

# Control of the fractional heat equation and related equations

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# Introduction

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**Theorem (Control of the heat equation (Lebeau & Robbiano 1995, Fursikov & Imanuvilov 1996))**

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## Remark

Duality observability/controlability: happens for every linear equation.

$(\partial_t + A)f = Bu$  is null-controllable in time  $T$  if and only if for every  $g_0$ ,

$$|e^{-TA^*} g_0|^2 \leq C \int_0^T |B^* e^{-tA^*} g_0|^2 dt$$

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- Also proves the null-controllability  $\partial_t + (-\Delta)^\alpha$  with  $\alpha > 1/2$
- What happens if  $\alpha \leq 1/2$ ?

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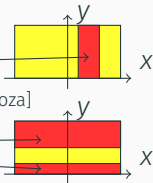
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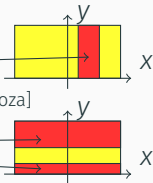
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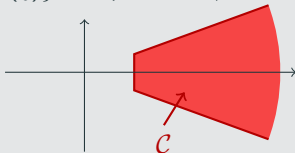
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### Theorem (Non-null-controllability of the fractional heat equation (K 2019))

Let  $K > 0$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \{\Re(\xi) > K, |\Im(\xi)| < K\Re(\xi)\}$ . Let  $\rho: \mathcal{C} \cup \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

- $\inf_{\xi > 0} \Re(\rho(\xi)) > -\infty$
- $\rho$  is holomorphic on  $\mathcal{C}$
- $\rho = o(|\xi|)$  for  $|\xi| \rightarrow +\infty, \xi \in \mathcal{C}$



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More equations

- 1-D torus in  $x$ , segment in  $v$
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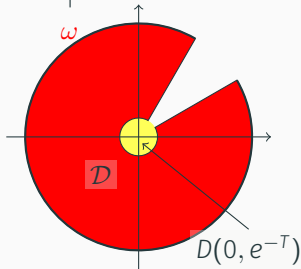
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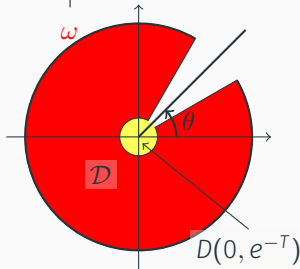
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- Observability  $\Rightarrow$  for every  $p \in \mathbb{C}[X]$ ,  $|p|_{L^2(D(0, e^{-T}))} \leq C|p|_{L^2(\mathcal{D})}$
- Not true according to the Runge theorem (there exists  $p_k(z) \rightarrow 1/z$  away from  $\mathbb{C} \setminus e^{i\theta} \mathbb{R}_+$ )



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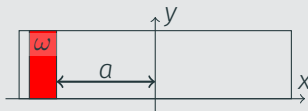
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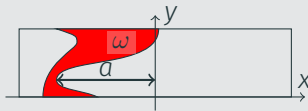
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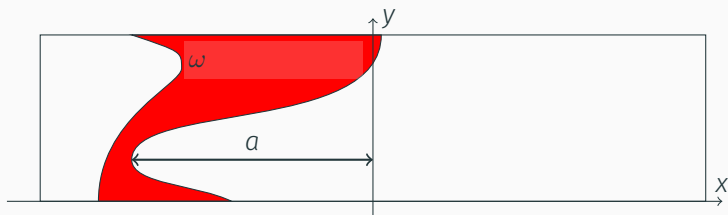
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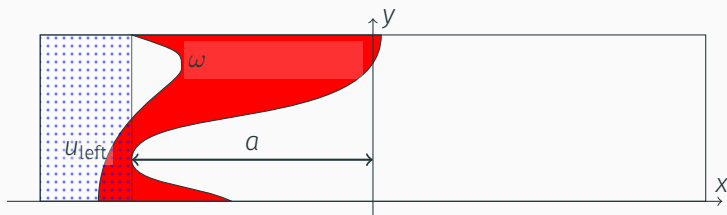
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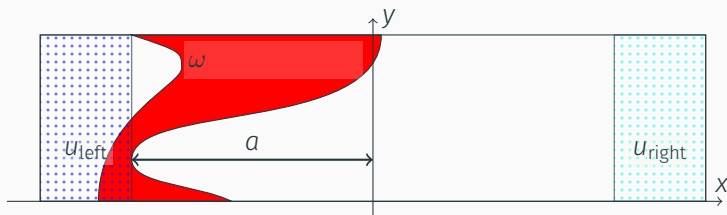


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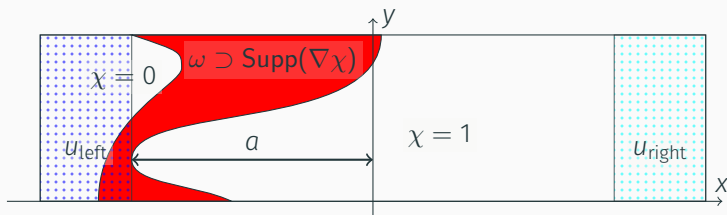
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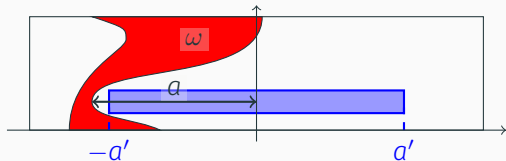
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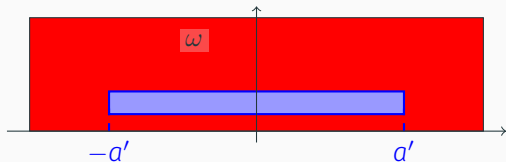
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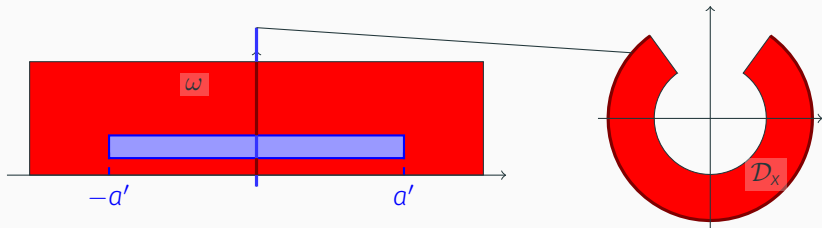
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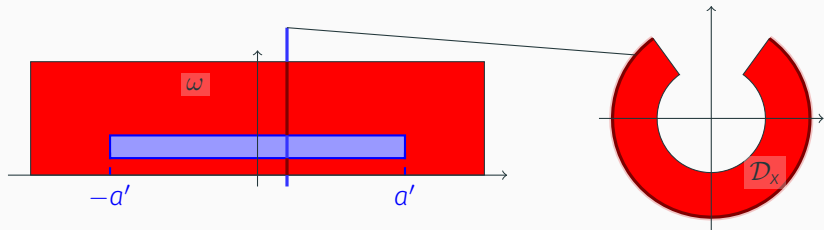
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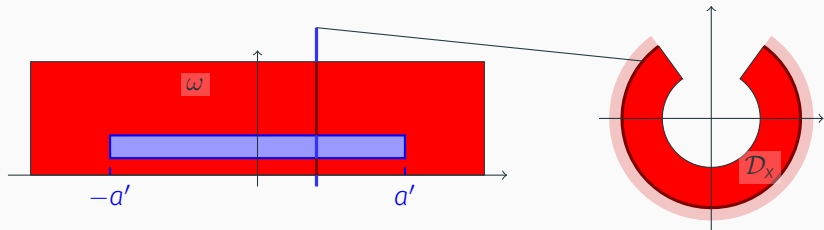
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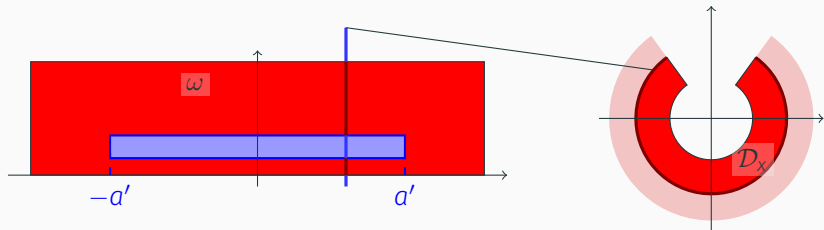




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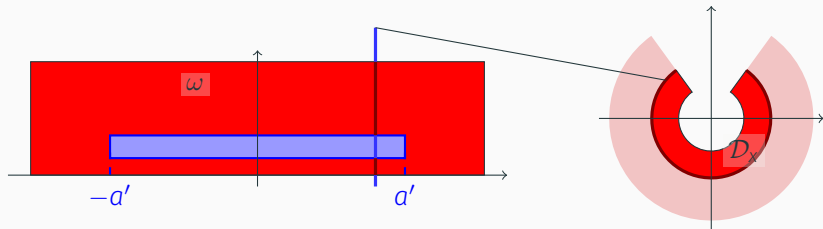
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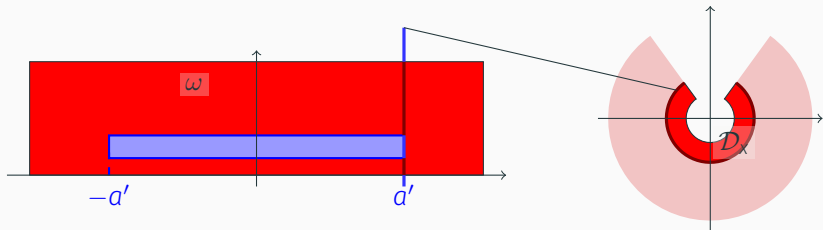
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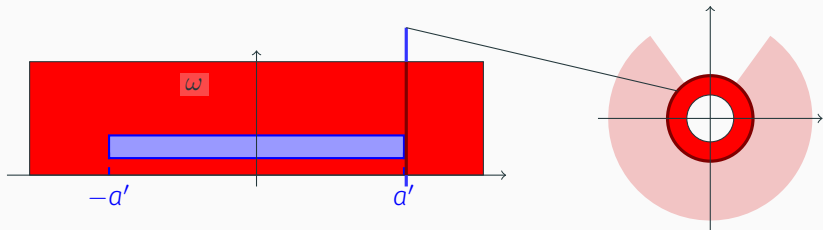
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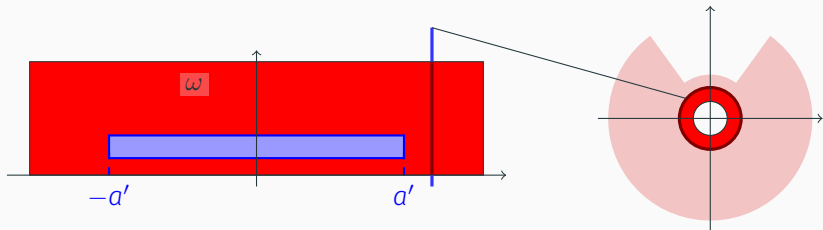
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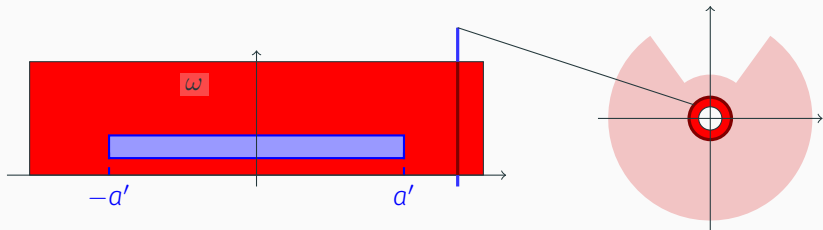
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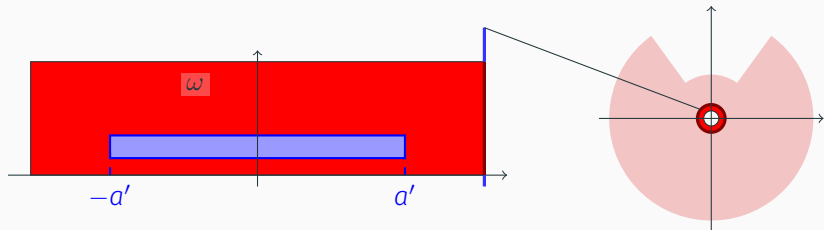
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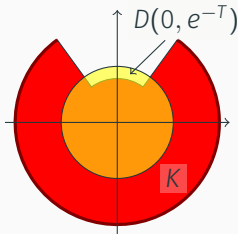
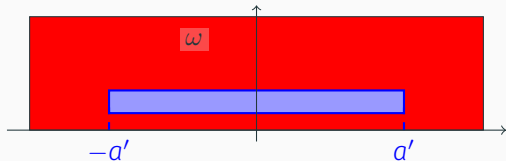
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Sketch of the proof by ODE techniques.  $h(1+2\rho)$

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