

Controllability of scalar wave-type equations and of coupled systems of PDEs by a reduced number of controls

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Abstract

The first parts of the course will be devoted to the control of scalar wave-type equations and their abstract version. We will recall the abstract setting in the semi-group framework and the dual notions of observability and controllability, through the Hilbert Uniqueness Method. We will also present some of the tools to prove the admissibility and the observability for such equations. The second part of the course will present some motivations and recent results on controllability/observability for coupled hyperbolic systems by a reduced number of controls/observations. This situation occurs whenever the number of controls is strictly less than the number of unknowns (or equations) of the coupled system of PDE's. The main goal is to control all the components of the state-vector, even though some of them are not directly controlled. Similar questions occur for the null-controllability of parabolic (resp. Schrödinger) coupled systems. We consider localized as well as boundary controls, and localized couplings. In all these cases, one of the main challenging question is to be able to control the full system by controls such that the control region do not meet the region where the coupling is localized. We will present several positive results in this direction for hyperbolic systems and further give applications to null controllability for parabolic and Schrödinger coupled systems by a reduced number of controls.

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