

## Null Controllability of Semilinear Integrodifferential Control Systems in Hilbert Spaces

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we deal with the null controllability of semilinear functional integrodifferential control systems under the Lipschitz continuity of nonlinear terms. Moreover, we establish the regularity and a variation of constant formula for solutions of the given control systems in Hilbert spaces.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $H$  and  $V$  be two complex Hilbert spaces. Assume that  $V$  is a dense subspace in  $H$  and the injection of  $V$  into  $H$  is continuous. The norm on  $V$  (resp.  $H$ ) will be denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$  (resp.  $|\cdot|$ ) respectively. Let  $A$  be a continuous linear operator from  $V$  into  $V^*$  which is assumed to satisfy Gårding's inequality, and generate an analytic semigroup  $(S(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . We study the following the semilinear functional integrodifferential control systems :

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} x'(t) &= Ax(t) + \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s, x(s))ds + Bu(t), \\ x(0) &= x_0. \end{cases}$$

Here, a forcing term  $k \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$ ,  $x_0 \in H$ , and  $g : R^+ \times V \rightarrow H$  is a nonlinear mapping as detailed in Section 2.. The controller  $B$  is a bounded linear operator from  $L^2(0, T; U)$  to  $L^2(0, T; H)$ , where  $U$  is some Banach space of control variables.

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control systems has been studied by many authors. For example, one finds parabolic type problems in [3, 17, 18], hyperbolic type problems in [11, 18], and linear cases in [4, 5, 7, 13, 14]. The background of these problems is to serve as an initial value problem for many partial integrodifferential equations which arise in problems connected with heat flow in materials, random dynamical systems, and other physical phenomena. For more details on applications of the theory we refer to the survey of Balachandran and Dauer [2] and the book by Curtain and Zwart [7].

In recent years, as for the controllability of semilinear differential equations, Carrasco and Leiva [6] discussed sufficient conditions for approximate controllability of parabolic equations with delay, Mahmudov [15] in the case that the semilinear equations with nonlocal conditions with condition on the uniform boundedness of the Frechet derivative of nonlinear term, and Sakthivel et al. [19] on impulsive and neutral functional differential equations. As for some considerations on the trajectory set of (1.1) and that of its corresponding linear system (in case  $g \equiv 0$ ) as matters related to (1.1), we refer the reader to Naito [16], Sukavanam and Tomar [22] and references therein.

In [2, 10] the authors dealt with the approximate controllability of a semilinear control system as a particular case of sufficient conditions for the approximate solvability of semilinear equations by assuming that

- (1)  $S(t)$  is compact operator, and
- (2) the linear operator  $S^T u := \int_0^T S(t-s)u(s)ds$  has a bounded inverse operator.

The paper [15] replaces the above condition (2) with

- (2-1) The Frechet derivative of nonlinear term is uniformly bounded, and
- (2-2) the corresponding linear system (1.1) in case  $g \equiv 0$  and  $x_0 \equiv 0$  is approximately controllable.

In [22] and [23] they studied the control problems of the semilinear equations by assuming conditions (1), (2-2), a Lipschitz continuity of the nonlinear term, and a range condition of the controller  $B$  with an inequality constraint.

In this paper we replace the condition (1) by the compactness of the embedding  $D(A) \subset V$ , and instead of (2.2) and the uniform boundedness  $f$  the nonlinear term, we require the following inequality constraint on the range condition of the controller  $B$ : for any  $p \in L^2(0, T; H)$  there exists a  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$  such that

$$S^T p = S^T B u.$$

In Section 2, we will obtain that most parts of the regularity for parabolic linear equations can also be applicable to (1.1) with nonlinear perturbations. The approach used here is similar to that developed in [8, 9, 13, 15] on the general semilinear evolution equations. Moreover, in Section 3, we establish the null controllability of semilinear functional integrodifferential control systems (1.1) under the Lipschitz continuity instead of the uniform boundedness of the Frechet derivative of nonlinear term. It is useful for physical applications of the given equations.

## 2. Regularity for Solutions

If  $H$  is identified with its dual space we may write  $V \subset H \subset V^*$  densely and the corresponding injections are continuous. The norm on  $V$ ,  $H$  and  $V^*$  will be denoted by  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $|\cdot|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_*$ , respectively. The duality pairing between the element  $v_1$  of  $V^*$  and the element  $v_2$  of  $V$  is denoted by  $(v_1, v_2)$ , which is the ordinary inner product in  $H$  if  $v_1, v_2 \in H$ . For the sake of simplicity, we may consider

$$\|u\|_* \leq |u| \leq \|u\|, \quad u \in V.$$

For  $l \in V^*$  we denote  $(l, v)$  by the value  $l(v)$  of  $l$  at  $v \in V$ . The norm of  $l$  as element of  $V^*$  is given by

$$\|l\|_* = \sup_{v \in V} \frac{|(l, v)|}{\|v\|}.$$

Therefore, we assume that  $V$  has a stronger topology than  $H$  and, for the brevity, we may regard that

$$(2.1) \quad \|u\|_* \leq |u| \leq \|u\|, \quad \forall u \in V.$$

Let  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a bounded sesquilinear form defined in  $V \times V$  and satisfying Gårding's inequality

$$\operatorname{Re} a(u, u) \geq c_0 \|u\|^2 - c_1 |u|^2,$$

where  $c_0 > 0$  and  $c_1$  is a real number. Let  $A$  be the operator associated with this sesquilinear form:

$$(Au, v) = -a(u, v), \quad u, v \in V.$$

Then  $A$  is a bounded linear operator from  $V$  to  $V^*$  by the Lax-Milgram theorem. The realization of  $A$  in  $H$  which is the restriction of  $A$  to

$$D(A) = \{u \in V : Au \in H\}$$

is also denoted by  $A$ . Moreover, for each  $T > 0$ , by using interpolation theory we have

$$L^2(0, T; V) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; V^*) \subset C([0, T]; H).$$

From the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 \|u\|^2 &\leq \operatorname{Re} a(u, u) + c_1 |u|^2 \leq |Au| |u| + c_1 |u|^2 \\ &\leq (|Au| + c_1 |u|) |u| \leq \max\{1, c_1\} \|u\|_{D(A)} |u|, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\|u\|_{D(A)} = (|Au|^2 + |u|^2)^{1/2}$$

is the graph norm of  $D(A)$ , it follows that there exists a constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \|u\| \leq C_0 \|u\|_{D(A)}^{1/2} |u|^{1/2}.$$

Thus we have the following sequence

$$(2.3) \quad D(A) \subset V \subset H \subset V^* \subset D(A)^*$$

where each space is dense in the next one which is a continuous injection.

**Lemma 2.1.** *With the notations (2.1)-(2.3), we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (V, V^*)_{1/2,2} &= H, \\ (D(A), H)_{1/2,2} &= V, \end{aligned}$$

where  $(V, V^*)_{1/2,2}$  denotes the real interpolation space between  $V$  and  $V^*$  (Section 1.3.3 of [21]).

It is also well known that  $A$  generates an analytic semigroup  $S(t)$  in both  $H$  and  $V^*$ . For the sake of simplicity, we assume that  $c_1 = 0$  and hence the closed half plane  $\{\lambda : \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq 0\}$  is contained in the resolvent set of  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $T > 0$ . Then*

$$H = \{x \in V^* : \int_0^T \|Ae^{tA}x\|_*^2 dt < \infty\}.$$

*Proof.* Put  $u(t) = e^{tA}x$  for  $x \in H$ . Then,

$$u'(t) = Au(t), \quad u(0) = x.$$

As in Theorem 4.1 of Chapter 4 of [14], the solution  $u$  belongs to  $L^2(0, T; V) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; V^*)$ , hence we obtain that

$$\int_0^T \|Ae^{tA}x\|_*^2 dt = \int_0^T \|u'(s)\|_*^2 ds < \infty.$$

Conversely, suppose that  $x \in V^*$  and  $\int_0^T \|Ae^{tA}x\|_*^2 dt < \infty$ . Put  $u(t) = e^{tA}x$ . Then since  $A$  is an isomorphism operator from  $V$  to  $V^*$  there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\int_0^T \|u(t)\|^2 dt \leq c \int_0^T \|Au(t)\|_*^2 dt = c \int_0^T \|Ae^{tA}x\|_*^2 dt.$$

From the assumptions and  $u'(t) = Ae^{tA}x$  it follows

$$u \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; V^*) \subset C([0, T]; H).$$

Therefore,  $x = u(0) \in H$ . □

By Lemma 2.1, from Theorem 3.5.3 of Butzer and Berens [5], we can see that

$$(V, V^*)_{1/2,2} = H.$$

Consider the following linear system

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} x'(t) &= Ax(t) + h(t), \\ x(0) &= x_0. \end{cases}$$

By virtue of Theorem 3.3 of [4](or Theorem 3.1 of [9]), we have the following result on the corresponding linear equation of (2.4).

**Proposition 2.1.** *Suppose that the assumptions for the principal operator  $A$  stated above are satisfied. Then the following properties hold:*

- (1) *Let  $V = (D(A), H)_{1/2,2}$  where  $(D(A), H)_{1/2,2}$  is the real interpolation space between  $D(A)$  and  $H$  (see [21]; section 1.3.3], or Lemma 2.1). For  $x_0 \in V$  and  $h \in L^2(0, T; H)$ ,  $T > 0$ , there exists a unique solution  $x$  of (2.4) belonging to*

$$L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H) \subset C([0, T]; V)$$

*and satisfying*

$$(2.5) \quad \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)} \leq C_1(\|x_0\| + \|h\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}),$$

*where  $C_1$  is a constant depending on  $T$ .*

- (2) *Let  $x_0 \in H$  and  $h \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$ ,  $T > 0$ . Then there exists a unique solution  $x$  of (2.4) belonging to*

$$L^2(0, T; V) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; V^*) \subset C([0, T]; H)$$

*and satisfying*

$$(2.6) \quad \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;V^*)} \leq C_1(\|x_0\| + \|h\|_{L^2(0,T;V^*)}),$$

*where  $C_1$  is a constant depending on  $T$ .*

For the sake of simplicity, we assume that solution semigroup  $S(t)$  generated by  $A$  is uniformly bounded:

$$\|S(t)\| \leq M \quad t \geq 0.$$

First, we consider the following inequalities.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Suppose that  $h \in L^2(0, T; H)$  and  $x(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s)h(s)ds$  for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Then there exists a constant  $C_2$  such that*

$$(2.7) \quad \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A))} \leq C_1\|h\|_{L^2(0,T;H)},$$

$$(2.8) \quad \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} \leq C_2T\|h\|_{L^2(0,T;H)},$$

*and*

$$(2.9) \quad \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V)} \leq C_2\sqrt{T}\|h\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}.$$

*Proof.* The assertion (2.7) is immediately obtained by (2.5). Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}^2 &= \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t S(t-s)h(s)ds \right|^2 dt \leq M \int_0^T \left( \int_0^t |h(s)|ds \right)^2 dt \\ &\leq M \int_0^T t \int_0^t |h(s)|^2 ds dt \leq M \frac{T^2}{2} \int_0^T |h(s)|^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\|x\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} \leq T \sqrt{M/2} \|h\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}.$$

From (2.3), (2.7), and (2.8) it holds that

$$\|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V)} \leq C_0 \sqrt{C_1 T} (M/2)^{1/4} \|h\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}.$$

So, if we take a constant  $C_2 > 0$  such that

$$C_2 = \max\{\sqrt{M/2}, C_0 \sqrt{C_1} (M/2)^{1/4}\},$$

the proof is complete.  $\square$

Consider the following initial value problem for the abstract semilinear parabolic equation (1.1). Let  $U$  be a Banach space and the controller operator  $B$  be a bounded linear operator from  $U$  to  $H$ .

Let  $g : R^+ \times V \rightarrow H$  be a nonlinear mapping satisfying the following:

- (F1) For any  $x \in V$ , the mapping  $g(\cdot, x)$  is strongly measurable;
- (F2) There exist positive constants  $L_0, L_1$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |g(t, x) - g(t, \hat{x})| &\leq L_1 \|x - \hat{x}\|, \\ |g(t, 0)| &\leq L_0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in R^+$ , and  $x, \hat{x} \in V$ .

For  $x \in L^2(0, T; V)$ , we set

$$f(t, x) = \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s, x(s))ds,$$

where  $k$  belongs to  $L^2(0, T)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $x \in L^2(0, T; V)$  for any  $T > 0$ . Then  $f(\cdot, x) \in L^2(0, T; H)$  and*

$$(2.10) \quad \|f(\cdot, x)\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} \leq L_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} T / \sqrt{2} + \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V)}.$$

Moreover if  $x, \hat{x} \in L^2(0, T; V)$ , then

$$(2.11) \quad \|f(\cdot, x) - f(\cdot, \hat{x})\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} \leq \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x - \hat{x}\|_{L^2(0,T;V)}.$$

*Proof.* From (F1), (F2), and using the Hölder inequality, it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(\cdot, x)\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} &\leq \|f(\cdot, 0)\| + \|f(\cdot, x) - f(\cdot, 0)\| \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s, 0)ds \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad + \left( \int_0^T \left| \int_0^t k(t-s)\{g(s, x(s)) - g(s, 0)\}ds \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq L_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} T/\sqrt{2} + \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} \sqrt{T} \|g(\cdot, x) - g(\cdot, 0)\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} \\ &\leq L_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} T/\sqrt{2} + \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V)}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of (2.11) is similar.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Under the assumptions (F1), and (F2) for the nonlinear mapping  $f$ , as given by*

$$f(t, x) = \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s, x(s))ds,$$

*there exists a unique solution  $x$  of (1.1) such that*

$$x \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; V^*) \subset C([0, T]; H)$$

*for any  $x_0 \in H$ . Moreover, there exists a constant  $C_3$  such that*

$$(2.12) \quad \|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;V^*)} \leq C_3(|x_0| + \|u\|_{L^2(0,T;U)}).$$

*Proof.* Let us fix  $T_0 > 0$  satisfying

$$(2.13) \quad C_2 L_1 T_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} < 1$$

with the constant  $C_2$  in Lemma 2.3. Let  $y$  be the solution of

$$y(t) = S(t)x_0 + \int_0^t S(t-s)\{f(s, x(s)) + Bu(s)\}ds.$$

We are going to show that  $x \mapsto y$  is strictly contractive from  $L^2(0, T_0; V)$  to itself. Let  $y, \hat{y}$  belong to  $V$  with the same initial condition in  $[0, T_0]$ . Then from assumption (2.9), (2.11) and

$$y(t) - \hat{y}(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s)\{f(s, x(s)) - f(s, \hat{x}(s))\}ds$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - \hat{y}\|_{L^2(0,T_0;V)} &\leq C_2 \sqrt{T_0} \|f(\cdot, x) - f(\cdot, \hat{x})\|_{L^2(0,T_0;H)} \\ &\leq C_2 L_1 T_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T_0)} \|x(\cdot) - \hat{x}(\cdot)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;V)}. \end{aligned}$$

So by virtue of the condition (2.13) the contraction mapping principle gives that the solution of (1.1) exists uniquely in  $[0, T_0]$ . Let  $x$  be a solution of (1.1) and  $x_0 \in H$ . Then there exists a constant  $C_1$  such that

$$(2.14) \quad \|S(t)x_0\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \leq C_1|x_0|$$

in view of Proposition 2.1. Let

$$x_1(t) = \int_0^t S(t-s)\{f(s, x(s)) + Bu(s)\}ds.$$

Then from (2.11), it follows

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \|x_1\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} &\leq C_2\sqrt{T_0}\|f(\cdot, x) + Bu\|_{L^2(0, T_0; H)} \\ &\leq C_2\sqrt{T_0}(L_1\sqrt{T_0}\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}\|x\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} + \|f(\cdot, 0) + Bu\|_{L^2(0, T_0; H)}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, combining (2.14) with (2.15) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} &\leq (1 - C_2L_1T_0\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)})^{-1}(C_1|x_0| \\ &\quad + C_2\sqrt{T_0}\|f(\cdot, 0) + Bu\|_{L^2(0, T_0; H)}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (2.12) holds. Now from

$$\begin{aligned} |x(T_0)| &= |S(T_0)x_0 + \int_0^{T_0} S(T_0-s)\{f(s, x(s)) + Bu(s)\}ds| \\ &\leq M|x_0| + ML_1\sqrt{T_0}\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}\|x\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &\quad + M\sqrt{T_0}\|f(\cdot, 0) + Bu\|_{L^2(0, T_0; H)}, \end{aligned}$$

since the condition (2.13) is independent of initial values, the solution of (1.1) can be extended to the interval  $[0, nT_0]$  for every natural number  $n$ . An analogous estimate to (2.12) holds for the solution in  $[0, nT_0]$ , and hence for the initial value  $x_{nT_0}$  in the interval  $[nT_0, (n+1)T_0]$ .  $\square$

### 3. Null Controllability of Semilinear Systems

Let  $S(t)$  be the analytic semigroup generated by the principal operator  $A$ . We define the linear operator  $\hat{S}$  from  $L^2(0, T; H)$  to  $H$  by

$$\hat{S}^T p = \int_0^T S(T-s)p(s)ds$$

for  $p \in L^2(0, T; H)$ . Let  $x(T; f, u)$  be a state value of the system (1.1) at time  $T$  corresponding to the nonlinear term  $f$  and the control  $u$ . Then the solution  $x(T; f, u)$  of (1.1) is represented by

$$x(T; f, u) = S(T)x_0 + \hat{S}^T f(\cdot, x) + \hat{S}^T Bu.$$



**Definition 3.1.** Equation (1.1) is said to be *null controllable* at time  $T > 0$  if for a given  $x_0 \in H$  there exists a control  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$  such that  $x(T; f, u) = 0$ .

Let  $G^T = \hat{S}^T B$ . Here, we remark that  $G$  is a bounded linear operator (see Proposition 2.1 or Theorem 2.1) but necessary one-to-one. Denote the orthogonal complement in  $L^2(0, T; U)$  by  $[\ker G^T]^\perp$ . Let  $G : [\ker G^T]^\perp \rightarrow \text{Im } G^T$  be the restriction of  $G^T$  to  $[\ker G^T]^\perp$ . Then we know that  $G$  is necessary a one-to-one operator.

For any  $(x, h) \in H \times L^2(0, T; V^*)$ , define

$$N(x, h) = S(T)x_0 + \int_0^T S(T-s)h(s)ds : H \times L^2(0, T; V^*) \rightarrow H,$$

$$W(x, h) \equiv (G)^{-1}N = (G)^{-1} \left( S(T)x_0 + \int_0^T S(T-s)h(s)ds \right).$$

First, we consider the following linear control equation with a general forcing term  $h$ :

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} x'(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t) + h(t), \\ x(0) &= x_0. \end{cases}$$

The following is immediately seen from Definition 3.1.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The linear system (3.1) is null controllable at time  $T > 0$  if*

$$\text{Im } G (= \hat{S}^T B) \supset \text{Im } N.$$

We need the following hypothesis:

(A) Let us assume the natural assumption that the embedding

$$D(A) \subset V \text{ is compact.}$$

(B) For any  $p \in L^2(0, T; H)$  there exists a  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$  such that

$$\hat{S}^T p = \hat{S}^T B u.$$

**Remark 3.1.** Denote the kernel of the operator  $\hat{S}^T$  by  $N$ , which is a closed subspace in  $L^2(0, T; H)$ , and its orthogonal space in  $L^2(0, T; H)$  by  $N^\perp$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be defined by  $(\mathcal{B}u)(\cdot) = Bu(\cdot)$ . Denote the range of the operator  $\mathcal{B}$  by  $R(\mathcal{B})$  and its closure by  $\overline{R(\mathcal{B})}$  in  $L^2(0, T; H)$ . As seen in [9, 16], it is easily known that the hypothesis (B) is equivalent to the following condition:  $L^2(0, T; H) = \overline{R(\mathcal{B})} + N$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let us assume the hypothesis (B). Then we have*

$$D(A) \subset \text{Im } G.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x_0 \in D(A)$  and put  $p(s) = (x_0 - sAx_0)/T$ . Then  $p \in L^2(0, T; H)$  and

$$x_0 = \int_0^T S(T-s)p(s)ds (= \hat{S}^T p).$$

Hence, from (B) we can choose a control  $u_0 \in L^2(0, T; U)$  satisfying

$$\hat{S}^T p = \hat{S}^T B u_0,$$

which implies  $D(A) \subset \text{Im } G$ . □

**Theorem 3.1.** *For  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$ , let  $x_u = G^T u$  with  $x_u(0) = 0$ . Under Assumption(A), we have the mapping  $G^T : u \rightarrow x_u$  is compact from  $L^2(0, T; U)$  to  $L^2(0, T; V) \subset L^2(0, T; H)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$ , with the aid of Proposition 2.1 (or Lemma 2.3), we have  $x_u \in L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; V^*)$  and satisfy the following inequality:

$$\|x_u\|_{L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H)} \leq C_1 \|u\|_{L^2(0, T; U)},$$

where  $C_1$  is the constant in Proposition 2.1. Hence if  $u$  is bounded in  $L^2(0, T; U)$ , then so is  $x_u$  in  $L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H)$  by the above inequality. Since  $D(A)$  is compactly embedded in  $V$  by assumption, the embedding

$$L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H) \subset L^2(0, T; V)$$

is compact in view of Theorem 2 of J. P. Aubin [1].

Therefore, if we define the operator  $x_u = G^T u$ , then  $G^T$  is a compact mapping from  $L^2(0, T; U)$  to  $L^2(0, T; V)$ . □

The following lemma is obtained from the proof of Lemma 3 of [8].

**Lemma 3.3.** *Under Hypothesis (B), we have*

$$W(x, h) : H \times L^2(0, T; V^*) \rightarrow L^2(0, T; U).$$

*is bounded and the control*

$$(3.2) \quad u(t) = -W(x_0, h)$$

*transfers the linear system (3.1) from  $x_0 \in D(A)$  to 0.*

*Proof.* By the definition of  $G$ , let

$$G : [\ker G^T]^\perp \rightarrow \text{Im } G^T$$

be the restriction of  $G^T$  to  $[\ker G^T]^\perp$ .  $G$  is necessarily a one-to-one operator. Here, we remark that by Lemma 3.2,  $S(T)x_0 \in \text{Im } G$  since  $S(T)x_0 \in D(A)$  for  $x_0 \in D(A)$ . Define

$$W(x, h) : H \times L^2(0, T; V^*) \rightarrow L^2(0, T; U)$$

by  $W(x, h) \equiv (G)^{-1}N(x, h)$ . From Theorem 3.1, it follows that  $\text{Im}G^T$  is closed and  $[\ker G^T]^\perp$  is obviously closed. Hence, the inverse mapping theorem says that  $G^{-1}$  is a bounded linear operator, and so is  $W$ .  $\square$

Since the operator  $BW$  is bounded, for the sake of simplicity, we assume that

$$|BW(x_0, f)| \leq \|BW\|(|x_0| + |f|).$$

**Lemma 3.4.** For  $x \in L^2(0, T; V)$ , we set

$$K(s, x) = -BW(x_0, f(s, x(s))) + f(s, x(s)).$$

Then we obtain the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \|K(\cdot, x)\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} &\leq (1 + \|BW\|) \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \left\{ L_0 \frac{T}{\sqrt{2}} + L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x\|_{L^2(0, T; V)} \right\} \\ &\quad + 2\|BW\| |x_0| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|K(\cdot, x_1) - K(\cdot, x_2)\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} \leq (1 + \|BW\|) \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0, T; V)}.$$

*Proof.* From (2.10), (2.11) it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \|K(\cdot, x)\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} &\leq \|K(\cdot, 0)\| + \|K(\cdot, x) - K(\cdot, 0)\| \\ &\leq \| -BW(x_0, f(\cdot, 0)) + f(\cdot, 0) \| \\ &\quad + \| -BW(x_0, f(\cdot, x)) + BW(x_0, f(\cdot, 0)) + f(\cdot, x) - f(\cdot, 0) \| \\ &\leq \|BW\| \left( |x_0| + L_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \frac{T}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + L_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \frac{T}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &\quad + \|BW\| \left( |x_0| + L_1 \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \sqrt{T} \|x\|_{L^2(0, T; V)} \right) \\ &\quad + L_1 \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \sqrt{T} \|x\|_{L^2(0, T; V)} \\ &\leq (1 + \|BW\|) \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} \left\{ L_0 \frac{T}{\sqrt{2}} + L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x\|_{L^2(0, T; V)} \right\} + 2\|BW\| |x_0|. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|K(\cdot, x_1) - K(\cdot, x_2)\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} \\ &= \| -BW(x_0, f(s, x_1(s))) + f(s, x_1(s)) + BW(x_0, f(s, x_2(s))) - f(s, x_2(s)) \|_{L^2(0, T; H)} \\ &\leq \|BW\| \|f(s, x_1(s)) - f(s, x_2(s))\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} + \|f(s, x_1(s)) - f(s, x_2(s))\|_{L^2(0, T; H)} \\ &\leq (1 + \|BW\|) \|k\|_{L^2(0, T)} L_1 \sqrt{T} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0, T; V)}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Assume the assumptions (F1-2), (A), and (B) be satisfied. Then for the initial data  $x_0 \in D(A)$  the system (1.1) is null controllable at time  $T > 0$ .*

*Proof.* Define the operator  $F$  on  $L^2(0, T; V)$  by

$$Fx(t) = \begin{cases} S(t)x_0 + \int_0^t S(t-s)\{-BW(x_0, f) + f(s, x)\}ds, & 0 < t \leq T, \\ x_0, & \text{if } t = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let us fix  $T_0 > 0$  so that

$$(3.3) \quad C_0\left(\frac{T_0^3}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2}L_1M(1 + \|BW\|\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}) < 1,$$

where  $C_0$  is constant in (2.3). We are going to show that  $x \rightarrow Fx$  is strictly contractive from  $L^2(0, T_0; V)$  to itself if the condition (3.3) is satisfied. Let  $Fx_1, Fx_2$  be the solutions of the above equation with  $x$  replaced by  $x_1, x_2 \in L^2(0, T_0; V)$  respectively. From (3.3) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T_0;H)} \\ & \leq \left\| \int_0^{T_0} S(T_0 - s)\{K(s, x_1) - K(s, x_2)\}ds \right\| \\ & \leq M\sqrt{T_0}\|K(\cdot, x_1) - K(\cdot, x_2)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;H)} \\ & \leq (1 + \|BW\|)MT_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0,T_0)}\|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T_0;V)} \end{aligned}$$

and hence in view of (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad & \|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;V)} \\ & \leq C_0\|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;D(A))}^{1/2}\|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;H)}^{1/2} \\ & \leq C_0\|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;D(A))}^{1/2}\left(\frac{T_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2}\|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{W^{1,2}(0,T_0;H)}^{1/2} \\ & \leq C_0\left(\frac{T_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2}\|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T_0;H)} \\ & \leq C_0\left(\frac{T_0}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2}MT_0L_1(1 + \|BW\|)\|k\|_{L^2(0,T_0)}\|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T_0;V)}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we used the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{L^2(0,T_0;H)} = \left\{ \int_0^{T_0} |Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)|^2 dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ & = \left\{ \int_0^{T_0} \left| \int_0^t (\dot{F}x_1(\tau) - \dot{F}x_2(\tau)) d\tau \right|^2 dt \right\}^{1/2} \leq \left\{ \int_0^{T_0} t \int_0^t |\dot{F}x_1(\tau) - \dot{F}x_2(\tau)|^2 d\tau dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ & \leq \frac{T_0}{\sqrt{2}}\|Fx_1(t) - Fx_2(t)\|_{W^{1,2}(0,T_0;H)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by virtue of (3.4) the contraction mapping principle gives that the operator  $F$  has unique solution in  $[0, T_0]$ , that is,  $x$  is the solution of the following equation:

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{cases} x(t) = S(t)x_0 + \int_0^t S(t-s)\{-BW(x_0, f) + f(s, x)\}ds, & t \leq T_0, \\ x(0) = x_0, & \text{if } t = 0. \end{cases}$$

Next we establish the estimates of solution. Let  $x(\cdot)$  be the solution of (3.5) in the  $(0, T_0)$  and  $y(\cdot)$  be the solution of (3.1) with the control  $u(t) = -W(x_0, k)$  as in (3.2), i.e., the solution  $y$  of (3.1) is represented by

$$y(t) = S(t)x_0 - \int_0^t S(t-s)BW(x_0, f)ds, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Thus, the arguing as in the proof of Lemmas 2.3, 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x - y\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &= \left\| \int_0^{T_0} S(t-s)\{-BW(x_0, f) + f(s, x)\} - Bu(t) ds \right\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &\leq \left\| \int_0^{T_0} S(t-s)\{f(\cdot, x) - f(\cdot, 0) + f(\cdot, 0)\} ds \right\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &\leq C_2\sqrt{T_0}\|f(\cdot, x) - f(\cdot, 0)\|_{L^2(0, T_0; H)} + C_2\sqrt{T_0}\|f(\cdot, 0)\|_{L^2(0, T_0; H)} \\ &\leq C_2T_0\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}L_1\|x\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} + C_2\frac{T_0^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2}}L_0\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)} \\ &\leq C_2T_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}\|x - y\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} + C_2T_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}\|y\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &\quad + C_2\frac{T_0^{3/2}}{\sqrt{2}}L_0\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x - y\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &\leq \frac{C_2T_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}}{1 - C_2T_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}} \left\{ \|y\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} + \frac{\sqrt{2T_0}L_0}{2L_1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and hence with the aid of Lemma 2.3, or Theorem 2.1

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - C_2T_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}} \left\{ \|y\|_{L^2(0, T_0; V)} + \frac{\sqrt{2T_0}L_0}{2L_1} \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 - C_2T_0L_1\|k\|_{L^2(0, T_0)}} \left\{ C_3(|x_0| + \|u\|_{L^2(0, T_0; U)}) + \frac{\sqrt{2T_0}L_0}{2L_1} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, there exists a constant  $C_4$  such that

$$\|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;V^*)} \leq C_4(1 + |x_0| + \|u\|_{L^2(0,T;U)}).$$

Now from

$$\begin{aligned} |x(T_0)| &= |S(T_0)x_0| + \left| \int_0^{T_0} S(T_0 - s) \{-BW(x_0, f) + f(s, x)\} ds \right| \\ &\leq (M + 2\|BW\|)|x_0| + M(1 + \|BW\|)\{L_0\|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}T/\sqrt{2} \\ &\quad + \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}L_1\sqrt{T}\|x\|_{L^2(0,T;V)}\}, \end{aligned}$$

since the condition (3.3) is independent of initial values, the solution of (1.1) can be extended to the interval  $[0, nT_0]$  for every natural number  $n$ . That is, an analogous estimate to (3.6) holds for the solution in  $[0, nT_0]$ , and hence for the initial value  $x_{nT_0}$  in the interval  $[nT_0, (n+1)T_0]$ , which means that the system (1.1) is null controllable at time  $T > 0$  with the control  $u = -W(x_0, f)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let the assumption (F1), (F2) be satisfied and  $(x_0, u) \in V \times L^2(0, T; U)$ , Then the solution  $x$  of the equation (1.1) belongs to  $x \in L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H)$  and the mapping*

$$V \times L^2(0, T; U) \ni (x_0, u) \mapsto x \in L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H) \subset C([0, T]; V)$$

is Lipschitz continuous.

*Proof.* It is easy to show that if  $x_0 \in V$  and  $f(\cdot, x) \in L^2(0, T; H)$ , then  $x$  belongs to  $L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H)$ . Let  $(x_0^i, u_i) \in H \times L^2(0, T; U)$  and  $x_i$  be the solution of (1.1) with  $(x_0, u)$  in place of  $(x_0^i, u_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} (x_1 - x_2)'(t) &= A(x_1 - x_2)(t) + f(t, x_1(t)) - f(t, x_2(t)) + B(u_1 - u_2)(t), \quad t > 0, \\ (x_1 - x_2)(0) &= x_0^1 - x_0^2. \end{cases}$$

Hence in view of proposition 2.1 and lemma 2.4, we have

(3.6)

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)} \\ &\leq C_1\{\|x_0^1 - x_0^2\| + \|u_1 - u_2\|_{L^2(0,T;U)} + \|f(\cdot, x_1) - f(\cdot, x_2)\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}\} \\ &\leq C_1\{\|x_0^1 - x_0^2\| + \|u_1 - u_2\|_{L^2(0,T;U)} + \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)}L_1\sqrt{T}\|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;V)}\} \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$x_1(t) - x_2(t) = x_0^1 - x_0^2 + \int_0^t (\dot{x}_1(s) - \dot{x}_2(s)) ds$$

We get

$$\|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H)} \leq \sqrt{T}|x_0^1 - x_0^2| + \frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}\|x_1 - x_2\|_{W^{1,2}(0,T;H)}$$

Hence arguing as in (3.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.7) \quad & \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;V)} \\
& \leq C_0 \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A))}^{1/2} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;H)}^{1/2} \\
& \leq C_0 \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A))}^{1/2} \left\{ T^{1/4} |x_0^1 - x_0^2|^{1/2} + \left(\frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{W^{1,2}(0,T;H)}^{1/2} \right\} \\
& \leq C_0 T^{1/4} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A))}^{1/2} |x_0^1 - x_0^2|^{1/2} \\
& \quad + C_0 \left(\frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)} \\
& \leq 2^{-7/4} C_0 |x_0^1 - x_0^2| + 2C_0 \left(\frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.6) and (3.7) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.8) \quad & \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)} \\
& \leq C_1 \{ \|x_0^1 - x_0^2\| + \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} L_1 \sqrt{T} (2^{-7/4} C_0 \|x_0^1 - x_0^2\| \\
& \quad + 2C_0 \left(\frac{T}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{1/2} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)} + \|u_1 - u_2\|_{L^2(0,T;U)} \} \\
& = (C_1 + 2^{-7/4} C_0 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} L_1 \sqrt{T}) \|x_0^1 - x_0^2\| + C_1 \|u_1 - u_2\|_{L^2(0,T;U)} \\
& \quad + 2^{3/4} C_0 T L_1 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} \|x_1 - x_2\|_{L^2(0,T;D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0,T;H)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $x_0^n \rightarrow x_0$  in  $V$  and let  $x_n$  and  $x$  be the solution (1.1) with  $x_0^n$  and  $x_0$  respectively. Let  $0 < T_1 \leq T$  be such that

$$2^{3/4} C_0 T L_1 \|k\|_{L^2(0,T)} < 1.$$

Then by virtue of (3.8) with  $T$  replaced by  $T_1$  we see that

$$x_n \rightarrow x \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(0, T_1; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T_1; H).$$

This implies that  $(x_n(T_1), (x_n)_{T_1}) \rightarrow (x(T_1), x_{T_1})$  in  $V \times L^2(0, T_1; D(A))$ . Hence the same argument shows that

$$x_n \rightarrow x \quad \text{in} \quad L^2(T_1, \min\{2T_1, T_1\}; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(T_1, \min\{2T_1, T_1\}; H).$$

Repeating this process we conclude that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $L^2(0, T; D(A)) \cap W^{1,2}(0, T; H)$  for any  $T > 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** Let us we assume the following hypothesis:

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $p \in L^2(0, T; H)$  there exists a  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$  such that

$$(\mathbf{B1}) \quad \begin{cases} |\hat{S}p - \hat{S}Bu| < \varepsilon, \\ \|Bu\|_{L^2(0,t;H)} \leq q_1 \|p\|_{L^2(0,t;H)}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \end{cases}$$

where  $q_1$  is a constant independent of  $p$ .

Then, as seen in [12], we note that for every desired final state  $x_1 \in H$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a control function  $u \in L^2(0, T; U)$  such that the solution  $x(T; u)$  of (1.1) satisfies  $|x(T; u) - x_1| < \epsilon$ , i.e., the system (1.1) is said to be approximately controllable in the time interval  $[0, T]$ .

**Example 3.1.** We consider an application of the results obtained in the preceding sections to a class of partial functional integrodifferential systems with delay terms dealt with by Naito [16] and Zhou [23]:

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t) &= A(x, D_x)u(x, t) + \int_0^t k(t-s)g(s, u(x, s))ds + B_\alpha w(t), \\ &(x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \quad 0 < \alpha < T, \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x), \end{cases}$$

The boundary condition attached to (3.9) is given by Dirichlet boundary condition

$$u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \quad 0 < t \leq T,$$

and  $k$  belongs to  $L^2(0, T)$ . Here,  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . We set  $H = L^2(\Omega)$  and  $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Let  $b(u, v)$  be the sesquilinear form in  $H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega)$  defined by

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\bar{\partial} v}{\partial x_j} + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \bar{v} + cu\bar{v} \right\} dx.$$

Here, we assume that  $a_{ij}$  is a real-valued and smooth function for each  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $a_{ij}(x) = a_{ji}(x)$  for each  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  and  $\{a_{ij}(x)\}$  is positive definite uniformly in  $\Omega$ , i.e., there exists a positive number  $c_0$  such that

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(x)\xi_i\xi_j \geq c_0|\xi|^2$$

for all  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$  and all real vectors  $\xi$ . Let  $b_i \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $c \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ . As is well known this sesquilinear form  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is bounded and satisfying the Gårding's inequality (2.2)(see e.g. Tanabe [20]). Let

$$(3.13) \quad \mathcal{A}(x, D_x) = - \sum_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + c(x), \quad x \in \Omega$$

be the associated uniformly elliptic differential operator of second order. Then the realization of  $-\mathcal{A}(x, D_x)$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  under the Dirichlet boundary condition is exactly  $A$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} D(A) &= W^{2,2}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \\ Au &= -\mathcal{A}(x, D_x)u, \quad \forall u \in D(A). \end{aligned}$$



It is not difficult to verify that  $Au = -\mathcal{A}(x, D_x)u$  for  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  in the sense of distribution and  $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$  for  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  also in the sense of distribution (see Lions and Magenes [14]), and

$$(Au, v) = -a(u, v), \quad u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

We consider the nonlinear term  $g$  given by

$$g(t, u) = \gamma(t)\{|D_x u(x, t)| + \phi(u(x, t))\}, \quad \gamma \in C([0, T]), \phi \in C(H).$$

Then  $g$  is not uniformly bounded and satisfies hypotheses (F1) and (F2). Let  $U = H$  be the space of control variables and let us define the intercept controller operator  $B_\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha < T$ ) on  $L^2(0, T; H)$  by

$$B_\alpha w(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < \alpha, \\ w(t), & \alpha \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

for  $w \in L^2(0, T; H)$ . For a given  $p \in L^2(0, T; H)$  let us choose a control function  $w$  satisfying

$$w(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < \alpha, \\ p(t) + \frac{\alpha}{T-\alpha} S(t - \frac{\alpha}{T-\alpha}(t - \alpha)) p(\frac{\alpha}{T-\alpha}(t - \alpha)), & \alpha \leq t \leq T. \end{cases}$$

Then  $w \in L^2(0, T; H)$  and  $\hat{S}p = \hat{S}B_\alpha w$ , which is that the controller  $B_\alpha$  satisfies Assumption (B). Hence, for the initial data  $u_0 \in W^{2,2}(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  the system (3.9) is null controllable.

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