

Asymptotic Regional Boundary Observer in Distributed Parameter Systems via Sensors Structures

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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to study the concept of asymptotic regional observer in connection with the characterizations of sensors. We give various results related to different types of measurements, of domains and boundary conditions. Furthermore, we show that the measurements structures allow the existence of regional observer and we give a sufficient condition for such observer. We also show that, there exists a dynamical system for the considered system is not observer in the usual sense, but it may be regional boundary observer.

Key words: Sensors, Γ -detectability, Γ -observers, Diffusion system.

1. Introduction

The observer theory was introduced by Luenberger in [1] and is generalized to infinite dimensional control systems described by semi-group operators in [2]. The analysis of distributed parameter systems has received much attention in the literatures [3, 4, 5]. The study of this notion, through the structure of the sensors and the actuators, was developed by El Jai and Pritchard [6, 7].

The notion of regional analysis was extended by El Jai and Zerrik *et al.* [8, 9]. This study motivated by certain concrete-real problems, in thermic, mechanic, environment [10, 11]. If a system defined on a domain Ω is represented as in the (Fig. 1), then we are interested in the regional state on ω or Γ of the domain Ω .

The concept of asymptotic regional analysis was introduced recently by Al-Saphory and El Jai in [12, 13, 14], consists in studying the behavior of systems not in all the domain Ω but only on particular regions ω or Γ of the domain. In this paper, we are only interested in the asymptotic regional boundary state on a region Γ of the boundary $\partial\Omega$. The purpose of this paper is to give some results related to the

link between the Γ -observer and the number of sensors, their locations, the geometrical domains and boundary conditions.

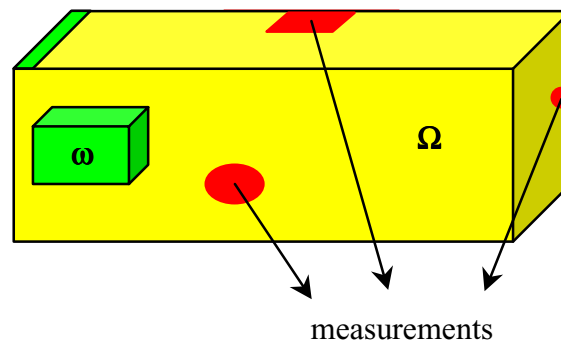


Figure 1. Domain Ω , regions ω , Γ and locations of measurements.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 concerns the formulation problem and preliminaries. Section 3, devotes to the introduction of Γ -detectability problem. In section 4, we give some definitions and characterizations concerns Γ -observer and strategic sensors. We show that there exists a counter-example of the case Γ -observer which is not observer, in the whole domain. In the last section, we illustrate applications with various situations of sensor locations and we characterize such a regional boundary observer to a diffusion system.

2. Problem Statement

Let Ω be a regular, bounded and open set of R^n , with smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ and Γ be a nonempty given subregion of $\partial\Omega$, with positive measurement. We denote $Q = \Omega \times]0, \infty[$ and $\Theta = \partial\Omega \times]0, \infty[$. We consider the system described by the following parabolic equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = Az(\xi, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z(\xi, t) = z_0(\xi) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu}(\eta, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

with the output function

$$y(., t) = Cz(., t) \quad (2.2)$$

and we assume that Z , U , O be separable Hilbert spaces where Z is the state space, U the control space and O the observation space. Usually we consider $Z = H^1(\Omega)$, $U = L^2(0, \infty, R^p)$ and $O = L^2(0, \infty, R^q)$ where p and q hold for the number of actuators and sensors. A is a second order linear differential operator which generates a strongly continuous semi-group $(S_A(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on Z and is self-adjoint with compact resolvent. The operators $B \in L(R^p, Z)$ and $C \in L(Z, R^q)$ depend on the structure of actuators and sensors [7]. Under the given assumptions, the system (2.1) has an unique solution given by

$$z(., t) = S_A(t)z_0(.) + \int_0^t S_A(t-\tau)Bu(\tau)d\tau \quad (2.3)$$

The measurements can be obtained by the use of zone, pointwise or lines sensors which may be located in Ω (or $\partial\Omega$) [7].

• Let us recall that a sensor by any couple (D, f) where D denote closed subsets of $\overline{\Omega}$, which is spatial support of sensor and $f \in L^2(D)$ defines the spatial distribution of measurement on D . According to the choice of the parameters D and f , we have various types of sensors. A sensors may be a zone types when $D \subset \Omega$. The output function (2.2) can be written in the form

$$y(t) = Cz(., t) = \int_D z(\xi, t)f(\xi)d\xi \quad (2.4)$$

A sensor may also be a point when $D = \{b\}$ and $f = \delta(. - b)$ where δ is the Dirac mass concentrated in b . Then, the output function (2.2) may be given by the form

$$y(t) = Cz(., t) = \int_{\Omega} z(\xi, t) \delta_b(\xi - b)d\xi \quad (2.5)$$

In the case of boundary zone sensor, we consider $D = \Gamma$ with $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega$ and $f \in L^2(\Gamma)$. The output function (2.2) can then be written in the form

$$y(t) = Cz(., t) = \int_{\Gamma} z(\eta, t)f(\eta)d\eta \quad (2.6)$$

The operator C is unbounded and some precautions must be taken in [7, 15].

- The operator K defined by

$$\begin{aligned} K : H^1(\Omega) &\rightarrow L^2(0, \infty, R^q) \\ z &\rightarrow CS_A(t)z \end{aligned}$$

and in the case of internal zone sensors is, linear and bounded with an adjoint

$$\begin{aligned} K^* : H^1(\Omega) &\rightarrow L(0, \infty, R^q) \\ y^* &\rightarrow \int_0^t S_A^*(\tau)C^* y^* d\tau \end{aligned}$$

- The trace operator of order zero

$$\gamma_0 : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$$

is linear, surjective and continuous with adjoint denoted by γ_0^*

- Consider a subdomain Γ of $\partial\Omega$ and let χ_{Γ} be the function defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\Gamma} : H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega) &\rightarrow H^{1/2}(\Gamma) \\ z &\rightarrow \chi_{\Gamma}z = z \end{aligned}$$

where $z|_{\Gamma}$ is the restriction of the state z to Γ . We denote by χ_{Γ}^* the adjoint of χ_{Γ} .

- Let χ_{ω} be the function defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\omega} : H^1(\Omega) &\rightarrow H^1(\omega) \\ z &\rightarrow \chi_{\omega}z = z|_{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

where $z|_{\omega}$ is the restriction of the state z to ω .

- The operator $T_\Gamma : H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$ is given by

$$T_\Gamma = \chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 T$$

Recalling some definitions concern the notion of Γ -observability as in [9, 16] :

- The autonomous system associated to (2.1)-(2.2) is said to be exactly (respectively weakly) Γ -observable if :

$$\text{Im } \chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 K^* = H^{1/2}(\Gamma) \quad (\text{respectively } \overline{\text{Im } \chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 K^*} = H^{1/2}(\Gamma))$$

- The suite $(D_i, f_i)_{1 \leq i \leq q}$ of sensors is said to be Γ -strategic if the system (2.1) together with the output function (2.2) is weakly Γ -observable. For the dual results concerning the actuators structures [17] .

3. Regional boundary detectability

The main reason for introducing Γ -detectability is, the possibility to construct an Γ -estimator for the current state of the original system. This concept is extended by Al-Saphory

and El Jai in [13]. For this objective we recall some definitions concern this concept :

- The system (2.1) is said to be $\partial\Omega$ -stable, if the operator A generates a semi-group which is stable on the space $H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$. It is easy to see that the system (2.1) is $\partial\Omega$ -stable, if and only if, for some positive constants M and α , we have

$$\|\gamma_0 S_A(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} \leq M e^{-\alpha t}, \forall t \geq 0$$

If $(S_A(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is stable semi-group $H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$, then for all $z_0 \in H^1(\Omega)$, the solution of the associated autonomous system satisfies

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\gamma_0 z(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\gamma_0 S_A z_0(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

- The system (2.1) together with the output (2.2) is said to be $\partial\Omega$ -detectable, if there exists an operator $H_{\partial\Omega} : R^q \rightarrow H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ such that $(A - H_{\partial\Omega} C)$ generates a strongly continuous semi-group $(S_{H_{\partial\Omega}}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ which is stable on $H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$.

- If a system is $\partial\Omega$ -detectable, then it is possible to construct an asymptotic $\partial\Omega$ -observer for the original system. If we consider the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = Ax(\xi, t) + Bu(t) + H_{\partial\Omega}(y(\cdot, t) - Cy(\xi, t)) & \mathcal{Q} \\ x(\xi, t) = x_0(\xi) & \overline{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(\eta, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

then $x(\xi, t)$ estimates asymptotically the state $z(\xi, t)$ because the error $e(\xi, t) = z(\xi, t) - x(\xi, t)$ satisfies

$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = (A - H_{\partial\Omega} C)e(\xi, t)$ with $e(\xi, t) = z(\xi, t) - x(\xi, t)$. Then, if the system is $\partial\Omega$ -detectable, it is

possible to choose $H_{\partial\Omega}$ which realizes $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|e(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)} = 0$.

Remark 3.1. In this paper, we only need the relation (3.1) to be true on a given subregion Γ of the region $\partial\Omega$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 z(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 S_{-A} z_0(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} = 0 \quad (3.3)$$

we may refer to this as Γ -stability.

- The system (2.1) is said to be Γ -stable, if the operator A generates a semi-group which is stable on $H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$.

- The system (2.1)-(2.2) is said to be Γ -detectable if there exists an operator $H_\Gamma : R^q \rightarrow H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$ such that $(A - H_\Gamma C)$ generates a strongly continuous semi-group $(S_{H_\Gamma}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ which is stable on $H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$.

For more detail [18]. However, one can easily have the following results :

Corollary 3.2. If the system (2.1) together with output function (2.2) is exactly Γ -observable, then it is Γ -detectable.

This result leads to:

$$\exists \gamma > 0 \text{ such that } \|\chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 S_{-A} z_0(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} = \|CS_{-A} z_0(\cdot)\|_{L^2(0, \infty, O)}, \quad \forall z_0 \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma) \quad (3.4)$$

Thus, the notion of Γ -detectability is a weaker property than the exact Γ -observability as in (Ref. [16]).

4. Asymptotic Γ -observer and strategic sensors

In this section, we propose an approach which allows to determinate a regional asymptotic estimator of $z(\xi, t)$ on Γ , based on the internal asymptotic Γ -observer. This method need some definitions concern regional observer as in [11].

4.1. Definitions and characterizations

- Consider the system (2.1) - (2.2) together with the dynamical system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = F_\omega x(\xi, t) + G_\omega u(t) + H_\omega y(t) & \Omega \\ x(\xi, t) = x_0(\xi) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(\eta, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

where F_ω generates a strongly continuous semi-group $(S_{F_\omega}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ which is stable on $X = H^1(\omega)$, i.e. :

$$\exists M_{F_\omega}, \alpha_{F_\omega} > 0 \text{ such that } \|\chi_\omega S_{F_\omega}(\cdot)\|_{H^1(\omega)} \leq M_{F_\omega} e^{-\alpha_{F_\omega} t} \quad (4.2)$$

and $G_\omega \in L(R^p, H^1(\omega))$ and $H_\omega \in L(R^q, H^1(\omega))$. The system (4.1) defines an asymptotic ω -estimator for $\chi_\omega T(\xi, t)$ where $z(\xi, t)$ is a solution of the system (2.1)-(2.2) if

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(\cdot, t) - \chi_\omega T(\cdot, t)\|_{H^1(\omega)} = 0$ and $\chi_\omega T$ maps $D(A)$ into $D(F_\omega)$ where $x(\xi, t)$ is the solution of the system (4.1).

• The system (4.1) specifies an ω -observer for the system (2.1)-(2.2) if the following conditions hold:

1. There exists $M_\omega \in L(R^q, L^2(\omega))$ and $N_\omega \in L(L^2(\omega))$ such that $M_\omega C + N_\omega \chi_\omega T = I_\omega$.
2. $\chi_\omega TA + F_\omega \chi_\omega T = G_\omega C$ and $H_\omega = \chi_\omega TB$.
3. The system (4.1) defines an asymptotic ω -estimator for $\chi_\omega T(\xi, t)$.

• The system (4.1) is said to be an identity ω -observer for the system (2.1)-(2.2) if and $Z = X$.

• The system (4.1) is said to be a reduced-order ω -observer for the system (2.1)-(2.2) if $Z = O \oplus X$.

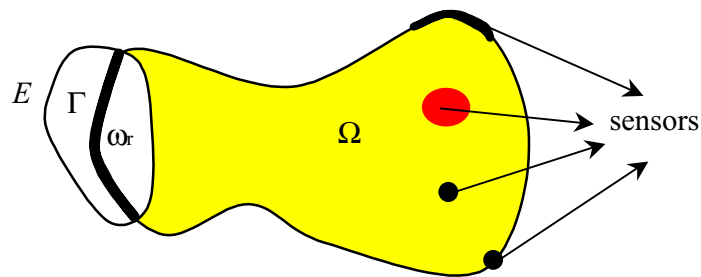


Figure 2: The considered domain Ω and the subregion ω_r .

• The boundary regional observer in Γ may be seen as internal regional observer in ω if we consider the following transformations. Let \mathfrak{R} be the continuous linear extension operator [19] $\mathfrak{R} : H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega) \rightarrow H^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\gamma_0 \mathfrak{R}h(\xi, t) = h(\xi, t), \quad \forall h \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega) \tag{4.3}$$

• Let $r > 0$ is an arbitrary and sufficiently small real and let the sets

$$E = \bigcup_{z \in \Gamma} B(z, r) \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_r = E \cap \Omega$$

where $B(z, r)$ is the ball of radius r centered in $z(\xi, t)$ and where Γ is a part of $\overline{\omega_r}$ (Fig. 2).

Proposition 4.1. If the system (2.1)-(2.2) is exactly (respectively weakly) $\overline{\omega_r}$ -observable, then it is exactly (respectively weakly) Γ -observable (see [9]).

From this result, we can deduce the following proposition :

Proposition 4.2. The dynamical system (4.1) is Luenberger $\overline{\omega_r}$ -observer for the system (2.1)-(2.2), then it is Luenberger Γ -observer.

Proof: Let $x(\xi, t) \in H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$ and $\overline{x}(\xi, t)$ its extension to $H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ using (4.3) and trace theorem, there exists $\mathfrak{R}\overline{x}(\xi, t) \in H^1(\Omega)$ with a bounded support such that

$$\gamma_0 \mathfrak{R} \bar{x}(\xi, t) = \bar{x}(\xi, t) \quad (4.4)$$

Since the system (4.1) is regional observer on $\bar{\omega}_r$ so we can deduce that :

The system (4.1) is regional observer on ω_r , there exists a dynamical system with $x(\xi, t) \in X$ such that

$$\chi_\omega T z(\xi, t) = \chi_\omega \mathfrak{R} \bar{x}(\xi, t)$$

then we have

$$\chi_\Gamma (\gamma_0 \chi_\omega^* \chi_\omega T z)(\xi, t) = x(\xi, t) \quad (4.5)$$

The equations (2.2) and (4.5) allow

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix}(\xi, t) = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ \chi_\Gamma (\gamma_0 \chi_\omega^* \chi_\omega T) \end{bmatrix} z(\xi, t)$$

and there exist two linear bounded operators \bar{R} and S satisfy the relation

$$\bar{R} C + \chi_\Gamma (\gamma_0 \chi_\omega^* \chi_\omega T) = I_\Gamma$$

There exists an operator $F_{\omega_r}^-$ is regionally stable on $\bar{\omega}_r$, then it is regionally stable on Γ [18]. Finally the system (4.1) is a regional boundary observer on Γ . ■

4.2 Sufficient condition for Γ -observer

As in (Refs. [7,18]), we develop a characterized result that links the Γ -observer and strategic sensors and we give a sufficient condition for Γ -observer. For that purpose, we assume that there exists a complete set of eigenfunctions φ_n of A in $H^1(\Omega)$, associated to the eigenvalues λ_n with a multiplicity s_n and suppose that the functions ψ_n defined by $\psi_n = \chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 \varphi_n(\xi)$, is a complete set in $H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$. If the system (2.1) has J unstable modes, then we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.3. Suppose that there are q zone sensors $(D_i, f_i)_{1 \leq i \leq q}$ and the spectrum of A contains J eigenvalues with non-negative real parts. If the following conditions are satisfied :

1. $q > s$
2. $\text{rank } G_n = r_n, \forall n, n = 1, \dots, J$ with

$$G_n = (G_n)_{ij} = \begin{cases} \langle \psi_{n_j}(\cdot), f(\cdot) \rangle_{L^2(D)} & \text{zone sensor case} \\ \psi_{n_j}(b) & \text{pointwise sensor case} \\ \langle \psi_{n_j}(\cdot), f(\cdot) \rangle_{L^2(\Gamma)} & \text{boundary zone sensor case} \end{cases}$$

where $\sup s_n = s < \infty$ and $j = 1, \dots, s_n$. Then the dynamical system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = Ax(\xi, t) + Bu(t) - H_\Gamma C(x(\xi, t) - z(\cdot, t)) & Q \\ x(\xi, t) = x_0(\xi) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(\eta, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

is Γ -observer for the system (2.1) - (2.2), i.e. $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(\cdot, t) - T_\Gamma z(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} = 0$.

Proof: The proof is limited to the case of zone sensors in the following steps :

Step 1. Under the assumptions of section 2, the system (2.1) can be decomposed by the projections P and $I - P$ on two parts, unstable and stable. The state vector may be given by where $z_1(\xi, t)$ is the state component of the unstable part of the system (2.1), may be written in the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = Az_1(\xi, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z_1(\xi, t) = z_{0_1}(\xi) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial v}(\eta, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.7)$$

and $z_2(\xi, t)$ is the component state of the stable part of the system (2.1) given by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial t}(\xi, t) = Az_2(\xi, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z_2(\xi, t) = z_{0_2}(\xi) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial v}(\eta, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

The operator A_1 is represented by a matrix of order $(\sum_{n=1}^J s_n, \sum_{n=1}^J s_n)$ given

$$A_1 = \text{diag}[\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_J, \dots, \lambda_J] \text{ and } PB = [G_1^{tr}, G_2^{tr}, \dots, G_J^{tr}]$$

Step 2. The condition (2) of this theorem, allows that the suite $(D_i, f_i)_{1 \leq i \leq q}$ of sensors is Γ -strategic, the subsystem (4.7) is weakly Γ -observable [16] and since it is finite dimensional, then it is exactly Γ -observable. Therefore it is Γ -detectable, and hence there exists an operator H_Γ^1 such that $(A_1 - H_\Gamma^1 c)$ which is satisfied the following :

$$\exists M_\Gamma^1, \alpha_\Gamma^1 > 0 \text{ such that } \|e^{(A_1 - H_\Gamma^1 c)t}\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq M_\Gamma^1 e^{-\alpha_\Gamma^1 t}$$

and then we have

$$\|z_1(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq M_\Gamma^1 e^{-\alpha_\Gamma^1 t} \|Pz_{0_1}(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)}$$

Since the semi-group generated by the operator A_2 is stable on $H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$, then there exist $\bar{M}_\Gamma, \bar{\alpha}_\Gamma > 0$ such that

$$\|z_2(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq \overline{M}_\Gamma e^{-\overline{\alpha}_\Gamma t} \|(I-P)z_{0_2}(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} + \int_0^t \overline{M}_\Gamma e^{-\overline{\alpha}_\Gamma(t-\tau)} \|(I-P)z_{0_2}(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \|u(\tau)\| d\tau$$

and therefore $\|z(\xi, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \rightarrow 0$ when $t \rightarrow \infty$. Finally, the system (2.1)-(2.2) is Γ -detectable.

Step 3. Let $e(\xi, t) = z(\xi, t) - x(\xi, t)$ where $x(\xi, t)$ is the solution of the system (4.6). Deriving the above equation and using the equations (2.1) and (4.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial e}{\partial t}(\xi, t) &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(\xi, t) - \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi, t) \\ &= A z(\xi, t) - Ax(\xi, t) - H_\Gamma (z(\cdot, t) - x(\xi, t)) \\ &= (A - H_\Gamma C) e(\xi, t) \end{aligned}$$

Since the system (2.1)-(2.2) is Γ -detectable, there exists an operator $H_\Gamma \in L(R^q, H^{1/2}(\Gamma))$, such that the operator $(A - H_\Gamma C)$, generates a stable, strongly continuous semi-group $(S_{H_\Gamma}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on the space $H^{1/2}(\Gamma)$ which is satisfied the following relations :

$$\exists M_\Gamma, \alpha_\omega > 0 \text{ such that } \|\chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 S_{H_\Gamma}(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq M_\Gamma e^{-\alpha_\Gamma t}$$

Finally, we have

$$\|e(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \leq \|\chi_\Gamma \gamma_0 S_{H_\Gamma}(\cdot)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} \|e_0(\cdot)\| \leq M_\Gamma e^{-\alpha_\Gamma t} \|e_0(\cdot)\|$$

with $e_0(\xi, t) = z_0(\xi, t) - x_0(\xi, t)$ and therefore

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|e(\cdot, t)\|_{H^{1/2}(\Gamma)} = 0$$

Thus, the dynamical system (4.6) a Γ -observer for the system (2.1)-(2.2). ■

Remark 4.4. From theorem 4.3., we can deduce the following statements :

1. A dynamical system which is an $\partial\Omega$ -observer is Γ -observer.
2. If a system is Γ -observer, then it is Γ_1 -observer in every subset Γ_1 of Γ , but the converse is not true. This may be proven in the following example:

Example 4.5. Consider a two-dimensional system described by the diffusion equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \Delta z(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) & \Omega \\ z(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0) = z_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) & \overline{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu}(\eta_1, \eta_1, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.9)$$

where $\Omega =]0, 1[\times]0, 1[$. The operator $A = \Delta$ generates a strongly continuous semi-group $(S_A(t))_{t \geq 0}$ on the Hilbert space $H^1(\Omega)$ given by

$$S_A(t)z = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} e^{\lambda_{nm}t} \langle z, \varphi_{nm} \rangle_{H^1(\Omega)} \varphi_{nm}$$

where $\lambda_{nm} = -(n^2 + m^2)\pi^2$, $\varphi_{nm}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = 2a_{nm} \cos(n\pi\xi_1)\cos(m\pi\xi_2)$ and $2a_{nm} = (1 - \lambda_{nm})^{-1/2}$.

Consider the dynamical system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \Delta x(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) - HC(x(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) - z(\xi_1, \xi_2, t)) & Q \\ x(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0) = x_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \nu}(\eta_1, \eta_1, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.10)$$

where $H \in L(R^q, Z)$, Z is a Hilbert space and $C : H^1(\bar{\Omega}) \rightarrow R^q$ is a linear operator. Consider the boundary sensor (Γ_0, f) defined by $\Gamma_0 = \{0\} \times]0, 1[$ and $f(\eta_1, \eta_2) = \cos\pi\eta_2$. Thus, the output function can be written by

$$y(t) = \int_{\Gamma_0} z(\eta_1, \eta_2, t) f(\eta_1, \eta_2) d\eta_1 d\eta_2 \quad (4.11)$$

If the state z_0 is defined in Ω by $z_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \cos(\pi\xi_1)\cos(2\pi\xi_2)$, then the system (4.9)-(4.11) is not weakly observable in Ω , i.e. the sensor (Γ_0, f) is not strategic and therefore the system (4.9)-(4.11) is not detectable in Ω . Thus, the dynamical system (4.10) is not observer for the system (4.9)-(4.11) (see [6]). Here, we consider the region $\Gamma =]0, 1[\times \{0\} \subset \partial\Omega$ (Fig. 3) and the dynamical system

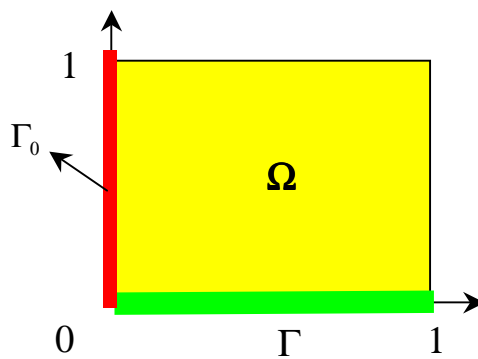


Figure 3. Domain Ω , region Γ and location Γ_0 of zone sensor.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \Delta x(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) - H_\Gamma C(x(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) - z(\xi_1, \xi_2, t)) & Q \\ x(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0) = x_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \nu}(\eta_1, \eta_1, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (4.12)$$

where $H \in L(R^q, H^{1/2}(\Gamma))$. In this case, the system (4.9)-(4.11) is weakly observable in Γ and the sensor (Γ_0, f) is Γ -strategic [9]. Thus, the system (4.9)-(4.11) is Γ -detectable [13]. Finally the dynamical system (4.9) is Γ -observer for the system (4.9)-(4.11) [18].

5. Application to sensors structures

In this section, we consider the distributed diffusion systems defined on $\Omega =]0, a_1[\times]0, a_2[$. We explore various results related to different types of measurements, domains and boundary conditions.

5.1 Case of a zone sensor

We study the following cases :

5.1.1 Rectangular domain

In this case, the system (2.1)-(2.2) is given by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \Delta z(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0) = z_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu}(\eta_1, \eta_2, t) = 0 & \Theta \\ y(t) = \int_{\Omega} z(\eta_1, \eta_2) f(\eta_1, \eta_2) d\eta_1 d\eta_2 & \Sigma \end{cases} \quad (5.1)$$

where $\Sigma = \bar{\Omega} \times]0, \infty[$, $D \subset \Omega$ is the location of zone sensor and above system represent the heat-conduction problem (see Ref. [20]). Let $\Gamma = \{a_1\} \times]0, a_2[$ be a region of on $]0, a_1[\times]0, a_2[$. The eigenfunctions and the eigenvalues are given by

$$\psi_{nm}(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{a_1 a_2}} \cos\left(n\pi \frac{\xi_1}{a_1}\right) \cos\left(m\pi \frac{\xi_2}{a_2}\right) \quad (5.2)$$

and

$$\lambda_{nm} = \left(\frac{n^2}{a_1^2} + \frac{m^2}{a_2^2}\right) \pi^2 \quad (5.3)$$

If $a_1^2/a_2^2 \notin \mathbb{Q}$, then the multiplicity of $s_{nm} = 1$ and one sensor can be guaranteed Γ -strategic sensor (see [21]). The dynamical system (4.6) may be given by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \Delta x(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) + Bu(t) - H_{\Gamma} C(x(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) - z(\xi_1, \xi_2, t)) & Q \\ x(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0) = x_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial \nu}(\eta_1, \eta_1, t) = 0 & \Theta \end{cases} \quad (5.4)$$

Let the measurement support is rectangular with $D = [\xi_1 - l_1, \xi_1 + l_1] \times [\xi_2 - l_2, \xi_2 + l_2] \in \Omega$.

If f_1 is symmetric about $\xi_1 = \xi_{0_1}$ and f_2 is symmetric with respect to $\xi_2 = \xi_{0_2}$, then we have the following result :

Corollary 5.1. The dynamical system (5.4) is Γ -observer for the system (5.1) if $n\xi_{0_1}/a_1$ and $m\xi_{0_2}/a_2 \notin \mathbb{N}$ for every $n, m = 1, \dots, J$.

In the case where $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega$ and $f \in L^2(\Gamma)$, the sensor (D, f) may be located on the boundary in $\Gamma_0 = [\eta_{0_1} - l, \eta_{0_1} + l] \times \{a_2\}$ then we have :

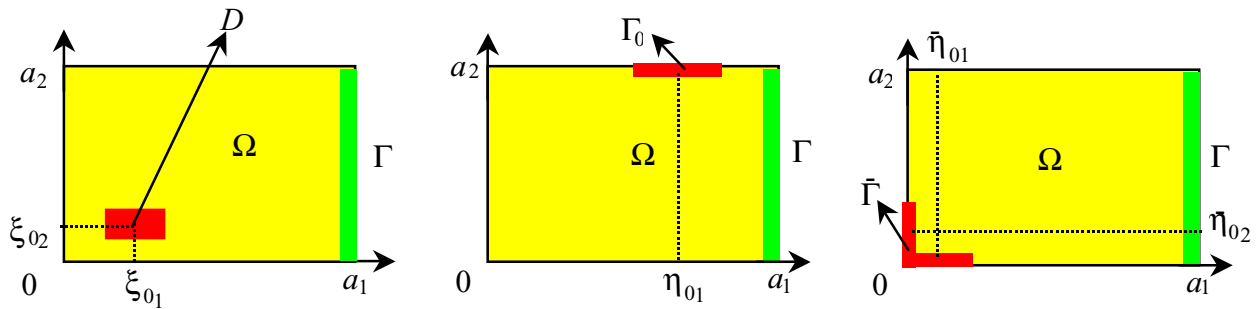


Figure 4. Domain Ω , region Γ and locations $D, \Gamma_0, \bar{\Gamma}$ of zone sensor.

Corollary 5.1.

1. One side case : Suppose that the sensor (D, f) is located on $\Gamma_0 = [\eta_{0_1} - l, \eta_{0_1} + l] \times \{a_2\} \subset \partial\Omega$ and f is symmetric with respect to $\eta_1 = \eta_{0_1}$, then the dynamical system (5.4) is Γ -observer for the system (5.1) if $n \eta_{0_1} / a_1 \notin N$ for every $n, m = 1, \dots, J$.
2. Two side case : Suppose that the sensor (D, f) is located on $\bar{\Gamma} = [0, \bar{\eta}_{0_1} + l_1] \times \{0\} \cup \{0\} \times [0, \bar{\eta}_{0_2} + l_2] \times \subset \partial\Omega$ and $f|_{\Gamma_1}$ is symmetric with respect to $\eta_1 = \bar{\eta}_{0_1}$ and the function $f|_{\Gamma_2}$ is symmetric with respect to $\eta_2 = \bar{\eta}_{0_2}$, then the dynamical system (5.4) is Γ -observer for the system (5.1) if $n \bar{\eta}_{0_1} / a_1$ and $m \bar{\eta}_{0_2} / a_2 \notin N$ for every $n, m = 1, \dots, J$.

5.1.2 Disk domain

The system (5.1) may be given by the following form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(r, \theta, t) = \Delta z(r, \theta, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z(r, \theta, 0) = z_0(r, \theta) & \bar{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu}(a, \theta, 0) = 0 & \Theta \\ y_i(t) = \int_{\Omega} z(r_i, \theta_i, t) f(r_i, \theta_i) dr_i d\theta_i & \Sigma \end{cases} \tag{5.5}$$

where $0 < \theta_i < 2\pi$, $\Omega = D(0, a)$, $r = a > 0$ and $\Theta = \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$, $t > 0$ are defined as in (Fig. 5).

Let the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues concerning the region $\Gamma = D(a, \theta_i)_{2 \leq i \leq q}$ of $\partial\Omega$ with $\theta_i \in [0, 2\pi]$ are defined by

$$\lambda_{nm} = -\beta_{nm}^2, \quad n \geq 0, m \geq 1 \tag{5.6}$$

where β_{nm} are the zeros of the Bessel functions J_n and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_{nm}(r, \theta) &= J_0(\beta_{nm}^2 r) & m &\geq 1 \\
 \varphi_{nm_1}(r, \theta) &= J_n(\beta_{nm_1}^2 r) \cos(n\theta) & n, m_1 &\geq 1 \\
 \varphi_{nm_2}(r, \theta) &= J_n(\beta_{nm_2}^2 r) \sin(n\theta) & n, m_2 &\geq 1
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.7}$$

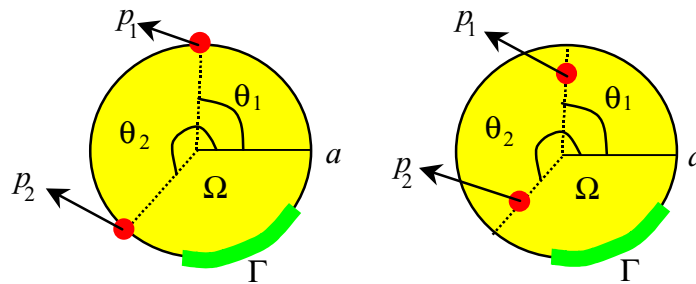


Figure 5. Domain Ω , region Γ and locations p_1, p_2 of internal (boundary) zone sensors.

with multiplicity $s_{nm}=2$ for all $nm \neq 0$ and $s_{nm}=1$ for all $nm=0$. In this case, the Γ -strategic sensor is required at least two zone sensors $(D_i, f_i)_{2 \leq i \leq q}$ where $D_i = (r_i, \theta_i)_{2 \leq i \leq q}$ (see [6]). The dynamical system (5.4) can be written by

$$\begin{cases}
 \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}(r, \theta, t) = \Delta x(r, \theta, t) + Bu(t) + H_{\Gamma}C(z(r, \theta, t) - x(r, \theta, t)) & Q \\
 x(r, \theta, 0) = x_0(r, \theta) & \bar{\Omega} \\
 \frac{\partial x}{\partial \nu}(a, \theta, t) = 0 & \Theta
 \end{cases}
 \tag{5.8}$$

If f_i and D_i are symmetric with respect to $\theta = \theta_i$, for all $2 \leq i \leq q$, then we have :

Corollary 5.3. The dynamical system (5.8) is Γ -observer for the system (5.5) if $n(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/\pi \notin N$ for every $n, n=1, \dots, J$.

When the sensors $(\Gamma_i, f_i)_{2 \leq i \leq q}$ are located on $\partial\Omega$ and the function $f_i|_{\Gamma_i}$ is symmetric with respect to $\theta = \theta_i, 2 \leq i \leq q$ as in (Fig. 5). So, we have.

Corollary 5.4. The dynamical system (5.8) is Γ -observer for the system (5.5) if $n(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/\pi \notin N$ for every $n, n=1, \dots, J$.

5.2 Case a pointwise sensor

In this subsection, we consider the following cases :

5.2.1 The domain $\Omega =]0, a_1[\times]0, a_2[$

Now the system (5.5) is given by the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) = \Delta z(\xi_1, \xi_2, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z(\xi_1, \xi_2, 0) = z_0(\xi_1, \xi_2) & \overline{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}(\eta_1, \eta_2, t) = 0 & \Theta \\ y(t) = \int_{\Omega} z(\eta_1, \eta_2) f(\eta_1, \eta_2) d\eta_1 d\eta_2 & \Sigma \end{cases} \quad (5.9)$$

If $b = (b_1, b_2) \in \partial\Omega$ then, we have :

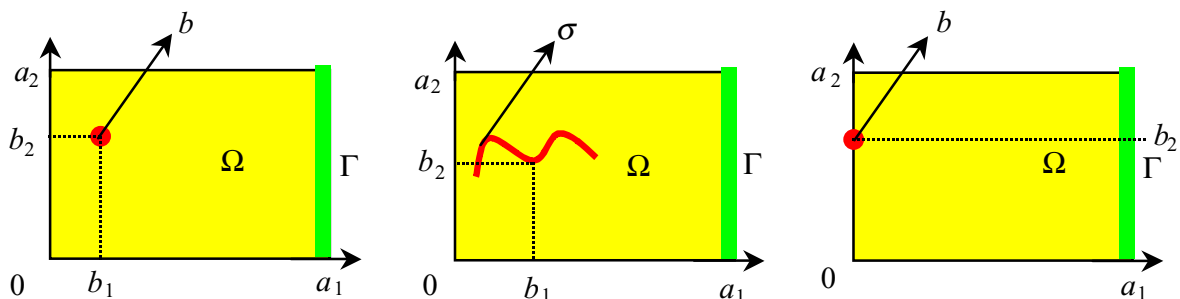


Figure 6. Rectangular domain, region Γ and locations b, σ of pointwise sensors.

Corollary 5.5.

1. Internal case : If nb_1/a_1 and $mb_2/a_2 \notin \mathbb{N}$ for every $n, m=1, \dots, J$, then the dynamical system (5.4) is Γ -observer for the system (5.9).
2. Filament case : Suppose that the observation is given by the filament sensor where $\sigma = \text{Im}(\gamma)$ is symmetric with respect to the line $b=(b_1, b_2)$, if nb_1/a_1 and $mb_2/a_2 \notin \mathbb{N}$ for every $n, m=1, \dots, J$, the dynamical system (5.4) is Γ -observer for the system (5.9).
3. Boundary case : If $mb_2/a_2 \notin \mathbb{N}$ for every $m=1, \dots, J$, then the dynamical system (5.4) is Γ -observer for the system (5.9).

5.2.2 The domain $\Omega = D(0, a)$

The system (5.5) may be given by the following form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial z}{\partial t}(r, \theta, t) = \Delta z(r, \theta, t) + Bu(t) & Q \\ z(r, \theta, 0) = z_0(r, \theta) & \overline{\Omega} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}(a, \theta, 0) = 0 & \Theta \\ y_i(t) = \int_{\Omega} z(r, \theta, t) \delta_{p_i}(r - r_i, \theta - \theta_i) dr_i d\theta_i & \Sigma \end{cases} \quad (5.10)$$

where $0 \leq \theta_i \leq 2\pi$. The sensors may be located in $p_1 = (r_1, \theta_1)$ and $p_2 = (r_2, \theta_2) \in \Omega$ (or in $p_i = (a, \theta_i) \in \Omega$) (Fig. 7).

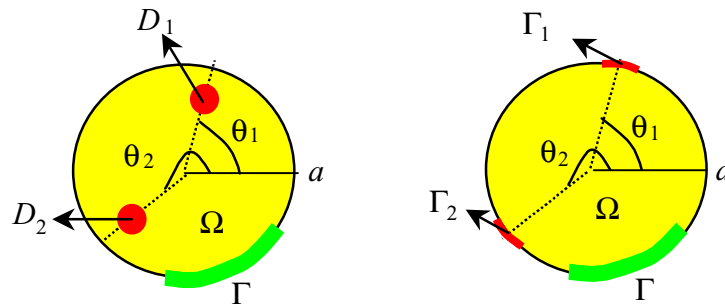


Figure 7. Disc domain, region Γ and locations p_1, p_2 of internal (boundary) pointwise sensors.

Corollary 5.6.

1. If the sensors $(p_i, \delta_{p_i})_{2 \leq i \leq q}$ are located in $p_i = (r_i, \theta_i)$ and $n(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/\pi \notin N$ for every $n, n = 1, \dots, J$, then the dynamical system (5.8) is Γ -observer for the system (5.10).
2. If the sensors (p_i, δ_{p_i}) are located in $p_i = (a, \theta_i)_{2 \leq i \leq q}$ and $n(\theta_1 - \theta_2)/\pi \notin N$ for every $n, n = 1, \dots, J$, then the dynamical system (5.8) is Γ -observer for the system (5.10).

6. Conclusion

The concept studied in this paper is related to the case of identity Γ -observer in connection with the sensors structure. For this class of parabolic distributed parameter systems, many interesting results concerning the choice of the sensor are explored and illustrated in specific situations of the domain. In similar way, we can characterize the general case (reduced-order) Γ -observer by sensors structure. An important extension of these results, related to the problem of regional boundary gradient observer, in connection with the structure of sensors; is under consideration.

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