
Some inverse problems for time-fractional diffusion equations

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From ultraslow dissolution to anomalous diffusion

dissolution

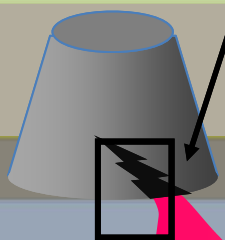


aggregation



aggregation –
dissolution, then
disappear

放出源

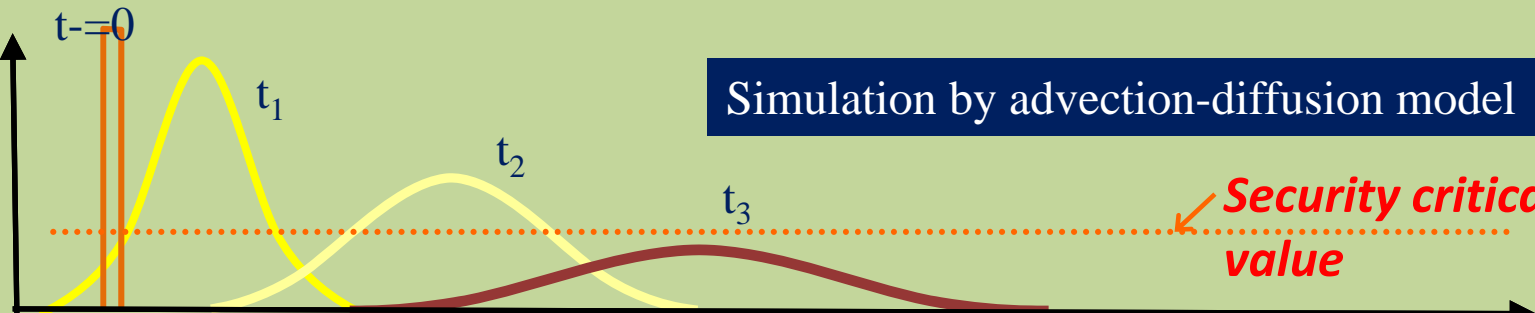


monitoring well

Anomalous diffusion



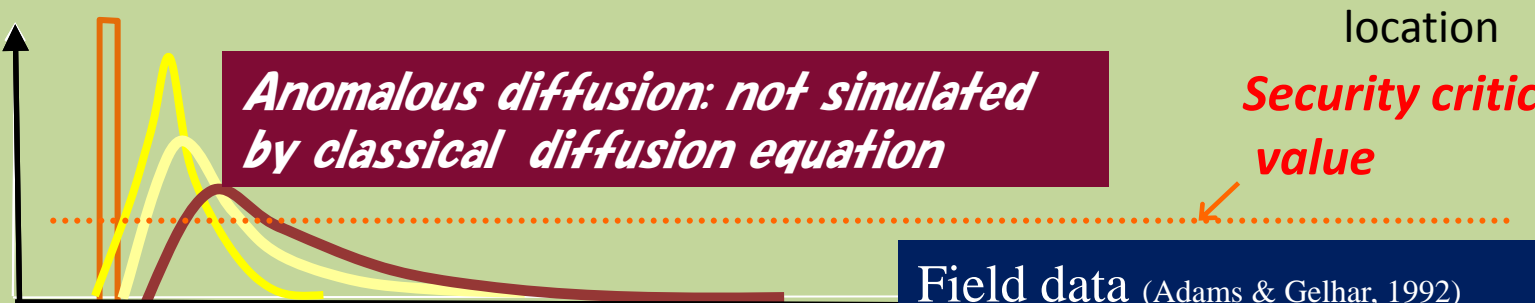
Simulation by advection-diffusion model



density

Anomalous diffusion: not simulated
by classical diffusion equation

Security critical
value



Field data (Adams & Gelhar, 1992)

Grand Research Plan

Mission I: Construct general theory for fractional partial differential equations

Launch by Gorenflo-Luchko-Yamamoto 2015
Nonlinear theory, Dynamical system, etc.

Classical theory of PDE

Mission II: Various inverse problems for fractional partial differential equations

Sublime to theory

Optimal control

Parameter identification

motivations

Real world problems: e.g., pollution in soil

Contents:

Three kinds of inverse problems for fractional partial differential equations

Messages:

We have many interesting and important inverse problems.

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§1. Introduction

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$

$$\partial_t^\alpha u(x, t) = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_i(a_{ij}(x)\partial_j u(x, t)) + c(x)u$$

Forward problem:

Solve initial boundary value problem \implies prediction

Inverse problems:

How to determine α, a_{ij} , initial, boundary value, shape of Ω . \implies

modelling, basement for forward problems

Variety of inverse problems!

Mathematical issues for inverse problems:
uniqueness, stability

varieties of inverse problems \times varieties
of fractional equations as models

\Rightarrow **Varieties**¹⁰⁰

Many interesting inverse problems for fractional
differential equations!!

§2. Determination of fractional orders

$$u_{\alpha,\beta} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t^\alpha u = -(-\Delta)^\beta u, \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad t > 0, \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u(x, 0) = a(x), \quad x \in \Omega \quad \text{if } 0 < \alpha < 1, \\ u(x, 0) = a(x), \quad \partial_t u(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{if } 1 < \alpha < 2. \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.$$

Inverse problem: determine $\alpha \in (0, 2)$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$ by $u(x_0, t)$, $0 < t < T$ with fixed $x_0 \in \Omega$.

Remark.

- Caputo derivative:

$$\partial_t^\alpha v(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{n-\alpha-1} \frac{d^n v}{ds^n}(s) ds, \quad n-1 < \alpha < n.$$

- We can replace $-\Delta$ by $\sum_{i,j=1}^d \partial_i(a_{ij}(x)\partial_j) + c(x)$.
Maybe we can treat non-symmetric operators.

About **forward problems**: a monograph

Kubica-Ryszewska-Yamamoto (Springer, 2020)

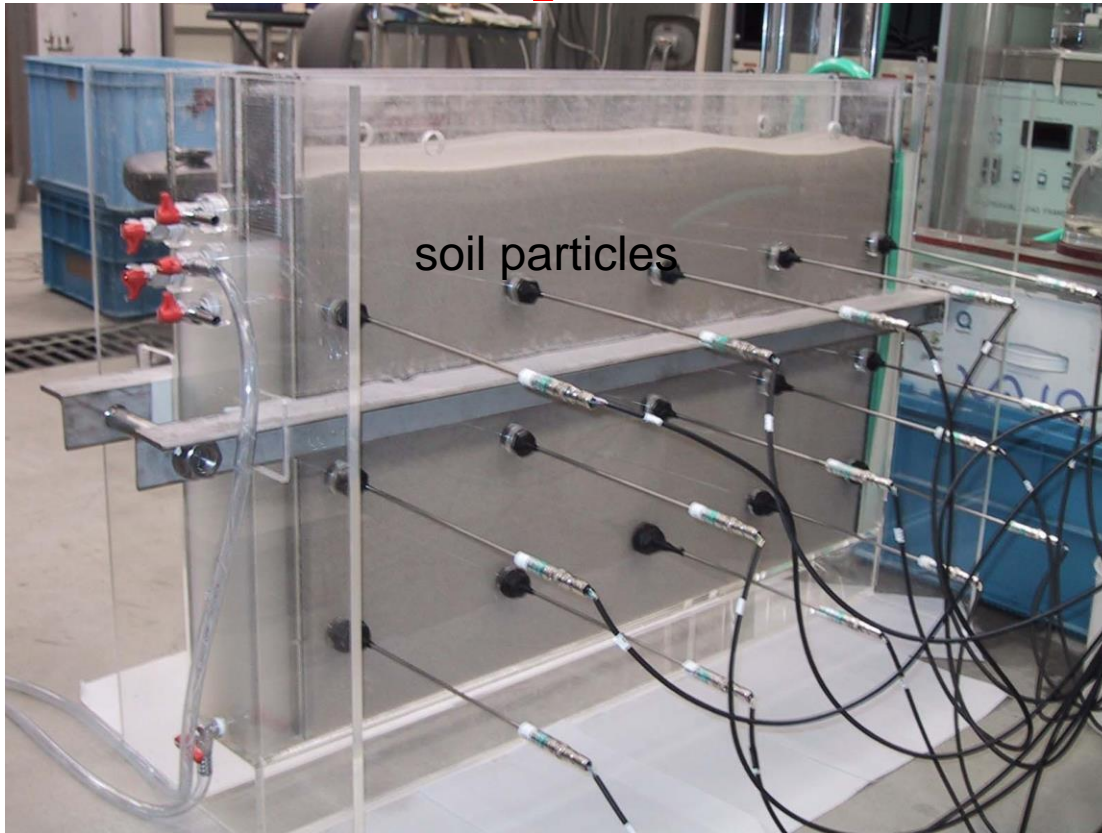
Remark. $(-\Delta)^\beta$: fractional power of $-\Delta$
 \Leftarrow spatial derivative of order 2β
 $\alpha, \beta \Rightarrow$ important physical parameters

Inverse problem.

Let $x_0 \in \Omega$ be fixed. $u(x_0, t), 0 < t < T \Rightarrow$
 $\alpha \in ((0, 2) \setminus \{1\})$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$.

Uniqueness \Leftarrow How much information data have?

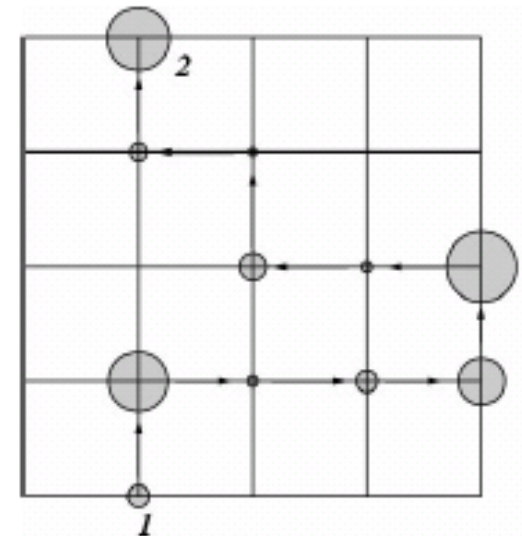
Determination of fractional orders at laboratory based on the micro-model



soil particles

Prof. Y. Hatano (Tsukuba University)

Comparison of laboratory data with numerical results by Monte Carlo method

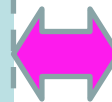


Random walk

Normal diffusion by Fick's law

$$\langle x^2 \rangle \propto t$$

$$\alpha=1$$



Continuous time random walk (micro-model)

$$\langle x^2 \rangle \propto t^\alpha \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

Related works on determination of orders

- Hatano, Nakagawa, Wang and Yamamoto 2013
- Li and Yamamoto 2015: uniqueness for multiterm cases
- Yu, Jing and Qi 2015
- Janno 2016: unique existence
- Janno and Kinash 2018
- Krasnoschok, Pereverzyev, Siryk and Vasylyeva 2019
- Ashurov and Umarov 2020: [arXiv:2005.13468v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.13468v1)

Other examples of data:

$$\int_{\Omega} u(x, t) \rho(x) dx, \quad 0 < t < T : \rho: \text{ weight}$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \nu(x_0, t), \quad 0 < t < T$$

$\nu(x)$: unit outward normal vector

Preparations

$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots \longrightarrow \infty$: set of eigenvalues of $-\Delta$ with $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$.

$-\Delta\varphi_{kj} = \lambda_k\varphi_{kj}$, $1 \leq j \leq m_k$, m_k : multiplicity of λ_k

φ_{kj} , $1 \leq j \leq m_k$: orthonormal basis

$(\varphi_{kj}, \varphi_{ij}) := \int_{\Omega} \varphi_{kj}(x)\varphi_{ki}(x)dx = 1$ if $i = j$, $= 0$ if $i \neq j$

$\lambda_k, \{\varphi_{kj}\}_{1 \leq j \leq m_k}$: eigensystem of $-\Delta$ with $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$

Fractional power of $-\Delta$:

$$(-\Delta)^\beta v = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k^\beta \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} (v, \varphi_{kj}) \varphi_{kj},$$

$v \in D((-\Delta)^\beta) \subset H^{2\beta}(\Omega)$: Sobolev-Slobodeckij space

$$(-\Delta)^{-\beta} a = \frac{\sin \pi\beta}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \eta^{-\beta} (-\Delta + \eta)^{-1} a d\eta$$

in $L^2(\Omega)$ with $0 < \beta < 1$ (e.g., Pazy).

$$E_{\alpha,1}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)} : \text{ Mittag-Leffler function}$$

Theorem 1 (uniqueness).

Let $a \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ if $d = 1, 2, 3$ ($a \in H_0^{2\gamma}(\Omega)$ with $\gamma > \frac{d}{4}$),

$$a \geq 0, \neq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \leq 0, \neq 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

and

$$\exists k_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{j=1}^{m_{k_0}} (a, \varphi_{k_0 j}) \varphi_{k_0 j}(x_0) \neq 0, \quad \lambda_{k_0} \neq 1.$$

Then $u_{\alpha, \beta}(x_0, t)$, $0 < t < T$

$$\iff (\alpha, \beta) \in (0, 2) \setminus \{1\} \times (0, 1) \quad \text{1 to 1}$$

Simplified case.

Assume $m_k = 1$: λ_k is simple for all k , $-\Delta\varphi_k = \lambda_k\varphi_k$.

Corollary (uniqueness).

(i) $a \in H_0^2(\Omega)$ if $d = 1, 2, 3$,

$$a \geq 0, \not\equiv 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \leq 0, \not\equiv 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

(ii) $\exists k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $(a, \varphi_{k_0})\varphi_{k_0}(x_0) \neq 0$ and $\lambda_{k_0} \neq 1$.

Then $u_{\alpha,\beta}(x_0, t)$, $0 < t < T \iff$

$$(\alpha, \beta) \in ((0, 2) \setminus \{1\}) \times (0, 1) \quad \text{1 to 1}$$

Remark.

- (ii) is essential for uniqueness of β .

Let $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $-\Delta\varphi_1 = \varphi_1$. Then

$$u_{\alpha,\beta}(x, t) = E_{\alpha,1}(-t^\alpha)\varphi_1(x) \text{ for } x \in \Omega, t > 0.$$

No information of β !

- (i) \implies uniqueness for α

- Tatar-Ulusoy (2013):

$(a, \varphi_k) > 0$ for all $k \implies$ uniqueness.

Our proof produces the same conclusion.

- Let $\lambda_k \neq 1$ for all k .

Then $a(x_0) \neq 0 \implies$ uniqueness for β .

Main ingredients for proof.

(1) Eigenfunction expansion

(2) Asymptotics of Mittag-Leffler function

$$E_{\alpha,1}(-t) = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{\ell+1}}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha\ell)} \frac{1}{t^\ell} + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{1+N}}\right), \quad t > 0, \rightarrow \infty$$

(3) Strong maximum principle for $(-\Delta)^\beta$:

Lemma (strong maximum principle for $(-\Delta)^\beta$):

$a \geq 0, \not\equiv 0, a|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \implies (-\Delta)^\beta a(x) > 0, x \in \Omega$

Proof:

$\beta = 1 \implies$ classical strong maximum principle

$0 < \beta < 1$: strong maximum principle \implies

$(-\Delta + \eta)^{-1}a > 0$ in $\Omega \implies$

$$((-\Delta)^{-\beta})a(x) = \frac{\sin \pi\beta}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \eta^{-\beta} (-\Delta + \eta)^{-1}a \, d\eta > 0$$



Proof for simple eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\alpha,\beta}(x_0, t) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E_{\alpha,1}(-\lambda_k^\beta t^\alpha) (a, \varphi_k) \varphi_k(x_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{1}{t^\alpha} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a, \varphi_k) \varphi_k(x_0)}{\lambda_k^\beta} + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{2\alpha}}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{1}{t^\alpha} (-\Delta)^\beta a(x_0) + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{2\alpha}}\right) \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

$$u_{\alpha,\beta}(x_0, t) = u_{\alpha_1,\beta_1}(x_0, t), \quad 0 < t < T \implies$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{1}{t^\alpha} (-\Delta)^\beta a(x_0) + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{2\alpha}}\right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha_1)} \frac{1}{t^{\alpha_1}} (-\Delta)^{\beta_1} a(x_0) + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{2\alpha_1}}\right)$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty \implies$

$$(-\Delta)^\beta a(x_0) \neq 0, \quad (-\Delta)^{\beta_1} a(x_0) \neq 0 \text{ by } x_0 \in \Omega \implies \alpha = \alpha_1$$

Proof of $\beta = \beta_1$.

Set $a_k = (a, \varphi_k) \varphi_k(x_0)$.

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{\ell+1}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha\ell)t^{\alpha\ell}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{\lambda_k^{\beta\ell}} = \sum_{\ell=1}^N \frac{(-1)^{\ell+1}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha\ell)t^{\alpha\ell}} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{\lambda_k^{\beta_1\ell}} + O\left(\frac{1}{t^{\alpha(1+N)}}\right)$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty \implies$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{\lambda_k^{\beta\ell}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{\lambda_k^{\beta_1\ell}}, \quad \ell \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{m/\alpha\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$$

Let $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_1 = \dots = a_{k_0-1} = 0$ and $a_{k_0} \neq 0$, $\lambda_{k_0} \neq 1$.

Assume $\lambda_{k_0} > 1$ (similar for other case): Let $\beta_1 > \beta \implies$

$$a_{k_0} \left(1 - (\lambda_{k_0}^{\beta-\beta_1})^\ell \right) + \sum_{k=k_0+1}^{\infty} a_k \left((\lambda_{k_0}^\beta / \lambda_k^\beta)^\ell - (\lambda_{k_0}^\beta / \lambda_k^{\beta_1})^\ell \right) = 0$$

for $\ell \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{m/\alpha\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$.

$$\left| \lambda_{k_0}^{\beta-\beta_1} \right|, \quad \left| \lambda_{k_0}^\beta / \lambda_k^\beta \right|, \quad \left| \lambda_{k_0}^\beta / \lambda_k^{\beta_1} \right| < 1$$

for $k \geq k_0 + 1$.

Choose $\ell_n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{m/\alpha\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ell_n = \infty$

$\implies a_{k_0} = 0$: **contradiction**

§3. Fractional diffusion equations backward in time

with Profs G. Floridia (Università
Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria) and Z. Li
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$$-Au := \sum_{i,j=1}^n \partial_i(a_{ij}(x)\partial_j u) + c(x)u,$$

where $c \leq 0$, $\mathcal{D}(A) = H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$.

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t^\alpha u = -Au & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad u(\cdot, T) = b. \end{cases}$$

unique existence

$$u \in C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap C((0, T]; H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$\text{to } \partial_t^\alpha u = -Au \text{ with } u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \text{ and } u(\cdot, T) = b$$

(Sakamoto-Yamamoto 2011)

- memory effect or weak smoothing
- Different from $\alpha = 1$.

Preliminaries

(I) $0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots$: eigenvalues of A **with multiplicities**,
 φ_k : eigenfunction for λ_k , $(\varphi_j, \varphi_k) = \delta_{jk}$. $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$

(II) $E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}$ (Mittag-Leffler function).

(III) $S(t)a = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a, \varphi_k) E_{\alpha,1}(-\lambda_k t^\alpha) \varphi_k$,

$K(t)a = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} (a, \varphi_k) E_{\alpha,\alpha}(-\lambda_k t^\alpha) \varphi_k$, $a \in L^2(\Omega)$

\Rightarrow

$$\|S(t)a\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq Ct^{-\alpha} \|a\|, \quad \|S(t)a\| \leq C\|a\|$$

$$\|A^\gamma K(t)a\| \leq Ct^{\alpha(1-\gamma)-1} \|a\|, \quad 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1, \quad t > 0$$

(IV)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t^\alpha u = -Au + F & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad u(\cdot, 0) = a. \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow

$$u(t) = S(t)a + \int_0^t K(t-s)F(s)ds, \quad t > 0.$$

(V) $S(t) : L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ is isomorphism for $t > 0$.

Sakamoto-Yamamoto (2011):

$$\begin{aligned} -Lu &:= \sum_{i,j=1}^n \partial_i(a_{ij}(x)\partial_j u) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_j(x)\partial_j u(x) + c(x)u \\ &=: -Au + Bu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t^\alpha u = -Lu & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad u(T) = b. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.

For $b \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$, there exists unique solution u with same regularity as in Theorem 2.

Key to Proof

First Step.

$$\partial_t^\alpha u = -Au + Bu \text{ in } \Omega, u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, u(\cdot, 0) = a \implies$$

$$u_a(t) = S(t)a + \int_0^t K(t-s)Bu_a(s)ds, \text{ where } S(t), K(t) \text{ are}$$

$$\text{constructed for } -A \implies b = S(T)a + \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds \iff$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= S(T)^{-1} \left(b - \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds \right) \\ &= S(T)^{-1}b - S(T)^{-1} \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds = S(T)^{-1}b - Ma \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$Ma := S(T)^{-1} \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds$$

Unique solvability for a ?

Second Step: compactness of $M : L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$.

We can prove $\|Au(t)\| \leq Ct^{-\alpha}\|a\|$ (Sakamoto-Yamamoto for $B = 0$)

Let $0 < \delta < \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| A^{1+\delta} \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds \right\| &= \left\| \int_0^T A^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta} K(T-s)A^{\frac{1}{2}} Bu_a(s)ds \right\| \\ &\leq C \int_0^T (T-s)^{\alpha(\frac{1}{2}-\delta)-1} \|Au_a(s)\| ds \leq C \int_0^T (T-s)^{\alpha(\frac{1}{2}-\delta)-1} s^{-\alpha} ds \|a\| \leq C\|a\|. \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\left\| A^\delta S(T)^{-1} \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds \right\| \leq C \left\| A^{1+\delta} \int_0^T K(T-s)Bu_a(s)ds \right\| \leq C\|a\|.$$

$\Rightarrow M : L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow H^{2\delta}(\Omega)$ is bounded

$M : L^2(\Omega) \longrightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ is compact

Third Step:

Fredholm equation of second kind:

$$a = S(T)^{-1}b - Ma$$

Well-posedness \iff " $b = 0 \implies a = 0$ "

\iff Backward uniqueness

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t^\alpha u = -Lu \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad u(\cdot, T) = 0 \end{array} \right. \implies u(\cdot, 0) = 0.$$

Fourth Step: Backward uniqueness.

$P_m, m \in \mathbb{N}$: eigenprojection for eigenvalue λ_m of L

Closed subspace spanned by all the generalized eigenfunctions is $L^2(\Omega)$. (Agmon)

$\implies P_m a = 0, m \in \mathbb{N}$ imply $a = 0$.

Set

$$u_m(t) := P_m u(t), \quad a_m := P_m a$$

\Rightarrow

$\partial_t^\alpha u_m = (-\lambda_m + D_m)u_m =: J u_m$ (Jordan form) where $D_m^\ell = 0$ with large ℓ .

$$\Rightarrow u_m(t) = E_{\alpha,1}(Jt^\alpha)a_m = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(Jt^\alpha)^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)} a_m$$

Set $u_m = (u_m^1, \dots, u_m^N)^T$ and $a_m = (a_m^1, \dots, a_m^N)^T$ where T : tranpose

We can represent

$$u_m^1(t) = E_{\alpha,1}(-\lambda_m t^\alpha) a_m^1 + \dots$$

$$u_m^2(t) = E_{\alpha,1}(-\lambda_m t^\alpha) a_m^2 + \dots$$

.....

$$u_m^N(t) = E_{\alpha,1}(-\lambda_m t^\alpha) a_m^N$$

$$u(T) = 0 \implies u_m(T) = 0$$

By $E_{\alpha,1}(-\lambda_m T^\alpha) \neq 0 \implies$

$a_m^N = 0$, then

$a_m^{N-1} = 0$, then

$a_m^1 = 0$.

$\implies a_m = 0$ for $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Thus $a = 0$!

§4. Inverse coefficient problems

Let $0 < \alpha < 1$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$: bounded,
 $\omega \subset \Omega$: arbitrarily fixed subdomain.

$$u_p(x, t) \begin{cases} \partial_t^\alpha u = \Delta u + p(x)u(x, t), & x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, \\ \partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, & u(x, 0) = a(x), \quad x \in \Omega \end{cases}$$

Inverse coefficient problem.

$$u_p|_{\omega \times (0, T)} \implies p(x), \quad x \in \Omega.$$

Similar result with data $\partial_\nu u|_{\Gamma \times (0, T)}$ with $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega$.

Limited references:

(1) Dirichlet-to-Neumann map:

Imanuvilov-Li-Yamamoto (2016),

Kian-Oksanen-Soccorsi-Yamamoto (2018), etc.

(2) $\partial_t^{1/2} u - \partial_x^2$: 1D

Yamamoto-Zhang (2012)

(3) Integral transform to wave equation:

Miller-Yamamoto (2013)

(4) Spectral approach for 1D case:

Cheng-Nakagawa-Yamamoto-Yamazaki (2009),

Li-Zhang-Jia-Yamamoto (2013), etc.

Li-Zhang-Jia-Yamamoto (2013):

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_k''(x) + p(x)\varphi_k(x) &= -\lambda_k\varphi_k, \quad \varphi_k'(0) = \varphi_k'(1) = 0 \\ \psi_k''(x) + q(x)\psi_k(x) &= -\mu_k\psi_k, \quad \psi_k'(0) = \psi_k'(1) = 0 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

\implies

Let $a \in H_0^4(0, 1)$ and $(a, \varphi_k) \neq 0$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. If $u_p(i, t) = u_q(i, t)$ for $0 < t < T$ and $i = 0, 1$, then $p(x) = q(x)$ for $0 < x < 1$.

Remark. We can determine α uniquely.

Scenario of proof:

Data of u = [eigenfunction expansion] \implies Spectral data
= [Gel'fand-Levitan theory] \implies Uniqueness

Step 1:

(1) 1D case: well by $\lambda_n = c_0 n + O(1/n)$

(2) General dimensions: bottleneck
because only $\lambda_n = c_0 n^{2/d} + o(n^{2/d})$.

Step 2:

Multidimensional Gel'fand-Levitan theory
(e.g., Nachman-Sylvester-Uhlmann)

Class of initial values for uniqueness.

A: $\{k \in \mathbb{N}; (a, \varphi_k) \neq 0\} = \mathbb{N}$.

Uniqueness for 1D case, ??? for multidimensions

B: $\#\{k \in \mathbb{N}; (a, \varphi_k) \neq 0\} = \infty$.

Uniqueness ????

C: $\#\{k \in \mathbb{N}; (a, \varphi_k) \neq 0\} < \infty$.

Uniqueness holds. \Leftarrow We discuss here!

λ_k : eigenvalue of $-\Delta - p(x)$ with $\partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$

P_k : orthogonal projection onto $\text{Ker} (-\lambda_k - (\Delta + p))$

μ_k : eigenvalue of $-\Delta - q(x)$ with $\partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$

Q_k : orthogonal projection onto $\text{Ker} (-\mu_k - (\Delta + q))$

$$u_p \begin{cases} \partial_t^\alpha u = \Delta u + p(x)u, & x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, t > 0, \\ \partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, & u(x, 0) = a(x). \end{cases}$$

Inverse problem:

$\omega \subset \Omega$: arbitrarily given subdomain

Determine p in Ω by $u_p|_{\omega \times (0, T)}$.

Theorem 4 (Jing-Yamamoto: 2020).

Let $p, q, a \in H^\infty(\Omega)$,

$$\#\{k \in \mathbb{N}; P_k a \not\equiv 0 \text{ in } \Omega\} < \infty$$

and $|a(x)| > 0, x \in \Omega$.

Then $u_p = u_q$ in $\omega \times (0, T)$ implies $p = q$ in Ω .

Remark.

(i) The set of a for the uniqueness is **dense** (not very special choice).

(ii) $\#\{k \in \mathbb{N}; P_k a \not\equiv 0 \text{ in } \Omega\} = \mathbb{N} \implies$ Uniqueness for 1D case

Thank you very much.