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### Section 3

Proof of Lemma 3.1. (i) We compute, with  $\Pi_h^*$  the orthogonal projection  $H$  onto  $V_h^*$ , after adding and subtracting

$$\|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq \|B_h^{*} (e^{A t} \Pi_h^* \Pi_h e^{A t})\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} + \|B_h^{*} e^{-B} \Pi_h^* e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \quad (\text{S.3.1})$$

(using (A.3) = (1.16), the rough data estimate (1.20) for  $\Theta = 1$  and  $\Pi_h^2 = \Pi_h$  in the first term of (S.3.1); and (A.5) = (1.18) on the second term of (S.3.1))

$$\leq C h^{-\eta} s \frac{h^s e^{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t}}{t} + C h^{s(1-\eta)} \|A e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \quad (\text{S.3.2})$$

$$\leq C h^{s(1-\eta)} \frac{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t}{t},$$

where in the last step we have used the analyticity of  $e^{A t}$ . Thus (3.1) is proved.

(ii) Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(A^*); U)} \leq \|B_h^{*} (e^{A t} \Pi_h^* \Pi_h e^{A t})\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(A^*); U)} \\ & + \|B e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(A^*); U)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.3})$$

(using (A.3) = (1.16) and (1.22) on the first term of (S.3.3); and (A.5) = (1.18) on the second term of (S.3.3)),

$$\leq \tilde{C} h^{-\eta} s + C h^{s(1-\eta)} e^{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t}, \quad (\text{S.3.4})$$

and *a fortiori* (3.2) follows from (S.3.4).

(iii) Eq. (3.3) follows from (3.1) and (3.2) by use of the interpolation (moment) inequality [17, p. 19].

(iv) First, from the full assumption (A.3) = (1.16) and uniform analyticity

(A.1) = (1.14a), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq \|B_h^{*} (e^{A t} \Pi_h^* \Pi_h e^{A t})\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} + \|B_h^{*} e^{-B} \Pi_h^* e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \\ & \leq C h^{-\eta} s e^{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.5})$$

Next, we shall obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq C \frac{h^{s(1-\eta)}}{t} e^{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t} \quad t > 0, \\ & \|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq \|B_h^{*} A_h^t\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \|B e^{A t} e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.6})$$

through a computation similar to the ones above. Indeed, adding and subtracting

$$\|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq \|B_h^{*} A_h^t\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \|B e^{A t} e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \quad (\text{S.3.7})$$

(using (3.1) of part (i) on the first term of (S.3.7) and (A.4) = (1.17) on the second term of (S.3.7)),

$$\leq C \frac{h^{s(1-\eta)}}{t} \left[ e^{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t} + \|A e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \right], \quad (\text{S.3.8})$$

and (S.3.6) follows from (S.3.8) by analyticity of  $e^{A t}$ . Next, we raise (S.3.5) to the power  $(1-\eta)$ , we raise (S.3.6) to the power  $\eta$ , and we multiply the resulting expressions together. This way we obtain

$$\|B_h^{*} e^{A t} \Pi_h^* B e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq \frac{C h^{s(1-\eta)}}{t} \left[ e^{(\omega_0+\epsilon)t} + \|A e^{A t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \right], \quad (\text{S.3.9})$$

On the other hand, by assumption (A.6) = (1.19) and analyticity of  $e^{A t}$ , we obtain, recalling the notation in the standing assumption (ii) below (1.2):

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$$\begin{aligned} \|B^* \hat{A}^* e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} &\leq C \|(\hat{A}^*)^\gamma e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \\ &= C \frac{\omega t}{e} \|(\hat{A}^*)^\gamma e^{-\hat{A}t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq C \frac{e^{(\omega-\hat{\omega})t}}{t^\gamma} = C \frac{e^{(\omega_0+\varepsilon)t}}{t^\gamma}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.10})$$

joining (S.3.9) with (S.3.10), we obtain (3.4) as desired.

(v) First, from assumption (1.3) and analyticity of  $e^{A^* t}$  we have

$$\|B^* e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H, U)} \leq C \|(\hat{A}^*)^\gamma e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq C \frac{e^{(\omega_0+\varepsilon)t}}{t^\gamma}, \quad t > 0, \quad (\text{S.3.11})$$

calling the computations leading to (S.3.10). Then (S.3.11) and (3.4) of part (iv)

$$\|B^* e^{A^* t} \Pi_h^{-*} e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq C \frac{e^{(\omega_0+\varepsilon)t}}{t^\gamma}, \quad t > 0. \quad (\text{S.3.12})$$

Finally, we raise (3.1) of part (i) to the power  $\Theta$ , we raise (S.3.12) to power  $\Theta$ , and multiply the resulting expressions together. This way we obtain (3.5).

(vi) Eq (3.6) follows from (3.5) and (3.2) via the interpolation (moment equality).

Lemma 3.1 is completely proved. ■

Proof of Theorem 3.2. (i) We compute from (2.3), (2.12) after recalling the estimate 5) of Lemma 3.1(v), with  $\rho := \Theta \cdot (1-\Theta)\gamma$ , where  $\gamma \leq \beta < 1$ , for any  $\Theta < 1$  and  $\gamma < 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{L}_h^{v-L}\|_{L_2(0, T; U)}^2 &= \left\| \int_0^T [B_h^* e^{A^*(\tau-t)} \Pi_h^{-*} e^{A^*(\tau-t)}] v(\tau) d\tau \right\|_{L_2(0, T; U)}^2 \\ &\leq C_T^2 h^{2s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \int_0^T \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{(\tau-t)^\beta} \|v(\tau)\|_H^2 d\tau \right]^2 dt, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.15})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|B^* \hat{A}^* e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} &\leq C \|(\hat{A}^*)^\gamma e^{A^* t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \\ &= C \frac{\omega t}{e} \|(\hat{A}^*)^\gamma e^{-\hat{A}t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq C \frac{e^{(\omega-\hat{\omega})t}}{t^\gamma} = C \frac{e^{(\omega_0+\varepsilon)t}}{t^\gamma}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.10})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C_T^2 h^{2s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \int_0^T \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{(\tau-t)^\beta} \|v(\tau)\|_H^2 d\tau \right]^2 dt \\ &\leq C_T^2 h^{2s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \int_0^T \left[ \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{(\tau-t)^\beta} \|v(\tau)\|_H^2 d\tau \right]^2 dt \\ &\leq C_T \rho h^{2s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \|v\|_{L_2(0, T; H)}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.13})$$

after using the Schwarz inequality and changing the order of integration. Then (S.3.13) proves (3.7).

(ii) Similarly, from (2.1) and (2.11), again by use of estimate (3.5) with

$$\gamma \leq \beta = \Theta \cdot (1-\Theta)\gamma < 1:$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{L}_h^{u-L}\|_{C([0, T]; H)} &= \left\| \int_0^t (e^{A_h(t-\tau)} \Pi_h^{-*} e^{A(\tau)} u(\tau)) d\tau \right\|_{C([0, T]; H)} \\ &\leq C h^{s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left[ \int_0^t \frac{1}{(\tau)^\beta} \|u(\tau)\|_U^2 d\tau \right] \\ &\leq C_T \rho h^{s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \|u\|_{L_\infty(0, T; U)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.14})$$

and (S.3.14) proves (3.8). ■

Proof of Theorem 3.3 (i) From (2.5) and (2.13), we compute with  $v \in L_2(0, \infty; H)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{L}_h^{v-L}\|_{L_2(0, \infty; U)}^2 &= \int_0^\infty \left\| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} [B_h^* e^{A^*(\tau-t)} \Pi_h^{-*} e^{A^*(\tau-t)}] v(\tau) d\tau \right\|_U^2 d\tau \\ &\leq C h^{2s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \int_0^\infty \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \frac{1}{(\tau-t)^\beta} \|v(\tau)\|_H^2 d\tau \right]^2 dt, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.3.15})$$

after recalling (3.5) with  $\gamma \leq \beta = \Theta(1-\Theta)\gamma < 1$ , for any  $\Theta < 1$  and  $\gamma < 1$  (as in the proof of Theorem 3.2), as well as  $\hat{A}^* = A^* - \omega I$ ,  $\omega_0 - \epsilon - \omega = -\hat{\omega} < 0$  from (iii) below (1.2), and  $\hat{A}_h^* = A_h^* - \omega I$  from (2.15). Next, as in the proof of Theorem 3.2(i),

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\hat{\omega}(T-t)} \frac{\hat{\omega}(T-t)}{(T-t)^\beta} \|v(\tau)\|_H^2 d\tau dt \leq \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\hat{\omega}(T-t)} \frac{\hat{\omega}(T-t)}{(T-t)^\beta} \|v(\tau)\|^2 d\tau dt \quad (\text{S.3.16})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq C_\beta \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\hat{\omega}(T-t)}}{(T-t)^\beta} d\tau \right) \|v(T)\|^2 dt \\ &\leq C_\beta \|v\|_{L_2(0,\infty; H)}^2 \quad (\text{S.3.17}) \end{aligned}$$

since the first internal integral in (S.3.16) is bounded by a constant, and after changing the order of integration from (S.3.16) to (S.3.17). Then (S.3.15) and (S.3.18) prove (3.9)

(iii) The proof is similar to that of part (i)  $\blacksquare$

#### Section 4

##### 4.1. Uniform analyticity

**Proof of Lemma 4.1** **Step 1** We have stipulated above (4.3) that, for the sake of definiteness, we are taking the case  $\Sigma(F) \cap \Sigma_{app}(A)$ . Thus, for all  $\lambda \in \Sigma_{app}^C(A, a\Theta_a)$ , the complement of  $\Sigma_{app}(A)$ , we have that  $R(\lambda, A_h)$  and  $R(\lambda, A_F)$  are well-defined, bounded operators on  $L_2(\Omega)$  and  $V_h$  respectively,  $\forall h \subseteq a$ .

**Step 2.** Given  $\delta > 0$ , there exist  $r_\delta > 0$  and  $0 < h_\delta \leq h_a$ , such that

$$\|R(\lambda, A_h)B_h F_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(V_h)} < \delta, \quad \text{for all } \lambda \text{ and } h \text{ as in (4.4).} \quad (\text{S.4.1})$$

Indeed, (S.4.1) follows from

$$\|B_h R(\lambda, A_h)^* B_h F_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(H, V_h)} \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda-a|^{1-\gamma}}, \quad \lambda \in \Sigma_{app}^C(A), \quad (\text{S.4.2})$$

which is the Laplace transform version in the  $\lambda$ -domain of estimate (3.4), Lemma 3.1(iv), in the  $t$ -domain (to be proved by contour integration, as usual), by taking

$$C\|F_h\|/|\lambda-a|^{1-\gamma} < \delta \text{ with } \|F_h\| \text{ uniformly bounded.}$$

**Step 3.** We have

$$R(\lambda, A_F) = [I - R(\lambda, A_h)B_h F_h]^{-1} R(\lambda, A_h), \quad \forall \lambda \in \Sigma^C(A_h); \quad (\text{S.4.3})$$

$$R(\lambda, A_h F_h) = [I - R(\lambda, A_h)B_h F_h]^{-1} R(\lambda, A_h), \quad \forall \lambda \in \Sigma^C(A_h); \quad (\text{S.4.4})$$

and, in both cases,  $|\lambda|$  sufficiently large, and  $h$  sufficiently small in (S.4.4). In fact, (S.4.3) and (S.4.4) are the standard perturbation identities for the perturbed operators in (4.1) and (4.3) respectively, where we note, in the case of (S.4.4), that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|[I - R(\lambda, A_h)B_h F_h]^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(V_h)} \leq \frac{1}{1 - \|R(\lambda, A_h)B_h F_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(V_h)}} \\ &\quad (\text{by (S.4.1)}) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \delta}, \quad \lambda \text{ and } h \text{ as in (4.4).} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.5})$$

In the case of (S.4.3), we recall (1.3) and obtain the continuous version of (S.4.1),

$$\|R(\lambda, A)BF\| = \|R(\lambda, A)\hat{A}^{\gamma-\theta} B F\| \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda-a_0|^{1-\gamma}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty, \quad \lambda \in \Sigma_{app}^C(A). \quad (\text{S.4.6})$$

Then the analog of (S.4.5) needed for (S.4.3) follows in the same way.

**Step 4.** The desired estimate (4.4) of part (1) follows from (S.4.4) and (S.4.5).

Then (4.4) implies the desired estimate (4.5) of part (ii) via  $\|R(\lambda, A_h)\|_{\mathcal{L}(V_h)} \leq C|\lambda-a|$ ,  $\lambda \in \Sigma_{app}^C(A)$ , see (A.1) = (1.14b).

Finally, the desired estimate (4.6) of part (iii) follows from (4.5) in the usual way. We write  $R(\lambda, A_h, F_h)A_h, F_h = \lambda R(\lambda, A_h, F_h)^{-1}$ , and use on this (4.5), thereby obtaining 6) for  $\Theta = 1$ . Then the cases  $\Theta = 0$  and  $\Theta = 1$  imply the cases  $0 < \Theta < 1$  via the interpolation (moment) inequality. Lemma 4.1 is proved. ■

### 1.2. Uniform exponential stability of $A_{h,F_h}$ and $A_{F_h}^{t_A}$

**Sof of Theorem 4.2 Orientation** From Lemma 4.1 we know, *a fortiori*, that  $e^{A_{h,F_h}t}$  is uniformly (in  $h$ ) analytic on  $H$  and that the spectrum  $\sigma(A_{h,F_h})$  is uniformly (in  $h$ ) contained in a common sector, which preliminarily can be taken to be  $\Sigma_{\text{app}}^c(A)$ . The next step is to show that as a consequence of (4.8), in fact,  $\sigma(A_{h,F_h})$  satisfies (4.11), i.e.,

a) (4.10),  $\sigma(A_{h,F_h})$  is contained on a three-sided sector on the left-hand side of the complex plane. Finally, uniform analyticity combined with the 'correct' location of the spectrum will imply the remaining parts (ii) = (4.12) and part (iii) = (4.13) of Theorem 2 via operator calculus. Details follows. We begin with

**Lemma S.4.1.** Under the same assumptions as in Lemma 4.1, let, for the sake of definiteness,  $\lambda_0$  be fixed with  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_0 > r_G - r_G$  as in (4.4). Then the following convergence holds true for all  $\varepsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma)$ :

$$\|R(\lambda_0, A_F)^{-1}(A_{h,F_h})^{\Pi_h}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq h^{-\alpha} \|F_h - F\|_{\mathcal{L}(U; H)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0, \quad (\text{S.4.7})$$

$$\|R(\lambda_0, A_F)^{-1}(A_{h,F_h})^{\Pi_h}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq \frac{c}{1-\gamma} \frac{1}{|\lambda - \lambda_0|} \|R(\lambda_0, A)BF - R(\lambda_0, A_h)BF_h\|, \quad (\text{S.4.14})$$

for all  $\varepsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma)$ ;

- i) in (S.4.7), one may replace the chosen  $\lambda_0$  with any other  $\lambda \in \rho(A_F)$ ;
- ii) for any compact set  $\mathcal{K} \subset \rho(A_F)$ , we have

$$\sup_{\lambda \in \mathcal{K}} \|R(\lambda, A_{h,F_h})\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq \text{const}_{\mathcal{K}}. \quad (\text{S.4.8})$$

**Proof of Lemma S.4.1.** (i) Recalling (S.4.3) and (S.4.4), we compute in the  $\mathcal{L}(H)$ -norm:

$$\begin{aligned} \|R(\lambda_0, A_F)^{-1}(A_{h,F_h})^{\Pi_h}\| &= \|[(I-R(\lambda_0, A)BF)^{-1}R(\lambda_0, A_h)B_h F_h]^{-1}R(\lambda_0, A_h)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \\ &= \|(1)+(2)\|, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.9})$$

where, after adding and subtracting,

$$\begin{aligned} (1) &= [(I-R(\lambda_0, A)BF)^{-1}(R(\lambda_0, A)-R(\lambda_0, A_h))\Pi_h]; \\ (2) &= \{[(I-R(\lambda_0, A)BF)^{-1}-(I-R(\lambda_0, A_h)B_h F_h)^{-1}]R(\lambda_0, A_h)\}\Pi_h \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.10})$$

Thus, by assumption (A.2) = (1.15),

$$\|(1)\| \leq C h^s \|[(I-R(\lambda_0, A)BF)^{-1}]\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0. \quad (\text{S.4.12})$$

As to (2), we use the identity

$$(I-T_1)^{-1}(I-T_2)^{-1} = (I-T_1)^{-1}(T_1 T_2)^{-1}(I-T_2)^{-1} \quad (\text{S.4.13})$$

in (S.4.11) with  $T_1 = R(\lambda_0, A)BF$ ,  $T_2 = R(\lambda_0, A_h)B_h F_h$ . By (S.4.4),  $R(\lambda_0, A_h, F_h) = [I-T_2]^{-1}R(\lambda_0, A_h)$ . Using these and  $K = \|[I-T_1]^{-1}\|$ , we can write from (S.4.11),

$$\begin{aligned} \|(2)\| &\leq c_\gamma K \|R(\lambda_0, A_h, F_h)\| \|R(\lambda_0, A)BF - R(\lambda_0, A_h)B_h F_h\| \\ &\leq \frac{C}{1-\gamma} \frac{1}{|\lambda - \lambda_0|} \|R(\lambda_0, A)BF - R(\lambda_0, A_h)B_h F_h\|, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.14})$$

where in the last step we have used (4.5) of Lemma 4.1(ii), with  $0 < \delta < 1$ , preassigned, and  $0 < h \leq h_G$ . We next compute the term in (S.4.14),

$$\|R(\lambda_0, A)B F - R(\lambda_0, A_h)B F_h\| \leq \|F^* B R(\lambda_0, A)^* - B_h^* R(\lambda_0, A)^* - B_h^* R(\lambda_0, A_h)\|. \quad (\text{S.4.15})$$

As to the first term in (S.4.15), we invoke assumption (4.9) to see that it tends to 0 as  $h \downarrow 0$ . As to the second term in (S.4.15), we use the assumption  $\|F_h\| \leq \text{const}$ , as well as the Laplace ( $\lambda$ -) version of the estimate (3.5) of Lemma 3.1(v) with  $\Theta < 1$ , to be proved by contour integration, thereby obtaining

$$\|F_h^* [B R(\lambda_0, A)^* - B_h^* R(\lambda_0, A_h)]\| \leq \text{const } h^{s(1-\eta)} \Theta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \downarrow 0. \quad (\text{S.4.16})$$

Thus, the term (2) in (S.4.14) also tends to zero as  $h \downarrow 0$ . Then, by (S.4.9), the desired convergence (S.4.7) in part (1) is proved.

(ii) The statement for any other  $\lambda \in \rho(A_F)$  follows now from standard results [13, Thm. 3.15, p. 206; also Remark 3.13, p. 211].

(iii) Part (iii), Eq. (S.4.8) is a consequence of the joint continuity of the resolvent  $R(\lambda, A_F)$  in both arguments [13, Thm. 3.15, p. 212]. ■

Continuing with the proof of Theorem 4.2, we return to Lemma 4.1(1), Eq. (4.4): Given  $1 > \delta > 0$ , there exist  $r_G, h_G > 0$  such that for all  $0 < h < h_G$ ,

$$\{\Sigma_{\text{app}}^C(A) \cap \{\lambda | r_G \geq |\lambda|\} \} \subset \rho(A_{h,F_h}), \quad (\text{S.4.17})$$

$\rho(\cdot)$  denoting the resolvent set.

We next complement the statement in (S.4.17) by virtue of the following:

**Lemma S.4.2.** For any  $\epsilon' > 0$  there exists  $h_{\epsilon'} > 0$  such that

$$\sup \operatorname{Re} \sigma(A_{h,F_h}) \leq -\omega_p \epsilon', \quad 0 < h \leq h_{\epsilon'}, \quad (\text{S.4.18})$$

where  $\epsilon'$  may be taken 0 if  $-\omega_p \in \rho(A_F)$ .

Proof of Lemma S.4.2. The proof of this result is the same as the proof of [18, Lemma 4.4] and is omitted here. ■

As to the conclusion (4.10) of Theorem 4.2 has been proved. In order to complete the proof of Theorem 4.2, we combine the results of Lemma 4.1, Lemmas S.4.1 and S.4.2, and we integrate along a path in  $\Sigma_{\text{app}}^C(A_F)$  in (4.10) which follows its boundary. The computations are the same as those given in [18, pp. 200–201] and will not be repeated here. ■

4.3. Uniform stability of the feedback semigroup  $\exp(A_h, P_h)$

Proof of Theorem 4.6. The first step is a consequence of Theorem 4.2.

Step 1. Lemma S.4.3. We have

$$\|P_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(V_h)} \leq \text{const}, \text{ uniformly in } h. \quad (\text{S.4.19})$$

Proof of Lemma S.4.3. We note first that the assumption of uniform convergence (4.9) for Theorem 4.2 holds true for the choice  $F_h = F_h^*$  by virtue of the compactness assumption (1.27a), or else (1.27b), see Remark 4.2. Thus, Theorem 4.2(ii), Eq. (4.12), implies that  $\exp\{(A_h + B_h F_h)t\} = \exp\{(A_h + B_h F_h)t\}$  is uniformly stable. For the approximating optimal control problem (1.23), (1.24) on  $V_h$  with optimal pair

$$\Phi_h(t)x = v_h^0(t; x) = e^{-A_h t} P_h x; \quad v_h^0(t, x) = -P_h^* e^{-A_h t} P_h x \quad (\text{S.4.20})$$

and initial point  $x \in V_h'$  the feedback control  $F_h e^{A_h F_h t} x$  and corresponding solution  $A_{h,F_h t}$

$A_{h,F_h t}$  form a competing pair. Thus, by (2.20) we get

$$\begin{aligned} J(u_h^0, y_h^0) &= (P_h x, x)_H = \left\| u_h^0(t, x) \right\|_U^2 + \| R_h y_h^0(t, x) \|_Z^2 dt \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty \left\| e^{A_h F_h t} x \right\|_U^2 + \left\| R_h e^{A_h F_h t} x \right\|_Z^2 dt \\ &\leq c \int_0^\infty e^{2(-\omega_F - \epsilon)t} dt \|x\|^2 \leq c \|x\|_{H'}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.21})$$

here in the last step we have invoked (4.12). Since  $P_h$  is non-negative, self-adjoint, (S.4.21) yields  $\|P_h\|_{L^2(V_h)} = \sup(P_h x, x) \leq C$ , over all  $x \in V_h$  with  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . ■

**Step 2.** Lemma S.4.4 We have

$$\int_0^\infty \left\| e^{A_h P_h t} x \right\|_H^2 dt \leq c \|x\|_{H'}^2, \quad x \in H. \quad (\text{S.4.22})$$

**Proof of Lemma S.4.4.** If  $R > 0$ , then (S.4.22) is a direct consequence of (S.4.21) via (S.4.20). Otherwise, we shall use, as usual, the more general detectability assumption which leads to the uniform estimate (4.19). Writing by (4.16) and (4.26),

$$A_{h,P_h} = A_{h,K}^{-1} K R_h^{-1} B_h^T P_h, \quad (\text{S.4.23})$$

and recalling that  $y_h^0 = A_{h,P_h} x$  for the approximating problem we have by (S.4.23),

**Step 3.** Proposition S.4.5. There are numbers  $c > 0$  and  $a > 0$ , independent of  $h$ , such that

$$y_h^0(t, x) = e^{A_h P_h t} x = e^{A_h K t} x - \int_0^t e^{A_h K(t-\tau)} \Pi_h K R_h y_h^0(\tau, x) d\tau$$

$$= \int_0^t e^{A_h K(t-\tau)} B_h^T P_h y_h^0(\tau, x) d\tau \quad (\text{S.4.24})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= e^{A_h K t} x - \{ L_h K \Pi_h K R_h y_h^0(\cdot, x) \}(t) \\ &\quad - \{ L_h K B_h^T P_h y_h^0(\cdot, x) \}(t), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.25})$$

after recalling the operators  $L_h K$  in (4.22), whose regularity properties (4.23), (4.24) will now be invoked. In fact, by (4.24) we have the first step of

$$\begin{aligned} &\| L_h K \Pi_h K R_h y_h^0(\cdot, x) \|_{L_2(0, \infty; H)} \leq C \| R_h y_h^0(\cdot, x) \|_{L_2(0, \infty; Z)} \\ &\leq C \| y_h^0(\cdot, x) \|_{L_2(0, \infty; H)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{by (S.4.20) and by (4.27)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \| e^{A_h P_h t} x \|_{L_2(0, \infty; H)} \leq C \| x \|_{H'}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.26})$$

as desired. Similarly, by (4.23) we have the first step of

$$\begin{aligned} &\| L_h K B_h^T P_h y_h^0(\cdot, x) \|_{L_2(0, \infty; H)} \leq C \| B_h^T P_h y_h^0(\cdot, x) \|_{L_2(0, \infty; U)} \\ &\leq C \| u_h^0(\cdot, x) \|_{L_2(0, \infty; U)} \leq C \| x \|_H, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.27})$$

(by (S.4.20) and by (S.4.21))

(by (S.4.20) and by (S.4.21)) as desired. Finally, using (S.4.26), (S.4.27), in (S.4.22), as well as (4.19) for the first term in (S.4.25), we obtain (S.4.22) as desired. ■

$$\|e^{A_h P_h t} \|_{\mathcal{L}(V_h)} \leq c e^{\omega t}, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (\text{S.4.28})$$

(iii) With  $p > 1/(1-\gamma)$ ,

$$\hat{L}_h : \text{continuous } L_p([0,\infty); U) \rightarrow C([0,\infty]; H), \text{ uniformly in } h \downarrow 0, \quad (\text{S.4.33})$$

**Proof of Proposition S.4.5.** We shall prove (S.4.28), in fact with  $a = \omega$ , by using a 'bootstrap' argument, as in [18], based on the following equations for the optimal pair:

$$e^{-\omega t} e^{A_h P_h t} x_h = \hat{y}_h^0(t, x_h) - \hat{A}_h^t x_h + \{\hat{f}_{h,h}^0\}(t) \quad (\text{S.4.29})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_h^0(t, x_h) &= \left\{ \hat{L}_h^* [R_{\tau} \circ \hat{P}_h] \hat{y}_h^0(\cdot, x_h) \right\}(t) \\ &\quad \text{with } x_h \in V_h, \text{ see (2.21), (2.22) in Section 2. The 'bootstrap' argument uses the following result, which is of interest only in the more demanding situation where } \gamma < r < 1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.30})$$

**Lemma S.4.6.** For the operators  $\hat{L}_h$  and  $\hat{L}_h^*$  defined by (2.13), (2.14), we have

$$\hat{L}_h : \text{continuous } L_r([0,\infty; U) \rightarrow L_r([0,\infty; H) \text{ uniformly in } h \downarrow 0, \quad (\text{S.4.31})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \hat{L}_h^* &: \text{continuous } L_r([0,\infty; H) \rightarrow L_r([0,\infty; U), \text{ uniformly in } h \downarrow 0, \\ &\quad \text{i.e., } \sup_{h>0} \|\hat{L}_h^*\|_{2,r} \leq \text{const}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.32})$$

where  $r$  is an arbitrary number satisfying  $r < 2/(2\gamma-1)$ , where  $2/(2\gamma-1) > 2$  for

$\gamma < \gamma' < 1$ : for  $0 \leq \gamma' \leq \gamma$ , one can take  $r = \infty$ .

$$\hat{L}_h^* : \text{continuous } L_r([0,\infty; H) \rightarrow L_r([0,\infty; U), \text{ uniformly in } h \downarrow 0, \quad (\text{S.4.32})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad \hat{L}_h^* &: \text{continuous } L_r([0,\infty; H) \rightarrow L_r([0,\infty; U), \text{ uniformly in } h \downarrow 0, \\ &\quad \text{i.e., } \sup_{h>0} \|\hat{L}_h^*\|_{r',r'} \leq \text{const}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.4.32})$$

where  $r'$  is as in (i), and  $r'$  is any number satisfying  $r' < 2/(4\gamma'-3)$ , where

$\gamma < \gamma' < 1$ ,  $2/(4\gamma'-3) > r$ : for  $0 < \gamma' < \gamma$ , we can take  $r' = \infty$ . ■

Then parts (i) and (ii) follow immediately from (S.4.35), (S.4.36) via Young's inequality. Part (iii) follows likewise with  $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p-1} = 0$ , where we have  $\gamma q < 1$ , and

$\frac{1}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{p} + \gamma$  as  $p \downarrow \frac{1}{1-\gamma}$ . The proof of Lemma S.4.6 is complete. ■

To complete the proof of Proposition S.4.5, Eq. (S.4.28), we start with  $\hat{u}_h^0 \in L_2([0,\infty; U])$  and apply a bootstrap argument on (S.4.29), (S.4.30) using Lemma S.4.6.

After a finite number of iterations we obtain  $(\hat{u}_h^0 \in L_\infty([0,\infty; U]) \text{ and } \hat{y}_h^0 \in C([0,\infty]; H))$  from which (S.4.28) follows from (S.4.29) with the constant  $a = \omega$ . ■

**Step 4.** Starting from the uniform bound in (S.4.28) of Proposition S.4.5, we can complete the proof of Theorem 4.6 and obtain estimate (4.27) by simply proceeding as in the continuous case; see [22, p. 121]. Theorem 4.6 is proved. ■

#### 4. Uniform regularity of $P_h^*$

**Proof of Theorem 4.7.** (i) We return to identity (2.19) for  $P_h^*$  and obtain with  $x \in V_h$ ,

$$(\hat{A}_h^*) P_h^* x = \int_0^\infty (\hat{A}_h^*) e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} \Pi_h^* [R R^* 2\omega P_h] \hat{\phi}_h(t) x dt \quad (\text{S.4.37})$$

voking estimate (S.4.16) of Lemma S.4.3 and analyticity, we obtain

$$\|(\hat{A}_h^*) P_h^*\|_{L^2(H)} \leq \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\Theta t}}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}} \|\hat{\phi}_h(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} dt, \quad 0 \leq \Theta < 1. \quad (\text{S.4.38})$$

than (4.28) of part (i) follows immediately from (S.4.35) via (2.16) and the uniform and (4.27) of Theorem 4.6 for  $\hat{\phi}_h(t)$ .

(ii) The proof of (4.29) is similar. From (2.19) with  $x \in V_h$ ,

$$P_h^* P_h x = \int_0^\infty P_h^* e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} \Pi_h^* [R R^* 2\omega P_h] \hat{\phi}_h(t) x dt, \quad (\text{S.4.39})$$

and invoking estimates (3.4) of Lemma 3.1 and (S.4.16) of Lemma S.4.3, and  $\hat{A}_h = A_h - \omega I$ ,  $= \omega_0 + \epsilon - \omega$ , we obtain from (S.4.36),

$$\|P_h^* P_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} \leq C \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\omega t}}{t^{\frac{1}{2}}} \|\hat{\phi}_h(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} dt, \quad (\text{S.4.40})$$

and (4.29) follows likewise via (2.16) and (4.27).

(iii) Part (iii) follows from part (i) via self-adjoint calculus as in [10, Lemma 3.3]. ■

#### Section 5

**5.1. Uniform convergence  $P_h \Pi_h \rightarrow P$  of Riccati operators**  
Proof of Theorem 5.1.

**Proof.** Step 1. The following four operators will play a key role. The first and the fourth, defined by (1.12) and (4.26), refer to the optimal dynamics, continuous and discrete. The second and third are introduced here for the first time. They will define competitive dynamics:

$$A_P = A - BB^* P; \quad A_{h,P} = A_h - B_h B_h^*, \quad (\text{S.5.1})$$

$$A_{P_h} = A - BB_h^* P_h; \quad A_{h,P_h} = A_h - B_h B_h^*. \quad (\text{S.5.2})$$

The semigroup generated by  $A_P$  is analytic and stable, Section 1.1. As to the other operators, we have

**Proposition S.5.1.** The semigroups generated by the operators  $A_{h,P}$ ,  $A_{P_h}$  are both uniformly analytic (in the sense of Lemma 4.1) and uniformly stable.

**Proof.** In the case of  $A_{h,p}$ , uniform analyticity was established in Corollary 4.8, while uniform stability was established in Theorem 4.6, Eq (4.27). The same properties then hold true for  $A_{h,p}$  as special case of the latter, where  $F_h \equiv B_P$ . Next, uniform stability of  $e_h$  follows from Remark 4.4, where we already know that  $e_h$  is uniformly stable, and thus we take  $F = F_h = B_h^{P_h}$  so that the required assumption (4.9) holds true. Finally, uniform analyticity of  $\exp(A_{P_h})$  follows from Lemma 4.1 with  $A_h \equiv A$ ,  $B_h \equiv B$ , and  $F_h \equiv B_h^{P_h}$  which is uniformly bounded by (4.29), as required. ■

**Step 2 Proposition S.5.2.** Let  $\epsilon_0$  be the same number  $\epsilon_0 < s(1-t)$  as in Lemma S.4.1, Eq (S.4.7) of the Supplement. Then

$$\|A_p^{-1} - A_h^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq C h_0^{-\epsilon_0} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0; \quad (\text{S.5.3})$$

$$\|A_p^{-1} - A_h^{-1}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \leq C h_0^{-\epsilon_0} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0. \quad (\text{S.5.4})$$

**Proof.** By use of the first resolvent equation for resolvent operators, it suffices to show (S.5.3), (S.5.4) with  $R(\lambda, \cdot)$  replaced by  $R(\lambda_0, \cdot)$ , for  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_0 > 0$ . In this latter case then, these desired bounds follow from Lemma 4.3 with  $F = F_h = B_h^{P_h}$  in the case of (S.5.3), and with  $F = F_h = B_h^{P_h}$  in the case of (S.5.4), where we note that the fact that now  $F$  depends on  $h$  does not make any difference in the argument of Lemma S.4.1 as long as  $\|F\| \leq \text{const}$ , which is true by (4.29). ■

**Step 3** By (1.10) and (2.23), we have

$$|\langle (P_h^T)^{-P} x, x \rangle_H| = |\langle J(u_h^0(\cdot, T_h x), y_h^0(\cdot, T_h x)) - J(u^0(\cdot, x), y^0(\cdot, x)), x \rangle_H|. \quad (\text{S.5.5})$$

Now, with  $x$  and  $h$  fixed, if  $J(u_h^0, y_h^0) - J(u^0, y^0) > 0$  we introduce the competing pair

$$\tilde{u}_h(t, T_h x) = -B_P e_h P_h^T \Pi_h^T x; \quad \tilde{y}_h(t, T_h x) = e_h P_h^T t, \quad (\text{S.5.6})$$

for the approximating problem so that in this case

$$|J(u_h^0, y_h^0) - J(u^0, y^0)| \leq |J(\tilde{u}_h, \tilde{y}_h) - J(u^0, y^0)|. \quad (\text{S.5.7})$$

Instead, if  $J(u^0, y^0) - J(u_h^0, y_h^0) > 0$ , we introduce the competing pair

$$\bar{u}_h(t, x) = -B_P e_h P_h^T \Pi_h^T x; \quad \bar{y}_h(t, x) = e_h P_h^T t, \quad (\text{S.5.8})$$

for the continuous problem so that in this case

$$|J(u^0, y^0) - J(u_h^0, y_h^0)| < |J(\bar{u}, \bar{y}) - J(u^0, y^0)|. \quad (\text{S.5.9})$$

Thus, in all cases, we have from (S.5.7), (S.5.9),

$$|J(u_h^0, y_h^0) - J(u^0, y^0)| \leq |J(\tilde{u}_h, \tilde{y}_h) - J(u^0, y^0)| + |J(\bar{u}_h, \bar{y}_h) - J(u_h^0, y_h^0)|. \quad (\text{S.5.10})$$

Recalling (S.5.6), (S.5.8), we rewrite the right-hand side (R.H.S.) of (S.5.10) after recalling the costs (1.2) and (1.24), as well as (S.4.17)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S. of (S.5.10)} &= \left| \int_0^\infty \{ \|R e_p x\|_Z^2 - \|R e_h P_h^T x\|_Z^2 \} dt \right|^2 \\ &\quad + \|B_P e_x\|_U^2 \|B_P e_h P_h^T x\|_U^2 + \int_0^\infty \{ \|R e_h P_h^T x\|_U^2 \} dt + \int_0^\infty \{ \|R e_h P_h^T x\|_U^2 \} dt \\ &\quad + \|B_h^P e_h\|_U^2 \|B_h^P e_h P_h^T x\|_U^2 + \|B_h^P e_h P_h^T x\|_U^2 \|B_h^P e_h P_h^T x\|_U^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.11})$$

$$\leq c \left\{ \|e_A^t A_h P_h^t\|_{H^*} \int_0^\infty \|e_h^t \Pi_h^{x-e} \Pi_h^x dt + \|e_h^t \Pi_h^{x-e} \Pi_h^x dt\} \|x\|_H \right\} \|x\|_H, \quad (\text{S.5.12})$$

where in going from (S.5.14) to (S.5.15) we have used an identity like the one in (S.4.13), while in going from (S.5.15) to (S.5.16), we have used analyticity of  $e^{A_p t}$ , uniform analyticity of  $e^{A_h P_h^t}$ , see Proposition S.5.1, in the sense of (4.6) Lemma 4.1 with  $\Theta = 1$ . Thus from (S.5.16) we obtain, with  $k > 0$  (below (S.5.13)) and  $t > 0$ ,

$$\left\| e_F^{A_p t} A_h P_h^t \right\|_{L^2(H)} \leq C \frac{e^{-kt}}{t} \left\| A_p^{-1} A_h P_h^t \right\|_{L^2(H)}, \quad (\text{S.5.17})$$

and by a similar argument,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.H.S. of (S.5.10)} &\leq C \|x\|_H \left[ \int_0^s \|e_h^t \Pi_h^{x-e} \Pi_h^x\|_{L_1(h^{s,\infty})} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\| e_F^{A_p t} A_h P_h^t \right\|_{L_1(h^{s,\infty})} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.13})$$

Then, by (S.5.17), splitting the integration over  $[h^s, 1]$  and  $[1, \infty]$  with  $h^s < 1$  as  $h \downarrow 0$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_s^\infty \left\| e_F^{A_p t} A_h P_h^t \right\|_{L^2(H)} dt \leq \|A_p^{-1} A_h P_h^t\| \int_s^\infty \frac{e^{-kt}}{t} dt \|x\|_H \\ &\quad (\text{by (S.5.3)}) \leq C \|A_p^{-1} A_h P_h^t\| (s \ell_n \frac{1}{h}) \|x\|_H \leq C h^{-\epsilon} \|x\|_H, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.19})$$

for all  $\epsilon > 0$ . The same estimate can be obtained starting from (S.5.18) and using

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| e_F^{A_h P_h^t} \right\|_{L^2(H)} = \left\| \int_\Gamma e^{\lambda t} \kappa(\lambda, A_p) R(\lambda, A_h P_h^t) d\lambda \right\| \\ &= \left\| \int_\Gamma e^{\lambda t} \kappa(\lambda, A_p) A_p^{(A_p - A_h P_h^t)R(\lambda, A_h P_h^t)} d\lambda \right\| \\ &\leq C \left( \int_\Gamma |e^{(\Re \lambda) t}| |A_p| \|A_p^{-1} A_h P_h^t\|_{L^2(H)} \right)^{1-\epsilon} \\ &\quad \times \left\| e^{\lambda t} \kappa(\lambda, A_p) A_p^{(A_p^{-1} A_h P_h^t)R(\lambda, A_h P_h^t)} \right\|^{1-\epsilon} \\ &\quad = \left\| e^{\lambda t} \kappa(\lambda, A_p) A_p^{(A_p^{-1} A_h P_h^t)R(\lambda, A_h P_h^t)} \right\|^{1-\epsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.20})$$

Using estimates (S.5.19), (S.5.20), and (S.5.13), as well as recalling (S.5.5) and (S.5.10), we obtain

$$\left| (P_h \Pi_h^{-P}) x \cdot x \right|_H \leq C h^{-\epsilon} \|x\|_H^2, \quad (\text{S.5.21})$$

with any  $\epsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma) < s$ , as desired. Then (S.5.21) implies (5.1) by taking the sup over all  $x$ ,  $\|x\| \leq 1$ , since  $P_h$  and  $P$  are self-adjoint. Theorem 5.1 is proved. ■

**Proof of Theorem 5.2.** We interpolate between inequality (S.5.17) and (see (1.12) and (4.27))

$$\|e^{\hat{A}_P t} A_{h,P} e^{-kt} \|_{L^2(H)} \leq C e^{-kt}, \quad (\text{S.5.22})$$

$k > 0$ , to obtain for any  $0 < \Theta < 1$ ,

$$\|e^{\hat{A}_P t} A_{h,P} e^{-kt} \|_{L^2(H)} \leq C \frac{e^{-kt}}{\Theta} \|A_P^{-1} A_h^{-1} e^{-kt} \|_{L^2(H)}. \quad (\text{S.5.23})$$

Then (5.4) follows from (S.5.23) after recalling (S.5.3), as we can take  $k = \bar{\omega}_P$ , see (4.27). ■

#### 5.2. Uniform convergence $B_h^* P_h \rightarrow B_P$ of gain operators

**Proof of Theorem 5.3.** From (2.19) (or (S.4.39)) and (2.10) we compute

$$B_h^* P_h^{-*} P = \int_0^\infty \hat{A}_h^* e^{-(R+2\omega_P)t} \hat{\phi}_h(t) \|_h^2 dt$$

$$- \int_0^\infty \hat{A}_h^* [R e^{-kt}] \hat{\phi}(t) dt = I_{1,h} + I_{2,h} + I_{3,h},$$

where, after suitable adding and subtracting,

$$I_{1,h} = \int_0^\infty \hat{A}_h^* e^{-kt} [R e^{-2\omega_P t}] \hat{\phi}_h(t) \|_h^2 dt;$$

$$I_{2,h} = \int_0^\infty \hat{A}_h^* e^{-kt} 2\omega_P [P \|_h^2 - P] \hat{\phi}_h(t) \|_h^2 dt; \quad (\text{S.5.26})$$

$$I_{3,h} = \int_0^\infty \hat{A}_h^* e^{-kt} [RR^* e^{-2\omega_P t}] \hat{\phi}_h(t) \|_h^2 dt. \quad (\text{S.5.27})$$

To handle  $I_{1,h}$ , we recall that from Lemma 3.1(v), Eq. (3.5), applied with  $\Theta < 1$ , we have (by the definitions of  $\hat{A}_h^*$  and  $\hat{A}_h$  below (1.2) and (2.15)):

$$\|B_h^* e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} \|_{L^2(H;U)} \leq \frac{C h^{s(1-\gamma)/\Theta}}{t^{\Theta/(1-\Theta)/\Gamma}} e^{-\hat{\omega} t}. \quad (\text{S.5.28})$$

Thus, by (S.5.28) with  $\Theta/(1-\Theta)\gamma < 1$ , as well as the uniform bound (S.4.19) of Lemma S.4.3 for  $P_h$ , and (4.27) of Theorem 4.6 for  $\hat{\phi}_h(t)$ , we readily obtain from (S.5.25) that

$$\|I_{1,h}\|_{L^2(H;U)} \leq C h^{s(1-\gamma)\Theta} \downarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0, \quad \Theta < 1. \quad (\text{S.5.29})$$

To handle  $I_{2,h}$ , we recall Eq. (5.1) of Theorem 5.1, and the uniform bound (4.27), and note the bound

$$\|B_h^* e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} \|_{L^2(H;U)} = \|B^* (\hat{A}^*)^{-\gamma} (\hat{A}^*)' e^{-\hat{A}^* t} \|_{L^2(H;U)} \leq C \frac{e^{-\hat{\omega} t}}{t} \quad (\text{S.5.30})$$

(from (1.3) and analyticity) to conclude from (S.5.26) that

$$\|I_{2,h}\|_{L^2(H;U)} \leq C h^s \epsilon_0 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0, \quad \epsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma). \quad (\text{S.5.31})$$

To complete the proof of Theorem 5.3 by showing that  $I_{3,h}$  also goes to zero, we need (part of) Lemma 5.4.

**Proof of Lemma 5.4.**

**Proof (i) and (ii).** Step 1. We return to (2.18), (2.19) rewritten here for convenience as

$$\hat{y}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) = [1 + \hat{\phi}_h^*(\Pi_h(R^{2\alpha} P_h))]^{-1} e^{\hat{A}_h t} \Pi_h x, \quad (\text{S.5.32})$$

$$\hat{u}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) = [1 + \hat{\phi}_h^*(\Pi_h(R^{2\alpha} P_h))]^{-1} \hat{\phi}_h^*(\Pi_h R^{2\alpha} P_h) e^{\hat{A}_h t}, \quad (\text{S.5.33})$$

and take the limit as  $h \downarrow 0$ . Using the uniform convergence,

$$\|e^{-\hat{A}_h t} \Pi_h e^{-\hat{A}_h t}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; L_2(0, \infty; H))} \leq C h^{s\theta} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \downarrow 0, \theta < 1,$$

which follows from assumption (1.20), the uniform convergence  $\|\Pi_h \Pi_h^*\| \leq C h^\theta$  in (5.1) of Theorem 5.1 and the uniform convergence  $\|\hat{\phi}_h^* - \hat{\phi}\| \leq C h^{s(1-\theta)} \theta$ ,  $\theta < 1$ , of (3.9) of Theorem 3.3, we conclude via (2.8), (2.9) (since the rates of convergence are preserved by the inverses by an identity as (S.4.13)), that as  $h \downarrow 0$ ,

$$\|\hat{u}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) \hat{u}^0(\cdot, x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; L_2(0, \infty; H))} \leq C h^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \|x\|_H \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \downarrow 0, \quad (\text{S.5.34})$$

$$\|\hat{\phi}_h^*(\cdot, \Pi_h x) \hat{\phi}(\cdot)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; L_2(0, \infty; H))} \leq C h^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \downarrow 0. \quad (\text{S.5.35})$$

**Step 2.** A fortiori, from (S.5.34), (S.5.35) we have for any  $0 < \tau < \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) - u^0(\cdot, x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; L_2(0, \tau; H))} &\leq \|\hat{\phi}_h^*(\cdot)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; L_2(0, \tau; H))} \|u_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) - \hat{u}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; L_2(0, \tau; H))} \\ &\leq C h^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \downarrow 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.36})$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\int_T^\infty \|u_h^0(t, \Pi_h x) - u^0(t, x)\|_U^2 dt \leq 2 \int_T^\infty \|u_h^0(t, \Pi_h x)\|_U^2 + \|u^0(t, x)\|_U^2 dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{(by (S.4.20) and (1.7))}}{=} \int_T^\infty \|B_h^* A_h P_h t \Pi_h x\|_U^2 dt + \int_T^\infty \|B_h^* A_h P_h t x\|_U^2 dt \\ &\stackrel{\text{(S.5.33)}}{\leq} \int_T^\infty \left\| C(e^{-2\alpha_p t}, e^{-2\alpha_p t}) dt \|x\|_H \right\| dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq C e^{-\omega/h} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } T = 1/h \rightarrow \infty, \quad (\text{S.5.37})$$

where in the last step we have used the bound (4.29) of Theorem 4.7 and the exponential bound (4.27) of Theorem 4.6 in the first integral and (1.11), (1.12) for the second integral. A similar upper bound and a similar convergence as in (S.5.37) holds true a fortiori if  $u_h^0$  are replaced by  $\hat{\phi}_h^*(\cdot) \Pi_h x$  and  $\hat{\phi}(\cdot) x$ . Thus (S.5.37), combined with (S.5.36) for any  $T$ , yields the desired conclusions, (5.6) and (5.7). Thus, parts (i) and (ii) of Lemma 5.4 are proved.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad &\text{From the representation (see (S.4.20) and point (6) of Theorem 1.9)} \\ &R(\lambda, A_h, P_h) \Pi_h x - R(\lambda, A_p) x = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} (\hat{\phi}_h(t) \Pi_h x - \hat{\phi}(t) x) dt \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.38})$$

for  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > \min\{\omega_p, -\omega_p\}$  (defined in (1.12) and (4.27)), and from (5.7) of part (iii), we obtain with  $\epsilon_0 < s(1-\eta)$ :

$$\|R(\lambda, A_h, P_h) \Pi_h x - R(\lambda, A_p) x\| \leq \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} \|(\hat{\phi}_h(t) \Pi_h x - \hat{\phi}(t) x)\| dt \quad (\text{S.5.39})$$

Then (S.5.39), combined with the uniform bounds (1.12) and (4.27) for  $\phi(t)$  and  $\hat{\phi}_h(t)$ , allows us to invoke the Trotter-Kato Theorem [22, p. 87] and obtain

$$\|\phi_h(\cdot) \Pi_h \Phi(\cdot) x\|_{C([0,T], H)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0, \quad x \in H. \quad (\text{S.5.40})$$

Then (S.5.40), combined with the exponential decay of  $\phi(t)$  and  $\hat{\phi}_h(t)$  (uniformly in  $h$ ) from (1.12), (4.27), implies (5.8). ■

Continuing with the proof of Theorem 5.3, we can now handle the term  $I_{3,h}$  in

(S.5.27). From (S.5.27) and (1.3) we obtain

$$\|I_{3,h}\| \leq C \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\omega t}}{t} \|\hat{\phi}_h(t) \Pi_h \hat{\phi}(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} dt \quad (\text{S.5.41})$$

But the norm inside the integral in (S.5.41) is dominated by a decaying exponential by (1.12) and (4.27). Thus, Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem applies in (S.5.41)

$$\|I_{3,h}\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0, \quad (\text{S.5.42})$$

and yields

as desired. (Note that for  $\gamma < \eta$ , one still obtains  $|I_{3,h}| \leq C h^{\eta-\gamma}$ .) Then, (S.5.29), (S.5.31), and (S.5.42) used in (S.5.24) produce the claimed convergence in (5.5). Theorem 5.3 is proved. ■

### 5.3. Uniform convergence $u_h^0 \rightarrow u^0$

**Proof of Corollary 5.5.** **Step 1.** We shall first show that (5.9) holds with  $u$  replaced by  $\hat{u}$ . Indeed, from (2.9b) and (2.22) = (S.4.30)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) - \hat{u}^0(\cdot, x) &= \hat{u}_h^*(I+2\omega P_h) \hat{y}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) - \hat{u}^*(I+2\omega P) \hat{y}_h^0(\cdot, x) \\ &= [\hat{L}_h^*(I+2\omega P_h) - \hat{L}^*(I+2\omega P)] \hat{y}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) \\ &\quad + \hat{u}^*(I+2\omega P) [\hat{u}_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) - \hat{y}_h^0(\cdot, x)] \in (1) \rightarrow (2). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.43})$$

By (3.9b), Eq. (5.1), and uniform boundedness of  $y_h^0$  in (4.27), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\|_{C([0,\infty]; U)} &\leq C h^{\eta} \|x\|_H, \quad \forall \varepsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma) \\ \|u\|_{C([0,\infty]; U)} &\leq C h^{\eta} \|x\|_H, \quad \forall \varepsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.44})$$

As for the term (2), we invoke the result (5.4) of Theorem 5.2 which, together with the estimate (via (2.4), (1.3))

$$|\hat{L}^*(t^{-\varepsilon} f)|_{C([0,\infty]; U)} \leq \sup_{t \in [0, \infty]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(\tau)|_U d\tau \leq C \|f\|_{L_\infty(0, \infty; H)}, \quad \text{for } \gamma + \varepsilon < 1,$$

gives for  $\varepsilon_0 < s(1-\gamma)$ ,

$$\|u\|_{C([0,\infty]; U)} \leq C h^{\eta} \|x\|_H. \quad (\text{S.5.45})$$

Thus we obtain the desired estimate by using (S.5.43)-(S.5.45),

$$\|u\|_{C([0,\infty]; U)} \leq C h^{\eta} \|x\|_H. \quad (\text{S.5.46})$$

**Step 2.** From (S.5.46), it follows that for any fixed  $T > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_h^0(\cdot, \Pi_h x) - u^0(\cdot, x)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; C([0, \infty]; U))} &\leq C_T h^{\eta} \\ \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 2T} \left\| B_h^{*P_h T} \Pi_h - B^* P e^{A_P t} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}(H; U)} &\leq C_T h^{\eta}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.47})$$

Hence, in particular,

y the semigroup property, for any  $t > 2T$  we compute via (S.4.20), (1.7),

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_h^0(t, \Pi_h x) - u^0(t, x)\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(H; U)} &= \left\| B_h^{P^\top} e^{A_h P^\top A_h P(t-T)} e^{\Pi_h - B_h P e^{A_p^\top A_p(t-T)}} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(H)} \\ &\leq \left\| B_h^{P^\top} e^{A_h P^\top} \Pi_h - B_h P e^{A_p^\top} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(H; U)} \left\| e^{A_h P_h(t-T)} \Pi_h \right\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(H)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.50})$$

$$+ \|B_h P e^{\Pi_h}\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(H; U)} \|e^{A_h P_h(t-T)} \Pi_h - e^{A_p(t-T)}\|_{\mathcal{L}^2(H)} \quad (\text{S.5.51})$$

$$\leq C_T \frac{-\bar{\omega}_p(t-T)}{h} + C e^{-\rho T} \frac{\varepsilon_0}{h} \frac{-\bar{\omega}_p(t-T)}{t-T} e^{\varepsilon_0} \quad (\text{S.5.48})$$

here in the last step we have used (S.5.47), (4.27) for the first term and (1.11),

(1.12), and (5.4) with  $\varepsilon = 1$  for the second term: this way we obtain the desired result

• (5.9) Corollary 5.5 is proved. ■

4. Convergence  $(\hat{A}^*)^\Theta (P_h \Pi_h - P)x \rightarrow 0$

of Proposition 5.6. (i) We return to (2.20) and get

$$(\hat{A}^*)^\Theta P_h \Pi_h x = \int_0^\infty (\hat{A}^*)^\Theta e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} \Pi_h [R^* R + 2\omega_P h] \hat{\phi}_h(t) x dt, \quad x \in H, \quad (\text{S.5.49})$$

where  $(\hat{A}^*)^\Theta e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} = (\hat{A}^*)^\Theta (\hat{A}^{*-1})^\Theta (\hat{A}_h^*)^\Theta e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t} = \sigma(e^{-\hat{A}_h^* t/\Theta})$  by (5.10) and uniform

alyticity (1.14),  $\Theta < 1$ . Moreover,  $\hat{\phi}_h(\cdot)x \rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\cdot)x$  in  $C([0, \infty); H)$  by (5.8) of Lemma

4(iii), and  $P_h \rightarrow P$  by (5.1). Thus, letting  $h \downarrow 0$  in (S.5.49) and recalling (2.10), we

tain the limit  $(\hat{A}^*)^\Theta P$  and (5.11) is proved.

(ii) By (4.33) of Corollary 4.8 for the discrete problem and the corresponding version for the continuous problem, we have:

$$\|(\hat{A}^*)^\Theta (P_h \Pi_h - P)\hat{\Theta}\| \leq \text{const}_{\Gamma}, \quad 0 \leq \Theta < \kappa. \quad (\text{S.5.52})$$

Then (5.11) of part (i), combined with density of  $\mathcal{D}(\hat{A}^*)$  and with the uniform bound

(S.5.50), yields (5.12) as desired. ■

### 5.5. Completion of the proof of main Theorem 1.2

The conclusion (1.41) of Theorem 1.2 follows from Theorem 4.2 (see also Remark 4.2(iii)) and Theorem 5.3: the latter provides  $\|B_h^* P_h \Pi_h - B_h^* P\| \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{L}(H; U)$ , see (5.5), and in the former we take  $F = -B_h^* P$ ,  $F_h = -B_h^* P_h$ . Then, by virtue of the exponential decay

(1.7) of  $e^{A_p^\top t}$ , we obtain the counterpart of conclusion (4.12), which is precisely (1.41).

As for (1.42), we obtain from (5.2) = (S.5.1) and (5.3) = (S.5.2), using the same formula for the difference of inverses as the one in (S.4.13),

$$R(\lambda, A_p) - R(\lambda, A_p^*) = R(\lambda, A_p) B [B - B_h^* P_h^*] R(\lambda, A_h), \quad (\text{S.5.51})$$

since the term in the bracket in (S.5.51) is  $A_p - A_p^*$ , where

$$R(\lambda, A_p) B = [I + R(\lambda, A) B B^* P]^{-1} R(\lambda, A) B. \quad (\text{S.5.52})$$

It follows that

$$\|R(\lambda, A_p) B\|_{\mathcal{L}(U; H)} \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda|^{1-\theta}}, \quad \lambda \in \Gamma_p, \quad (\text{S.5.53})$$

where  $\Gamma_p$  is the path  $\rho \in \overline{\omega_p}$ ,  $\Pi/2 < \Theta_p < \Pi$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < \infty$ . In fact, (S.5.53) is true for

$|\lambda|$  sufficiently large, by (S.5.52), (1.11) and  $\|R(\lambda, A) B\| \leq C/|\lambda|^{1-\theta}$ , in view of

analyticity and (1.3); and hence, for  $\lambda \in \Gamma_p$  by using the first resolvent equation on

$R(\lambda, A_p)$  (which we already know to be well defined on  $\Gamma_p$ ). Thus, (S.5.53) used in [21; App.], etc., applies: The problem is stabilizable on  $L_2(\Omega)$  if and only if its projection onto the finite-dimensional unstable subspace is controllable. In particular,

$$\|R(\lambda, A_p)^{-\theta}(\lambda, A_p)\|_{\mathcal{L}(U, H)} \leq \frac{C}{|\lambda|^{2-\gamma}} \|B P - B_p P_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)}^{\theta}. \quad (\text{S.5.54})$$

From (S.5.54) we obtain, as usual,

$$\begin{aligned} \|e^{-A_p t} A_p t\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} &\leq \int_0^t \|e^{\lambda \tau} \frac{C}{|\lambda|} \|B P - B_p P_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} d\lambda \|B P - B_p P_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)} \\ &\leq C e^{-\omega_p t} \|B P - B_p P_h\|_{\mathcal{L}(H)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.5.55})$$

and (1.42) follows. Theorem 1.2 is proved. ■

#### Section 6: Approximation framework and verification of all required assumptions

##### Example 6.1: Heat equation with Dirichlet boundary control

Assumption 1.3.  $(\hat{A})^{-\gamma} B \in \mathcal{L}(U, Y)$ . Assumption (1.3) is satisfied in our present case with  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$ ,  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ . In fact, we may take  $\hat{A} = A_D$ . From (6.7), we have

$$B = -AD_1: \text{continuous } L_2(\Gamma) \rightarrow [\mathcal{D}(A_D^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon})]', \quad (\text{S.6.1})$$

and we then have with  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$  via (6.5) that our claim is verified.

$$\hat{A}^{-\gamma} B = -A_D^{-\gamma} A D_1 \in \mathcal{L}(L_2(\Gamma), L_2(\Omega)) = \mathcal{L}(U, H). \quad (\text{S.6.2})$$

Stabilizability condition 1.5. The generator  $A$  has (for suitably large constant  $C^2$ ) in (6.3) only finitely many unstable eigenvalues of finite multiplicity, since its resolvent is compact and  $e^A$  is analytic. Thus, the stabilization theory as in [25],

[21; App.], etc., applies: The problem is stabilizable on  $L_2(\Omega)$  if and only if its projection onto the finite-dimensional unstable subspace is controllable. In particular, as shown in [27], one may prescribe the stabilizing feedback to be of the form

$$u(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N (v(t), w)_2 \delta_n \quad (\text{S.6.3})$$

for suitable vectors  $w_k \in L_2(\Omega)$  and  $\delta_k \in L_2(\Gamma)$  and suitable (minimal)  $N$  as described there, in order to stabilize uniformly the corresponding feedback system in the norm of  $H^{-\epsilon}(\Omega)$  in fact. Thus, *a fortiori* the Finite Cost Condition on  $L_2(\Omega)$  is satisfied

Detectability Condition 1.6. This is automatically satisfied since in our case  $R = I$ , see (6.5).

Conclusion. Theorem 1.0 applies to problem (6.1), (6.2). ■

##### 6.1.2. Discrete problem

We present next the approximation framework for the problem (6.1), (6.2) [18].

Choice of  $V_h$ . We shall select the approximating space  $V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$  to be a space of splines (linear, quadratic, curvilinear, etc.) which comply with the usual approximation properties ([2], [24]):

$$\|\Pi_h y - y\|_H^\ell \leq C h^{s-\ell} \|y\|_H^s, \quad s \leq 2; \quad s-\ell > 0; \quad 0 \leq \ell \leq 1; \quad (\text{S.6.4})$$

(inverse approximation properties)

$$\|y_h\|_H^\alpha \leq C h^{-\alpha} \|y_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, \quad (\text{S.6.5})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} (\Pi_h y) \right\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} &\leq C h^{s-\frac{1}{2}} \|y\|_{H^s(\Omega)}, \quad s < s \leq 2, \\ (\text{S.6.6}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial y_h}{\partial v} \right\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} \leq C_h \|y_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)}, \quad y_h \in V_h \quad (\text{S.6.7})$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla p_h \cdot \nabla y_h d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \nabla x_h \cdot \nabla y_h d\Omega = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P_h x_h, \frac{\partial}{\partial v} P_h y_h \right)_{\Gamma}, \quad \forall x_h, y_h \in V_h \quad (\text{S.6.13})$$

here  $\Pi_h$  is the orthogonal projection of  $L_2(\Omega)$  onto  $V_h$   
 choice of  $A_h$  We define  $A_h : V_h \rightarrow V_h$  as usual, where the inner products are in  $L_2$   
 $(A_h x_h, y_h)_\Omega = (Ax_h, y_h)_\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \nabla x_h \cdot \nabla y_h d\Omega - (x_h, y_h)_\Omega$   $x_h, y_h \in V_h$  (S.6.8)

choice of  $B_h$  With reference to (6.5), we define  $B_h : U \rightarrow V_h$  by  
 $B_h = -\Pi_h A D_1$ ,  
 as in (6.6). (6.7), and we notice that ( $L_2$ -inner products)  
 $(B_h u, y_h)_\Omega = -(A D_1 u, y_h)_\Omega = -(u, D_1^* A y_h)_\Gamma = (u, \frac{\partial y_h}{\partial v})_\Gamma$  (S.6.10)

the  
 $B_h^* y_h = \frac{\partial y_h}{\partial v}$  (S.6.11)

approximating control problem This is given by the ODE problem  

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_h \cdot \phi_h \Big|_\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla y_h \cdot \nabla \phi_h d\Omega + c \int_{\Omega} y_h \phi_h d\Omega = (u, \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \phi_h)_\Gamma, & \phi_h \in V_h \\ (y_h(0), \phi_h)_\Omega = (y(0), \phi_h)_\Omega \end{cases} \quad (\text{S.6.12})$$

The optimal feedback control for the approximating finite-dimensional problem is

$$u_h^0(t, y_0) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial v} P_h^0(t, y_0),$$

and (A.3) follows since  $\gamma s = 2(\gamma + \epsilon) > \gamma$

Assumption (A.3) = (1.16) By (S.6.11) and (S.6.7), we obtain with  $U = L_2(\Gamma)$  and

$$H = L_2(\Omega), \quad \|B^* y_h\|_U = \|B_h^* y_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)} = \|\frac{\partial}{\partial v} y_h\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} \leq C h^{-\gamma} \|y_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \quad (\text{S.6.14})$$

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\Omega} y_h \cdot \phi_h \Big|_\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla y_h \cdot \nabla \phi_h d\Omega + c \int_{\Omega} y_h \phi_h d\Omega = (u, \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \phi_h)_\Gamma, & \phi_h \in V_h \\ (y_h(0), \phi_h)_\Omega = (y(0), \phi_h)_\Omega \end{cases} \quad (\text{S.6.15})$$

The optimal feedback control for the approximating finite-dimensional problem is

$$u_h^0(t, y_0) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial v} P_h^0(t, y_0),$$

The  $P_h$  satisfies the following discrete Algebraic Riccati Equation

which implies (A.4) in view of the fact that  $\mathcal{D}(A) \subset H^2(\Omega)$  and  $s(1-\epsilon) = 2(1-\lambda-\epsilon) =$   
 $\lambda-2\epsilon < \lambda$ .

**Assumption (A.5) = (1.18).** Since in our case  $B_h^{*} \Pi_h = B^{*} \Pi_h$ , (A.4) coincides with (A.5).

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|B^{*} \Pi_h x\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} &= \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \Pi_h x \right\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} \leq \|\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} (\Pi_h^{-1})x\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} \\ &+ \left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} x \right\|_{L_2(\Gamma)} \leq C h^\epsilon \|x\|_{H^{2+\epsilon}(\Omega)} + C \|x\|_{H^{2+\epsilon}(\Omega)}^{\lambda+\epsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

(A.6) follows now from  $\mathcal{D}(A^{*})_{\lambda+\epsilon} \subset H^{2+2\epsilon}(\Omega)$ .  
**Conclusion.** Thus, we have verified all the assumptions of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 in the application of Theorem 1.1 yields the following convergence results (see also [18]):

- (i)  $\|P_h^{*} \Pi_h - P\|_{\mathcal{L}(L_2(\Omega))} \leq \epsilon_0$ ;  $\epsilon_0 < \lambda$ ;
- (ii)  $\left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} (\Pi_h^{-1}) : L_2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_2(\Gamma) \right\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \downarrow 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\|y^0 - y\|_{\mathcal{L}(L_2(\Omega); L_2(0, \infty; L_2(\Omega)))} + \sup_{t \geq 0} e_P^t \|y_h^0(t) - y(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(L_2(\Omega))} \leq C h^0$ ,  $\epsilon_0 < \lambda$ ;

- (iv)  $\sup_{t \geq 0} e_P^t \|y_h^0(t) - u(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(L_2(\Omega); L_2(\Gamma))} \leq C h^0$ ,  $\epsilon_0 < \lambda$ ;
- (v) since  $\|\hat{A}_h^{*\Theta_x}\| = \|\hat{A}_h^{*\Theta_x}\|$  for  $0 \leq \Theta \leq \lambda$ , (1.39) gives

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(P_h^{*} \Pi_h - P)x\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0, \quad x \in L_2(\Omega). \\ &\delta(x-x^0) \in [H^2(\Omega)]', \quad \text{i.e., provided } H^2(\Omega) \subset C(\bar{\Omega}), \quad \text{which is indeed the case by Sobolev embedding provided } 2 > \frac{n}{2}, \text{ or } n < 4, \text{ as required.} \end{aligned}$$

Application of Theorem 1.2 yields the following result: If we use the feedback law given by

$$u_h^*(t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} P_h y^h(t),$$

which we insert into the original dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y}_h^h = (\Delta + c^2)y^h, \\ y^h|_{\Sigma} = u_h^* \end{cases} \quad (\text{S.6.16})$$

then the corresponding system is exponentially stable in  $L_2(\Omega)$  uniformly in the parameter  $h$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} &\overline{\omega}_P^t \|y^h(t) - y^0(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(L_2(\Omega))} \rightarrow 0. \\ &\sup_{t \geq 0} e_P^t \|y^h(t) - y^0(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(L_2(\Omega))} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S.6.17})$$

Other boundary conditions, like Neumann or Robin can be treated similarly (see [19]). In fact, the analysis here is even simpler as  $\gamma = \lambda + \epsilon < \lambda$ , if one takes  $H = L_2(\Omega)$ : otherwise,  $\gamma = \lambda + \epsilon$  if one takes  $H = H^1(\Omega)$ .

**Example 6.2: Structurally damped plates with point control**

**Assumption (1.3):**  $(-A)^{-\gamma} B \in \mathcal{L}(U, H)$ . It is easy to verify that assumption (1.3) is satisfied with  $\gamma = 1$ . Indeed, from (6.9), we require that

$$(-A)^{-1} B u = \begin{bmatrix} \rho A^{-\lambda} & A^{-1} \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \delta(x-x^0)u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} \delta(x-x^0)u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in H, \quad (\text{S.6.18})$$

i.e., from (6.12), we require that  $A^{-\lambda} \delta(x-x^0) \in L_2(\Omega)$ , or that (\*),  $\delta(x-x^0) \in [\mathcal{D}(A^\lambda)]'$ , the dual of  $\mathcal{D}(A^\lambda)$  with respect to  $L_2(\Omega)$ . Since it is true that  $\mathcal{D}(A^\lambda) \subset H^2(\Omega)$  for the fourth-order operator  $A$  in (6.11) (in fact, regardless of the particular boundary conditions), and thus  $[H^2(\Omega)]' \subset [\mathcal{D}(A^\lambda)]'$ , then condition (\*) is satisfied provided  $\delta(x-x^0) \in [H^2(\Omega)]'$ , i.e., provided  $H^2(\Omega) \subset C(\bar{\Omega})$ , which is indeed the case by Sobolev embedding provided  $2 > \frac{n}{2}$ , or  $n < 4$ , as required.

## SUPPLEMENT

However, the above result is not sufficient for our purposes as—according to our assumption—we need to show that we can take  $\gamma < 1$  in (1.3). As a matter of fact, we now show that assumption (1.3) holds true for any  $\gamma > \frac{n}{4}$ , which then for  $n \leq 3$  yields  $\gamma < 1$  as desired. To this end, we note that

$$(-A)^{-\gamma} B \in \mathcal{L}(U, H) \text{ if and only if } B \in \mathcal{L}(U, [\mathcal{Z}((-A)^{\gamma})])'$$
(S.6.19)

with duality with respect to  $H$ . But  $\mathcal{D}((-A)^{\gamma}) = \mathcal{D}((-A))$ : this follows since  $A$  is the direct sum of two normal operators on  $H$ , with possibly an additional finite-dimensional component (if 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ ) [4], [5, Lemma A.1, case v(a) with  $\alpha = \frac{n}{4}$ ]. Moreover, [7, with  $\alpha = \frac{n}{4}$ ], we have

$$\mathcal{D}((-A)^{\gamma}) = \mathcal{D}((-A)^{\gamma}) = \mathcal{D}(A^{\frac{n}{4}\gamma/2} \times \mathcal{Z}(A^{\gamma/2}))'$$
(S.6.20)

the first component does not really matter in the argument below. Thus, from (S.6.20) and  $B$  as in (6.13), it follows that (S.6.19) holds true, provided  $\delta(x-x^0) \in [\mathcal{Z}(A^{\gamma/2})]'$  in duality with respect to  $L_2(\Omega)$ , where  $\mathcal{D}(A^{\gamma/2}) \subset H^{2\gamma}(\Omega)$ , and hence, provided  $(x-x^0) \in [H^{2\gamma}(\Omega)]'$ . But this in turn is the case, provided  $H^{2\gamma}(\Omega) \subset C(\bar{\Omega})$ ; i.e., by Sobolev embedding provided  $2\gamma > \frac{n}{2}$ , as desired. We conclude: assumption (1.3) [4-A] $^{-\gamma} B \in \mathcal{L}(U, H)$  holds true for problem (6.9) with  $\frac{n}{4} < \gamma < 1$ ,  $n \leq 3$ .

Also, the operator  $A$  in (6.13) generates an s.c. contraction semigroup  $e^{At}$  on  $H$ , which moreover is analytic here for  $t > 0$ . (This is a special case of a much more general result [4-5]). This, along with the requirement  $\gamma < 1$  proved above guarantees that problem (6.9) satisfies our preliminary assumption (ii) of the Introduction, below (1.2).

Stabilizability Condition (1.5) With  $A$  as in (6.13), the semigroup  $e^{At}$  is uniformly (exponentially) stable in  $H$  [5], and thus the Finite Cost Condition (1.5) holds true with  $u \equiv 0$ .

**Remark 6.1.** Suppose that instead of Eq. (6.9a), one has

$$w_{t+} + (\Delta^2 - k_1) w_{-(\Delta+k_2)} w_t = \delta(x-x^0) u(t) \quad \text{in } Q,$$
(S.6.21)

along with (6.9b-c). Then, if  $0 < k_1, k_2$  is sufficiently large, the generator  $A$  has finitely many unstable eigenvalues in  $\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0\}$ . Since  $e^{At}$  is analytic on  $H$ , the usual theory [25] applies. The problem is stabilizable on  $H$  if [25] and only if [21] its projection onto the finite-dimensional unstable subspace is controllable

For instance, if  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$  are the unstable eigenvalues of  $A$ , assumed for simplicity to be simple, and  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K$  are the corresponding eigenfunctions in  $H$ , then the necessary and sufficient condition for stabilization is that  $\hat{\Phi}_k(x^0) \neq 0$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ .

If  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_K$  are not simple, then their largest multiplicity  $M$  determines the smallest number of scalar controls needed for the stabilization of (S.6.21), where now the right-hand side is replaced by  $\sum_{i=1}^M \delta(x-x^0) u_i(t)$ , along with (6.9b-c). The necessary and sufficient condition for stabilization is now a well-known full-rank condition [25].

Detectability Condition (D.C.). This is satisfied since in our case  $R = 1$ , see (6.13)

Conclusion. Theorem 1.0 applies to problem (6.9)-(6.10),  $n \leq 3$ , and provides existence and uniqueness of the solution to the ARE (1.8), with Riccati operator  $P \in \mathcal{T}(H, b(A))$  (since  $A$ , as remarked above (S.6.20), is the direct sum of two normal operators on  $H$ , plus possibly a finite-dimensional component, in particular,  $A$  has a Riesz basis of

eigenvectors on  $H$ ), where  $\mathcal{D}(A) = \mathcal{D}(A) \times \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_h^K)$ , see (6.11), (6.12) for the characterizations of these spaces. Thus, in particular, we have  $B^*P \in \mathcal{L}(H; U)$ , where  $B^* \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = v_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ .

### 6.2.2. Discrete problem

Choice of  $V_h$ : We shall select the approximating space  $V_h \subset H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  to be a space of splines (e.g., quadratic or cubic splines or curvilinear), which comply with the usual approximation properties

$$\|Q_h z - z\|_{H(\Omega)}^\ell \leq C h^{s-\ell} \|z\|_{H^s(\Omega)}, \quad z \in H^s(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad 0 \leq \ell \leq 2: \ell \leq s < r, \quad (\text{S.6.22})$$

$$\|z_h\|_{H(\Omega)}^\alpha \leq C h^{-s} \|z\|_{H^{s-\alpha}(\Omega)}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 2, \quad (\text{S.6.23})$$

where  $Q_h$  is the orthogonal projection of  $L_2(\Omega)$  onto  $V_h$  and where  $r$  is the order of approximation

Choice of  $A_h$ : We let

$$A_h = Q_h A Q_h : V_h \rightarrow V_h,$$

i.e.,

$$(A_h \phi_h, \psi_h)_\Omega = (\Delta \phi_h, \Delta \psi_h)_\Omega = (\mathcal{A}_h^K \phi_h, \mathcal{A}_h^K \psi_h)_\Omega, \quad \phi_h, \psi_h \in V_h, \quad (\text{S.6.24})$$

$$\|\mathcal{A}_h^K \phi_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)} = \|\mathcal{A}_h^K \phi_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)} : \|\mathcal{A}_h^K \phi_h\| \sim \|\phi_h\|_{H^2(\Omega)}, \quad \phi_h \in V_h, \quad (\text{S.6.25})$$

where (S.6.25) is a consequence of (S.6.24). From the estimates for the biharmonic operator, see [2], we obtain

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|(A^{-1} \mathcal{A}_h^{-1} Q_h) z\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C h^2 \|z\|_{L_2(\Omega)}; \\ \|(A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{A}_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q_h) z\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C h^2 \|z\|_{H^2(\Omega)}, \quad z \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_h^K). \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{S.6.26})$$

Choice of  $A_h$  and  $B_h$ : To begin with, we let  $H_h \equiv V_h \times V_h$ , where  $V_h$  consists of the elements of  $V_h$  equipped with norm  $\|v_h\|_{V_h^1} = \|\mathcal{A}_h^K v_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)} = \|\mathcal{A}_h^K v_h\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$ , and  $V_h$  consists of the elements of  $V_h$  equipped with the  $L_2(\Omega)$ -norm. We shall write  $x_h = [x_{h1}, x_{h2}] \in H_h$ . Next, we define

$$A_h : H_h \rightarrow H_h : A_h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & Q_h \\ -A_h & -\mathcal{A}_h^K \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\text{S.6.27})$$

$$B_h : L_2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_h : B_h u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{B}_h u \end{bmatrix}, \quad (\mathcal{B}_h u, v_h)_\Omega = v_h(x^0) u. \quad (\text{S.6.28})$$

Finally, we let  $\Pi_h : H \rightarrow H_h$  be defined as

$$\Pi_h = \begin{bmatrix} Q_h & 0 \\ 0 & Q_h \end{bmatrix}$$

Computation of adjoints  $A_h^*$  and  $B_h^*$ : To compute the adjoints of  $A_h$  and  $B_h$ , we use the inner products generated by the topology on  $V_h$  and  $V_{h2}$ . We find, as in the continuous case,

$$A_h^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -Q_h \\ A_h & -\mathcal{A}_h^K \end{bmatrix} : B_h^* x_h = x_{h2}(x^0)$$

as it follows from  $(A_h x_h, y_h)_h = (x_h, A_h^* y_h)_h$  and  $(B_h u, x_h)_h = (u, B_h^* x_h)_h$ , respectively

Approximating control problem: With the above notation, the approximating version of the dynamics is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|(A^{-1} \mathcal{A}_h^{-1} Q_h) z\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C h^2 \|z\|_{L_2(\Omega)}; \\ \|(A^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{A}_h^{-\frac{1}{2}} Q_h) z\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C h^2 \|z\|_{H^2(\Omega)}, \quad z \in \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{A}_h^K). \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{cases} (\dot{\mathbf{y}}_h, \Phi_h)^+ + (A_h^k \mathbf{y}_h, \Phi_h)^+ + (A_h^{k*} \mathbf{y}_h, \Phi_h)^0 = \Phi_h(x^0)u; \\ (A_h^k \mathbf{y}_h, \Phi_h)^+ = (\Delta y_n, \Delta \Phi_h), \quad \text{all } \Phi_h \in V_h; \\ (\mathbf{y}_h(0), \Phi_h) = (\dot{\mathbf{y}}_h(0), \Phi_h); \quad (\mathbf{y}_h(0), \Phi_h) = (y_1, \Phi_h), \end{cases} \quad (S.6.29)$$

where all inner products are in  $L_2(\Omega)$ .

The optimal feedback control for the finite-dimensional problem is given by

$$u_h^0(t) \equiv -[\bar{P}_{h2} y_h(t)]x^0, \quad \text{where}$$

$$\begin{cases} P_h y_h \equiv \begin{cases} P_h y_1 + P_h y_2 \equiv \bar{P}_h y_1; \\ P_h^3 y_h + P_h y_{h2} \equiv \bar{P}_h y_{h2}; \end{cases} \\ \end{cases} \quad (S.6.30)$$

and  $P_h$  satisfies the following algebraic equation with  $L_2(\Omega)$ -inner products

$$\begin{aligned} - (A_h^k x_{h2}, \bar{P}_h y_h) + (A_h^k x_h, A_h^{k*} x_{h2}, \bar{P}_h y_h) &\sim (A_h^k \bar{P}_h y_1, y_{h2}) \\ &+ (\bar{P}_{h2} x_h, A_h^k y_h, A_h^{k*} y_{h2}) + (A_h^k x_{h1}, y_{h1}) + (x_{h2}, y_{h2}) \\ &= (\bar{P}_{h2} x_h)(x^0) (\bar{P}_{h2} y_h)(x^0). \end{aligned} \quad (S.6.31)$$

Again, (S.6.31) leads to a matrix Riccati equation, which can be effectively solved by finite-dimensional methods [12].

**Verification of assumptions of Theorem 1.1.** In order to apply Theorem 1.1, we need to verify the approximating assumptions (A.1)-(A.6), as well as assumptions (1.26), (1.27).

Indeed, the last two are plainly satisfied: (1.26) since  $R = I$ , while (1.27) follows from (S.6.18) and the argument below it (in essence,  $A^{-\frac{n}{2}-\epsilon} \in L_2(\Omega)$ ), while  $A^{-\epsilon}$  is compact on  $L_2(\Omega)$ .

**Assumption (A.1).** This follows by applying the arguments of [5] of the continuous case o the finite-dimensional operator given by (S.6.27).

**Assumption (A.2).** By (6.38), we have that (A.2) with  $s = 2$  holds true:

$$\|A_h^{-1} \Pi_h^{-A^{-1}} x_h\|_H = \|-(A_h^{-\frac{n}{2}-\epsilon} A_h^{k*}) x_h + (A^{-1} A_h^{-1}) x_h\|_{H^2(\Omega)}$$

$$\leq C h^2 \|x_{h1}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} + \|x_{h2}\|_{L_2(\Omega)} = C h^2 \|x_h\|_H.$$

The same result holds for the adjoint  $A^*$ , in view of its definition.

**Assumption (A.3).** By Sobolev embedding and the inverse approximation property (S.6.23),

we have for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|B_h^* x_h\|_U &= \|B^* x_h\|_U = \|x_{h2}(x^0)\| \leq c \|x_{h2}\|_{H^{n/2-\epsilon}(\Omega)} \\ &\leq c h^{-n/2-\epsilon} \|x_{h2}\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq c h^{-n/2-\epsilon} \|x_h\|_H, \end{aligned}$$

and (A.3) follows since  $s = (n/4+\epsilon)/2 > n/2$ .

**Assumption (A.4).** By (S.6.22) we compute

$$\begin{aligned} \|B\left(\prod_h x-h\right)\|_U &= \left| (Q_h x_2)(x)-x_2(x^0) \right|_{R^1} \leq c \|Q_h x_2-x_2(x^0)\|_{R^1} \\ &\leq c h^{-n/2-\epsilon} \|x_{h2}\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq c h^{-n/2-\epsilon} \|x_{h2}\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \\ &\leq c h^{-n/2-\epsilon} \|x_h\|_H \end{aligned}$$

Since  $2(1-\epsilon) = 2(1-\frac{n}{4}-\epsilon) < 2 - \frac{n}{2} - \epsilon$ , then (A.4) is satisfied.

**Assumption (A.5).** It coincides with (A.4).

Then the corresponding feedback system is uniformly (in  $h$ ) exponentially stable in the topology of  $H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega)$  and uniformly approximates the original feedback dynamics. This means that the numerical algorithm provides a feedback control which yields uniform ( $h$ ) stability results for the original system.

We conclude this section by pointing out that the other examples of [19, Section 3.3] dealing with structurally damped plate problems can be dealt with by a similar approximating scheme.

1.1 applies to our problem, and yields the following convergence results:

$$(i) \quad \|P_h \Pi_h^{-P}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega))} \leq C h^0, \quad \epsilon_0 < \frac{4-n}{2};$$

$$(ii) \quad \left\| \begin{pmatrix} P_h \Pi_h^{-P} \\ x=0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega); R)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0,$$

or equivalently

$$\|B^* P_h \Pi_h^{-P}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega); R)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0,$$

where  $P_h$  is computed from (5.6.31).

$$(iii) \quad \sup_{t>0} e^{P_h t} \|u_h^0(t) - u^0(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega); R)} \leq C h^0;$$

$$(iv) \quad \sup_{t>0} t e^{P_h t} \|y_h^0(t) - y^0(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega))} \leq C h^0, \quad \epsilon_0 < \frac{4-n}{2}.$$

Application of Theorem 1.2 to our problem yields the following result: Let  $u_h^*(t)$

be a feedback law given by

$$u_h^*(t) = -[\bar{\Gamma}_{h2} y(t)] [x^0]$$

which we insert into the original dynamics (6.9) to obtain

$$w_{tt} + \Delta_w^2 w_t = \delta(x-x^0) u_h^*; \quad w|_\Gamma = \Delta w|_\Gamma = 0.$$

We need to compute

**Assumption (A.6).**

$$\|B^* \Pi_h x\|_U = \|x_{h_2}(x^0)\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq C \|x_{h_2}\|_{H^{n/2+\epsilon}(\Omega)} \leq C \|x_h\|_{\mathcal{D}(A^\epsilon)}$$

(as in [7]),  $\mathcal{D}(A^\epsilon) \subset H^{4\epsilon}(\Omega) \times H^{2\epsilon}(\Omega)$  and  $2\gamma = 2(\frac{n}{4} + \epsilon) = \frac{n}{2} + 2\epsilon > \frac{n}{2} + \epsilon$ .

**Conclusion.** Thus, we have verified all the assumptions of Theorem 1.1. Thus, Theorem

1.1 applies to our problem, and yields the following convergence results:

$$(i) \quad \|P_h \Pi_h^{-P}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega))} \leq C h^0, \quad \epsilon_0 < \frac{4-n}{2};$$

$$(ii) \quad \left\| \begin{pmatrix} P_h \Pi_h^{-P} \\ x=0 \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega); R)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \rightarrow 0,$$

or equivalently

$$\|B^* P_h \Pi_h^{-P}\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega); R)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } h \downarrow 0,$$

where  $P_h$  is computed from (5.6.31).

$$(iii) \quad \sup_{t>0} e^{P_h t} \|u_h^0(t) - u^0(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega); R)} \leq C h^0;$$

$$(iv) \quad \sup_{t>0} t e^{P_h t} \|y_h^0(t) - y^0(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega))} \leq C h^0, \quad \epsilon_0 < \frac{4-n}{2}.$$

Application of Theorem 1.2 to our problem yields the following result: Let  $u_h^*(t)$

be a feedback law given by

$$u_h^*(t) = \begin{cases} (1) & A^{\frac{n}{2}}(21+A^{\frac{n}{2}})^{-\frac{n}{2}} \\ (2) & A^{\frac{n}{2}}(21+A^{\frac{n}{2}})^{-\frac{n}{2}} \end{cases}$$

(where the entries (1) =  $A^{\frac{n}{2}}(21+A^{\frac{n}{2}})^{-\frac{n}{2}}$  (1+ $A^{\frac{n}{2}}$ ) and (2) =  $-A^{\frac{n}{2}}(21+A^{\frac{n}{2}})^{-\frac{n}{2}}$  do not really count in the present analysis), and avoid the domain of fractional powers as in [7].

$$(-A)^{-\frac{1}{2}} Bu = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2I+A_h^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}G(x-x)u \\ A^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2I+A_h^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}G(x-x)u \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{S.6.34})$$

from (S.6.34), we then readily see that  $(-A)^{-\frac{1}{2}}Bu \in H = \mathcal{D}(A_h^2) \times L_2(\Omega)$  provided (#):  $\mathcal{K}_G(x-x) \in L_2(\Omega)$ . But  $\mathcal{D}(A_h^2) = H^2(\Omega)$  (and, in fact, only  $\mathcal{D}(A_h^2) \subset H^2(\Omega)$  suffices for the present analysis) so that condition (#) is satisfied provided  $G(x-x) \in [H^2(\Omega)]'$  with respect to  $L_2(\Omega)$ ; i.e., provided  $H^2(\Omega) \subset C(\overline{\Omega})$ , i.e., by Sobolev embedding provided  $n > \frac{n}{2}$ , or  $n < 4$ , as desired. We have shown: Assumption 11.3  $(-A)^{-\gamma}B \in \mathcal{L}(U,Y)$  holds true for problem (6.44) with  $n \leq 3$ , and  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ . The above argument shows some 'leverage'. Indeed,  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$  is not the least  $\gamma$  for which assumption (1.3) holds true. Indeed, one can below (see [19]) that Assumption 11.3  $(-A)^{-\gamma}B \in \mathcal{L}(U,H)$  holds true for problem (6.44) provided  $\frac{n}{8} < \gamma \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $n \leq 3$ .

Also, the operator  $A$  in (6.18) generates an s.c. contraction semigroup  $e^{At}$  on  $H$ ,

which moreover is analytic here for  $t > 0$  (This is a special case of a much more general result [5].) This, along with the requirement  $\gamma < 1$  proved above, guarantees that problem (6.14) satisfies the required assumption (ii) of the Introduction, below (1.2).

**Stability Condition 11.6** With  $A$  as in (6.18), the semigroup  $e^{At}$  is uniformly exponentially stable in  $H/\mathcal{N}(A)$ , where  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  is the finite-dimensional nullspace of  $A$   $|$ , and thus (1.5) is automatically satisfied on this space. For the eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$ , apply the same procedure as in the example of Section 6.2.

**Controllability Condition 11.6** This is satisfied since in our case  $R = I$

**Conclusion** Theorem 1.0 applies to problem (6.14) for  $n \leq 3$

### 6.3.2. Discrete problem

**Approximation Framework.** The choice of the spaces  $V_h$  and  $H_h$  and of the operator  $A_h$  is the same as in the case of the example of Section 6.2 (damped plate equation).

**Choice of  $A_h$  and  $B_h$ .** We define

$$A_h: H_h \rightarrow H_h; \quad A_h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & Q_h \\ -A_h & -\rho A_h \end{bmatrix};$$

$$B_h: L_2(\Gamma) \rightarrow H_h; \quad B_h u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \mathcal{B}_h u \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $(\mathcal{B}_h u, v_h)_{L_2(\Gamma)} = v_h(x)u$ .

Computations of adjoints  $A_h^*$  and  $B_h^*$ , as previously done yield

$$A_h^* = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -Q_h \\ A_h & -\rho A_h \end{bmatrix}; \quad B_h^* u = v_h(x_0).$$

**Approximating control problem.** The approximating dynamics is

$$(\dot{y}_h, \dot{\phi}_h)_\Omega + (A_h y_h, \phi_h)_\Omega + \rho(A_h y_h, \phi_h)_\Omega = \phi_h(x_0)$$

$$(A_h y_h, \phi_h) = (\Delta y_h, \Delta \phi_h)_\Omega;$$

$$(y_h(0), \phi_h)_\Omega = (y_0, \phi_h)_\Omega; \quad (\dot{y}_h(0), \phi_h)_\Omega = (y_1, \phi_h)_\Omega.$$

The optimal feedback control for the finite-dimensional problem is given by

$$u_h^0(t) = -[\bar{P}_{h2} Y_h(t)] [x^0],$$

$$P_h y_h = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_{h1} y_h \\ \bar{P}_{h2} y_h \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $P_h$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & - (A_h x_{h2}, \bar{P}_{h1} y_h) + (A_h x_{h1}, \bar{P}_{h2} y_h) - (A_h \bar{P}_{h1} x_h, y_h) \\ & + (\bar{P}_{h2} x_h, A_h y_{h1}) - (A_h \bar{P}_{h1} y_{h2}) + (A_h x_{h1}, y_{h1}) + (x_{h2}, y_h) \\ & = (\bar{P}_{h2} x_h) (x^0) \bar{P}_{h2} y_h (x^0). \end{aligned}$$

Verification of the approximating assumptions. Assumption (1.26a) is satisfied as  $R = I$ .

Assumption (1.27a) follows from the fact that the operator

$$(-A)^{-1} B = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} \delta(x-x^0) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}: R \rightarrow H^2(\Omega) \times L_2(\Omega)$$

is compact, which, in turn, is a consequence of Sobolev imbeddings and compactness of  $A^{-1}$  (indeed,  $A^{-(\frac{n}{2}-\epsilon)} \delta \in L_2(\Omega)$ )

Assumption (A.1). This follows by applying the arguments of [5] of the continuous case to the finite dimensional operator  $A_h$

Assumption (A.2). Computing directly, we obtain

$$\|(\bar{A}_h^{-1} \bar{\Pi}_h - \bar{\Pi}_h A^{-1}) x\|_H = \|(\bar{Q}_h A^{-1} A_h^{-1} \bar{\Pi}_h)_h x\|_2 \|_H^2(\Omega)$$

$$\text{by (S.6.22) and (S.6.26)} \leq C h^2 \|x_{2h}\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq C h^2 \|x\|_H.$$

Thus, we have  $s > 2$  in this case

Assumption (A.3) The argument is identical to that of the damped wave equation in the example of Section 6.2

Assumption (A.4). We compute

$$\begin{aligned} \|B^*(\bar{\Pi}_h x - x)\|_U &= |(Q_h x_2)(x^0) - x_2(x^0)|_R \\ &\leq C \|Q_h x_2 - x_2\|_{H^{1/2} \times L^2(\Omega)} \leq C h^{2-n/2-\epsilon} \|x_2\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \\ &\quad \text{By the results of [7], } \mathcal{D}(A^*) \subset H^2(\Omega) \times H^2(\Omega), \text{ so (A.4) follows since} \\ &\quad 2 - \frac{n}{2} - \epsilon > 2(1 - \frac{n}{8} - \epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Assumption (A.5). Coincides with (A.4).

Assumption (A.6). By Sobolev's imbedding,

$$\|B \bar{\Pi}_h x\|_U = \|x_{h2}(x^0)\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq C \|x_{h2}\|_{H^{n/2+\epsilon}(\Omega)}$$

By the results of [7], for  $0 < \gamma < \frac{n}{2}$ , we have

$$\mathcal{D}(A^{\gamma}) \subset H^2(\Omega) \times H^{\gamma}(\Omega),$$

so (A.6) is a consequence of the inequality,

$$4\gamma = 4\left(\frac{n}{8} + \epsilon\right) = \frac{n}{2} + 4\epsilon > \frac{n}{2} + \epsilon$$

Thus, we have verified all the assumptions of Theorem 1.1 and the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 yields the desired convergence results which can be listed in an analogous way as in the case of the example of Section 6.2