# Mixed Order Systems and Free Boundary Value Problems

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with

$$\mathcal{F} \in \begin{cases} \{B_{p_0,q_0}, H_{p_0}\} & , s > 0\\ \{H_{p_0}\} & , s = 0 \end{cases}, \qquad \mathcal{K} \in \{B_{p_1,q_1}, H_{p_1}\}$$

 $p_i, q_i \in (1, \infty).$ 

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# Definition of order functions and weight functions

• A function

$$\mathcal{O}(\gamma) = \max_{\ell=0,\dots,M} \left\{ b_{\ell}(\mathcal{O}) + \gamma \cdot m_{\ell}(\mathcal{O}) \right\}, \quad \gamma > 0.$$

with  $m_{\ell}(\mathcal{O}), b_{\ell}(\mathcal{O}) \geq 0$  is called **order function**.

• We also define the associated weight function by

$$\Xi_{\mathcal{O}}(\lambda,z) := \sum_{(s,r) \in 
u(\mathcal{O})} |\lambda|^s |z|^r, \quad (\lambda,z) \in S_ heta imes \Sigma_\delta^n$$

with  $\nu(\mathcal{O}) := \{ (m_{\ell}(\mathcal{O}), b_{\ell}(\mathcal{O})) : \ell = 0, \dots, M \} \cup \{ (0, 0), (\max_{\ell} m_{\ell}(\mathcal{O}), 0), (0, \max_{\ell} b_{\ell}(\mathcal{O})) \}.$ 

• O is called an **upper (resp. lower) order function of Q** if there exist C > 0and  $\lambda_0 > 0$  with

$$|Q(\lambda,z)| \leq C \cdot \Xi_{\mathcal{O}}(\lambda,z), \quad (\lambda,z) \in S_{ heta} imes \Sigma_{\delta}^n, \quad |\lambda| \geq \lambda_0$$

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 $\mathcal{W} := W_{\mathcal{F},\mathcal{K}}^{s',r'}, \ Q_{\mu} := Q(\mu + \cdot, \cdot), \ \mu \ge \mu_0 > 0.$ If  $\mathcal{O}(\gamma) := \max\{\frac{3/2}{2}, 1 + 1\gamma, 2\gamma\}$  is also a lower order function of Q (i.e. Q is N-parabolic) then we even have

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(ii) 
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Theorem (K., 2010)

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with fixed constants  $s'_{\ell}, r'_{\ell} \ge 0$ . If certain "compatibility embeddings" hold then there exists  $\mu_0 > 0$  such that for all  $\mu \ge \mu_0$ 

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- Formal Laplace respectively Fourier transform yield ODEs for  $(\hat{u}, \hat{\pi})$ .
- Solve ODEs with Green's functions.
- Determine free parameters by boundary conditions.
- Solve  $[\![\hat{w}]\!] = 0$  to eliminate pressure trace  $\hat{p}_2$ .

For the unknowns  $\hat{\Phi}_{v}^{(j)}$ ,  $\hat{\Phi}_{w}^{(j)}$ ,  $[\hat{\pi}]$ , and  $\hat{h}$  we obtain the system

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} i\xi^{T} & -\omega_{2} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ i\xi^{T} & 0 & \omega_{1} & 0 & 0\\ 0 & -\mu_{2}\omega_{2}\gamma_{2}^{+}\Omega_{+}^{-1} & -\mu_{1}\omega_{1}\gamma_{1}^{+}\Omega_{+}^{-1} & \lambda & -|\xi|\Omega_{+}^{-1} \\ 0 & 2\mu_{2}\omega_{2} & 2\mu_{1}\omega_{1} & \sigma|\xi|^{2} & 1\\ \Omega \mathrm{id}_{n} & -i\xi(\mu_{2}+\kappa) & i\xi(\mu_{1}+\kappa) & 0 & i\xi(\mu_{2}\gamma_{2}^{-}-\mu_{1}\gamma_{1}^{-})\Omega_{+}^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Phi}_{\nu}^{(2)} \\ \hat{\Phi}_{w}^{(1)} \\ \hat{h} \\ \\ \|\hat{\pi}\| \end{pmatrix}}_{=:\mathscr{L}}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \hat{g}_{h} \\ \hat{g}_{w} \\ \hat{g}_{v} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\xi|\hat{p}_{2} = -\delta\hat{\Phi}_{w}^{(2)} + \delta\hat{\Phi}_{w}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{\mu_{1}} \cdot \frac{\delta|\xi|}{\omega_{1}\gamma_{1}^{+}} [\|\hat{\pi}\|]$$

with  $\omega_j(\lambda,\xi) := \mu_j^{-1/2} (\rho_j \lambda + \mu_j |\xi|^2)^{1/2}, \ \gamma_j^{\pm} := \omega_j \pm |\xi|, \ \delta := \frac{\mu_1 \mu_2 \omega_1 \omega_2 \gamma_1^+ \gamma_2^+}{\Omega_+}$  $\Omega_+ := \mu_1 \omega_1 \gamma_1^+ + \mu_2 \omega_2 \gamma_2^+, \ \kappa := \frac{\mu_1 \mu_2}{|\xi|} \cdot (\omega_1 \gamma_1^+ \gamma_2^- + \omega_2 \gamma_2^+ \gamma_1^-) \Omega_+^{-1}$ 

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As determinant we obtain  $|\det \mathscr{L}| = |\omega_1 \omega_2 / \Omega_+| \cdot |\Omega^{n-1}| \cdot |P|$  with

$$P(\lambda,\xi) := (\mu_1 \omega_1^2 + \mu_2 \omega_2^2)(\mu_1 \omega_1 + \mu_2 \omega_2)\lambda + [(\mu_1 \omega_1 + \mu_2 \omega_2)^2 + \mu_1 \mu_2 (\omega_1 + \omega_2)^2] \lambda |\xi| + [3(\mu_2^2 \omega_2 + \mu_1^2 \omega_1) - \mu_1 \mu_2 (\omega_1 + \omega_2)] \lambda |\xi|^2 - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2 \lambda |\xi|^3 + \sigma(\mu_1 \omega_1 + \mu_2 \omega_2) |\xi|^3 + \bar{\mu} \sigma |\xi|^4$$

 $\bar{\mu} := \mu_1 + \mu_2$ ,  $\bar{\rho} := \rho_1 + \rho_2$ . One can easily prove with the characterization of non-vanishing principal parts that det  $\mathscr{L}$  is *N*-parabolic with order function

$$[\mathcal{O}(\det \mathscr{L})](\gamma) = \max\{n+3, \gamma+n+2, [n+4]/2\gamma\}, \quad \gamma > 0.$$

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To obtain a Douglis-Nirenberg system we define

$$\begin{array}{rcl} t_1(\gamma) := \ldots := t_{n+2}(\gamma) & := & \max\{1, \gamma/2\}, \\ & t_{n+3}(\gamma) & := & \max\{2, \gamma+1, 3/2\gamma\}, \\ & t_{n+4}(\gamma) & := & 0, \\ & s_1(\gamma) := s_2(\gamma) & := & 0, \\ & s_3(\gamma) & := & -\max\{1, \gamma/2\}, \\ & s_4(\gamma) := \ldots := s_{n+4}(\gamma) & := & 0. \end{array}$$

It is easy to show that  $s_j + t_k$  is an upper order function of  $\mathscr{L}_{j,k}$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\det \mathscr{L}) = \sum_{j=1}^n (s_j + t_j)$ .  $\Rightarrow \mathscr{L}$  is an N-parabolic mixed order system

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So we finally obtain  $\mathscr{L}_{\mu}(\nabla_{+}) \in L_{\text{lsom}}\left(\prod_{k=1}^{n+4} \mathbb{H}_{k}, \prod_{k=1}^{n+4} \mathbb{F}_{k}\right).$ 

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