

# On Nonlinear Optimal Control Problems with an $L^1$ Norm

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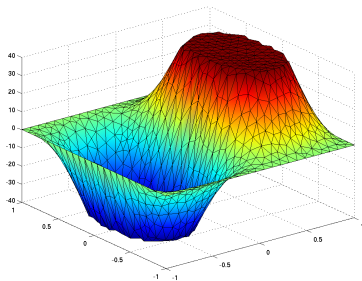
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- Applications in control:
  - actuator placement
  - on/off control structure desired
  - true measure of control cost
- Other applications using the 1-norm:
  - compressed sensing
  - TV-based image restoration

[Vossen, Maurer (2006); Stadler (2009); Clason, Kunisch (2011)]

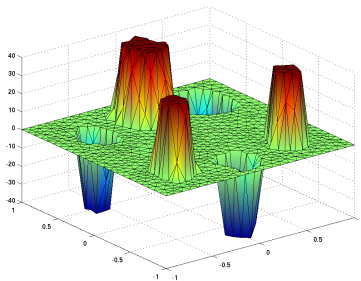


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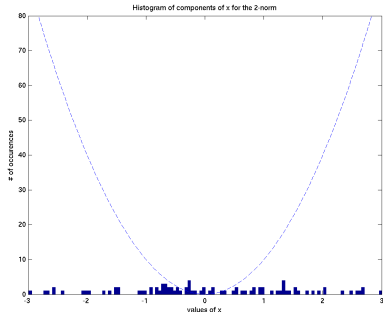


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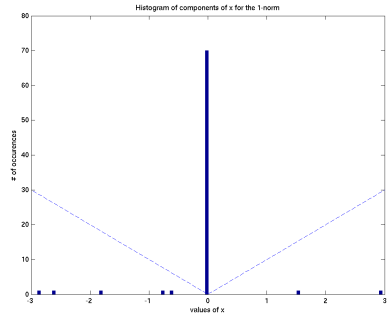
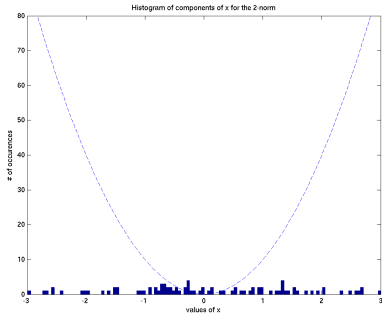
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- This coincides with known generalized derivatives (e.g. Fréchet, Clarke) on this class of functions.
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$$\bar{\lambda}(x) \begin{cases} = +1 & \text{where } \bar{u}(x) > 0 \\ \in [-1, 1] & \text{where } \bar{u}(x) = 0 \\ = -1 & \text{where } \bar{u}(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

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Moreover,  $\bar{\lambda} \in \partial \|\bar{u}\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$  is unique.

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Corollary

There exist  $\tau > 0$ ,  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that  $\langle f''(\bar{u})v, v \rangle \geq \delta_2 \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$  for all

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- Discrete space of (adjoint) states (piecewise linear):

$$Y_h = \{y_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : y_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_1 \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \text{ and } y_h = 0 \text{ on } \bar{\Omega} \setminus \Omega_h\}$$

- Discrete PDE:

$$\int_{\Omega_h} \nabla z_h^\top A \nabla y_h + a(\cdot, y_h) dx = \int_{\Omega_h} u z_h dx \quad \text{for all } z_h \in Y_h$$

- Discrete space of controls (piecewise constant):

$$U_h = \{u_h \in L^2(\Omega_h) : u_h|_T \equiv \text{const for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$

## Discrete optimization problem

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|G_h(u_h) - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \|u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \mu \|u_h\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$$

$$\text{such that } u_a \leq u_h \leq u_b$$

$$\text{and } u_h \in U_h$$

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*For every  $h > 0$  let  $\bar{u}_h$  be a global solution of the discrete problem. Then the sequence  $\{\bar{u}_h\}_{h>0}$  is bounded in  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  and there exist subsequences, denoted in the same way, converging to a point  $\bar{u}$  in the weak\*  $L^\infty(\Omega)$  topology. Any of these limit points is a global solution of the continuous problem. Moreover, we have*

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## Theorem (approximation of strict local minima)

*Let  $\bar{u}$  be a strict local minimum of the continuous problem, then there exists a sequence  $\{\bar{u}_h\}_{h>0}$  of local minima of the discrete problems which converge towards  $\bar{u}$ .*

## Theorem (piecewise constant discretization)

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Then there exists  $C > 0$  such that

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## Idea of the proof

Extend  $\bar{u}_h$  to  $\Omega \setminus \Omega_h$  by  $\bar{u}$ . We obtain by optimality

$$f'(\bar{u})(\bar{u}_h - \bar{u}) + \mu \int_{\Omega} \bar{\lambda} (\bar{u}_h - \bar{u}) dx \geq 0$$
$$f'_h(\bar{u}_h)(u_h - \bar{u}_h) + \mu \int_{\Omega} \bar{\lambda}_h (u_h - \bar{u}_h) dx \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u_h \in U_h \cap U_{\text{ad}}$$



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$$\frac{\delta}{2} \|\bar{u}_h - \bar{u}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq [f'(\bar{u}_h) - f'(\bar{u})](\bar{u}_h - \bar{u}) \leq \dots$$

since  $\bar{u}_h - \bar{u} \in C_{\bar{u}}^T$  and **SSC** hold

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## Theorem (variational discretization, Hinze (2005))

Let  $\bar{u}$  be a solution of the continuous problem and  $\{\bar{u}_h\}$  a sequence of solutions of the variational discretized problem, converging towards  $\bar{u}$ . Moreover, assume that the second-order sufficient condition is satisfied.

Then there is  $C > 0$ , such that

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## Control problem

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + 10^{-3} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + 3 \cdot 10^{-2} \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$$

$$\text{such that } u_a \leq u \leq u_b$$

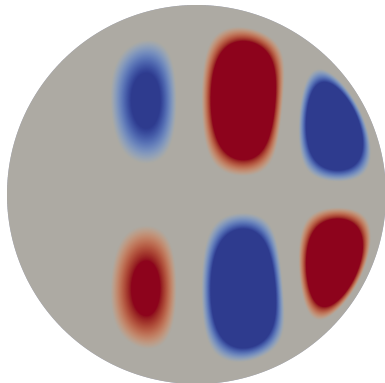
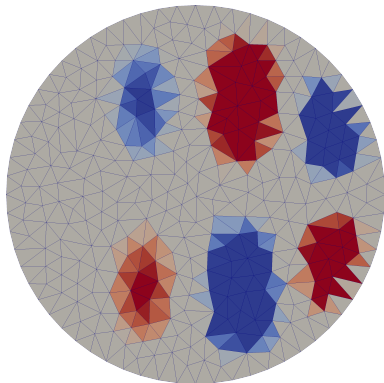
- $y_d(x_1, x_2) = 2 \sin(2\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) \exp(x_1)$

- PDE:

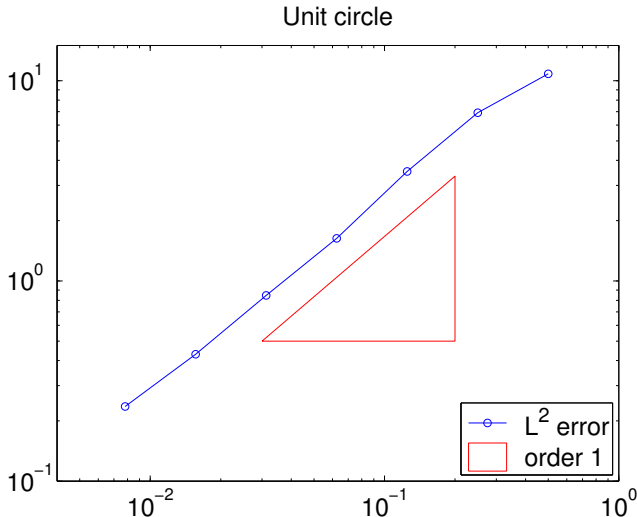
$$-\Delta y + y^3 = u \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$y = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

# Solutions for $h = 2^{-3}$ and $h = 2^{-8}$

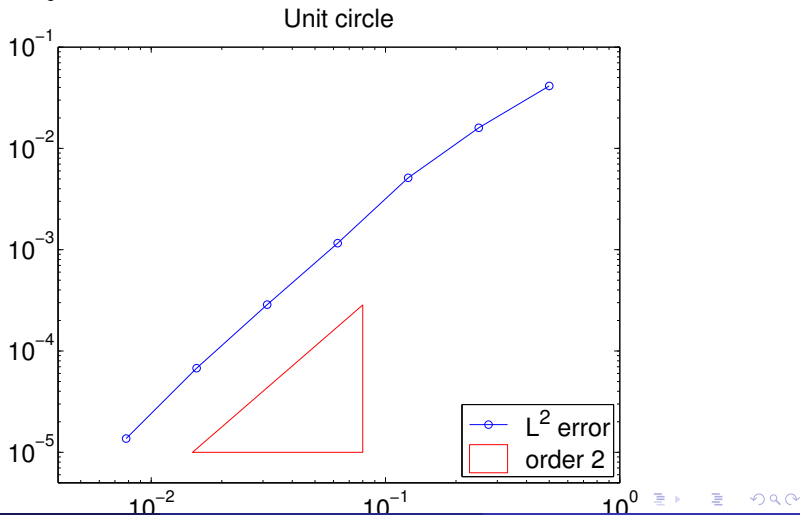


Error in the control:



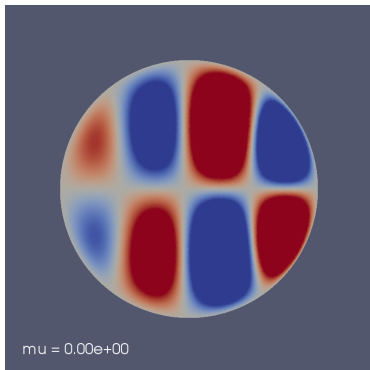
# Convergence (Variational Discretization)

Error in the adjoint:



# Influence of Parameter $\mu$

Minimize  $\frac{1}{2} \|G(u) - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)}$   
such that  $u_a \leq u \leq u_b \quad (u_a < 0 < u_b)$

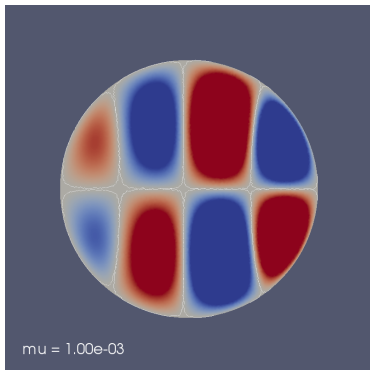


$$\mu = 0.00$$



## Influence of Parameter $\mu$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Minimize} && \frac{1}{2} \|G(u) - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\nu}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \mu \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)} \\ &\text{such that} && u_a \leq u \leq u_b \quad (u_a < 0 < u_b) \end{aligned}$$

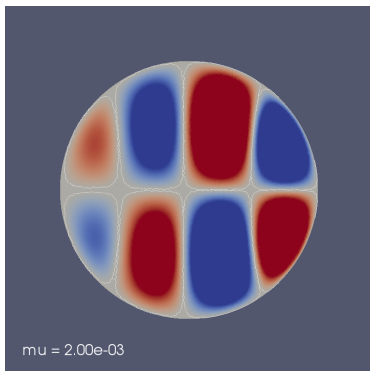


$$\mu = 1.00\text{E-}03$$

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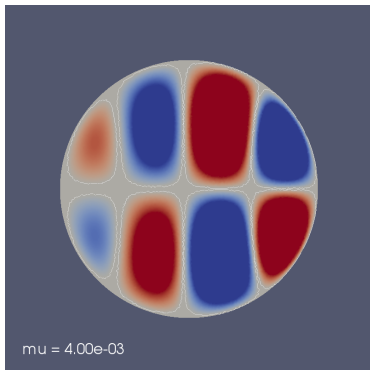
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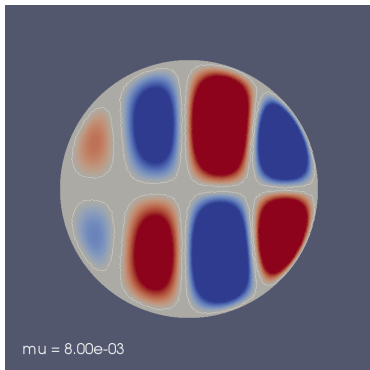


$$\mu = 4.00\text{E-}03$$

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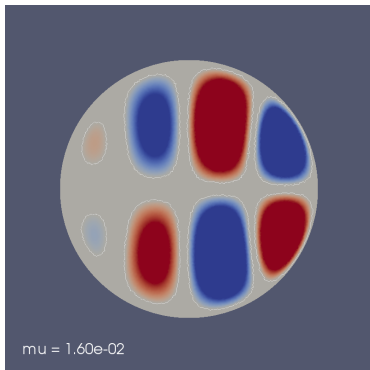


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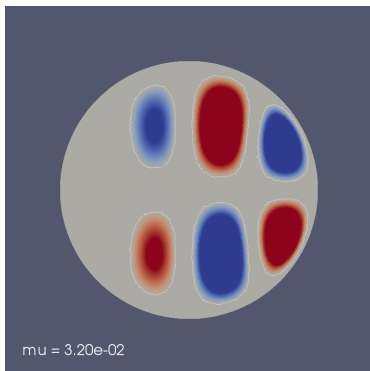
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$$\mu = 1.60\text{E-}02$$

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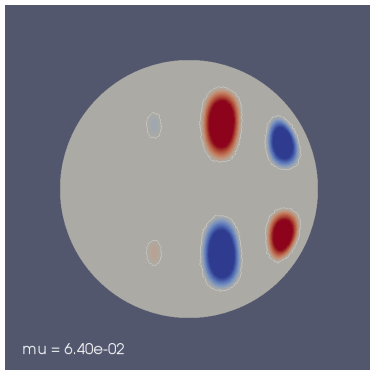
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$$\mu = 3.20E-02$$

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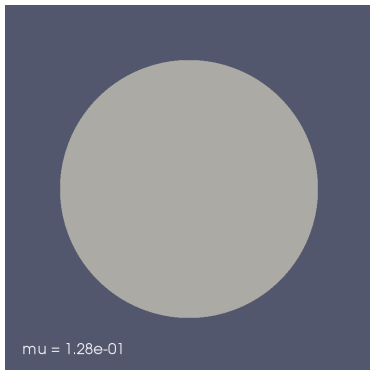
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$$\mu = 6.40E-02$$

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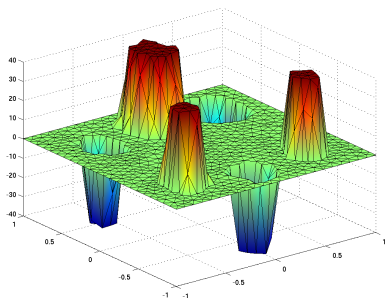
$$\mu = 1.28\text{E-}01$$



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## Sparsity

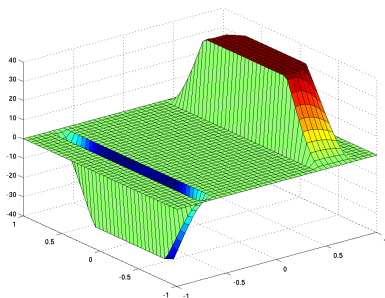
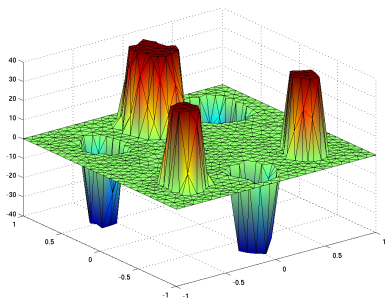


## Objective function

$$\frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2}^2 + \beta \|u\|_{L^1}$$

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## Sparsity vs. directional sparsity



Objective function

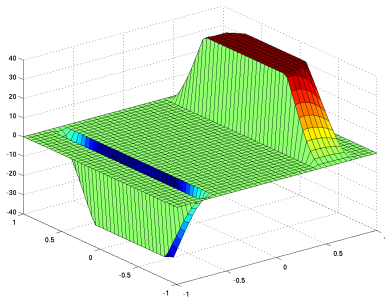
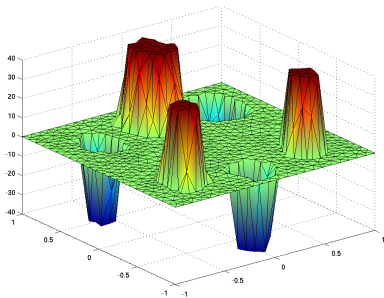
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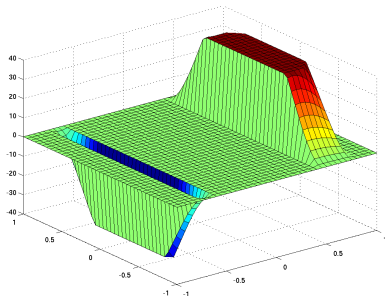
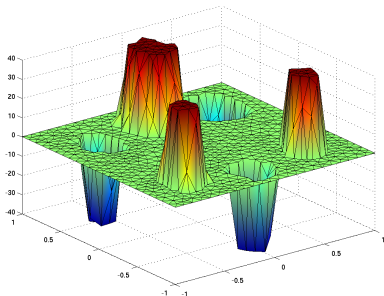


## Properties

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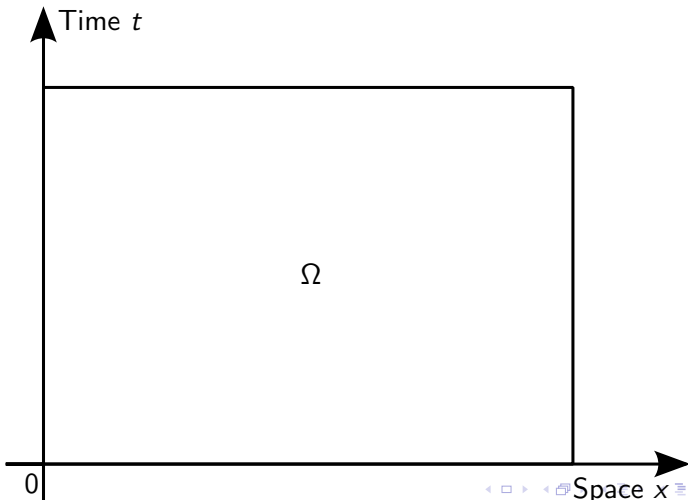
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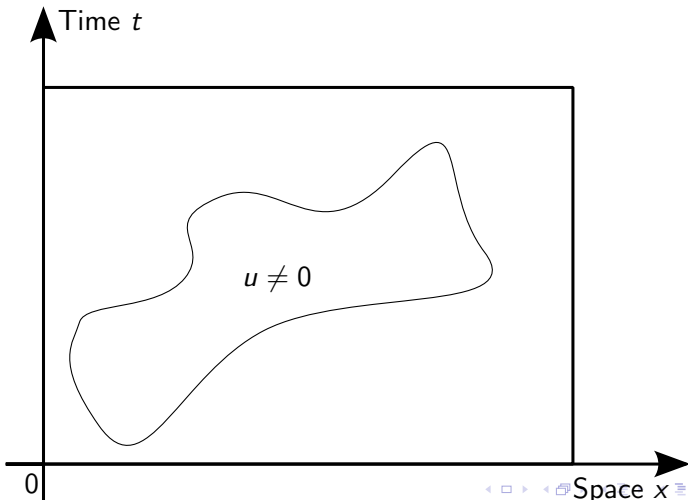
### Properties

- exploits known or desired group sparsity structure

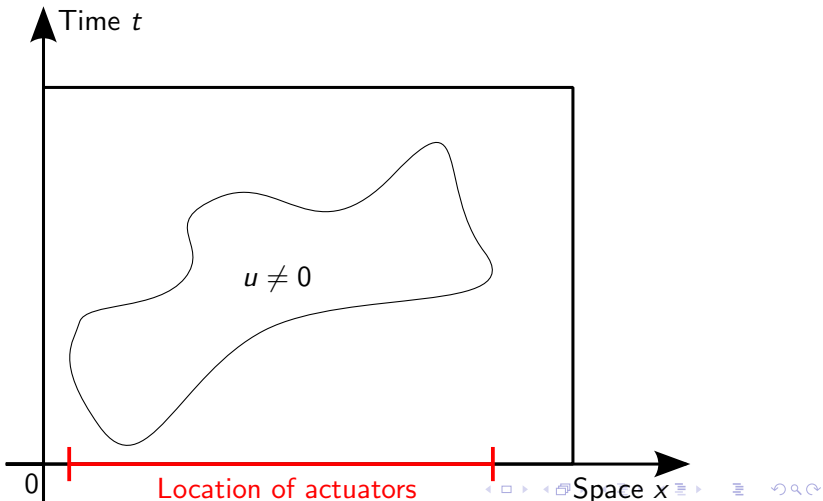
Placement of actuators for a parabolic problem



With Sparsity functional

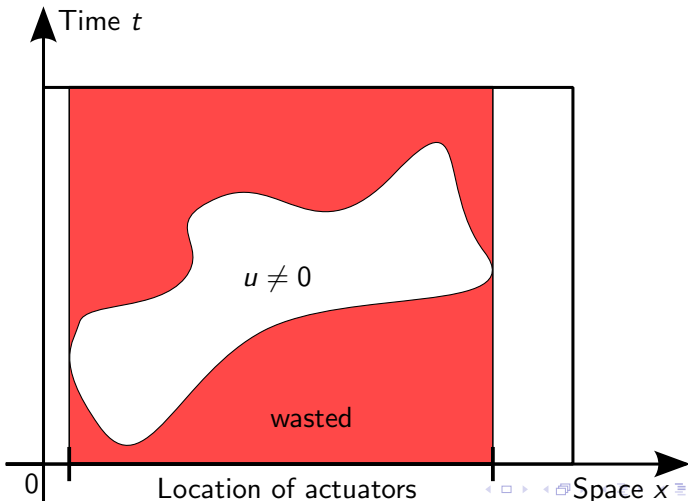


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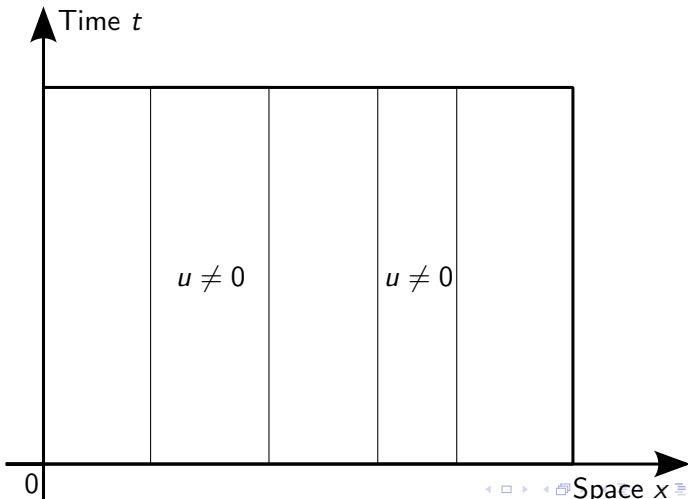




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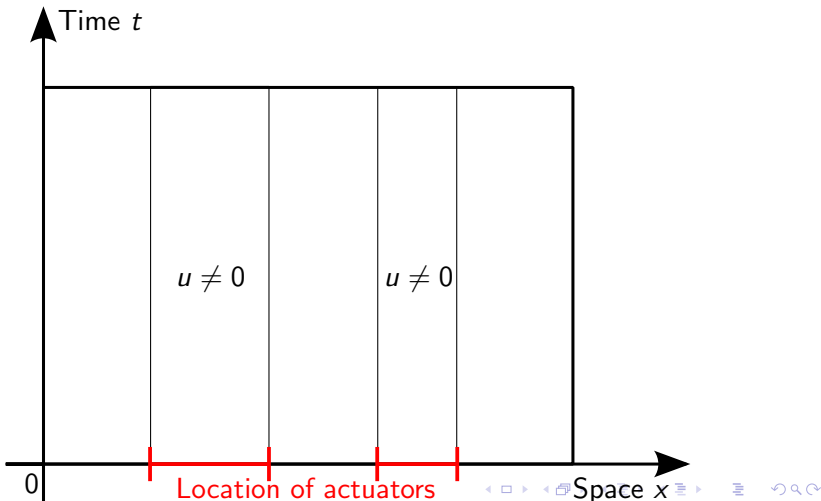


With Directional Sparsity functional



# Directional Sparsity with Parabolic PDEs

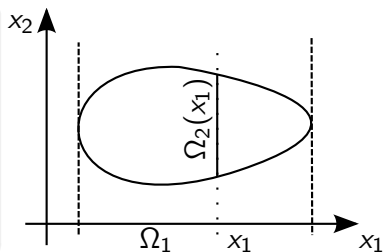
With Directional Sparsity functional



## Problem formulation

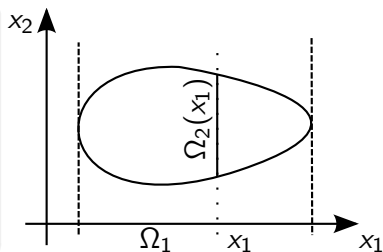
$$\min \quad \frac{1}{2} \| \mathcal{S}u - y_d \|_H^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \| u \|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ + \beta \| u \|_{L^1(L^2)}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad u_a \leq u \leq u_b \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega$$



## Problem formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & \frac{1}{2} \|Su - y_d\|_H^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ & + \beta \int_{\Omega_1} \left( \int_{\Omega_2(x_1)} u(x_1, x_2)^2 dx_2 \right)^{1/2} dx_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & u_a \leq u \leq u_b \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$



### Joint sparsity in image restoration

$$\Psi(u) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \omega_{\lambda} |\vec{u}_{\lambda}|_q^p, \quad q = 2, p = 1$$

- $\Omega_1 \hat{=} \Lambda$
- $\Omega_2 = \{1, 2, \dots, \# \text{ of channels}\}$
- with  $dx_2 =$  counting measure



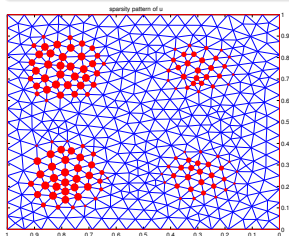
[Fornasier, Ramlau, Teschke (2008)]

### TV-based image restoration

$$\Psi(u) = \int_{\Omega_1} |\nabla u| dx_1, \quad \Omega_2 = \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \text{ for N-D images}$$

## Parabolic example

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_d\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \beta \|u\|_{L^1(L^2)} \\ & \text{s.t.} && \begin{cases} y_t - \frac{1}{10} \Delta y = u & \text{in } \Omega = \Omega_1 \times (0, T) \\ y = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \times (0, T) \\ y(\cdot, 0) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_1 \end{cases} \\ & \text{and} && u_a \leq u \leq u_b \quad \text{a.e. in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$



$n = 2$  sparse directions (space)

$N - n = 1$  non-sparse direction (time)

- use of  $\|u\|_{L^1}$  induces **sparse solutions**
- it is often an appropriate measure of **control cost**
- applications in actuator placement problems
- presented 1st- and **new 2nd-order optimality conditions**
- used them to derive **FE error estimates**
- extension to directional sparsity concept





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