

Optimal Boundary Control for Wave Equation

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We consider the following boundary problem for the wave equation

$$u_{tt}(x, t) - u_{xx}(x, t) = 0, \quad 0 < x < l, \quad 0 < t < T, \quad (1)$$

$$u_x(0, t) = \mu(t), \quad u(l, t) = \nu(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (2)$$

$$u(x, 0) = \varphi_1(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = \psi_1(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq l. \quad (3)$$

The solution of the problem (1), (2), (3), i.e. the function $u(x, t)$, is supposed to be in the class of distributions \widehat{W}_2^1 (which is some analogue of Sobolev space W_2^1).

Further, we suppose that conditions (2) are posed so that the solution $u(x, t)$, satisfying conditions (3) in the initial moment $t = 0$ satisfies in the final moment $t = T$ the supplementary conditions

$$u(x, T) = \varphi_2(x), \quad u_t(x, T) = \psi_2(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq l. \quad (4)$$

Thus, the question arises: how the functions $\mu(t)$ and $\nu(t)$ in (2) should be defined (i.e., what is a correlation between $\mu(t)$ and $\nu(t)$ and the given functions $\varphi_1(x)$, $\varphi_2(x)$, $\psi_1(x)$, $\psi_2(x)$) in order the integral of boundary energy

$$\int_0^T ([\mu(t)]^2 + [\nu'(t)]^2) dt$$

has the minimal (among all possible) value.