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On a Problem of Optimal Control of the Vibration of a Rod Consisting of Two Non-Homogenous Segments with a Restriction at an Intermediate Time

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Abstract

We consider an optimal boundary control problem for a one-dimensional wave equation consisting of two non-homogenous segments with piecewise constant characteristics. The wave equation describes the longitudinal vibrations of a non-homogeneous rod or the transverse vibrations of a non-homogeneous string with given initial, intermediate, and final conditions. We assume that wave travel time for each of the sections is the same. The control is carried out by shifting one end with the other end fixed. The quality criterion is set on the entire time interval. A constructive approach to building an optimal boundary control is proposed. The results obtained are illustrated by an analytical example.

Introduction

Many researchers pay attention to the study of control problems and optimal control problems for vibration processes [1-10]. Modeling and control of dynamic systems with intermediate conditions is an actively developed direction in modern control theory. In particular, works [2-10] address the study of such problems. The control problems of inhomogeneous elastic vibrations are not studied enough. The study of problems for such heterogeneous distributed systems is devoted, in particular, to the works [8-10].

This work aims to develop a constructive approach to building an optimal boundary control function for an inhomogeneous wave equation consisting of two heterogeneous sections with given initial, intermediate, and final conditions with a quality criterion given over the entire time interval.

Problem statement

We consider longitudinal vibrations of a piecewise homogeneous rod located along the segment $-l_1 \leq x \leq l$ and comprising two subsegments. The segment $-l_1 \leq x \leq 0$ has a linear density $\rho_1 = \text{const}$, Young's modulus $k_1 = \text{const}$ and a wave velocity $a_1 = \sqrt{\frac{k_1}{\rho_1}}$. The second segment $0 \leq x \leq l$ has a linear density $\rho_2 = \text{const}$, Young's modulus $k_2 = \text{const}$ and a wave velocity $a_2 = \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{\rho_2}}$. As in [9], we assumed that the lengths l_1 and l of the rod segments are such that the wave velocity on $-l_1 \leq x \leq 0$ coincides with the wave velocity on $0 \leq x \leq l$, i.e.

$$\frac{l_1}{a_1} = \frac{l}{a_2}. \quad (1)$$

Let the state (longitudinal vibrations) of the rod (or transverse vibrations of the string) be described by the function $Q(x, t)$, $-l_1 \leq x \leq l$, $0 \leq t \leq T$, and the deviations from the equilibrium state satisfy the following wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = \begin{cases} a_1^2 \frac{\partial^2 Q(x, t)}{\partial x^2}, & -l_1 \leq x \leq 0, 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ a_2^2 \frac{\partial^2 Q(x, t)}{\partial x^2}, & 0 \leq x \leq l, 0 \leq t \leq T, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

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with the boundary conditions

$$Q(-l_1, t) = \mu(t), \quad Q(l, t) = 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (3)$$

and with the conjugation conditions at the connection point $x = 0$ of the segments

$$Q(0-0, t) = Q(0+0, t), \quad a_1^2 \rho_1 \frac{\partial Q(x, t)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0-0} = a_2^2 \rho_2 \frac{\partial Q(x, t)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0+0}. \quad (4)$$

Let there be given initial (for $t = t_0 = 0$) and final (for $t = T$) conditions

$$Q(x, 0) = \varphi_0(x), \quad \frac{\partial Q(x, t)}{\partial x} \Big|_{t=0} = \psi_0(x), \quad -l_1 \leq x \leq l, \quad (5)$$

$$Q(x, T) = \varphi_T(x), \quad \frac{\partial Q(x, t)}{\partial x} \Big|_{t=T} = \psi_T(x), \quad -l_1 \leq x \leq l. \quad (6)$$

Additionally, let there be given at some intermediate moment of time t_1 ($0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 = T$) an intermediate state in the form:

$$Q(x, t_1) = \varphi_1(x), \quad -l_1 \leq x \leq l. \quad (7)$$

In (3), functions $\mu(t)$ is control actions (boundary control).

It is assumed that $Q(x, t) \in C^2(\Omega_T)$, where

$$\Omega_T = \{(x, t): x \in [-l_1, l], t \in [0, T]\}$$

and $\varphi_i(x) \in C^2[-l_1, l]$, $i = 0, 2$, $\varphi_0(x)$, $\varphi_T(x) \in C^1[-l_1, l]$.

We also assume that for all functions the following consistency conditions are Satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(0) = \varphi_0(-l_1), \quad \dot{\mu}(0) = \psi_0(-l_1), \quad \varphi_0(l) = \psi_0(l) = 0, \\ \mu(t_1) = \varphi_1(-l_1), \quad \varphi_1(l) = 0, \quad \mu(T) = \varphi_T(-l_1), \\ \dot{\mu}(T) = \psi_T(-l_1), \quad \varphi_T(l) = \psi_T(l) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Let us formulate the following problem of optimal boundary control of oscillations for system (2) with given values at intermediate times.

Among the possible controls $\mu(t)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$, (3) it is required to find such an optimal control that provides transition of the oscillatory motion of system (2) from a given initial state (5) to the final state (6), (7) at the same time ensuring the fulfillment of condition (1.7) and minimizing the functional

$$\int_0^T \mu^2(t) dt. \quad (9)$$

Results

Since the functional (9) is the square of the norm of a linear normed space, the problem of determining the optimal control for each $k = 1, 2, \dots$ can be considered as a problem of moments [1]. Therefore, the solution can be constructed using the algorithm for solving the problem of moments.

We will receive

$$\mu_1^0(\tau) = \begin{cases} \mu_1^{(1)0}(\tau) = \frac{1}{(\rho_1^0)^2} [p_1^0 \sin \lambda_1(T - \tau) + q_1^0 \cos \lambda_1(T - \tau) + \gamma_1^0 \sin \lambda_1(t_1 - \tau)], & 0 \leq \tau \leq t_1, \\ \mu_1^{(2)0}(\tau) = \frac{1}{(\rho_1^0)^2} [p_1^0 \sin \lambda_1(T - \tau) + q_1^0 \cos \lambda_1(T - \tau)], & t_1 < \tau \leq t_2 = T \end{cases}$$

Results

Where

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho_1^0)^2 = \frac{T}{2} ((q_1^0)^2 + (p_1^0)^2) + \frac{t_1}{2} ((\gamma_1^0)^2 + 2\gamma_1^0 p_1^0 \cos \lambda_1(T - t_1) - q_1^0 \sin \lambda_1(T - t_1)) + \\ + \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \left(p_1^0 q_1^0 \sin^2 \lambda_1 T - \frac{(\gamma_1^0)^2}{2} \sin \lambda_1 t_1 \cos \lambda_1 t_1 + \gamma_1^0 (q_1^0 \sin \lambda_1 T - p_1^0 \cos \lambda_1 T) \sin \lambda_1 t_1 + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(q_1^0)^2 - (p_1^0)^2}{2} \sin \lambda_1 T \cos \lambda_1 T \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$p_1^0 = \frac{1}{2A} ((f_{11}^2 - e_{11} g_{11}) C_{11}(T) + (b_{11} g_{11} - c_{11} f_{11}) C_{21}(T) + (e_{11} c_{11} - b_{11} f_{11}) C_{11}(t_1)),$$

$$q_1^0 = \frac{1}{2A} ((b_{11} g_{11} - c_{11} f_{11}) C_{11}(T) + (c_{11}^2 - a_{11} g_{11}) C_{21}(T) + (a_{11} f_{11} - b_{11} c_{11}) C_{11}(t_1)),$$

$$\gamma_1^0 = \frac{1}{2A} ((e_{11} c_{11} - b_{11} f_{11}) C_{11}(T) + (a_{11} f_{11} - b_{11} c_{11}) C_{21}(T) + (b_{11}^2 - a_{11} e_{11}) C_{11}(t_1)),$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} [(f_{11}^2 - e_{11} g_{11}) C_{11}^2(T) + (c_{11}^2 - a_{11} g_{11}) C_{21}^2(T) + (b_{11}^2 - a_{11} e_{11}) C_{11}^2(t_1)] +$$

$$+ (e_{11} c_{11} - b_{11} f_{11}) C_{11}(t_1) C_{11}(T) + (b_{11} g_{11} - c_{11} f_{11}) C_{21}(T) C_{11}(T) + (a_{11} f_{11} - b_{11} c_{11}) C_{11}(t_1) C_{21}(T).$$

Applying the approach proposed above, we constructed an optimal boundary control for $n = 1$ ($k = 1$) and the corresponding string deflection function: for $0 \leq t \leq t_1$

$$Q_1^0(x, t) = \begin{cases} V_1^0(t) \sin \frac{\pi}{l_1} x + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l_1}\right) \mu_1^{(1)0}(t), & -l_1 \leq x \leq 0, \\ V_1^0(t) \sin \frac{\pi}{l} x + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right) \mu_1^{(1)0}(t), & 0 \leq x \leq l, \end{cases}$$

for $t_1 < t \leq t_2 = T$

$$Q_1^0(x, t) = \begin{cases} V_1^0(t) \sin \frac{\pi}{l_1} x + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l_1}\right) \mu_1^{(2)0}(t), & -l_1 \leq x \leq 0, \\ V_1^0(t) \sin \frac{\pi}{l} x + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right) \mu_1^{(2)0}(t), & 0 \leq x \leq l. \end{cases}$$

Conclusions

In this paper, we considered the problem of optimal boundary control of a one-dimensional wave equation describing transverse vibrations of a piecewise homogeneous string or longitudinal vibrations of a piecewise homogeneous rod. A constructive approach is proposed for building an optimal boundary control function for one-dimensional non-homogeneous oscillatory processes. In this case, the explicit expression of the optimal boundary control function is represented through the given initial and final functions of the deflection and velocities of the points of the distributed system. The results can be used when designing the optimal boundary control of non-homogeneous oscillation processes in physical and technological systems.

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