

# Minimal time optimal control problems

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- ② Existence and characterization results
- ③ Algorithms and numerical experiments
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# Introduction

- Optimal Control Problem

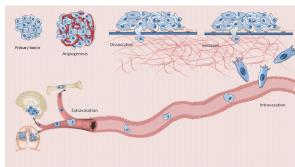
$$\min J(f) \quad \begin{cases} a(u) = B(f) \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T) \\ + \text{ bounded conditions} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- Minimum  $\Rightarrow J'(f) = 0$ .
- Minimal Time Optimal Control Problem

$$\min J(T, f) \quad \begin{cases} a(u) = B(f) \text{ in } \Omega \times (0, T) \\ + \text{ bounded conditions} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

# Motivation

## Medicine



## Biology, Ecology



## Economy



## Engineering



# Introduction

## Linear ODE

$$\begin{cases} y_t + ay = h(t), & t \in (0, T), \\ y(0) = y_0, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

## Nonlinear ODE

$$\begin{cases} y_t + H(y) = h(t), & t \in (0, T), \\ y(0) = y_0, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{cases} H : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R} \text{ is of class } \mathcal{C}^1, \\ 0 \leq H'(s) \leq C \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

## Introduction

## Heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \theta_t - \Delta\theta = h1_\omega, & (x, t) \in Q_T := \Omega \times (0, T), \\ \theta = 0, & (x, t) \in \Sigma_T := \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ \theta(0) = \theta_0, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

## Problem

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize } \phi(T, h) := \frac{T^2}{2} + \frac{b}{2} \iint_{\omega \times (0, +\infty)} |h|^2 dx dt, \\ \text{Subject to: } (T, h) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times L^2(\omega \times (0, +\infty)), \\ \quad (\theta, h) \text{ solves (6),} \\ \quad \|\theta(T) - \theta_d\| = \delta, \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

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## Linear ODE

$$\mathcal{H}_{ad} := \{(T, h) : T \geq 0, h \in L^2(0, +\infty), |y_h(T) - y_d| = \delta\},$$

## Theorem

Let  $a, \delta > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $y_0, y_d \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $|y_0 - y_d| > \delta$ . Then, there exists a unique solution  $(T, h) \in \mathcal{H}_{ad}$  to the:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } \phi(T, h) := \frac{T^2}{2} + \frac{b}{2} \int_0^{+\infty} |h|^2 dt, \\ \text{Subject to: } (T, h) \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times L^2(0, +\infty), \\ \quad (y, h) \text{ solves (3),} \\ \quad |y(T) - y_d| = \delta, \end{array} \right. \quad (8)$$



## Linear ODE

## Theorem

Let  $(T, h) \in \mathcal{H}_{ad}$  solution to the (8), then there exists  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\psi = \psi(t)$  such that:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_t + ay = h, \quad t \in (0, T), \quad y(0) = y_0, \\ -\psi_t + a\psi = 0, \quad t \in (0, T), \\ \psi(T) = y(T) - y_d, \quad |y(T) - y_d| = \delta, \\ h = -\frac{1}{\lambda b}\psi \quad \text{in } (0, T), \quad T = -\frac{1}{\lambda}(y(T) - y_d)y_t(T). \end{array} \right. \quad (9)$$

## Nonlinear ODE

$$\mathcal{H}_{ad} := \{(T, h) : T \geq 0, h \in L^2(0, +\infty), |y_h(T) - y_d| = \delta\},$$

## Theorem

*There exists at least one solution  $(T, h) \in \mathcal{H}_{ad}$ .*

## Theorem

*Let  $(T, h) \in \mathcal{H}_{ad}$  be a solution  $\Rightarrow \exists \lambda > 0$  and  $\psi = \psi(t)$  such that:*

$$\begin{cases} y_t + H(y) = h, & t \in (0, T), & y(0) = y_0, \\ -\psi_t + H'(y)\psi = 0, & t \in (0, T), \\ \psi(T) = y(T) - y_d, & |y(T) - y_d| = \delta, \\ h = -\frac{1}{\lambda b}\psi & \text{in } (0, T), & T = -\frac{1}{\lambda}(y(T) - y_d)y_t(T). \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

## Heat Equation

## Theorem

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# Algorithms

- Fixed Point Method (Linear ODE)
- Direct Method

1. For some  $T^k$  and  $\mu^j = 1/\lambda^j$  compute

$$\|\theta^{k,j}(T^k) - \theta_d\| - \delta \quad \text{and} \quad -\mu^j(\theta^{k,j}(T) - \theta_d, \theta_t^{k,j}(T^k)),$$

2. Compute a solution  $(T_*, \mu_*)$  to the system

$$T = -\mu(\theta(T) - \theta_d, \theta_t(T)), \quad \|\theta(T) - \theta_d\| = \delta \quad (12)$$

- Penalty

$$\tilde{\phi}(T, h; \mu^n) := \frac{T^2}{2} + \frac{b}{2} \iint_{\omega \times (0, +\infty)} |h|^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu^n} \left( (\|\bar{\theta}(T) - \theta_d\| - \delta)^2 + T_-^2 \right).$$

- Augmented Lagrangian

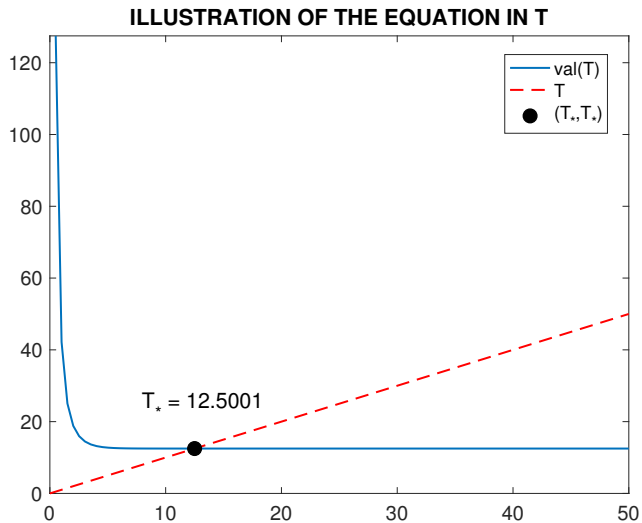
## Linear ODE

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_t + ay = h, \quad t \in (0, T), \quad y(0) = y_0, \\ -\psi_t + a\psi = 0, \quad t \in (0, T), \\ \psi(T) = y(T) - y_d, \quad |y(T) - y_d| = \delta, \\ h = -\frac{1}{\lambda b}\psi \quad \text{in } (0, T), \quad T = -\frac{1}{\lambda}(y(T) - y_d)y_t(T). \end{array} \right. \quad (13)$$

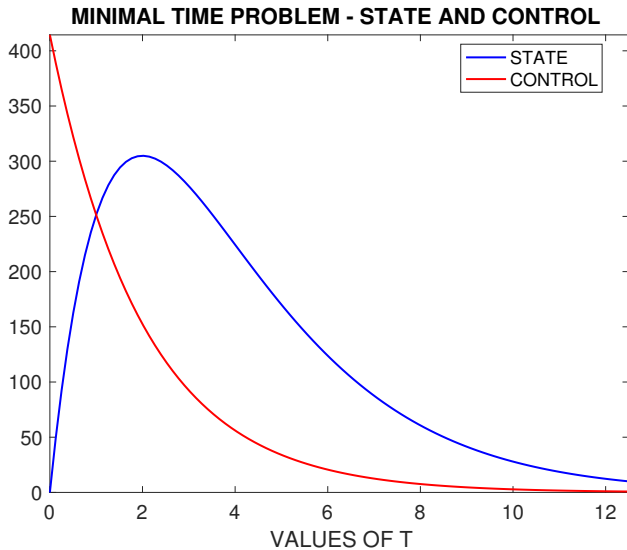
## Parameters

$$\delta = 10^{-5}, \quad y_d = 10, \quad b = 0.5 \text{ and } a = 0.5.$$

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## Heat equation

## Direct Method

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2. Compute a solution  $(T_*, \mu_*)$  to the system

$$T = -\mu(\theta(T) - \theta_d, \theta_t(T)), \quad \|\theta(T) - \theta_d\| = \delta \quad (14)$$

## Parameters

$$\delta = 0.07, \quad b = 100,$$

$$T_0 = 5, \quad T_1 = 20, \quad \Delta t = 1.25,$$

$$\mu_0 = 120, \quad \mu_1 = 160, \quad \Delta\mu = 10.$$

# Heat equation

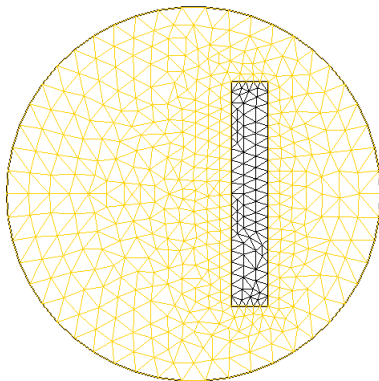


Figure: The mesh.

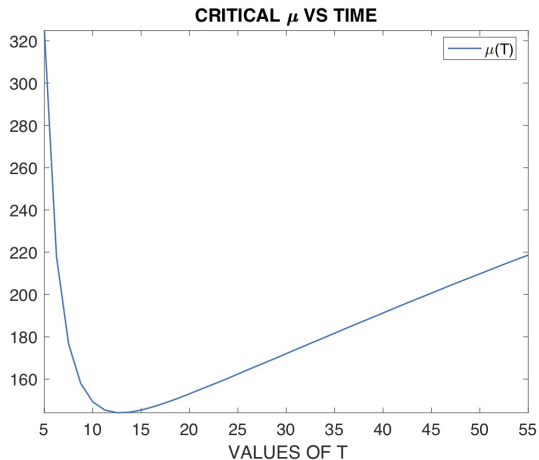


Figure: The values of  $\mu$  that solve the equation  $\|\theta(T) - \theta_d\| = \delta$ .

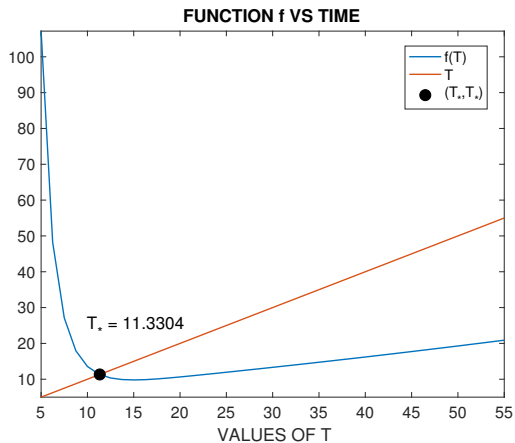


Figure: Minimal time  $T_*$ .

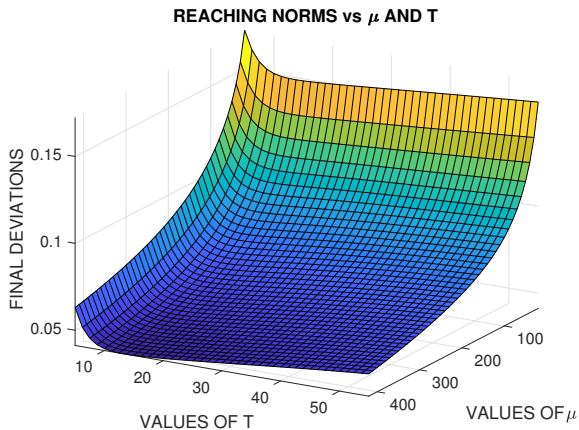


Figure: Values to the norm  $\|\theta(T) - \theta_d\| - \delta$  versus  $\mu$  and  $T$ .

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## Open Questions and Perspectives

- Uniqueness to the nonlinear ODE and heat problem?
- Convergence to the direct algorithm and to the Augmented Lagrangian algorithm? To develop.
- Other equations: semilinear/nonlinear PDEs, Stokes equation, Navier-Stokes equations, wave PDE...? To develop.

## Contributions

- New vision of minimal control time problem → Optimal control problems.
- Existence and characterization results to linear and nonlinear ODE and heat equation.
- Characterization to the solution.
- Algorithms to compute the solution and numerical experiences.