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### Abstract

In this Note, we consider the internal null-controllability of the N-dimensional heat equation on domains of the form  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  with  $\Omega_1 = (0, 1)$  and  $\Omega_2$  a smooth domain of  $\mathbb{R}^{N-1}$ ,  $N > 1$ . When the control is exerted on  $\gamma = \{x_0\} \times \omega_2 \subset \Omega$  with  $x_0$  an algebraic real number of order  $d > 1$  and  $\omega_2 \subsetneq \Omega_2$  a non-empty open subset, we show the null-controllability, for all time  $T > 0$ . This result is obtained through the Lebeau-Robbiano strategy and require an upper bound of the cost of the one-dimensional null-control. *To cite this article: El H. Samb, C. R.Acad.Sci.Paris,Ser.I353(2015)925-930.*

### Résumé

**Contrôlabilité à zéro interne de l'équation de la chaleur dans un domaine cylindrique.** Dans cette note, on considère la contrôlabilité à zéro interne de l'équation de la chaleur N-dimensionnelle, sur des domaines de la forme  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  avec  $\Omega_1 = (0, 1)$  et  $\Omega_2$  un domaine borné et régulier de  $\mathbb{R}^{N-1}$ ,  $N > 1$ . Lorsque le contrôle est exercé sur  $\gamma = \{x_0\} \times \omega_2 \subset \Omega$  avec  $x_0$  un nombre réel algébrique de degré  $d > 1$  et  $\omega_2 \subsetneq \Omega_2$  un ouvert non vide, on montre la contrôlabilité à zéro, en tout temps  $T > 0$ . Ce résultat s'appuie sur la stratégie de Lebeau-Robbiano et exige une estimation du coût du contrôle monodimensionnel. *Pour citer cet article : El H. Samb, C. R.Acad.Sci.Paris,Ser.I353(2015)925-930.*

### Version française abrégée

Ce travail s'appuie sur celui, relativement ancien, de Szymon Dolecki [2], qui donne une caractérisation de la contrôlabilité ponctuelle de l'équation de la chaleur monodimensionnelle (5). L'objectif est maintenant d'étendre ce résultat à la dimension supérieure. En notant  $\varphi_k(x) = \sqrt{2}\sin(k\pi x)$ , on montre plus précisément le résultat suivant.

**Théorème 0.1.** *Supposons que  $x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  et soit*

$$T_0(x_0) = -\liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log |\varphi_k(x_0)|}{(k\pi)^2} \in [0; +\infty]$$

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1. Soit  $\omega_2 = \Omega_2$ . Pour tout  $T > T_0(x_0)$ , le système (1) est contrôlable à zéro au temps  $T$ . Pour tout  $T < T_0(x_0)$ , le système (1) n'est pas contrôlable à zéro au temps  $T$ .
2. Soit  $x_0$  un nombre réel algébrique de degré  $d > 1$  et  $\omega_2 \subsetneq \Omega_2$ . Le système (1) est contrôlable à zéro en tout temps  $T > 0$  sur le domaine de contrôle  $\gamma = \{x_0\} \times \omega_2$ .

**Remarque 1.** Par le théorème de Liouville (approximation diophantienne), on montre que si  $x_0$  est un nombre algébrique de degré  $d > 1$  alors  $T_0(x_0) = 0$  et dans [2] l'auteur montre que pour tout  $\tau_0 \in [0, +\infty]$ , il existe  $x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  tel que  $T_0(x_0) = \tau_0$ .

## 1. Introduction

This work is based on that of Szymon Dolecki [2], which gives a characterization of the punctual controllability of the 1-dimensional heat equation. The aim is now to extend this result to the superior dimension. Let  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$  with  $\Omega_1 = (0, 1)$  and  $\Omega_2$  a smooth domain of  $\mathbb{R}^{N-1}, N > 1$ , and  $\gamma = \{x_0\} \times \omega_2$  with  $x_0 \in (0, 1)$  and  $\omega_2 \subseteq \Omega_2$ . Let us consider the following control problem :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y - \Delta y = \delta_{\{x_0\} \times \omega_2} v(x_2, t) & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ y = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), & \\ y(\cdot, 0) = y_0 \text{ in } \Omega, & \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $T > 0$  is the control time,  $y$  is the state,  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  is the initial data,  $v \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))$  is the control function and  $\gamma = \{x_0\} \times \omega_2$  is the control domain. It is well-known that System (1) is well-posed. We consider two different cases :  $\omega_2 = \Omega_2$  and  $\omega_2 \subsetneq \Omega_2$ . In each case we ask if for every  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  there exists  $v \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))$  such that the solution  $y$  of (1) satisfies  $y(T; y_0, v) = 0$ , or in a equivalent way, if there exists a constant  $C = C(T) > 0$  such that

$$\|z(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C_T^2 \int_0^T \|z(x_0, t)\|_{L^2(\omega_2)}^2 dt, \quad \forall z_0 \in L^2(\Omega), \quad (2)$$

where  $z$  is the solution to the following adjoint system, associated with System (1) :

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t z - \Delta z = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T), \\ z = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T), & \\ z(\cdot, 0) = z_0 \text{ in } \Omega. & \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Throughout this paper, we are going to consider the following two assumptions

**Assumption (A1):** The number  $x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  and  $\omega_2 = \Omega_2$ ,

**Assumption (A2):** The number  $x_0$  is an algebraic real number of order  $d > 1$  and  $\omega_2 \subsetneq \Omega_2$ .

The purpose of this note is to establish, by noting  $\varphi_k(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin(k\pi x)$ , the following result :

**Theorem 1.1.** Assume that  $x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  and consider

$$T_0(x_0) = - \liminf_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log |\varphi_k(x_0)|}{(k\pi)^2} \in [0; +\infty]. \quad (4)$$

1. **Under the assumption (A1).** If  $T > T_0(x_0)$ , System (1) is null-controllable at time  $T$ . For any  $T < T_0(x_0)$ , System (1) is not null-controllable at time  $T$ .
2. **Under the assumption (A2).** System (1) is null-controllable, for all time  $T > 0$ .

**Remark 1.** By using Liouville's Theorem in diophantine approximation, we show that if  $x_0$  is an algebraic real number of order  $d > 1$  then  $T_0(x_0) = 0$ . In [2], the author shows that, for all  $\tau_0 \in [0, +\infty]$  there exists  $x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $T_0(x_0) = \tau_0$ .

- Remark 2.**
1. The proof of the first assertion of Theorem 1.1, is much simpler and it does not need the control cost estimate. On the other hand, it is essentially based on results of S. Dolecki (see [2]), concerning null-controllability of the one-dimensionnal heat equation.
  2. The proof of the second assertion of theorem 1.1 is based on the method of Lebeau-Robbiano (see [4]). This strategy requires an estimate of the cost of the 1-dimensional control. We establish, by using Liouville's Theorem in diophantine approximation, that the cost of the one-dimensional null-control is bounded by  $Ce^{C/T}$ , for some  $C > 0$ , if  $x_0$  is an algebraic real number of order  $d > 1$ .

## 2. Null-controllability of System (1) under the assumption (A1)

**In one-dimensional space :**

Szymon Dolecki in [2] proved, for all  $x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , that the following heat equation

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t y - \partial_{xx} y = \delta_{\{x_0\}} v(t) & \text{in } (0, 1) \times (0, T), \\ y(0, \cdot) = y(1, \cdot) = 0 \text{ on } (0, T), \quad y(\cdot, 0) = y_0 \text{ in } (0, 1). \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

is null-controllable at time  $T$ , if  $T > T_0(x_0)$  and for any  $T < T_0(x_0)$ , System (5) is not null-controllable at time  $T$ . He also showed, the following observability inequality :

$$\|\psi(\cdot, T)\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq C_T \|\psi(x_0, \cdot)\|_{L^2(0,T)}, \text{ where } C_T = \left[ \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{e^{-(k\pi)^2 T}}{d_k |\varphi_k(x_0)|} \right], \quad (6)$$

where  $d_k(T)$  is the distance, in  $L^2(0, T)$ , between  $e^{-(k\pi)^2 t}$  and the smallest closed subspace of  $L^2[0, T]$  containing the functions  $\{e^{-(n\pi)^2 t}\}_{n \neq k}$  and  $\psi$  being the solution to the following adjoint system of (5)

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t \psi - \partial_{xx} \psi = 0 & \text{in } (0, 1) \times (0, T), \\ \psi(0, \cdot) = \psi(1, \cdot) = 0 \text{ on } (0, T), \quad \psi(\cdot, 0) = \psi_0 \text{ in } (0, 1), \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $\psi_0 \in L^2(0, T)$ . The series in square parentheses (relation (6)) converges because of the estimation  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  :

$$\frac{1}{d_k(T)} \leq e^{2\varepsilon(k\pi)^2}, \text{ when } k \rightarrow +\infty, \quad (\text{See [5] Theorem 7.1}).$$

**Remark 3.** The infimum of the constants  $C_T$  satisfying (6) is called the cost of the one-dimensional null-control on  $(0, 1)$ , noted  $C_T^{\Omega_1}$ .

**In N-dimensional space :**

Let us consider the operator  $A_{x_0, T} : L^2(0, T; L^2(\Omega_2)) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$  defined by  $A_{x_0, T}(z(x_0, \cdot, \cdot)) = z(\cdot, \cdot, T)$ .

Let us show that  $A_{x_0, T}$  is well-defined and bounded for  $T > T_0(x_0)$  and is not bounded for  $T < T_0(x_0)$ .

• Let  $\lambda_j^{\Omega_2}$ ,  $J \geq 1$  be the Dirichlet eigenvalues of the Laplacian on  $\Omega_2$ , and let  $\phi_j^{\Omega_2}$  be the corresponding normalized eigenfunction. Let us introduce the (closed) subspaces of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  :

$E_J = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^J \left( u(x_1, \cdot), \phi_j^{\Omega_2} \right)_{L^2(\Omega_2)} \phi_j^{\Omega_2} \mid u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \right\} \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ . We denote by  $\Pi_{E_J}$  the orthogonal projection in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Let  $z$  be the solution of (3) associated with  $z_0(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{j=1}^J z_0^j(x_1) \phi_j^{\Omega_2}(x_2) \in E_J$ . Thus,  $\Pi_{E_J} z(x_1, x_2, t) = \sum_{j=1}^J e^{-\lambda_j^{\Omega_2} t} z_j(x_1, t) \phi_j^{\Omega_2}(x_2)$  where  $z_j$  is the solution of System (7), associated with the initial data  $z_0^j$ . Thus,  $z_j$  verifies (6) and we obtain the following partial observabilities

$$\| \Pi_{E_J} z(T) \|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^J e^{-2\lambda_j^{\Omega_2} T} \| z_j(T) \|_{L^2(\Omega_1)}^2 \leq C_T^2 \| \Pi_{E_J} z(x_0, \cdot, t) \|_{L^2(0,T;L^2(\Omega_2))}^2, \quad \forall T > T_0(x_0). \quad (8)$$

Thus,  $A_{x_0, T}$  is well-defined and bounded which means that System (1) is null-controllable at time  $T$ , if  $T > T_0(x_0)$ .

- Let us suppose that the Dirichlet series  $\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{e^{-(k\pi)^2 T}}{|\varphi_k(x_0)|} = +\infty$  ( true  $\forall T < T_0(x_0)$ , see [7]). By using the same technique as Dolecki (see [2] page 294), we can show that  $A_{x_0, T}$  is not bounded.

### 3. Null-controllability of System (1) under the assumption (A2)

This case is more difficult and requires some intermediate results.

- **Partial observability:** Let us apply the Lebeau-Robbiano spectral inequality (see [4]) to the partial observabilities (8) (with  $C_T^{\Omega_1}$ ), we obtain

$$\|\Pi_{E_J} z(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \leq C(C_T^{\Omega_1})^2 e^{C\sqrt{\lambda_J^{\Omega_2}}} \int_0^T \|\Pi_{E_J} z(x_0, \cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\omega_2)}^2 dt. \quad (9)$$

Consequently, thanks to duality theorem between controllability and observability, one has for every  $J \geq 1$  and for all initial data  $y_0 \in E_J$ , there exists a control  $v(y_0) \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))$  with

$$\|v(y_0)\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))} \leq CC_T^{\Omega_1} e^{C\sqrt{\lambda_J^{\Omega_2}}} \|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad (10)$$

such that the solution  $y$  to System (2) satisfies  $\Pi_{E_J} y(T) = 0$ .

- **Estimate of the cost  $C_T^{\Omega_1}$ :** The purpose here is to estimate  $C_T$  defined in (6). If we note  $\{\psi_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  the optimal biorthogonal set for  $\{e^{-k^2\pi^2}\}$  in  $L^2[0, T]$ , one has  $\|\psi_k\|_{L^2[0, T]} = \frac{1}{d_k(T)}$ , moreover if  $\{\tilde{\psi}_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is any other biorthogonal set for  $\{e^{-k^2\pi^2}\}$  in  $L^2[0, T]$  thus  $\|\psi_k\|_{L^2[0, T]} \leq \|\tilde{\psi}_k\|_{L^2[0, T]}$  (see [3] page 277). Besides, we deduce from [1] ( Theorem 1.5, relation (1.12)), see also [3] and [6], that we can find  $\{\tilde{\psi}_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  a biorthogonal set for  $\{e^{-k^2\pi^2}\}$ , such that there exists  $T_0$  and  $C > 0$ , such that for all  $0 < T < T_0$  :

$$\frac{1}{d_k(T)} \leq \|\tilde{\psi}_k\|_{L^2[0, T]} \leq Ce^{C\sqrt{k^2\pi^2}}, \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

By Young's inequality,  $C\sqrt{k^2\pi^2} \leq k^2\pi^2 \frac{T}{4} + \frac{C^2}{T}$ , consequently

$$C_T = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{e^{-(k\pi)^2 T}}{d_k(T)|\varphi_k(x_0)|} \leq Ce^{\frac{C^2}{T}} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{e^{-\frac{3}{4}(k\pi)^2 T}}{|\varphi_k(x_0)|}, \quad \forall x_0 \in (0, 1) \setminus \mathbb{Q}.$$

**Proposition 3.1.** *If  $x_0$  is an algebraic real number of order  $d > 1$ , then for all  $\alpha > 0$  there exists a constant  $C(d) > 0$  such that*

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{e^{-(k\pi)^2 \alpha T}}{|\varphi_k(x_0)|} \leq C(d, \alpha) e^{\frac{d}{2T}},$$

consequently there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $C_T^{\Omega_1} \leq Ce^{\frac{C}{T}}$ .

**Proof :** Step 1:  $\frac{1}{|\varphi_k(x_0)|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}|\sin(k\pi x_0)|} \leq \frac{k^{d-1}}{2\sqrt{2}A}$ . Indeed, let  $p_k \in \mathbb{N}$  be the unique integer such as  $p_k - \frac{1}{2} < kx_0 < p_k + \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\varepsilon_k = kx_0 - p_k \in ]-\frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}[$ , one has  $|\sin(k\pi x_0)| = |\sin(\pi\varepsilon_k)| \geq \frac{2}{\pi}|\pi\varepsilon_k| = 2|\varepsilon_k|$  since  $|\sin(t)| \geq \frac{2}{\pi}|t|$ ,  $\forall t \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}; \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Thus,

$$\frac{1}{|\sin(k\pi x_0)|} \leq \frac{1}{2k|x_0 - \frac{p_k}{k}|}.$$

Moreover, by using Liouville's Theorem (on diophantine approximation), there exists a real number  $A > 0$  such that, for all integers  $p, q$ , with  $q > 0$ , such that  $|x_0 - \frac{p}{q}| \geq \frac{A}{q^d}$ . Consequently

$$\frac{1}{|\varphi_k(x_0)|} \leq \frac{k^{d-1}}{2\sqrt{2}A} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{e^{-(k\pi)^2 \alpha T}}{|\varphi_k(x_0)|} \leq \frac{1}{2A\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{d-1} e^{-(k\pi)^2 \alpha T}.$$

*Step 2:* By using the Cauchy integral criterion on the function  $x \mapsto x^{d-1} e^{-x^2 \alpha \pi^2 T}$ , we get that

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} k^{d-1} e^{-(k\pi)^2 \alpha T} \leq \left( \frac{d-1}{\alpha \pi^2 T} \right)^{\frac{d}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \right),$$

moreover  $e \leq xe^{\frac{1}{x}}$  for all  $x > 0$ , then for all  $T > 0$ , one has :

$$\frac{1}{T^{\frac{d}{2}}} \leq e^{\frac{d}{2}(\frac{1}{T}-1)}.$$

Thus, there exists  $C(d) > 0$  such that  $C_T^{\Omega_1} \leq C(d)e^{\frac{C}{T}}$ ,  $\forall T > 0$ .

- **Lebeau-Robbiano time procedure:** Let us decompose the interval  $[0; T)$  as follows  $[0, T) = \bigcup_{k=0}^{+\infty} [a_k, a_{k+1}]$  with  $a_0 = 0$ ,  $a_{k+1} = a_k + 2T_k$ , and  $T_k = M2^{-k\rho}$ , where  $\rho \in (0, \frac{1}{N_2})$  ( $\Omega_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{N_2}$ ) et  $M = \frac{T}{2}(1 - 2^{-\rho})$  has been determined to ensure that  $2 \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} T_k = T$ . We define the control  $v$  and the corresponding solution  $y$  piecewisely and by induction as follows

$$v(y_0)(t) = \begin{cases} v(\Pi_{E_{2^k}} y(a_k))(t) & \text{if } t \in (a_k, a_k + T_k), \\ 0 & \text{if } t \in (a_k + T_k, a_{k+1}), \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

such that  $\Pi_{E_{2^k}} y(a_k + T_k) = 0$ . Let us show that  $v(y_0)$  belongs to  $L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))$  and steers  $y$  to 0 at time  $T$ .

**Step 1: Estimate on the interval  $[a_k, a_k + T_k]$ .** Let us first recall that System (1) is well-posed in the sense that, for every  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $v \in L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))$ , there exists a unique solution  $y \in L^2(0, T; H_0^1(0, 1)) \cap C^0([0, T]; L^2(0, 1))$ , defined by transposition. Moreover, this solution depends continuously on the initial data  $y_0$  and the control  $v$ . More precisely  $\|y\|_{C^0([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))} \leq C(\|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))})$ . Thus, from the continuous dependence with respect to the data and since  $T_k \leq T$  we know that

$$\|y(a_k + T_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C(\|y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|v\|_{L^2(a_k, a_k + T_k; L^2(\omega_2))}). \quad (12)$$

Using (10) we have

$$\|v\|_{L^2(a_k, a_k + T_k; L^2(\omega_2))} \leq CC_{T_k}^{\Omega_1} e^{C\sqrt{\lambda_{2^k}^{\Omega_2}}} \|\Pi_{E_{2^k}} y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \text{ and since } \|\Pi_{E_{2^k}} y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq 1, \text{ this gives}$$

$$\|v\|_{L^2(a_k, a_k + T_k; L^2(\omega_2))} \leq CC_{T_k}^{\Omega_1} e^{C\sqrt{\lambda_{2^k}^{\Omega_2}}} \|y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Using now the estimate of  $C_T^{\Omega_1}$  with respect to  $T$ , this leads to

$$\|v\|_{L^2(a_k, a_k + T_k; L^2(\omega_2))} \leq Ce^{c(\frac{1}{T_k} + \sqrt{\lambda_{2^k}^{\Omega_2}})} \|y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

On the other hand, Weyls asymptotic formula states that

$$\sqrt{\lambda_{2^k}^{\Omega_2}} \sim C(2^k)^{\frac{1}{N_2}}, \quad \text{when } k \rightarrow +\infty,$$

and (by the choice of  $\rho$ )

$$\frac{1}{T_k} = \frac{2^{k\rho}}{M} \leq C2^{\frac{k}{N_2}},$$

so that

$$\|v\|_{L^2(a_k, a_k + T_k; L^2(\omega_2))} \leq Ce^{C2^{\frac{k}{N_2}}} \|y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (13)$$

Combined to (12) this yields

$$\|y(a_k + T_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ce^{C2^{\frac{k}{N_2}}} \|y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (14)$$

**Step 2: Estimate on the interval**  $[a_k + T_k, a_{k+1}]$ . Since  $\Pi_{E_{2^k}} y(a_k + T_k) = 0$ , the dissipation (see [1], Proposition 2.4, page 7) gives

$$\|y(a_{k+1})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C e^{-\lambda_{2^k+1}^{\Omega_2} T_k} \|y(a_k + T_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (15)$$

**Step 3 : Final estimate.** From (14) and (15) we deduce

$$\|y(a_{k+1})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C e^{-\lambda_{2^k+1}^{\Omega_2} T_k + C 2^{\frac{k}{N_2}}} \|y(a_k)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

By induction we obtain

$$\|y(a_{k+1})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C e^{\sum_{p=0}^k \left( -\lambda_{2^p+1}^{\Omega_2} T_p + C 2^{\frac{p}{N_2}} \right)} \|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Since

$$\lambda_{2^p+1}^{\Omega_2} T_p \sim C(2^p + 1)^{\frac{2}{N_2}} 2^{-p\rho} \geq C' (2^p)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho}, \quad p \rightarrow +\infty,$$

we obtain

$$\|y(a_{k+1})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C e^{\sum_{p=0}^k \left( -C' (2^p)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho} + C (2^p)^{\frac{1}{N_2}} \right)} \|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

Since  $\rho < \frac{1}{N_2}$  there exists a  $p_0 \geq 1$  such that

$$-C' (2^p)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho} + C (2^p)^{\frac{1}{N_2}} \leq -C'' (2^p)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho}, \quad \forall p \geq p_0. \quad (16)$$

It follows that, for  $k \geq p_0$ , we have

$$\sum_{p=0}^k \left( -C' (2^p)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho} + C (2^p)^{\frac{1}{N_2}} \right) \leq C''' - C'' \sum_{p=p_0}^k (2^p)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho} \leq C''' - C'' (2^k)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho}.$$

So that, finally,

$$\|y(a_{k+1})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C e^{-C(2^k)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho}} \|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)}. \quad (17)$$

**Step 4 : The function  $v$  is a control.** Estimates (13) and (17) show that the function  $v$  is in  $L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))$ :

$$\|v\|_{L^2(0, T; L^2(\omega_2))}^2 = \sum_{k \geq 0} \|v\|_{L^2(a_k, a_k + T_k; L^2(\omega_2))}^2 \leq C \left( \sum_{k \geq 0} e^{C 2^{\frac{k}{N_2}} - C' (2^k)^{\frac{2}{N_2} - \rho}} \right) \|y_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} < +\infty, \text{ by (16).}$$

Moreover, estimate (17) also shows that the function  $v$  is indeed a control:

$$\|y(a_{k+1})\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \rightarrow 0 = \|y(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}, \quad \text{when } k \rightarrow +\infty,$$

and ends the proof of Theorem 1.1 .

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