

# Space-time solutions for linear hyperbolic systems

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# Linear hyperbolic first-order systems $L = M\partial_t + A$

## Configuration

domain in space  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , time interval  $I = (0, T)$ ,  $Q = I \times \Omega$ ,  $\Gamma_j \subset \partial\Omega$

## Symmetric Friedrichs systems

$L = M\partial_t + A$  with  $A\mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^d B_j \partial_j \mathbf{y}$  with  $M \in L_\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{m \times m})$  pos. def.,  $B_j \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{m \times m}$

## Example: Acoustic waves

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \partial_t \mathbf{v} - \nabla p &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega \\ \partial_t p - \kappa \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= 0 && \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega \\ p(0) &= p_0 && \text{in } \Omega \text{ at } t = 0 \\ \mathbf{v}(0) &= \mathbf{v}_0 && \text{in } \Omega \text{ at } t = 0 \\ p(t) &= p_S && \text{on } \Gamma_S \subset \partial\Omega, t \in (0, T) \\ \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}(t) &= g_D && \text{on } \Gamma_D = \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma_S, t \in (0, T) \end{aligned}$$

**First-order system**  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ p \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $M\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho \mathbf{v} \\ \kappa^{-1} p \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -\nabla p \\ -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{n} \cdot B\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} -p\mathbf{n} \\ -\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \end{pmatrix}$

in 2d:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \rho & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \kappa^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{aligned} \Gamma_1 &= \Gamma_S \\ \Gamma_2 &= \Gamma_D \\ \Gamma_3 &= \Gamma_D \end{aligned}$$

## Linear conservation laws $M\partial_t \mathbf{y} + \operatorname{div}(B\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{f}$

With  $B = (B_1 | \dots | B_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m \times m}$ , i.e.,  $A\mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^d B_j \partial_j \mathbf{y} = \sum_{j=1}^d \partial_j B_j \mathbf{y} = \operatorname{div} B\mathbf{y}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})_\Omega &= \sum_j \int_\Omega B_j \partial_j \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z} \, dx \\
 &= - \sum_j \int_\Omega \mathbf{y} \cdot B_j \partial_j \mathbf{z} \, dx = -(\mathbf{y}, A\mathbf{z})_\Omega, \quad \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in C_c^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m),
 \end{aligned}$$

so that  $A^* = -A$  on  $C_c^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$ .

Defining  $B_{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{n} \cdot B = \sum_{j=1}^d n_j B_j \in \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{m \times m}$  for  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (A\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})_\Omega + (\mathbf{y}, A\mathbf{z})_\Omega &= \sum_{j=1}^d \sum_{k,l=1}^m \int_\Omega \partial_j B_{jkl} y_k z_l \, dx \\
 &= \int_{\partial\Omega} B_{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{z} \, da = (B_{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z})_{\partial\Omega}, \quad \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z} \in C^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}^m),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outer unit normal at  $\partial\Omega$ .

Together, we obtain in space and time for  $L = M\partial_t + A$  and its adjoint  $L^* = -L$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (L\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z})_Q - (\mathbf{w}, L^*\mathbf{z})_Q &= (M\mathbf{w}(T), \mathbf{z}(T))_\Omega - (M\mathbf{w}(0), \mathbf{z}(0))_\Omega + (B_{\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z})_{(0,T) \times \partial\Omega}, \\
 \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z} &\in C^1(Q; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C^0(\bar{Q}; \mathbb{R}^m).
 \end{aligned}$$

## Solution spaces

We define the Hilbert spaces

$$H(A, \Omega) = \{ \mathbf{y} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m) : A\mathbf{y} \in L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m) \}, \quad \|\mathbf{y}\|_{H(A, \Omega)} = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{y}\|_{\Omega}^2 + \|A\mathbf{y}\|_{\Omega}^2},$$

$$H(L, Q) = \{ \mathbf{w} \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m) : L\mathbf{w} \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m) \}, \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_{H(L, \Omega)} = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{w}\|_Q^2 + \|L\mathbf{w}\|_Q^2}.$$

Depending on homogeneous boundary conditions, we define

$$\mathcal{V} = \{ \mathbf{w} \in C^1(Q; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C^0(\bar{Q}; \mathbb{R}^m) : \mathbf{w}(0) = \mathbf{0}, \\ (B_n \mathbf{w})_j = 0 \text{ on } I \times \Gamma_j, j = 1, \dots, m \},$$

$$\mathcal{V}^* = \{ \mathbf{z} \in C^1(Q; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C^0(\bar{Q}; \mathbb{R}^m) : \mathbf{z}(T) = \mathbf{0}, \\ (B_n \mathbf{z})_j = 0 \text{ on } I \times \Gamma_j^*, j = 1, \dots, m \},$$

where  $\Gamma_j^* \subset \partial\Omega$  is minimal such that  $(B_n \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z})_{(0, T) \times \partial\Omega} = 0$  for  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{V}^*$ .

Let  $V \subset H(L, Q)$  be the closure of  $\mathcal{V}$ , and  $V^* \subset H(L^*, Q)$  be the closure of  $\mathcal{V}^*$ . In  $Y = L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$  and  $W = L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  we use the energy norm and its adjoint

$$\|\mathbf{y}\|_Y = \sqrt{(M\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y})_{\Omega}}, \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_W = \sqrt{(M\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w})_Q}, \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_{W^*} = \sqrt{(M^{-1}\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w})_Q}.$$

In  $V$  and  $V^*$  we use the weighted norms

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_V = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{w}\|_W^2 + \|L\mathbf{w}\|_{W^*}^2}, \quad \|\mathbf{z}\|_{V^*} = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{z}\|_W^2 + \|L^*\mathbf{z}\|_{W^*}^2}.$$

## Solution concepts

**Classical solutions**  $\mathbf{u} \in C^1(Q; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C^0(\bar{Q}; \mathbb{R}^m)$

$$\begin{aligned} L\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } Q = (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u}(0) &= \mathbf{u}_0 && \text{in } \Omega \text{ at } t = 0, \\ (B_n \mathbf{u})_j &= g_j && \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_j, j = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

for  $\mathbf{f} \in C^0(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_0 \in C^0(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $g_j \in C^0((0, T) \times \Gamma_j)$

**Strong solutions**  $\mathbf{u} \in H(L, Q)$

$$\begin{aligned} L\mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{f} && \text{in } Q = (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u}(0) &= \mathbf{u}_0 && \text{in } \Omega \text{ at } t = 0, \\ (B_n \mathbf{u})_j &= g_j && \text{on } (0, T) \times \Gamma_j, j = 1, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

for  $\mathbf{f} \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $g_j \in L_2((0, T) \times \Gamma_j)$

**Weak solutions**  $\mathbf{u} \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$

$$(\mathbf{u}, L^* \mathbf{z})_Q = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z})_Q + (\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{z}(0))_\Omega - (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{z})_{(0, T) \times \partial\Omega}, \quad \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{V}^*$$

for  $\mathbf{f} \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_0 \in L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $\mathbf{g} \in L_2((0, T) \times \partial\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$

## A weak solution in 1d

We consider weak solutions of  $\partial_t^2 u - c^2 \partial_x^2 u = 0$  in  $(0, T) \times (0, L)$  with piecewise constant initial values for  $(v, \sigma) = (\partial_t u, c \partial_x u)$  at  $t = 0$  and  $u(t, 0) = u(t, L) = 0$ .

We consider  $L = cT$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Delta x = c\Delta t$ ,  $\Delta t = T/N$ .

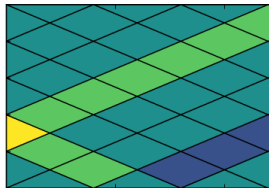
Starting with  $v(0, x) = v_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^0$  and  $\sigma(0, x) = \sigma_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^0$  for  $(j-1)\Delta x < x < j\Delta x$

we compute recursively for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$

$$\begin{aligned}
 v_j^{n-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( v_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} + v_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} + \sigma_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} - \sigma_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} \right), & v_{-\frac{1}{2}}^n &= -v_{\frac{1}{2}}^n, \\
 \sigma_j^{n-\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( v_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} - v_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} + \sigma_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} + \sigma_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^{n-1} \right), \quad j = 0, \dots, N, & v_{N+\frac{1}{2}}^n &= -v_{N-\frac{1}{2}}^n, \\
 v_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^n &= \frac{1}{2} \left( v_j^{n-1} + v_{j-1}^{n-1} + \sigma_j^{n-1} - \sigma_{j-1}^{n-1} \right), & \sigma_{-\frac{1}{2}}^n &= \sigma_{\frac{1}{2}}^n, \\
 \sigma_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^n &= \frac{1}{2} \left( v_j^{n-1} - v_{j-1}^{n-1} + \sigma_j^{n-1} + \sigma_{j-1}^{n-1} \right), \quad j = 1, \dots, N, & \sigma_{N+\frac{1}{2}}^n &= \sigma_{N-\frac{1}{2}}^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

This defines a piecewise constant weak solution  $(v, \sigma) \in L_2(Q, \mathbb{R}^2)$  which is discontinuous along the characteristics

$$(t, \chi(t)) = (t, j\Delta x \pm ct) \in (0, T) \times (0, L).$$



# Existence and uniqueness of space-time solutions

Define  $\langle \ell, \mathbf{z} \rangle = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{z})_Q + (\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{z}(0))_\Omega - (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{z})_{(0,T) \times \partial\Omega}$  and

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{f}\|_{W^*}^2, \quad \mathbf{w} \in H(L, Q), \quad J^*(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{2} \|L^*\mathbf{z}\|_{W^*}^2 - \langle \ell, \mathbf{z} \rangle, \quad \mathbf{z} \in V^*.$$

## Theorem

a) Assume that  $C_L > 0$  exists with

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|_W \leq C_L \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{w}\|_{W^*}, \quad \mathbf{w} \in V.$$

Then, a unique minimizer  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  of  $J(\cdot)$  exists, and if  $L(V) = W$ , the minimizer  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  is the unique strong solution of

$$(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w})_Q = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{w})_Q, \quad \mathbf{w} \in W.$$

b) Assume that  $C_{L^*} > 0$  and  $C_\ell > 0$  exists with

$$\|\mathbf{z}\|_W \leq C_{L^*} \|L^*\mathbf{z}\|_{W^*}, \quad |\langle \ell, \mathbf{z} \rangle| \leq C_\ell \|\mathbf{z}\|_{V^*}, \quad \mathbf{z} \in V^*.$$

Then,  $J^*(\cdot)$  extends to  $V^*$ , a unique minimizer  $\mathbf{z}^* \in V^*$  of  $J^*(\cdot)$  exists, and if  $L^*(V^*) \subset W$  is dense,  $\mathbf{u} = L^*\mathbf{z}^* \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is the unique weak solution of

$$(\mathbf{u}, L^*\mathbf{z})_Q = \langle \ell, \mathbf{z} \rangle, \quad \mathbf{z} \in V^*.$$

# Mapping properties of the space-time operator

## Lemma

$\|\mathbf{w}\|_W \leq C_L \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{w}\|_{W^*}$  for  $\mathbf{w} \in V$  holds with  $C_L = 2T$ .

Thus,  $L: V \rightarrow L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is injective, continuous, and  $L(V) \subset L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is closed.

Let  $\mathcal{D}(A) = Z \subset H(A, \Omega)$  be the closure of

$$\mathcal{Z} = \{ \mathbf{z} \in C^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m) \cap C^0(\bar{\Omega}; \mathbb{R}^m) : (B_n \mathbf{w})_j = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_j, j = 1, \dots, m \},$$

and select  $\Gamma_j \subset \partial\Omega$  such that  $(A\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})_\Omega = \frac{1}{2}(B_n \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  for  $\mathbf{z} \in Z$ .

Then,  $((M + A)\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})_\Omega = (M\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z})_\Omega > 0$  for  $\mathbf{z} \neq 0$ , i.e.,  $M + A$  is injective.

## Lemma

Assume that  $M + A: Z \rightarrow L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is surjective.

Then,  $L(V) \subset L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is dense.

Together,  $L(V) = L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$ , i.e.,  $L: V \rightarrow L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  is surjective.

**Construction** For  $\mathbf{f} \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $t_{N,n} = n \frac{T}{N}$  let  $\mathbf{f}_N \in L_2(Q; \mathbb{R}^m)$  be piecewise constant in time with  $\mathbf{f}_{N,n} = \mathbf{f}_N|_{(t_{N,n-1}, t_{N,n})}$  so that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{f}_N = \mathbf{f}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{u}_N \in H^1(0, T; Z)$  be piecewise linear in  $(t_{N,n-1}, t_{N,n})$  with  $\mathbf{u}_N(0) = \mathbf{0}$  and  $(M + \frac{T}{N}A)\mathbf{u}_N(t_{N,n}) = M\mathbf{u}_N(t_{N,n-1}) + \frac{T}{N}\mathbf{f}_{N,n}$ . Then,  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} L\mathbf{u}_N = \mathbf{f}$ .



## Inf-sup stability

### Corollary

With these assumptions, we have  $C_L = C_{L^*}$  and

$$V = \{ \mathbf{v} \in H(L, Q) : (L\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z})_Q = (\mathbf{v}, L^*\mathbf{z})_Q \text{ for } \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{V}^* \},$$

$$V^* = \{ \mathbf{z} \in H(L^*, Q) : (L^*\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{v})_Q = (\mathbf{z}, L\mathbf{v})_Q \text{ for } \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{V} \}.$$

### Theorem

The bilinear form  $b: V \times W \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = (L\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})_Q$  is inf-sup stable:

$$\inf_{\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{0\}} \sup_{\mathbf{w} \in W \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_V \|\mathbf{w}\|_W} = \inf_{\mathbf{w} \in W \setminus \{0\}} \sup_{\mathbf{v} \in V \setminus \{0\}} \frac{b(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})}{\|\mathbf{v}\|_V \|\mathbf{w}\|_W} = \beta, \quad \beta \geq \frac{1}{C_L^2 + 1}.$$

Thus, for all  $\mathbf{f} \in L_2(Q, \mathbb{R}^m)$  a unique Petrov-Galerkin solution  $\mathbf{u} \in V$  of

$$b(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{w})_Q, \quad \mathbf{w} \in W$$

exists, and the solution is bounded by  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_V \leq \beta^{-1} \|\mathbf{f}\|_{W^*}$ .

### Corollary

$\mathbf{f} \in H^1(0, T; L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)) \implies \mathbf{u} \in H^1(0, T; L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m))$  and  $\|\partial_t \mathbf{u}\|_W \leq C_L \|\partial_t \mathbf{f}\|_{W^*}$

# Applications

**Acoustics**  $Z = \{(\mathbf{v}, p) \in H(\operatorname{div}, \Omega) \times H^1(\Omega) : \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D, p = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_S\}$

For all  $(\mathbf{f}, g) \in L_2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d+1})$  we define  $(\mathbf{v}, p) = (\rho^{-1}(\nabla p - \mathbf{f}), p) \in Z$  by solving

$$(\rho^{-1} \nabla p, \nabla \phi)_\Omega + (\kappa^{-1} p, \phi)_\Omega = (g, \phi)_\Omega - (\rho^{-1} \mathbf{f}, \nabla \phi)_\Omega, \quad \phi \in H^1(\Omega) \text{ with } \phi = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_S.$$

## Visco-elastic waves

The space-time setting extends to  $L = M \partial_t + A + D$

with  $D \in L_\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{R}_{\operatorname{sym}}^{m \times m})$  positive semi-definite. For the system

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \partial_t \mathbf{v} - \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 + \dots + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_r) &= \mathbf{f}, \\ \partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 - \mathbf{C}_0 \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \partial_t \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - \mathbf{C}_j \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}) + \tau_j^{-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j &= \mathbf{0}, \quad j = 1, \dots, r, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain  $L^* = -M \partial_t - A + D$  with  $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0, \dots, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_r)^\top$  and

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \rho & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \mathbf{C}_r^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad A = - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \operatorname{div} & \dots & \operatorname{div} \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} & 0 & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} & 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \tau_0^{-1} \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & \tau_r^{-1} \mathbf{C}_r^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$