

Cauchy-Riemann system for non-autonomous parabolic PDEs

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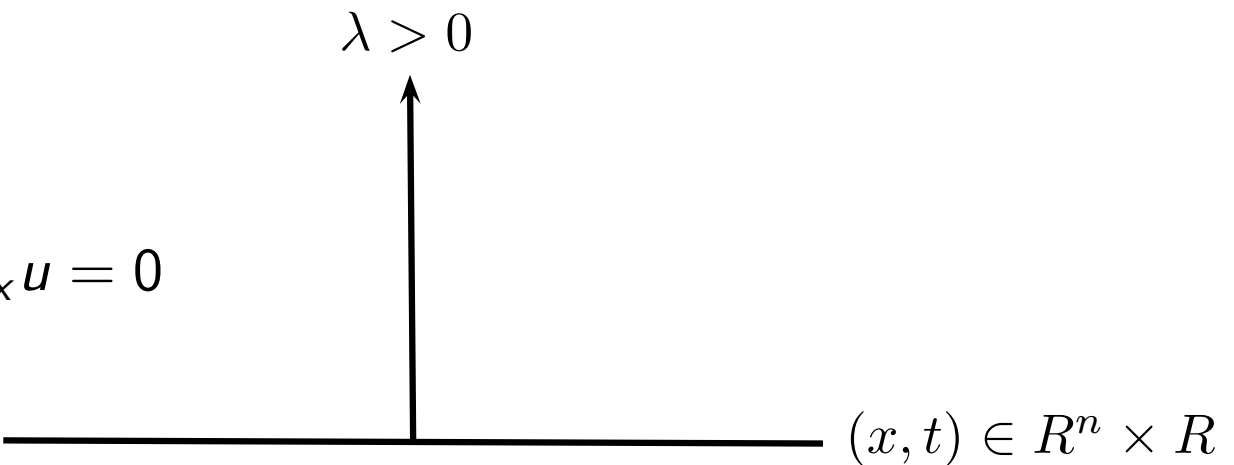
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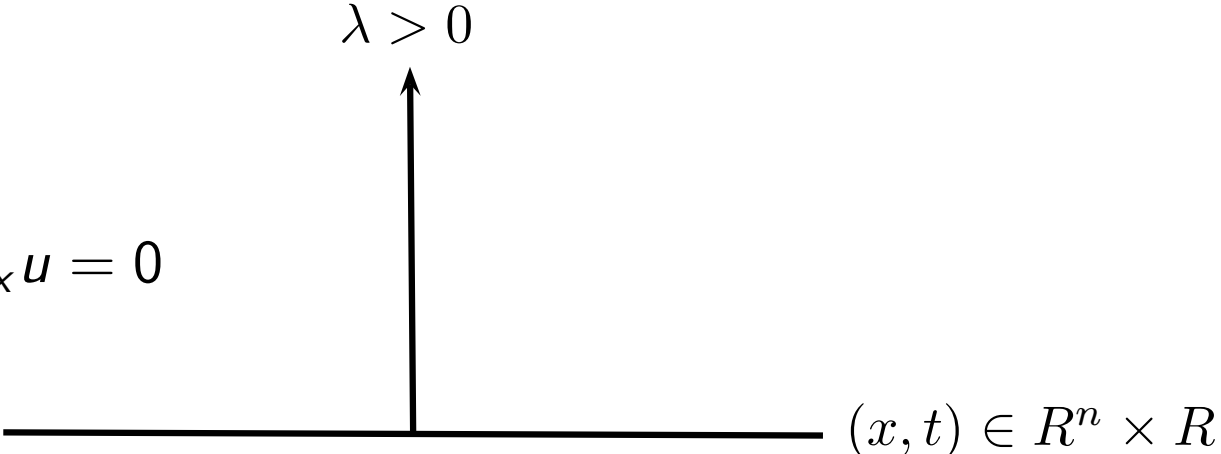
The diagram consists of a vertical axis pointing upwards, labeled $\lambda > 0$, and a horizontal axis pointing to the right, labeled $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$. The two axes meet at an origin point.

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- ▶ Replacements can come from operator theory and semigroups.

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Proposition (AEN '16)

- 1 u reinforced weak solution to $\partial_t u - \operatorname{div}_{\lambda,x} A \nabla_{\lambda,x} u = 0 \implies F := D_A u \in L^2_{\text{loc},\lambda}(\overline{R(P)})$ solves $\partial_\lambda F + PMF = 0$ distributionally.
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Conclusion

- ▶ Interior control yields representation and existence for trace *a priori*.
- ▶ (Unique) solvability $\sim H^+(PM) \ni h^+ \mapsto -(M h^+)_{\perp} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})$.

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Theorem (AEN '17)

Let A be either of block form, lower triangular, Hermitian and time independent, or constant. Then $(D)_2$ is well-posed and the unique weak solution is reinforced.

Theorem (AEN '16)

Let A be real. Then $(D)_p$ is well-posed for $p \in (1, \infty)$ sufficiently large.

Take-home messages

- 1 Parabolic BVPs on \mathbb{R}_+^{n+2} are comprised by the generalized Cauchy-Riemann system $\partial_\lambda F + PMF = 0$.
- 2 Solutions are given by the PM -semigroup on $H^+(PM)$.
- 3 “Nasty” properties of coefficients (e.g. measurable time-dependence) affect only the spectral space at the boundary.

Thank you for listening!