

# Theoretical and numerical hierarchical control of some PDEs

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## CONTROL PROBLEMS

What is usual: act to get good (or the best) results for

$$\begin{cases} E(y) = F(v) \\ + \dots \end{cases}$$

What is easier? Solving? Controlling?

Two classical approaches:

- Optimal control
- Controllability

## OPTIMAL CONTROL

## A general optimal control problem

Minimize  $J(v)$ Subject to  $v \in \mathcal{V}_{ad}$ ,  $y \in \mathcal{Y}_{ad}$ ,  $(v, y)$  satisfies

$$E(y) = F(v) + \dots \quad (S)$$

Main questions:  $\exists$ , uniqueness/multiplicity, characterization, computation, ...We could also consider similar **bi-objective** optimal control:"Minimize"  $J_1(v), J_2(v)$ Subject to  $v \in \mathcal{V}_{ad}, \dots$

## CONTROLLABILITY

## A null controllability problem

Find  $(v, y)$ Such that  $v \in \mathcal{V}_{ad}$ ,  $(v, y)$  satisfies (ES),  $y(T) = 0$ with  $y : [0, T] \mapsto H$ ,

$$E(y) \equiv y_t + A(y) = F(v) + \dots \quad (ES)$$

Again many interesting questions:  $\exists$ , uniqueness/multiplicity, characterization, computation, ...

A very rich subject for PDEs, see [Russell, J.-L. Lions, Coron, Zuazua, ...]

Question: How can we adopt both viewpoints together?

Example: Optimal-control / controllability problem

A simplified model for the autonomous car driving problem

The system:

$$\dot{x}_t = f(x, u), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

Constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist.}(x(t), Z(t)) &\geq \varepsilon \quad \forall t \\ u &\in \mathcal{U}_{ad} \quad (|u(t)| \leq C) \end{aligned}$$

$u$  determines direction and speed

Goals (prescribed  $x_T$  and  $\hat{x}$ ):

- $x(T) = x_T$  (or  $|x(T) - x_T| \leq \varepsilon \dots$ )
- Minimize  $\sup_t |x(t) - \hat{x}(t)|$

[Sontag, Sussman-Tang, ...]



**Figure:** The ICARE Project, INRIA, France. Autonomous car driving. Malis-Morin-Rives-Samson, 2004

The car in the street



Figure: Nissan ID. Autonomous car driving. 2015–2020

### What was announced in 2014:

- Nissan ID 1.0 (2015), **highways and traffic jams (no lane change)** - OK
- ID 2.0 (2018), **overtaking and lane change**
- ID 3.0 (2020), **complete autonomous driving in town**

<http://reports.nissan-global.com/EN/?p=17295>



Another way to connect optimal control and controllability:

**HIERARCHICAL CONTROL** (Stackelberg-Nash, Stackelberg-Pareto, ...)

The main ideas in the context of Navier-Stokes:

Three controls: one leader, two followers

$$\begin{cases} y_t + (y \cdot \nabla)y - \Delta y + \nabla p = f 1_{\mathcal{O}} + v_1 1_{\mathcal{O}_1} + v_2 1_{\mathcal{O}_2}, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) \\ \nabla \cdot y = 0, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) \\ y = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x), & x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

Disjoint domains  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_i$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ )

Three objectives:

- “Simultaneously”,  $y \approx y_{i,d}$  in  $\Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , reasonable effort:

$$\text{Minimize } \alpha_i \iint_{\Omega \times (0, T)} |y - y_{i,d}|^2 + \mu \iint_{\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)} |v_i|^2, \quad i = 1, 2$$

**Bi-objective optimal control** - The task of the followers

In practice, does an equilibrium  $(v_1(f), v_2(f))$  exist for each  $f$ ?

- Get  $y(x, T) \equiv 0$

**Null controllability** - The task of the leader

Can we find  $f$  such that  $y(T) = 0$ ?

$$\begin{cases} y_t + (y \cdot \nabla)y - \Delta y + \nabla p = f_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}} + v_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_1} + v_2 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_2}, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) \\ \nabla \cdot y = 0, & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T) \\ y = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x), & x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

Many applications:

- **Heating:** Controlling temperatures  
Heat sources at different locations - Heat PDE (linear, semilinear, etc.)
- **Tumor growth:** Controlling tumor cell densities  
Radiotherapy strategies - Reaction-diffusion PDEs  
bilinear control
- **Fluid mechanics:** Controlling fluid velocity fields  
Several mechanical actions - Stokes, Navier-Stokes or similar
- **Finances:** Controlling the price of an option  
Agents at different stock prices, etc. - Backwards in time heat-like PDE  
Degenerate coefficients

**Contributions:** Lions, Díaz-Lions, Glowinski-Periaux-Ramos, Guillén, ...  
Optimal control + AC

## A SIMPLIFIED PROBLEM FOR THE 1D HEAT PDE

Again three controls: **one leader, two followers**

$$(H) \quad \begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = f1_{\mathcal{O}} + v_1 1_{\mathcal{O}_1} + v_2 1_{\mathcal{O}_2}, & (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, T) \\ y(0, t) = y(1, t) = 0, & t \in (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x), & x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

Different intervals  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}_i$

Again three objectives:

- Simultaneously,  $y \approx y_{i,d}$  in  $\Omega \times (0, T)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , reasonable effort:

$$\text{Minimize } \alpha_i \iint_{\Omega \times (0, T)} |y - y_{i,d}|^2 + \mu \iint_{\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)} |v_i|^2, \quad i = 1, 2$$

**Bi-objective optimal control** - Followers' task

- Get  $y(T) = 0$   
**Null controllability** - Leader's task

What can we do?

## THE STACKELBERG-NASH STRATEGY

Step 1:  $f$  is fixed

$$J_i(v_1, v_2) := \alpha_i \iint_{\Omega \times (0, T)} |y - y_{i,d}|^2 + \mu \iint_{\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)} |v_i|^2, \quad i = 1, 2$$

Find a Nash equilibrium  $(v_1(f), v_2(f))$  with  $v_i(f) \in L^2(\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T))$ :

$$J_1(v_1(f), v_2(f)) \leq J_1(v_1, v_2(f)) \quad \forall v_1 \in L^2(\mathcal{O}_1 \times (0, T))$$

$$J_2(v_1(f), v_2(f)) \leq J_2(v_1(f), v_2) \quad \forall v_2 \in L^2(\mathcal{O}_2 \times (0, T))$$

Equivalent to an optimality system:

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = f \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_1} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_2 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_2} \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \phi_{i,xx} = \alpha_i (y - y_{i,d}), \quad i = 1, 2 \\ \phi_i(0, t) = \phi_i(1, t) = 0, \quad y(0, t) = y(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x), \quad \phi_i(x, T) = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1) \\ v_i(f) = -\frac{1}{\mu} \phi_i|_{\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)} \end{cases}$$

$\exists (v_1(f), v_2(f))$ ? Uniqueness?

## THE STACKELBERG-NASH STRATEGY

**Step 2:** Find  $f$  such that

$$(HSN)_1 \quad \begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = f \mathbf{1}_O - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_1 \mathbf{1}_{O_1} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_2 \mathbf{1}_{O_2} \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \phi_{i,xx} = \alpha_i (y - y_{i,d}), \quad i = 1, 2 \\ y|_{t=0} = y^0(x), \quad \phi_i|_{t=T} = 0, \quad \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

$$(HSN)_2 \quad y(x, T) = 0, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

$$\text{with } \|f\|_{L^2(O \times (0, T))} \leq C \|y^0\|_{L^2}$$

Equivalent to

$$\|\psi|_{t=0}\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \iint_{\Omega \times (0, T)} \hat{\rho}^{-2} |\gamma^i|^2 dx dt \leq C \iint_{O \times (0, T)} |\psi|^2 dx dt$$

for all  $\psi^T$ , with

$$\begin{cases} -\psi_t - \psi_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i \gamma^i, \quad \gamma_t^i - \gamma_{xx}^i = -\frac{1}{\mu} \psi \mathbf{1}_{O_i} \\ \psi|_{t=T} = \psi^T(x), \quad \gamma^i|_{t=0} = 0, \quad \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

True?

## Theorem

Assume: large  $\mu$

$\exists \hat{\rho}$  such that, if  $\iint_{\Omega \times (0, T)} \hat{\rho}^2 |y_{i,d}|^2 dx dt < +\infty$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then:

$\forall y^0 \in L^2(\Omega) \exists$  null controls  $f \in L^2(\mathcal{O} \times (0, T))$  & Nash pairs  $(v_1(f), v_2(f))$

Idea of the proof:

- Energy estimates for the optimality system for  $(y, \phi_1, \phi_2)$
- Energy and Carleman estimates for the adjoint system for  $(\psi, \gamma^1, \gamma^2)$

We do need:  $\mu$  is large

FIRST, HOW CAN WE COMPUTE A NASH EQUILIBRIUM PAIR?  
(THE FOLLOWERS)

The goal:  $f$  is given. Solve the optimality system

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y = f \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_1} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_2 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_2} \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \phi_{i,xx} = \alpha_i (y - y_{i,d}), \quad i = 1, 2 \\ y|_{t=0} = y^0(x), \quad \phi_i|_{t=T} = 0, \quad \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

Then take  $v_i = \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_i|_{\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)}$

For instance: ALG 1 - Fixed point

ALG 1:  $(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow y \rightarrow (\phi_1, \phi_2) \rightarrow (v_1, v_2)$

Also: Gradient, Conjugate gradient, etc.

Standard approximations:  $P_\ell$ -Lagrange FEM's, Implicit Euler schemes

A 2D numerical experiment with FreeFem++: <http://www.freefem.org/>

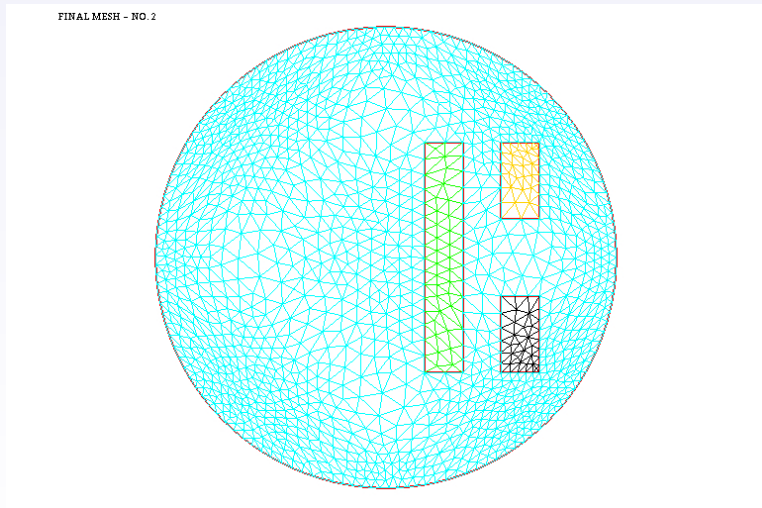


Figure: The final adapted mesh - Number of vertices: 1460 - Number of triangles: 2781



# Numerical analysis and results

## Computation of Nash equilibria

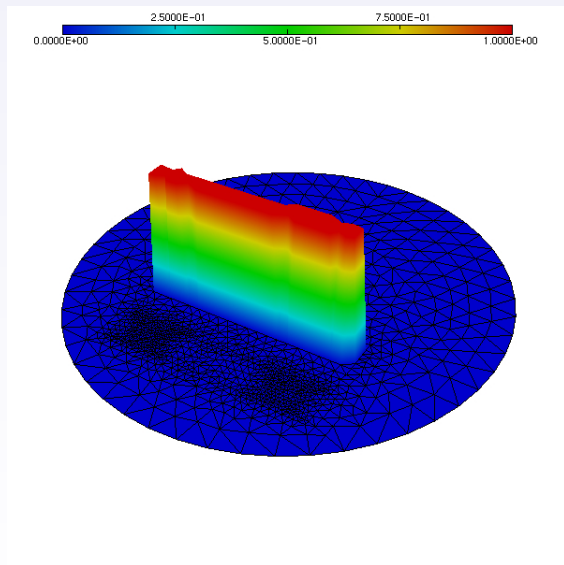


Figure: The (fixed) leader control  $f$  (constant in time)

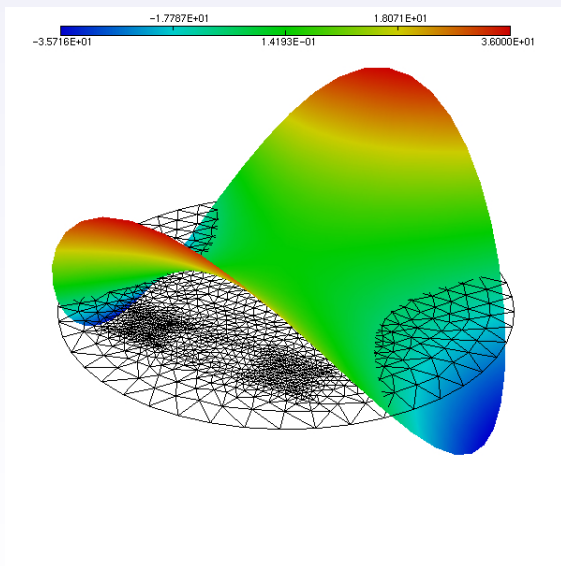


Figure: The target  $y_{1,d}$  (constant in time)

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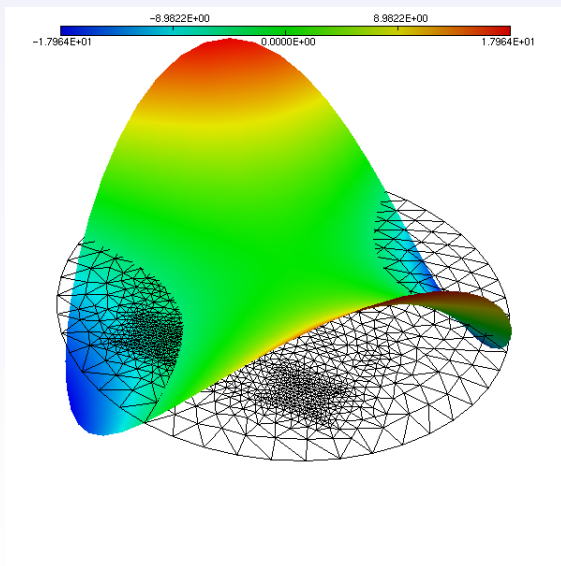
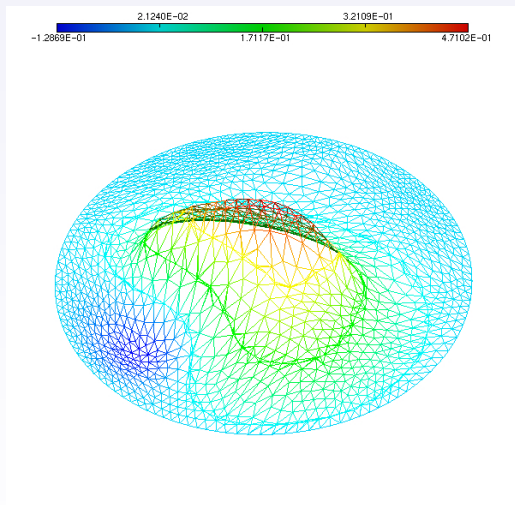


Figure: The target  $y_{2,d}$  (constant in time)



**Figure:** The state  $y$  at  $t = T$  - Result for  $y^0 = 0$ ,  $\mu = 0.15$   
Stopping test:  $\sum_i \|v_{i,n+1} - v_{i,n}\| / \|v_{i,n+1}\| \leq 10^{-5}$

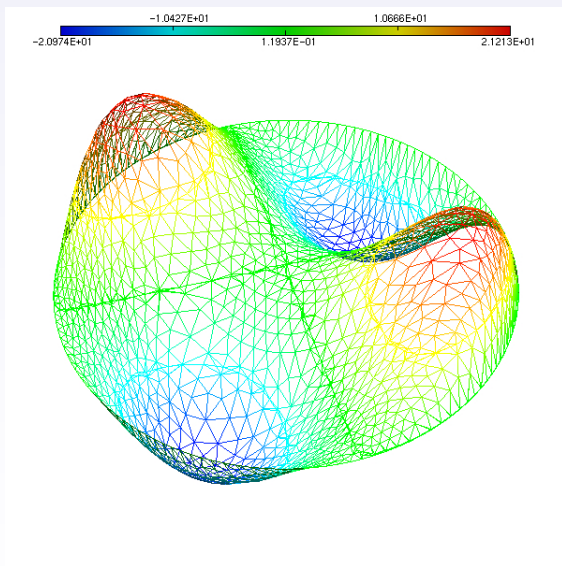


Figure: The adjoint state  $\phi_1$  at  $t = 0$

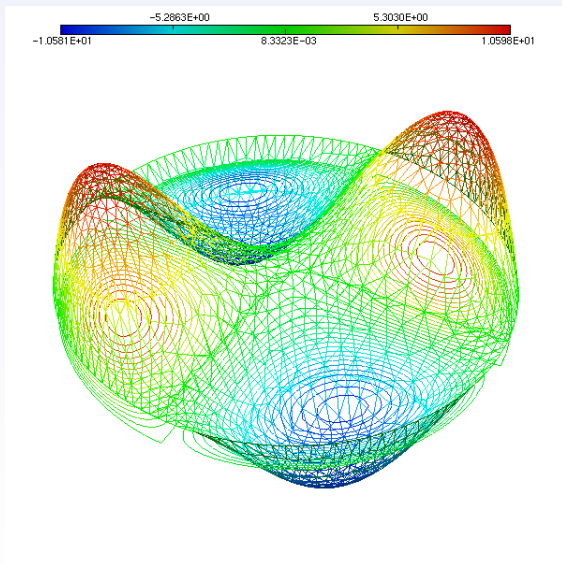
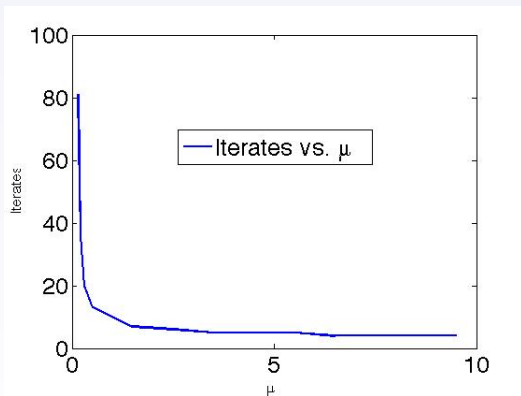


Figure: The adjoint state  $\phi_2$  at  $t = 0$

Iterates versus  $\mu$ :



**Figure:** The number of iterates as a function of  $\mu$   
 Stopping test:  $\sum_i \|v_{i,n+1} - v_{i,n}\| / \|v_{i,n+1}\| \leq 10^{-5}$

A similar semilinear problem: Compute a Nash equilibrium  $(v_1, v_2)$  for

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y + F(y) = f \mathbf{1}_O + v_1 \mathbf{1}_{O_1} + v_2 \mathbf{1}_{O_2} \\ \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

The task: solve the optimality system

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y + F(y) = f \mathbf{1}_O - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_1 \mathbf{1}_{O_1} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_2 \mathbf{1}_{O_2} \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \Delta \phi_i + F'(y) \phi_i = \alpha_i (y - y_{i,d}) \mathbf{1}_{O_{i,d}}, \quad i = 1, 2 \\ y|_{t=0} = y^0(x), \quad \phi_i|_{t=T} = 0, \quad \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

Then:  $v_i = \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_i|_{O_i \times (0,T)}$

For globally Lipschitz-continuous  $F$ : existence is ensured

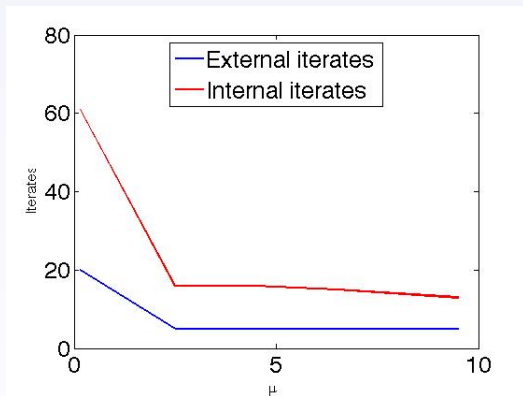
For instance: ALG 2 and ALG 3 ... - Fixed point strategies

ALG 2:  $(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow \{y \rightarrow y\} \rightarrow (\phi_1, \phi_2) \rightarrow (v_1, v_2)$

ALG 3:  $(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow y \rightarrow (\phi_1, \phi_2) \rightarrow (v_1, v_2)$

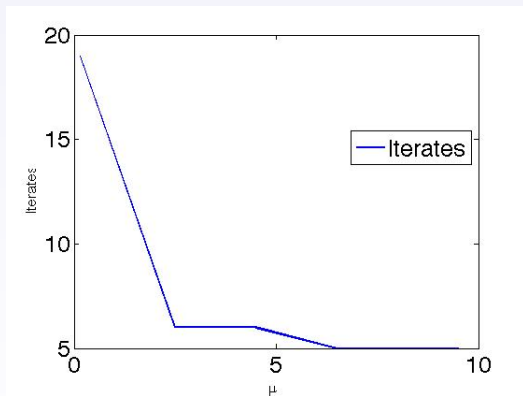


### Numerical experiments with FreeFem - ALG 2 - Iterates versus $\mu$



**Figure:** ALG 2 - The number of iterates as a function of  $\mu - y^0 = 0 - F(y) = y(1 + \sin y)$   
 Stopping test:  $\sum_i \|v_{i,n+1} - v_{i,n}\| / \|v_{i,n+1}\| \leq 10^{-5}$

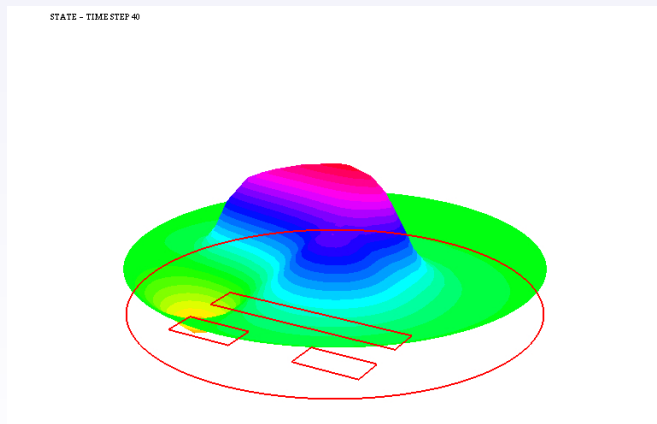
### Numerical experiments with FreeFem - ALG 3 - Iterates versus $\mu$



**Figure:** ALG 3 - The number of iterates as a function of  $\mu - y^0 = 0 - F(y) = y(1 + \sin y)$

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## Numerical experiments with FreeFem - ALG 3



**Figure:** The state  $y$  at  $t = T$  - Result for  $y^0 = 0$  -  $F(y) = y(1 + \sin y)$   
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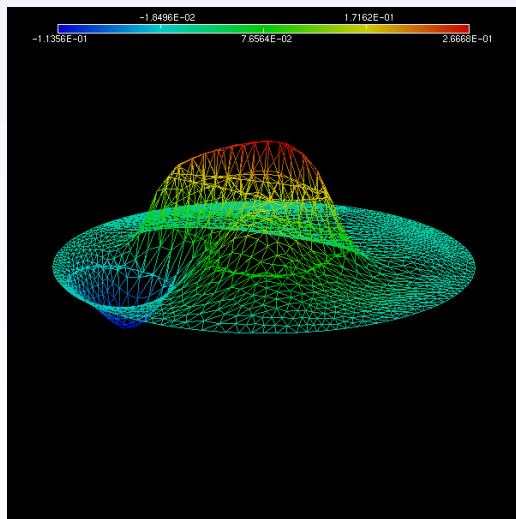
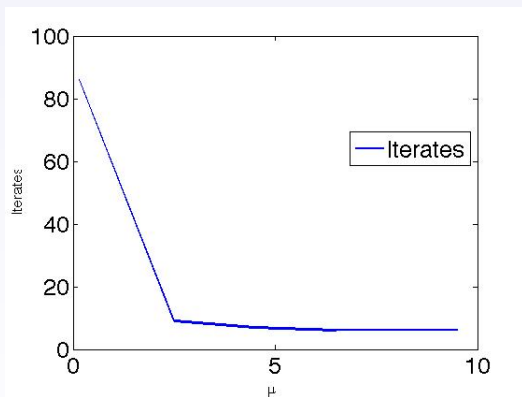


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### Another semilinear system - ALG 3 - Iterates versus $\mu$

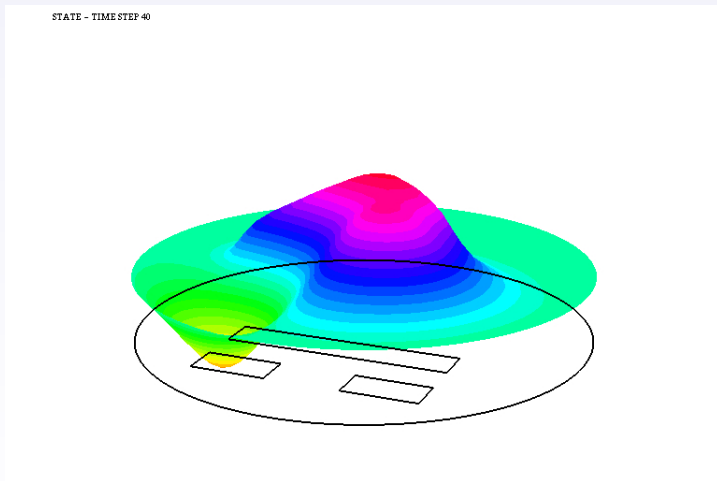


**Figure:** ALG 3 - The number of iterates as a function of  $\mu - y^0 = 0$

$F(y) = y \log(1 + |y|)^a$ ,  $1 < a < 2$ , **not sublinear!**

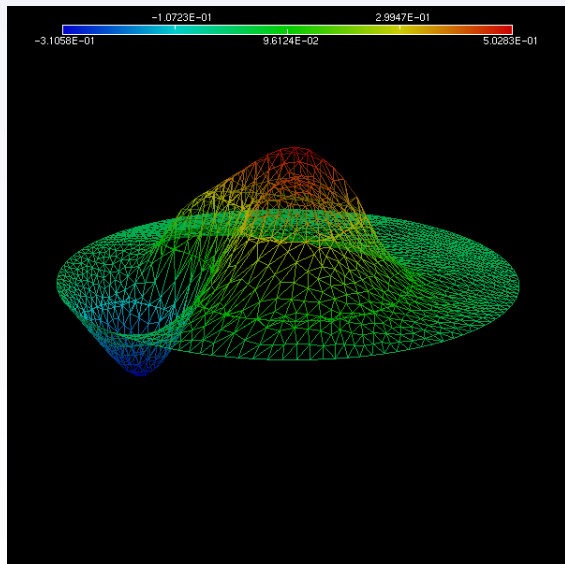
Stopping test:  $\sum_i \|v_{i,n+1} - v_{i,n}\| / \|v_{i,n+1}\| \leq 10^{-5}$

### Another semilinear system - ALG 3



**Figure:** The state  $y$  at  $t = T$  - Result for  $y^0 = 0$ ,  $\mu = 2.5$   
 $F(y) = y \log(1 + |y|)^a$ ,  $1 < a < 2$ , **not sublinear!**  
Stopping test:  $\sum_j \|v_{i,n+1} - v_{i,n}\| / \|v_{i,n+1}\| \leq 10^{-5}$

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The results for  $y^0 = 0$ ,  $\mu = 2.5$

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FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 0 - 1383.98

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 1 - 640.146

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 2 - 39.2927

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 3 - 3.13866

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 4 - 0.283813

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 5 - 0.0262522

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 6 - 0.0024854

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 7 - 0.000243612

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 8 - 2.5955e-05

FIXED-POINT ITERATE AND ERROR: 9 - 2.86158e-06

FIXED-POINT RATE= 3.18113



### ANOTHER HIERARCHIC STRATEGY: PARETO EQUILIBRIA

$(v_1(f), v_2(f))$  is a Pareto equilibrium if  $\exists(w_1, w_2)$  with

$$J_1(w_1, w_2) \leq J_1(v_1(f), v_2(f)), \quad J_2(w_1, w_2) \leq J_2(v_1(f), v_2(f))$$

and at least one strict inequality

The goal:  $f$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  are given. Solve the optimality system

$$\begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y = f1_{\mathcal{O}} + v_1 1_{\mathcal{O}_1} + v_2 \phi_2 1_{\mathcal{O}_2} \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \phi_{i,xx} = \alpha_i(y - y_{i,d}), \quad i = 1, 2 \\ y|_{t=0} = y^0(x), \quad \phi_i|_{t=T} = 0, \quad \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

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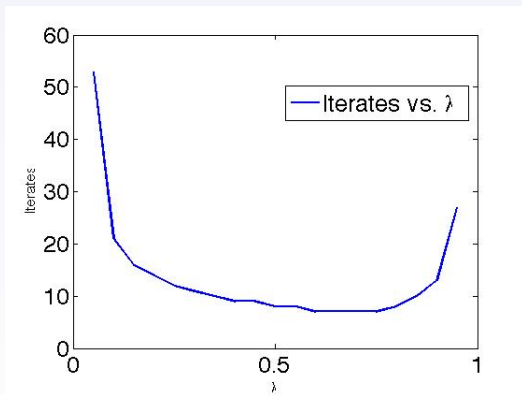
$$v_2 = \frac{1}{\mu}(\frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda}\phi_1 + \phi_2)|_{\mathcal{O}_2 \times (0,T)}$$

Again: **ALG 1bis - Fixed point**

ALG 1bis:  $(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow y \rightarrow (\phi_1, \phi_2) \rightarrow (v_1, v_2)$

Again: standard approximations

### Numerical experiments with FreeFem - ALG 1bis - Iterates versus $\lambda$



**Figure:** ALG 1bis - The number of iterates as a function of  $\lambda$  -  $y^0 = 0$   
Stopping test:  $\sum_i \|v_{i,n+1} - v_{i,n}\| / \|v_{i,n+1}\| \leq 10^{-5}$

### SOLVING NUMERICALLY THE STACKELBERG-NASH NC PROBLEM? (COMPUTING THE LEADER AND THE ASSOCIATED FOLLOWERS)

The goal: Find  $f$  such that the solution to

$$(HN) \quad \begin{cases} y_t - \Delta y = f \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_1} - \frac{1}{\mu} \phi_2 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_2} \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \phi_{i,xx} = \alpha_i (y - y_{i,d}) \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_{i,d}}, \quad i = 1, 2 \\ y|_{t=0} = y^0(x), \quad \phi_i|_{t=T} = 0, \quad \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

satisfies

$$y(x, T) \equiv 0$$

The Fursikov-Imanuvilov approach:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize} & \iint \rho^2 |y|^2 + \iint_{\mathcal{O} \times (0, T)} \rho_0^2 |f|^2 \\ \text{Subject to} & (HN) \end{cases}$$

$\rho$  and  $\rho_0$  are appropriate, **blow up as  $t \rightarrow T$**

The advantage:  $y$  necessarily vanishes exactly at  $t = T$  (and so does  $f$ )

The resulting task after applying Lagrange's principle:

Solve a **4th-order** Lax-Milgram problem

$$\begin{cases} a((\psi, \gamma_1, \gamma_2), (\psi', \gamma'_1, \gamma'_2)) = \langle \ell, (\psi', \gamma'_1, \gamma'_2) \rangle \\ \forall (\psi', \gamma'_1, \gamma'_2) \in W, \quad (\psi, \gamma_1, \gamma_2) \in W \end{cases}$$

$\exists!$  solution for appropriate  $\rho$  and  $\rho_0$  (Carleman inequalities, large  $\mu$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint [\rho^{-2} \{ (L^* \psi + \sum_i \alpha_i \gamma_i)(L^* \psi' + \sum_i \alpha_i \gamma'_i) + \dots \} + \rho_0^{-2} 1 \circ \psi \psi'] \\ & = \int_{\Omega} y^0(x) \psi'(x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint [z z' + 1 \circ m m'] + \iint (z' - \rho^{-1} (L^* (\rho_0 m') + \dots)) \lambda \\ & = \int_{\Omega} y^0(x) \psi'(x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

Reformulation: a **2nd-order** mixed problem after integration by parts

$$\begin{cases} \alpha((z, m), (z', m')) + \beta((z', m'), \lambda) = \langle \tilde{\ell}, (z', m') \rangle \\ \beta((z, m), \lambda') = 0 \\ \forall (z', m', \lambda') \in Z \times M \times \Lambda, \quad (z, m, \lambda) \in Z \times M \times \Lambda \end{cases}$$

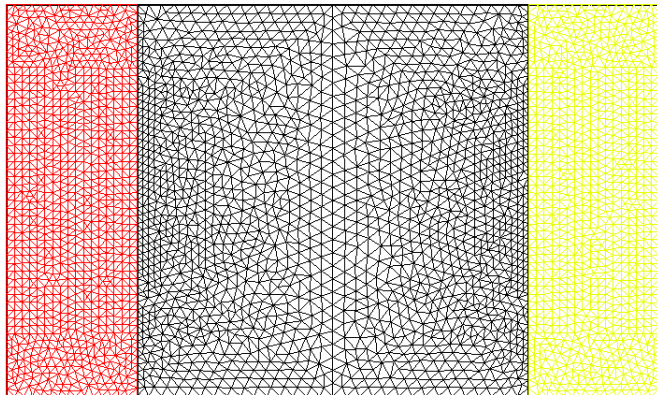
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**Approximation:** mixed  $P_1 - P_2$ -Lagrange FEM's

Techniques already applied for NC of (nonlinear) heat, wave, Stokes, Navier-Stokes, ...

[EFC-Münch, Cindea-EFC-Münch, EFC-Münch-Souza, ...]

### A 1D numerical experiment with FreeFem



**Figure:** The domain and the mesh -  $\Omega = (0, 1)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_1 = (0, 0.2)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_2 = (0.8, 1)$  -  $T = 0.5$   
- Number of vertices  $(x_j, t_j)$ : 3521 - Number of triangles: 6820

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Numerical solution of the Stackelberg-Nash null control problem

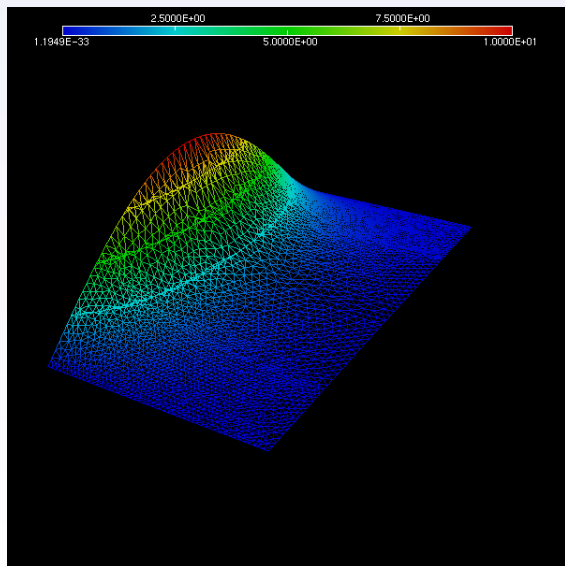


Figure: The state  $y - y^0 \equiv 10 \sin x - \mu = 1 - y_{1,d} = y_{2,d} = 0$

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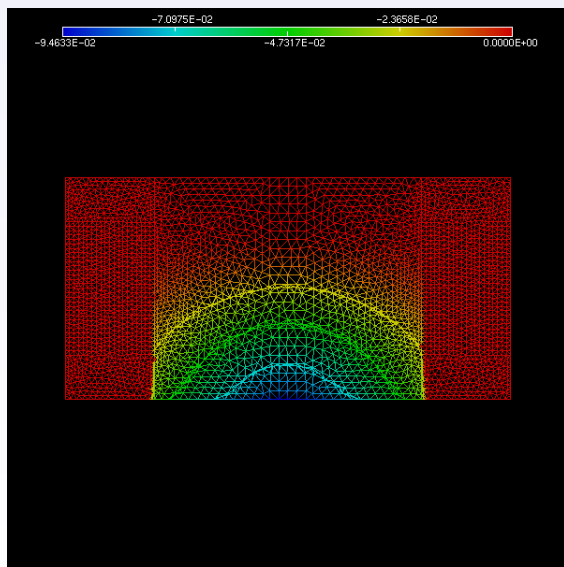


Figure: The leader  $f$



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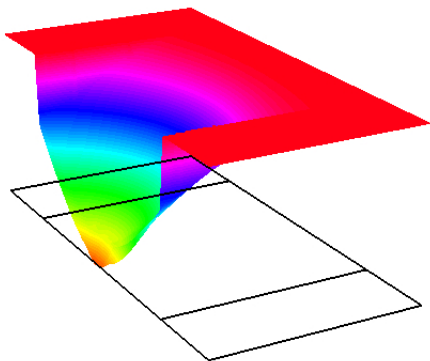


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## EXTENSIONS

- **Boundary followers, distributed leader:** OK under similar conditions

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = f \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}}, & (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, T) \\ y(0, t) = v_1(t), \quad y(1, t) = v_2(t), & t \in (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x), & x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

Costs:  $\alpha_i \int \int_{\mathcal{O}_{i,d} \times (0, T)} |y - y_{i,d}|^2 + \mu \int_0^T |v_i|^2 dt, \quad i = 1, 2$

- **Distributed followers, boundary leader:** OK again

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = v_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_1} + v_2 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_2}, & (x, t) \in (0, 1) \times (0, T) \\ y(0, t) = f, \quad y(1, t) = 0, & t \in (0, T) \\ y(x, 0) = y^0(x), & x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

- **However:** boundary followers + boundary leader is unknown!

We would need:  $\|\psi|_{t=0}\|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int \int_Q \hat{\rho}^{-2} |\gamma^i|^2 \leq C \int_0^T \rho_*^{-2} |\psi_x(0, t)|^2 dt$  for

$$\begin{cases} -\psi_t - \psi_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i \gamma^i \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_d}, & \gamma_t^i - \gamma_{xx}^i = -\frac{1}{\mu} \psi \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_i} \\ \psi|_{t=T} = \psi^T(x), \quad \gamma^i|_{t=0} = 0, & \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

## EXTENSIONS (Cont.)

- More followers, coefficients, non-scalar parabolic systems, other functionals, boundary controls, higher dimensions, etc.
- **Semilinear** systems: OK for Lipschitz-continuous  $F$

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = F(x, t; y) + f1_{\mathcal{O}} + \sum_{i=1}^m v_i 1_{\mathcal{O}_i} \\ y(0, t) = y(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, T), \text{ etc.} \end{cases}$$

- **ECT**: OK
- **Local constraints**: OK  
For instance,  $v_i \in L^2(\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T))$ ,  $v_i(x, t) \in L_i$  (closed)

## AN INTERESTING QUESTION:

All this holds for large  $\mu$  - What about small  $\mu$ ?

Recall:  $J_i(v_1, v_2) := \frac{\alpha_i}{2} \iint_{\mathcal{O}_i, d \times (0, T)} |y - y_{i,d}|^2 + \frac{\mu}{2} \iint_{\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)} |v_i|^2, \quad i = 1, 2$

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = f \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}} - \frac{1}{\mu} (\phi_1 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_1} + \phi_2 \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_2}) \\ -\phi_{i,t} - \phi_{i,xx} = \alpha_i (y - y_{i,d}) \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{O}_i, d} \\ \text{etc.} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (\text{Id.} - \frac{1}{\mu} \Lambda)(v_1, v_2) = (v_{1,0}, v_{2,0}) \\ v_i \in L^2(\mathcal{O}_i \times (0, T)) \end{cases}$$

for some compact, self-adjoint  $\Lambda$

Fredholm's alternative + Hilbert-Schmidt

$\Rightarrow \exists \mu_1 > \mu_2 > \dots$  (independent of  $f$ ), with  $\mu_n \rightarrow 0^+$  such that  
 $\exists$  Nash equilibrium for all  $\mu \neq \mu_n$  for all  $n$

Do we have NC for these  $\mu$ ?

## FINAL COMMENTS:

- Other hierarchical strategies? **Stackelberg-Pareto controllability?**

$$\lambda J'_1(v_1, v_2) + (1 - \lambda) J'_2(v_1, v_2) = 0, \quad \lambda \in (0, 1)$$

For each  $f$ , we get a family of equilibria  $(v_\lambda^1(f), v_\lambda^2(f))$ , with  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{cases} y_t - y_{xx} = f \mathbf{1}_O - \frac{1}{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \phi \mathbf{1}_{O_1} + \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \phi \mathbf{1}_{O_2} \right) \\ -\phi_t - \phi_{xx} = \alpha_1 \lambda (y - y_{1,d}) \mathbf{1}_{O_{1,d}} + \alpha_2 (1 - \lambda) (y - y_{2,d}) \mathbf{1}_{O_{2,d}} \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\psi_t - \psi_{xx} = \alpha_1 \lambda \gamma \mathbf{1}_{O_{1,d}} + \alpha_2 (1 - \lambda) \gamma \mathbf{1}_{O_{2,d}} \\ \gamma_t^i - \gamma_{xx}^i = -\frac{1}{\mu} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \psi \mathbf{1}_{O_1} + \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \psi \mathbf{1}_{O_2} \right) \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

$\exists$  some kind of “common” null controls?

$\exists$  average null controls, i.e.  $f$  such that  $(\int_0^1 y \, d\lambda)(T) = 0$ ?

- Navier-Stokes?** OPEN, as well as the standard NC problem  
**Work in progress: local results (for small  $y_0$ )**  
 [with Araruna, Guerrero and Santos]

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