



DISSIPATIVE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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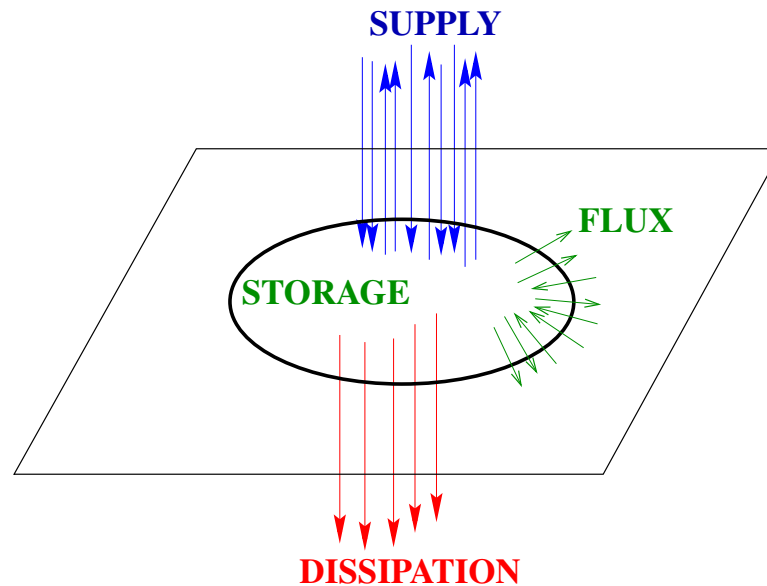
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A **dissipative system** absorbs supply, 'globally' over time and space.

∴ Can this be expressed 'locally', as

$$\text{rate of change in storage} + \text{spatial flux} \leq \text{supply rate}$$



rate of change in storage + spatial flux

= supply rate + (non-negative) dissipation rate ??

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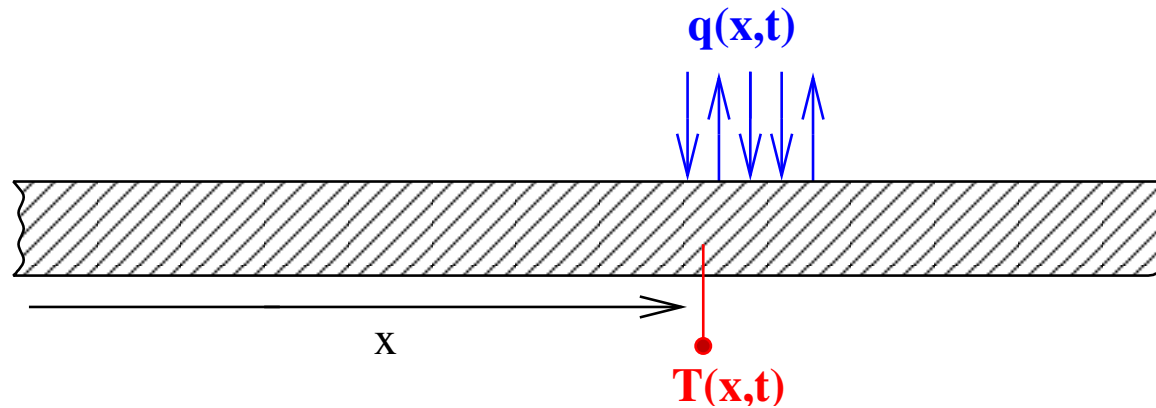
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First principles motivating example: *Heat diffusion*



The PDE

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + q$$

describes the evolution of the **temperature** $T(x, t)$

($x \in \mathbb{R}$ position, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ time) in a medium and the **heat** $q(x, T)$

supplied to / radiated away from it.

For all sol'ns T, q with $T(x, t) = \text{constant} > 0$ (and therefore $q = 0$) outside a compact set, there holds:

First law:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} q(x, t) dx dt = 0,$$

Second law:

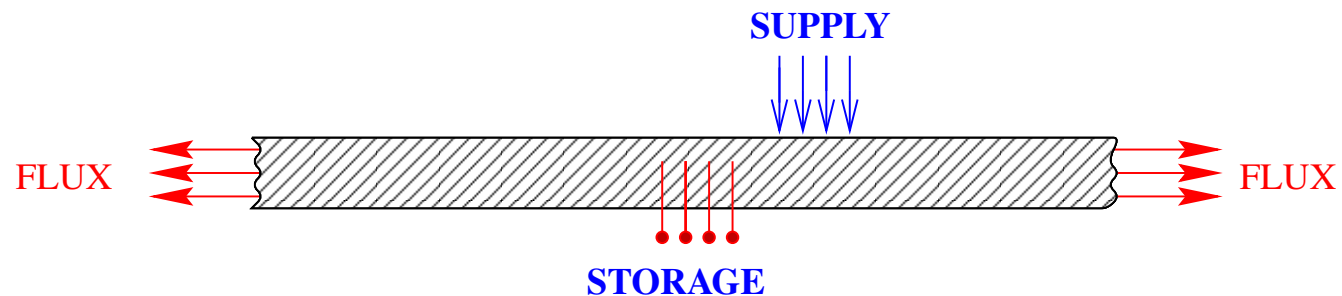
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{q(x, t)}{T(x, t)} dx dt \leq 0.$$

\Rightarrow

$$\max_{x,t} \{T(x, t) \mid q(x, t) \geq 0\} \geq \min_{x,t} \{T(x, t) \mid q(x, t) \leq 0\}.$$

It is impossible to transport heat from a 'cold source' to a 'hot sink'.

Can these 'global' versions be expressed as 'local' laws?



rate of change in storage + spatial flux \leq supply rate

To be invented:

an 'extensive' quantity for the first law: **internal energy**

an 'extensive' quantity for the second law: **entropy**

Define the following variables:

$$E = T \quad : \text{ the stored energy density,}$$

$$S = \ln(T) \quad : \text{ the entropy density,}$$

$$F_E = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \quad : \text{ the energy flux,}$$

$$F_S = - \frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \quad : \text{ the entropy flux,}$$

$$D_S = \left(\frac{1}{T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T \right)^2 \quad : \text{ the rate of entropy production.}$$

Local versions of the first and second law:

rate of change in storage + spatial flux \leq supply rate

Conservation of energy:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} E + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_E = q,$$

Entropy production:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_S = \frac{q}{T} + D_S. \quad \text{Since } (D_S \geq 0) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_S \geq \frac{q}{T}.$$

Our problem:

theory behind these **ad hoc** constructions of E , F_E and S , F_S .

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LYAPUNOV FUNCTIONS

Consider the classical dynamical system, the *flow*

$$\Sigma : \frac{d}{dt}x = f(x)$$

with $x \in \mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}^n$, the *state space*, and $f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$.

Denote the set of solutions $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ by \mathfrak{B} , the **behavior**.

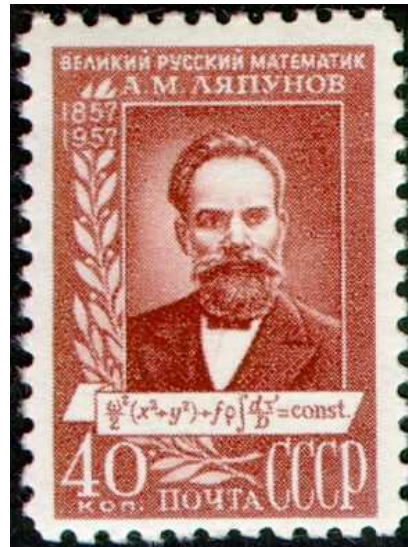
$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is said to be a **Lyapunov function** for Σ if along $x \in \mathfrak{B}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq 0$$

Equivalent to $\dot{V}^\Sigma := \nabla V \cdot f \leq 0$

Plays a remarkably central role in the field.



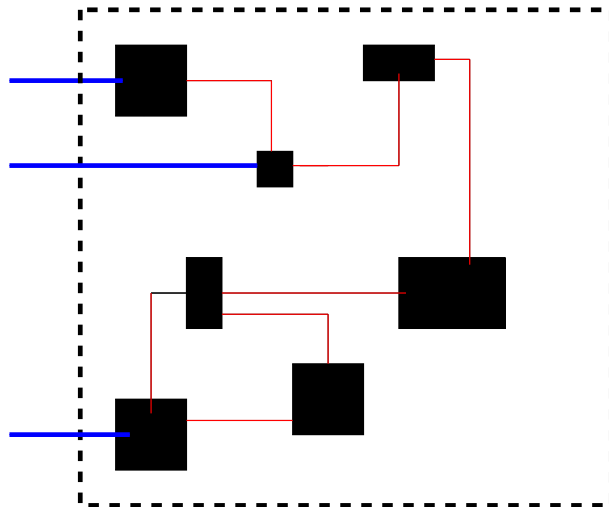
Aleksandr Mikhailovich Lyapunov (1857-1918)

Introduced Lyapunov's 'second method' in his Ph.D. thesis (1899).

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‘Open’ systems are a much more appropriate starting point for the study of dynamics.



Consider the ‘dynamical system’

$$\Sigma : \quad \frac{d}{dt} x = f(x, u), \quad y = h(x, u).$$

$u \in U = \mathbb{R}^m$, $y \in Y = \mathbb{R}^p$, $x \in X = \mathbb{R}^n$: the input, output, state.

Behavior $\mathfrak{B} =$ all sol’ns $(u, y, x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow U \times Y \times X$.

Let $s : U \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function, called the *supply rate*.

DISSIPATIVITY

Σ is said to be dissipative w.r.t. the supply rate s if \exists

$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

called the *storage function* such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq s(u(\cdot), y(\cdot))$$

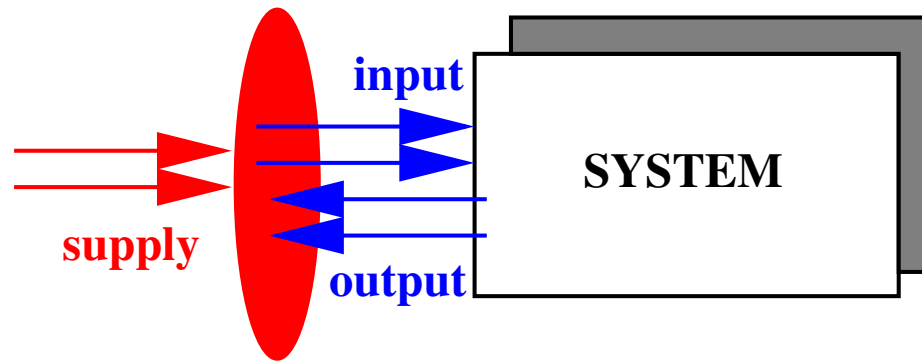
along input/output/state trajectories $(\forall (u(\cdot), y(\cdot), x(\cdot)) \in \mathfrak{B})$.

This inequality is called the *dissipation inequality*.

Equivalent to $\dot{V}^\Sigma(x, u) := \nabla V(x) \cdot f(x, u) \leq s(u, h(x, u))$
for all $(u, x) \in \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{X}$.

If equality holds: **'conservative' system.**

$s(u, y)$ models something like the **power** delivered to the system when the input value is u and output value is y .



$V(x)$ then models the internally stored **energy**.

Dissipativity $:\Leftrightarrow$

rate of increase of internal energy \leq supply rate.

Special case: 'closed' system: $s = 0$ then

dissipativeness $\leftrightarrow V$ is a Lyapunov function.

Dissipativity is the natural generalization to open systems of Lyapunov theory.

Stability for closed systems \simeq **Dissipativity** for open systems.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FUNCTIONS

Basic question:

**Given (a representation of) Σ , the dynamics,
and given s , the supply rate,
is the system dissipative w.r.t. s , i.e.,
does there exist a storage function V such that
the dissipation inequality holds?**

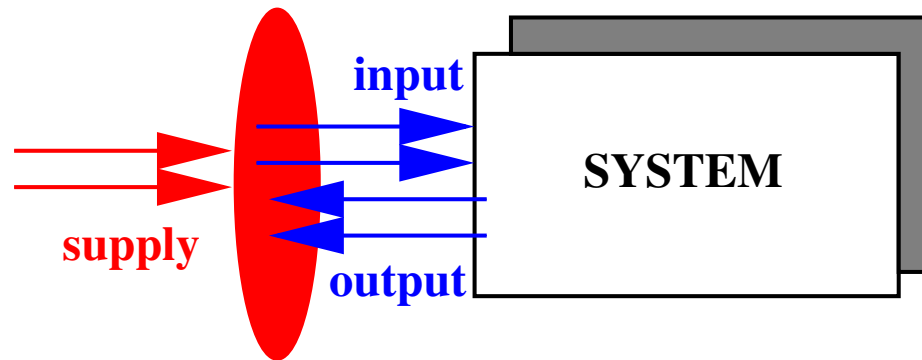
The construction of storage f'ns is very well understood, particularly for linear systems and quadratic supply rates.

Leads to the KYP-lemma, **LMI's**, ARIneq, ARE, semi-definite programming, spectral factorization, Lyapunov functions, **robust control**, electrical circuit synthesis, stochastic realization theory.

V is in general far from unique. There are two 'canonical' storage functions: the **available storage** and the **required supply**.

For **conservative** systems, V is unique.

Plays a remarkably central role in the field.



Assume s 'power', known dynamics, **what is the internal energy?**

**This is the question which we shall now study
for systems described by PDE's.**

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Polynomial matrix notation for PDE's:

PDE:

$$\begin{aligned}w_1(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} w_1(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} w_2(x_1, x_2) &= 0 \\w_2(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial^3}{\partial x_2^3} w_1(x_1, x_2) + \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x_1^4} w_2(x_1, x_2) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

\updownarrow

Notation:

$$\xi_1 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \quad \xi_2 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}$$

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \xi_2^2 & \xi_1 \\ \xi_2^3 & 1 + \xi_1^4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right)w = 0$$

$T = \mathbb{R}^n$, the set of independent variables,

$W = \mathbb{R}^w$, the set of dependent variables,

$\mathfrak{B} =$ **the solutions of a linear constant coefficient system of PDE's.**

Let $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$, and consider

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)w = 0. \quad (*)$$

Define the associated behavior

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid (*) \text{ holds}\}.$$

$\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$ mainly for convenience.

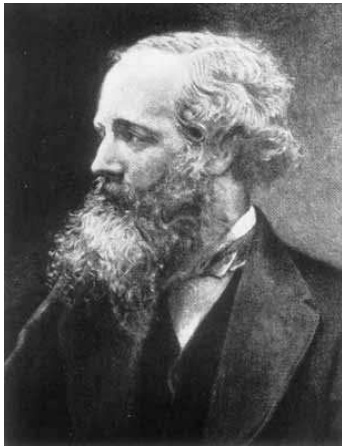
Notation for n -D linear differential systems:

$$(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathfrak{B}) \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w, \quad \text{or } \mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w.$$

Cfr. the work of Oberst, Pillai, Shankar, Wood, Zerz, ...

Examples: Maxwell's eq'ns, diffusion eq'n, wave eq'n, ...

Maxwell's equations



$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{E} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \rho, \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{B}, \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0, \\ c^2 \nabla \times \vec{B} &= \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \vec{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{E}.\end{aligned}$$

$T = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3$ (time and space),

$w = (\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho)$

(electric field, magnetic field, current density, charge density),

$W = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}$,

$\mathfrak{B} =$ set of solutions to these PDE's.

Note: 10 variables, 8 equations! $\Rightarrow \exists$ free variables.

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)w = 0$$

is called a **kernel representation** of the associated $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w$.

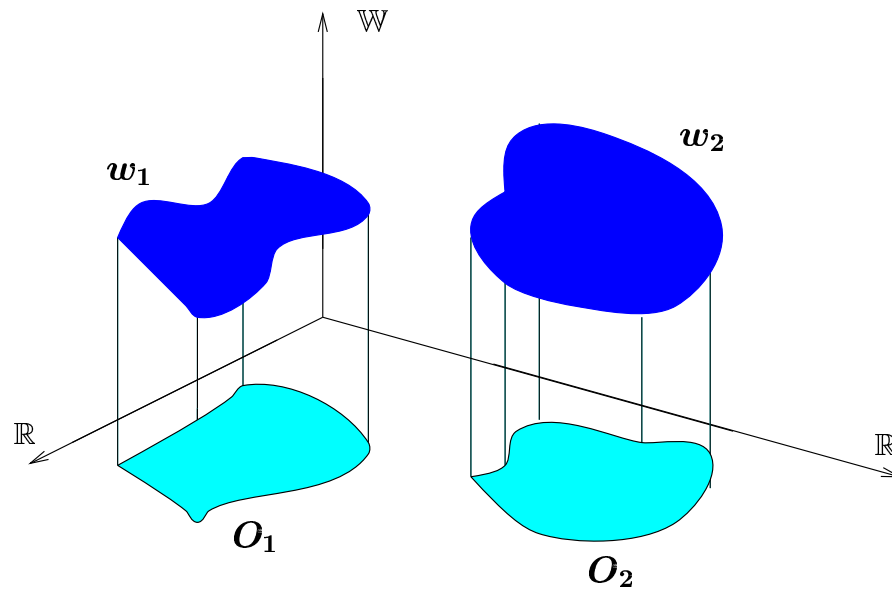
Another representation: **image representation**

$$w = M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)\ell.$$

'Elimination' thm $\Rightarrow \text{im}\left(M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)\right) \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w !$

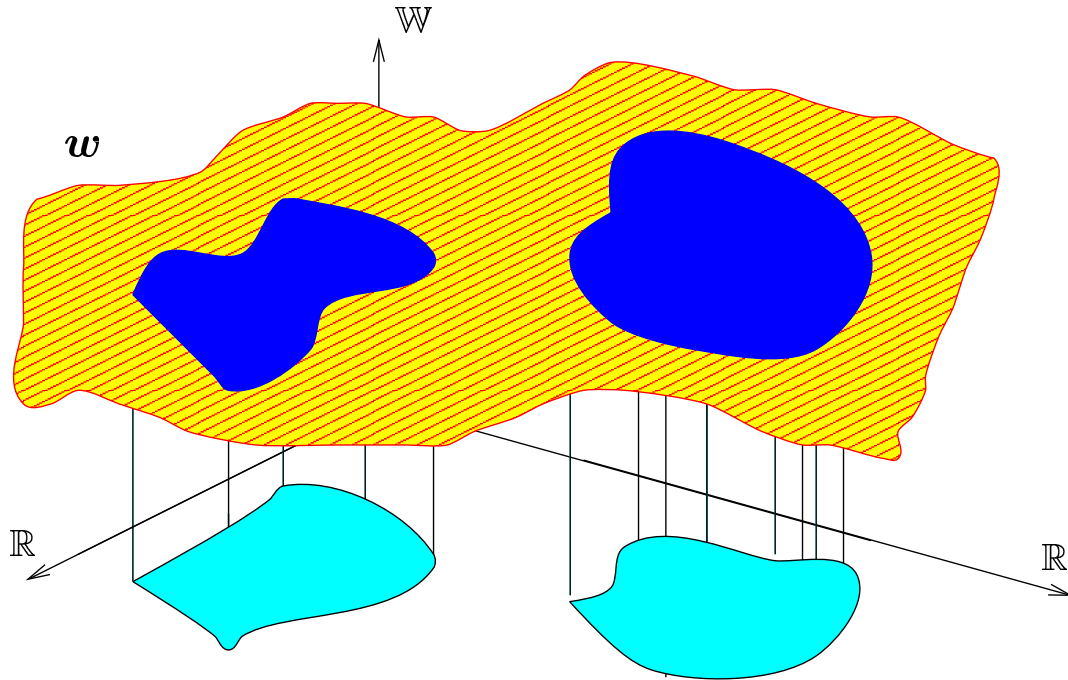
$\mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w$ admits an image representation iff it is **'controllable'**.

Controllability in pictures:



$$w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}.$$

$w \in \mathcal{B}$ 'patches' $w_1, w_2 \in \mathcal{B}$.



Controllability \Leftrightarrow 'patch-ability'.

ARE MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS CONTROLLABLE ?

The following well-known equations in the *scalar potential* $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and the *vector potential* $\vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{A} - \nabla \phi,$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A},$$

$$\vec{j} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi,$$

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi.$$

Proves controllability. Illustrates the interesting connection

controllability $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ a potential!

Not all controllable systems admit an **observable** image representation. For $n = 1$, they do. For $n > 1$, exceptionally so.

Observability means: $M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)$ is injective:

ℓ can be deduced from w .

The latent variable in an image representation ℓ may be **'hidden'**.

Example: Maxwell's equations do not allow a potential representation that is observable.

Multi-index notation:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n),$$

$$\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_n), \ell = (\ell_1, \dots, \ell_n),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n), \boldsymbol{\zeta} = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n), \boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n),$$

$$\frac{d}{d\mathbf{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right), \frac{d^{\mathbf{k}}}{d\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{k}}} = \left(\frac{\partial^{k_1}}{\partial x_1^{k_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial^{k_n}}{\partial x_n^{k_n}} \right),$$

$$d\mathbf{x} = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n,$$

$$R\left(\frac{d}{d\mathbf{x}}\right)w = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)w = 0,$$

$$w = M\left(\frac{d}{d\mathbf{x}}\right)\ell \quad \text{for} \quad w = M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\right)\ell,$$

etc.

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QDF's

The quadratic map in w and its derivatives, defined by

$$w \mapsto \sum_{k,l} \left(\frac{d^k}{dx^k} w \right)^\top \Phi_{k,l} \left(\frac{d^l}{dx^l} w \right)$$

is called *quadratic differential form (QDF)* on $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$.

$$\Phi_{k,l} \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times w}; \text{ WLOG: } \Phi_{k,l} = \Phi_{l,k}^\top.$$

Introduce the $2n$ -variable polynomial matrix Φ

$$\Phi(\zeta, \eta) = \sum_{k,l} \Phi_{k,l} \zeta^k \eta^l.$$

Denote the QDF as Q_Φ .

DISSIPATIVE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

We consider only **controllable linear differential systems** and **QDF's**.

Definition: $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w$, controllable, is said to be *dissipative* with respect to the **supply rate** Q_Φ (a QDF) if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_\Phi(w) dx \geq 0$$

for all $w \in \mathfrak{B}$ of compact support, i.e., for all $w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}$.

Assume $n = 4$: independent variables x, y, z, t : space and time.

Idea: $Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z; t) dx dy dz dt$:
rate of 'energy' delivered to the system.

Dissipativity : \Leftrightarrow

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} Q_{\Phi}(w) dx dy dz \right) dt \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}.$$

A dissipative system **absorbs** net energy.

Example: Maxwell's eq'ns:

dissipative (in fact, conservative) w.r.t. the QDF $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$.

In other words, if \vec{E}, \vec{j} is of compact support and satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} &= 0, \\ \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{E} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \vec{j} &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} (-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}) \, dx dy dz \right) dt = 0.$$

Can this be reinterpreted as: As the system evolves,

energy is locally stored, and redistributed over time and space?

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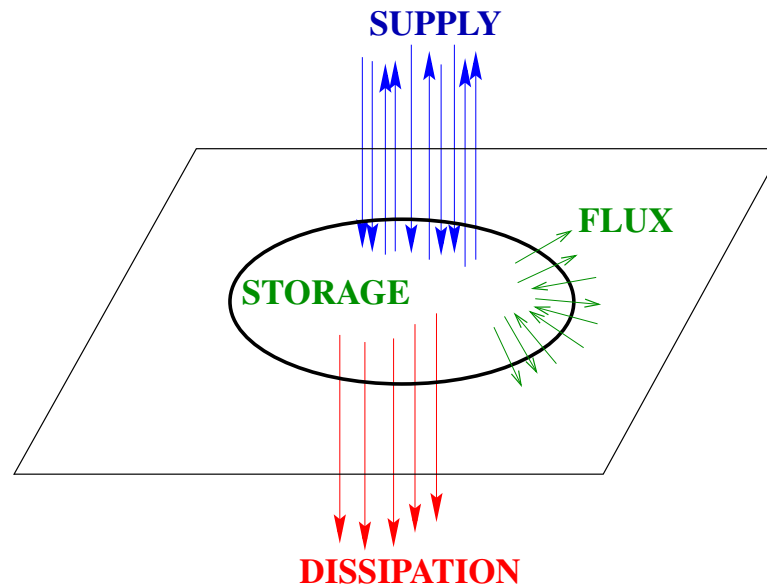
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Assume that a system is 'globally' dissipative.

∴ Can this dissipativity be expressed through a 'local' law??

Such that in every spatial domain there holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Storage} + \text{Spatial flux} \leq \text{Supply.}$$



$$\text{Supply} = \text{Stored} + \text{radiated} + \text{dissipated.}$$

Main Theorem:

$\mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w$, controllable, is **dissipative** w.r.t. the **supply rate** Q_Φ
iff

\exists an **image representation** $w = M\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\ell$ of \mathfrak{B} ,
an **n-vector of QDF's** $Q_\Psi = (Q_{\Psi_1}, \dots, Q_{\Psi_n})$
on $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^{\dim(\ell)})$, called the **flux**,

such that the **local dissipation law**

$$\nabla \cdot Q_\Psi(\ell) \leq Q_\Phi(w)$$

holds for all (w, ℓ) that satisfy $w = M\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)\ell$.

As usual $\nabla \cdot Q_\Psi := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} Q_{\Psi_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} Q_{\Psi_n}$.

Note: the local law involves

(possibly unobservable, - i.e., **hidden!**) latent variables (the ℓ 's).

Assume $n = 4$: independent variables x, y, z, t : space and time.

Let $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_4^w$ be controllable. Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} Q_{\Phi}(w) \, dx dy dz \right) dt \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}.$$

if and only if

\exists an image representation $w = M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)\ell$ of \mathfrak{B} ,

and QDF's S , the *storage*, and

F_x, F_y, F_z , the *spatial flux*,

such that the *local dissipation law*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\ell) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_x(\ell) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_y(\ell) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} F_z(\ell) \leq Q_{\Phi}(w)$$

holds for all (w, ℓ) that satisfy $w = M\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)\ell$.

EXAMPLE: ENERGY STORED IN EM FIELDS

Maxwell's equations are dissipative (in fact, conservative) with respect to $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$, the rate of energy supplied.

Introduce the *stored energy density*, S , and

the *energy flux density (the Poynting vector)*, \vec{F} ,

$$S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) := \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{E} + \frac{\epsilon_0 c^2}{2} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B},$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) := \epsilon_0 c^2 \vec{E} \times \vec{B}.$$

The following is a local conservation law for Maxwell's equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) + \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}.$$

Local version involves \vec{B} , **unobservable** from \vec{E} and \vec{j} , the variables in the rate of energy supplied.

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Using **controllability** and **image representations**, we may assume
WLOG:

$$\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_{\Phi}(w) \geq 0 \text{ for all } w \in \mathfrak{D}$$

\Updownarrow (Parseval)

$$\Phi(-i\omega, i\omega) \geq 0 \text{ for all } \omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

\Updownarrow **(Factorization equation)**

$$\exists D : \Phi(-\xi, \xi) = D^{\top}(-\xi)D(\xi)$$

\Updownarrow (easy)

$$\exists \Psi : (\zeta + \eta)^{\top} \Psi(\zeta, \eta) = \Phi(\zeta, \eta) - D^{\top}(\zeta)D(\eta)$$

\Updownarrow (clearly)

$$\exists \Psi : \nabla \cdot Q_{\Psi}(w) \leq Q_{\Phi}(w) \text{ for all } w \in \mathfrak{C}^{\infty}$$

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Consider

$$X^T(-\xi)X(\xi) = Y(\xi)$$

with $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$ given, and X the **unknown**. Solvable??

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$$X^T(\xi)X(\xi) = Y(\xi)$$

with $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$ given, and X the **unknown**.

Under what conditions on Y does there exist a solution X ?

Scalar case: !! write the real polynomial Y as a sum of squares

$$Y = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots + x_k^2.$$

$$X^T(\xi)X(\xi) = Y(\xi)$$

For $n = 1$ and $Y \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$, solvable (for $X \in \mathbb{R}^2[\xi]$!) iff

$$Y(\alpha) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For $n = 1$, and $Y \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$, it is well-known (but non-trivial) that this factorization equation is solvable (with $X \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$!) iff

$$Y(\alpha) = Y^T(\alpha) \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

For $n > 1$, and under this obvious positivity requirement, this equation **can nevertheless** in general not be solved over the **polynomial matrices**, for $X \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}[\xi]$, but it can be solved over the **matrices of rational functions**, i.e., for $X \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times \bullet}(\xi)$.

This factorizability is a simple consequence of **Hilbert's 17-th pbm!**



Solve $p = p_1^2 + p_2^2 + \cdots + p_k^2$, p given

A polynomial $p \in \mathbb{R}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$, with $p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \geq 0$ for all $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ can in general **not** be expressed as a sum of squares of polynomials, with the p_i 's $\in \mathbb{R}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$.

But a rational function (and hence a polynomial)

$p \in \mathbb{R}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$, with $p(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \geq 0$, for all $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, **can** be expressed as a sum of squares of $(k = 2^n)$ rational functions, with the p_i 's $\in \mathbb{R}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$.

⇒ solvability of the factorization eq'n

$$\Phi(-i\omega, i\omega) \geq 0 \text{ for all } \omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\Updownarrow \quad \boxed{\text{(Factorization equation)}}$$

$$\exists D : \quad \Phi(-\xi, \xi) = D^\top(-\xi)D(\xi)$$

over the rational functions,

i.e., with D a matrix with elements in $\mathbb{R}(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$.

The need to introduce

rational functions in this factorization

an **image representation** of \mathfrak{B} to reduce the pbm to \mathcal{C}^∞

are the causes of the **unavoidable** presence of (possibly unobservable, i.e., **'hidden'**) latent variables in the local dissipation law.

UNIQUENESS

Non-uniqueness of the storage function stems from 3 sources

1. The non-uniqueness of the **latent variable** ℓ in various (non-observable) image representations.
2. The non-uniqueness of D in the factorization equation

$$\Phi(-\xi, \xi) = D^\top(-\xi)D(\xi)$$

3. The non-uniqueness (in the case $n > 1$) of the solution Ψ of

$$(\zeta + \eta)^\top \Psi(\zeta, \eta) = \Phi(\zeta, \eta) - D^\top(\zeta)D(\eta)$$

For **conservative systems**, $\Phi(-\xi, \xi) = 0$, whence $D = 0$, but, when $n = 1$, the third source of non-uniqueness remains, even when working with a specific image representation.

It seems to be a very real non-uniqueness, even for EM fields. Cfr.

The ambiguity of the field energy

... There are, in fact, an infinite number of different possibilities for u [the internal energy] and S [the flux] ... It is sometimes claimed that this problem can be resolved using the theory of gravitation ... as yet nobody has done such a delicate experiment ... So we will follow the rest of the world - besides, we believe that it [our choice] is probably perfectly right.

**The Feynman Lectures on Physics,
Volume II, page 27-6.**

CONCLUSIONS

- global dissipation $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ local dissipation law
- Involves **hidden** latent variables (e.g. \vec{B} in Maxwell's eq'ns)
- The proof \cong **Hilbert's 17-th problem**
- Neither **controllability** nor **observability** are good generic assumptions

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Thank you!