# On the regularity of spatial convolution kernels for linear feedback control & estimation of perturbations to nearly-parallel flows



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# Methods developed extend immediately to boundary-layer flows







### **Benchmark PDE system: channel flow**

State equation (Navier-Stokes):  $E\dot{\mathbf{q}} = N(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{f})$   $\mathbf{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}(x, y, z, t) \\ p(x, y, z, t) \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{f} = P_x$   $E = \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $N(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{f}) = \begin{pmatrix} -(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{u} - \nabla p + \mathbf{v}\Delta \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{i}P_x \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix}$  $\Rightarrow$  3D system requires discretization on  $O(10^6)$  to  $O(10^7)$  gridpoints.

Linearization (Orr-Sommerfeld/Squire): 
$$\hat{E}\dot{\hat{\mathbf{q}}}' = \hat{A}\hat{\mathbf{q}}'$$
,  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}' = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{v}'_{\{k_x,k_z\}}(y,t) \\ \hat{\omega}'_{\{k_x,k_z\}}(y,t) \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\hat{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Delta}(\hat{\Delta}/Re) - ik_xU\hat{\Delta} + ik_xU'' & 0 \\ -ik_zU' & \hat{\Delta}/Re - ik_xU \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\hat{E}^{-1}\hat{A} = \begin{pmatrix} L & 0 \\ C & S \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Linearization about mean flow  $U$  decouples each  $\{k_x,k_z\}$  mode.

- Boundary control:  $\phi(x, z, t)$  (blowing/suction  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = -\phi \mathbf{n}$  on walls).
- Distributed disturbance forcing:  $\psi(x, y, z, t)$  added to RHS of PDE.
- Measurements: y(x, z, t) (skin friction and pressure on walls).

# **First 25 evecs of Orr-Sommerfeld/Squire at {kx,kz} = {1,0}, Re<sub>B</sub> = 1429** [B, Progress in Aerospace Sciences, 2001]



Real and imaginary parts of the  $\omega$  component of the least-stable eigenvectors (solid), and real and imaginary parts of the corresponding v components (dashed)

# **First 25 evecs of Orr-Sommerfeld/Squire at {kx,kz} = {0,2}, Re<sub>B</sub> = 1429** [B, Progress in Aerospace Sciences, 2001]



Real part of the  $\omega$  component of the least-stable eigenvectors (solid), and 200 times the imaginary part of the corresponding v components (dashed).

### Definition of 2-norm of transfer function



$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{w}(t) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathbf{Z}(s) = T(s)\mathbf{W}(s),$$
$$\mathbf{z}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{w}(t) \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad T(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D.$$

$$\|T(s)\|_{2}^{2} \triangleq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|T(i\omega)\|_{F}^{2} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{trace} \left[T^{H}(i\omega)T(i\omega)\right] d\omega$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i} \sigma_{i}^{2} \left[T(i\omega)\right] d\omega,$$

• The square of the transfer function 2-norm is the **total energy** of the output  $\mathbf{z}(t)$  of the system when the input  $\mathbf{w}(t)$  contains a sequence of unit impulses in each component.

• The square of the transfer function 2-norm is also the **expected mean** energy of the output,  $\mathcal{E}\{\mathbf{z}^{H}(t)\mathbf{z}(t)\}$ , when the system is excited with a zero mean white random process  $\mathbf{w}(t)$  with unit spectral density.

#### Definition of infinity-norm of transfer function



 $\mathbf{x}'(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{w}(t) \qquad \qquad \mathbf{Z}(s) = T(s)\mathbf{W}(s),$  $\mathbf{z}(t) = C\mathbf{x}(t) + D\mathbf{w}(t) \qquad \qquad \qquad T(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D.$ 

$$||T(s)||_{\infty} \triangleq \sup_{0 \le \omega < \infty} ||T(i\omega)||_{i2} = \sup_{0 \le \omega < \infty} \sigma_{\max} \Big[ T(i\omega) \Big],$$

- In the *frequency* domain, the transfer function ∞-norm is the maximum over all frequencies of the gain of the corresponding Bode plot.
- In the *time* domain, the infinity norm quantifies the response of the system to the "most disturbing" input w, that is,

$$||T(s)||_{\infty} = \max_{\mathbf{w}(t)\neq 0} \frac{||\mathbf{z}(t)||_{2}}{||\mathbf{w}(t)||_{2}} = \max_{||\mathbf{w}(t)||_{2}=1} ||\mathbf{z}(t)||_{2}.$$

## **Isosurfaces of transfer fn norms of Re**<sub>B</sub> = **1429 Orr-Sommerfeld/Squire** [B, Progress in Aerospace Sciences, 2001]





*Isosurfaces of transfer fn 2 norms* [*B, Progress in Aerospace Sciences, 2001*]





{*kx*,*kz*} = {1,0}





# A brief introduction to control theory



The transfer fn 2-norm and infinity norm measure physically relevant quantities. H\_2 control minimizes the transfer function 2-norm. H\_inf control minimizes the transfer function infinity norm.

Model predictive control (MPC) minimizes a relevant cost function via iterative state and adjoint analysis and gradient-based optimization.

In the following 4 pages, we briefly introduce MPC, H\_2, and H\_inf state-feedback control theory.

An introduction to estimation theory was given in my previous talk at IPAM (recording available at IPAM website).

#### (Background: 1/4)



## Adjoint analysis for gradient-based optimization

State equation:

$$E\dot{\mathbf{q}} = N(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}) \quad \text{on } \quad 0 < t < T$$
$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{q}_0 \qquad \text{at } \quad t = 0$$

with: q = state, f = external force,  $\phi = control$ ,  $\psi = disturbance$ .

#### **Perturbation equation:**

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}\mathbf{q}' = B_{\phi}\phi' + B_{\psi}\psi' & \text{on } 0 < t < T \\ \mathbf{q}' = 0 & \text{at } t = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Small perturbations } \phi' \text{ to control } \phi \& \\ \text{small perturbations } \psi' \text{ to disturbance } \psi \\ \text{cause small perturbation } \mathbf{q}' \text{ to state } \mathbf{q}. \end{cases}$$
$$\mathcal{L}\mathbf{q}' \triangleq \left(E\frac{d}{dt} - A\right)\mathbf{q}' \text{ is the linearization of the state eqn about the trajectory } \mathbf{q}(\phi, \psi).$$

**Cost function** (minimize w.r.t.  $\phi$  and maximize w.r.t.  $\psi$ ):

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T (\mathbf{q}^* Q \mathbf{q} + \ell^2 \phi^* \phi - \gamma^2 \psi^* \psi) dt \implies \mathcal{I}' = \int_0^T (\mathbf{q}^* Q \mathbf{q}' + \ell^2 \phi^* \phi' - \gamma^2 \psi^* \psi') dt.$$

#### (Background: 2/4)



Statement of adjoint identity. Define inner product  $\langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q}' \rangle = \int_0^T \mathbf{r}^* \mathbf{q}' dt$ . Then:

$$\langle \mathbf{r}, \mathcal{L}\mathbf{q}' 
angle = \langle \mathcal{L}^*\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q}' 
angle + \mathbf{b}$$

with:  $\mathbf{r} = \text{adjoint}, \quad \mathcal{L}^* \mathbf{r} = \left( -E^* \frac{d}{dt} - A^* \right) \mathbf{r}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{r}^* E \mathbf{q}' \Big|_{t=T} - \mathbf{r}^* E \mathbf{q}' \Big|_{t=0}.$ 

**Definition of adjoint equation**. Adjoint field easy to compute, though  $A = A(\mathbf{q})$ .

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}^* \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q} & \text{on } 0 < t < T \\ \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0} & \text{at } t = T \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -E^* \dot{\mathbf{r}} = A^* \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{q} & \text{on } 0 < t < T \\ \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0} & \text{at } t = T \end{bmatrix}$$

Extraction of gradients. Combining equations, we have:

$$\langle \mathbf{r}, B_{\phi} \phi' + B_{\psi} \psi' \rangle = \langle Q \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}' \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_{0}^{T} \mathbf{q}^{*} Q \mathbf{q}' dt = \int_{0}^{T} \mathbf{r}^{*} (B_{\phi} \phi' + B_{\psi} \psi') dt.$$

$$\mathcal{I}' = \int_{0}^{T} \left[ \left( B_{\phi}^{*} \mathbf{r} + \ell^{2} \phi \right)^{*} \phi' + \left( B_{\psi}^{*} \mathbf{r} - \gamma^{2} \psi \right)^{*} \psi' \right] dt \triangleq \int_{0}^{T} \left[ \left( \frac{\mathscr{D} \mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D} \phi} \right)^{*} \phi' + \left( \frac{\mathscr{D} \mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D} \psi} \right)^{*} \psi' \right] dt$$
As  $\phi'$  and  $\psi'$  are arbitrary, **the gradient is:**  $\frac{\mathscr{D} \mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D} \phi} = B_{\phi}^{*} \mathbf{r} + \ell^{2} \phi, \quad \frac{\mathscr{D} \mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D} \psi} = B_{\psi}^{*} \mathbf{r} - \gamma^{2} \psi$ 

#### (Background: 3/4)

### **Riccati analysis for coordinated feedback control**

**Characterization of saddle point**. The control  $\phi$  which minimizes  $\mathcal{J}$  and the disturbance  $\psi$  which maximizes  $\mathcal{J}$  are given by

$$\frac{\mathscr{D}\mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D}\phi} = 0, \quad \frac{\mathscr{D}\mathcal{I}}{\mathscr{D}\psi} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi = -\frac{1}{\ell^2} B_{\phi}^* \mathbf{r}, \quad \psi = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} B_{\psi}^* \mathbf{r}.$$

**Combined matrix form**. Combining the perturbation and adjoint eqns at the saddle point determined above, assuming E = I, gives:

control and disturbance at saddle point

Perturbation equation 
$$\rightarrow$$
  $\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{q}}' \\ \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & -\frac{1}{\ell^2} B_{\phi} B_{\phi}^* + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} B_{\psi} B_{\psi}^* \\ -Q & -A^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}' \\ \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix}$ 

Solution Ansatz. Relate perturbation  $\mathbf{q}' = \mathbf{q}'(t)$  and adjoint  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t)$ :

**r** =  $X\mathbf{q}'$ , where X = X(t).



#### (Background: 4/4)

**Riccati equation**. Inserting solution ansatz into the combined matrix form to eliminate r and combining rows to eliminate  $\dot{q}'$  gives:

$$\left[-\dot{X} = A^*X + XA + X\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}B_{\Psi}B_{\Psi}^* - \frac{1}{\ell^2}B_{\varphi}B_{\varphi}^*\right)X + Q\right]\mathbf{q}'.$$

As this equation is valid for all q', it follows that:

$$-\dot{X} = A^*X + XA + X\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}B_{\psi}B_{\psi}^* - \frac{1}{\ell^2}B_{\phi}B_{\phi}^*\right)X + Q$$

Due to the terminal conditions on **r**, we must have X = 0 at t = T. Note solutions of this matrix equation satisfy  $X^* = X$ . Note also that, by the characterization of the saddle point, we have

$$\psi = \frac{1}{\gamma^2} B_{\psi}^* \mathbf{r}$$
 and  $\phi = K \mathbf{q}'$  where  $K = -\frac{1}{\ell^2} B_{\phi}^* X$ .

This is **the finite-horizon**  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  **control solution**, and may be solved for linear time-varying (LTV) systems or marched to steady state.

**Relaminarization of fully-developed Re<sub>B</sub> = 1429 channel-flow turbulence via adjoint-based MPC** [B, Moin, & Temam, JFM 2001]





# Simplification of feedback control problem via Fourier transform



3D O.S./Squire control/estimation problems solved in Fourier space, where decoupling simplifies to several 1D problems. [B & Liu, JFM, 1998]

Result inverse transformed to physical space, yields localized convolution kernels. [related work: Bamieh, Paganini, & Dahleh, TAC, 2002]

Procedure highly sensitive to nuances of numerical discretization. Spurious eigenvalues must be addressed. [Huang & Sloan 1993, JCP 111]

# Kernels relating v & $\omega$ fluctuations to blowing/suction control $\phi$ [Hogberg, B, Henningson, JFM 2003a]

ω V -0.2 -0.2 -0.4 -0.4 -0.6 -0.6 -0.8 -0.8 -0.6 -0.8 -0.4 -0.2 -1 --1-2.5 0 -1.5 -2 0.2 -0.4 -1.5-1 0.4 -1-0.2-0.5 -0.5 0.6 0 0 0 0.8 0.2 0.5 0.5 1 0.4

Visualized are the positive (green) and negative (yellow) iso-surfaces with iso-values of ± 5% of the maximum amplitude for each kernel illustrated.





# **Kernels relating v & ω fluctuations to blowing/suction control φ** [Hogberg, B, Henningson, JFM 2003a]





## **Relaminarization of fully-developed turbulence via linear feedback** [Hogberg, B, Henningson, JFM 2003b]



Relaminarization of fully-developed channel-flow turbulence at  $Re_B = 1429$ .

# **Kernels relating τ<sub>x</sub>, τ<sub>z</sub>, & p measurements to v, ω forcing of estimator** [Hoepffner, Chevalier, B, Henningson, JFM 2005]

 $\tau_{x}$ р  $\tau_z$ 0.5 0.5 0.5 0 0 0 V -0.5 -0.5 -0.5 20 2 0 10 2 0 0 -1 0 0 -1 0 \_-2 -2 -1 -1 0.5 0.5 0.5 0 0 0 ω -0.5 -0.5 -0.5 2 20 10 20 5 0 0 0 10 10 0 0 -5 0 -1 -2

Visualized are the positive (dark) and negative (light) iso-surfaces with iso-values of  $\pm$  5% of the maximum amplitude for each kernel illustrated.





Photograph of MEMS tile suitable for decentralized control (Chih-Ming Ho *et al.* (UCLA) and Yu-Chong Tai *et al.* (Caltech))













Positive (light) and negative (dark) iso-surfaces of the streamwise component of velocity. Iso-values at  $\pm$  10% of the maximum streamwise velocity of the flow during interval shown.

#### Evolution of small disturbance to state (left) and estimate (right) [Hoepffner, Chevalier, B, Henningson, JFM 2005] Estimator Flow t = 20 10 20 30 40 0 50 60 2 2 70 0 -2 0 -2

Positive (light) and negative (dark) iso-surfaces of the streamwise component of velocity. Iso-values at  $\pm$  10% of the maximum streamwise velocity of the flow during interval shown.



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# Properties of feedback convolution kernels



Kernels are independent of the box size in which they were computed, so long as the computational box is sufficiently large.

-> Nonphysical assumption of spatial periodicity is relaxed.

Kernels are well-resolved with grid resolutions appropriate for the simulation of the physical system of interest. -> Grid independent.

Kernels eventually decay exponentially, and may be truncated to any desired degree of precision.

-> Truncated kernels are spatially compact with finite support. Implementable!

Kernel structure is physically tenable, but not imposed a priori:

- -> Control convolution kernels angle away from the actuator upstream.
- -> Estimation convolution kernels extend well downstream of sensor.

# **Open questions**



Appropriate regularization in cost function for control problem, and disturbance modeling in estimation problem, are essential to obtain meaningful results (i.e., smooth enough to obtain "convergence upon grid refinement")!

# **Q:** How much "smoothing" is needed? What is its precise effect?

# Achieving convergence in controller



Taking J as linear combination of TKE and 2-norm of control **failed** to achieve convergence upon grid refinement (nonsmooth kernel, strong high-frequency components - not even in  $L_2$ ?)

Taking J as linear combination of TKE and 2-norm of **time-derivative** of control succeeded in achieving convergence upon grid refinement (smooth kernel, nicely decaying high-frequency components).

Why?? Trace theorem is one hint.

By the NSE, one time derivative = two space derivatives. So, is taking J as linear combination of TKE and 2-norm of **gradient** of velocity field sufficent??

## Achieving convergence in estimator (transitional flow)



Taking Q=I, model of covariance doesn't converge upon grid refinement to some smooth function. Hoepffner, Chevalier, B, & Henningson thus proposed taking Q as a discretization of some smooth yet ad hoc diagonallydominant shape functions, with ad hoc weighting between various  $\{k_x, k_z\}$ .





# Achieving convergence in estimator (turbulent flow)



Taking full NSE as LNSE+f, compute the statistics of f from a turbulent database. Use those covariance statistics Q to compute feedback kernels for the estimator.

