

Controllability of a 1-D tank containing a fluid modeled by a Boussinesq system

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A tank containing a fluid

The tanks is filled with liquid and should be be moved to different steady-state workbenches as fast as possible.

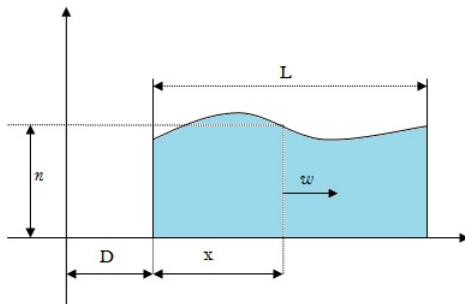


Figure: Fluid in the 1-D tank

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The operator \mathcal{H} that appears in (4) is defined in the following way:

$$\mathcal{H} \left(\sum_{k \geq 1} \hat{\omega}_k \sin(kx) \right) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sqrt{\frac{w_1(k)}{w_2(k)}} \hat{\omega}_k \sin(kx).$$

Theorem

The family of linear operators $\{S(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ defined by

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where the Fourier coefficients of $(\eta(t), \omega(t))$ are obtained from those of (η^0, ω^0) by

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is a group of isometries in V^s , for any $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

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$$(\varphi(t, x), \psi(t, x)) = (\eta(t, x), \omega(t, x)) - S(t)(\eta^0, \omega^0) + (u(t)\phi(x), 0)$$

transforms the previous system into

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varphi_t + \psi_x + a\psi_{xxx} = f := u'(t)\phi(x), \\ \psi_t + \varphi_x + c\varphi_{xxx} = g := u(t)(-1 + \phi'(x) + c\phi'''(x)), \\ \ddot{D}(t) = u(t), \\ \varphi_x(t, 0) = \varphi_x(t, \pi) = 0, \\ \psi(t, 0) = \psi(t, \pi) = 0, \\ \psi_{xx}(t, 0) = \psi_{xx}(t, \pi) = 0, \\ \varphi(0, x) = 0, \quad \psi(0, x) = 0, \quad D(0) = D^0, \quad \dot{D}(0) = D^1, \end{array} \right.$$

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Definition of the solution by transposition

Multiply the first equation of the system by p , the second one by q and the third one by $E(t)$. Integrating by parts over $(0, T) \times (0, \pi)$ and assuming that the functions (η, ω, D) and (p, q, E) are sufficiently regular, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \eta(p_t + q_x + cq_{xxx}) dx dt - \int_0^T \int_0^\pi \omega(q_t + p_x + ap_{xxx}) dx dt \\
 & + \int_0^\pi \{ \dots \}_0^T dx + \int_0^T \{ \dots \}_0^\pi dt = - \int_0^T \int_0^\pi u(t) q dx dt, \\
 & \left[\dot{D}(t) E(t) \right]_0^T - \left[D(t) \dot{E}(t) \right]_0^T + \int_0^T D(t) \ddot{E}(t) dt = \int_0^T u(t) E(t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

If (p, q, E) is a solution of (6), then we obtain

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The change of variables $t \rightarrow T - t$ and $x \rightarrow L - x$ give us the following "initial conditions"

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Therefore, the above observability inequality is equivalent to the following one:

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Proof of the observability inequality

If the statement is false, then there exists a sequence

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Extracting a subsequence, still denoted $(p_n^0, q_n^0, E_n^0, E_n^1)_{n \geq 0}$, we have that

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