A(y) + A^*(y) + B^*(y)B(y)) \leq C.$$

More or less the same as you would get integrating by parts.

## Bottom line

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For the  $(A, B)$  system

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0 + \int_0^t (A\mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{f}(s)) ds + \int_0^t (B\mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{g}(s)) dw(s),$$

the *obvious* characteristic matrix is

$$A(y) + A^*(y) + B^*(y)B(y),$$

but the *correct* characteristic matrix is

$$\mathcal{M}_{A,B}(y) = \overline{A(y)} \otimes I + I \otimes A(y) + \overline{B(y)} \otimes B(y).$$

# Stochastic Parabolic System

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The  $(A, B)$  system is parabolic of order  $2p$  if there exists a positive number  $p$  such that

$$0 < \lim_{|y| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|A(y)\| + \|B^*(y)B(y)\|}{|y|^{2p}} < \infty;$$

$$\lambda(\mathcal{M}_{A,B}(y)) \leq -\varepsilon|y|^{2p} + L, \quad \varepsilon > 0, \quad L \in \mathbb{R}.$$



# A modification of the original example

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$$u_t = u_{xx}, \quad v_t = v_{xx} + Bu \dot{w},$$

$$B^2(y) = \sigma|y|^{2\beta}, \quad \sigma \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \beta \geq 0. \quad \text{Then}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{A,B}(y) = \begin{pmatrix} -2y^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3y^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3y^2 & 0 \\ \sigma|y|^{2\beta} & 0 & 0 & -4y^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The system is

- Well posed for all  $\beta$  and  $\sigma$ ;
- Parabolic of order 2 for  $\beta \leq 1$  and all  $\sigma$ .

## Why no $\otimes$ in deterministic case?

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There is:

$$\mathcal{M}_{A,0}(y) = \overline{A(y)} \otimes I + I \otimes A(y),$$

known as Kronecker sum, but

$$\lambda_{i,j} \left( \overline{A(y)} \otimes I + I \otimes A(y) \right) = \overline{\lambda_i(A)} + \lambda_j(A),$$

**AND** know from linear algebra that an upper bound on  $\Re \lambda(A)$  is weaker than a similar bound on  $\lambda(A + A^*)$ .

## Routh-Hurwitz criterion: real case

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$$p(z) = c_0 z^n + c_1 z^{n-1} + \dots + c_{n-1} z + c_n, \quad c_k \in \mathbb{R}, \quad c_0 > 0.$$

**Objective:** if  $p(z) = 0$ , then  $\Re z < 0$ .

**Result:** need positive principal minors of

$$\begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_3 & c_5 & \dots \\ c_0 & c_2 & c_4 & \dots \\ 0 & c_0 & c_2 & \dots \\ 0 & c_1 & c_3 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{vmatrix}$$

that is, determinants of orders  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

# Routh-Hurwitz criterion: complex case

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**Complex case:**  $p(z) = c_0z^n + c_1z^{n-1} + \dots + c_{n-1}z + c_n, c_0 \neq 0.$

**Step 1.**  $p(iz) = i(a_0z^n + a_1z^{n-1} + \dots) + (b_0z^n + b_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots).$

**Step 2.** Need positive principal minors of *even* orders of

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots \\ b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & \dots \\ 0 & a_0 & a_1 & \dots \\ 0 & b_0 & b_1 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{vmatrix}$$

that is, determinants of orders 2, 4, ..., 2n.

Cannot decrease complexity: Anderson and Jury, 1977.

## Second order: deterministic case

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$$u_{tt} + Au_t + Mu = 0, \quad z^2 + A(y)z + M(y) = 0.$$

Recall: no need for  $\otimes$ .

**Real case:** need  $A(y) \geq -c$ ,  $M(y) \geq -c$ , where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  to be well posed;  
 $c < 0$  to be stable.

**Example** of no stability (effect of the double root).

$$u_{tt} - 2u_{txx} + u_{xxxx} = 0, \quad z = -y^2,$$
$$u(0, x) = 0, \quad \widehat{u}_t(0, y) = e^{-y^2}; \quad u_t(0) \in H^\gamma \text{ for all } \gamma \in \mathbb{R};$$
$$\widehat{u}(t, y) = te^{-y^2(1+t)}, \quad \|u(t)\|_\gamma^2 \geq Ct^{3/2} \text{ for all } \gamma \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Complex case:** Routh-Hurwitz of order 4.

**Example:**  $u_{tt} - \gamma u_{txx} - c^2 u_{xx} + a u_{xxxx} = 0, \quad z^2 + \gamma y^2 z + c^2 y^2 - i a y^3 = 0.$

Well-posed:  $\gamma > 0$ , Neutrally stable:  $|a| < \gamma|c|$ . NOT neutrally stable if  $|a| = \gamma|c|$ .

## Second order: stochastic case

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**Complexity:** order 3 for real symbols, order 8 for complex symbols.

**Example:**  $u_{tt} = \gamma u_{txx} + c^2 u_{xx} + \sigma u_{xx} \dot{w}(t)$ .

$$\mathcal{M}_{A,B}(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -c^2 y^2 & -\gamma y^2 & 0 & 1 \\ -c^2 y^2 & 0 & -\gamma y^2 & 1 \\ \sigma^2 y^4 & -c^2 y^2 & -c^2 y^2 & -2\gamma y^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$p(z) = (z + \gamma y^2)(z^3 + 3\gamma y^2 z^2 + (4c^2 y^2 + 2\gamma^2 y^4)z + 2(2\gamma c^2 - \sigma^2)y^4)$$

- Well-posed:  $\gamma > 0$ ;
- Stable:  $2\gamma c^2 > \sigma^2$  (cf. R. Z. Khasminiskii, Stochastic stability of differential equations, 2nd Ed, 2012, Sec. 6.10)
- Neutrally stable:  $2\gamma c^2 = \sigma^2$ .

# Ultimate goal

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Variable and adapted coefficients, adapted input:

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{u}_0 + \int_0^t (A\mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{f}(s)) ds + \sum_{k \geq 1} \int_0^t (B_k \mathbf{u}(s) + \mathbf{g}_k(s)) dw_k(s),$$

$$\sum_k \|B_k(\omega, t, x; y)\|^2 \leq C(1 + |y|)^b.$$

Characteristic matrix:

$$\mathcal{M}_{A,B}(\omega, t, x; y) = \bar{A} \otimes I + I \otimes A + \sum_k \bar{B}_k \otimes B_k.$$

Well posed:  $\Re \lambda \mathcal{M}_{A,B} \leq C_0 \ln(2 + |y|)$ ;

Exponentially stable:  $\Re \lambda(\mathcal{M}_{A,B}) \leq -\delta < 0$

Parabolic:  $\Re \lambda(\mathcal{M}_{A,B}) \leq -\varepsilon |y|^{2p} + L$ .

## Some history

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**Leopold Kronecker:** 1823–1891. Famous quote:  
“ God created the integers, all else is the work of man” .

First appearance of  $\otimes$ :

**Johann Georg Zehfuss** Ueber eine gewisse  
Determinante, Zeitschrift fr Mathematik und Physik,  
3, 1858.

$\otimes$  also known as direct product or Zehfuss product.



# Conclusion

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Kronecker product rules!