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Abstract. First order necessary conditions of optimality for boundary control problems governed by parabolic equations with nonlinear boundary value conditions are obtained. Some implications in controllability theory of these systems are derived.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We are concerned here with first order necessary conditions of optimality for convex control problems governed by nonlinear boundary-value problems of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.1) \quad & y_t + Ay = 0 && \text{in } Q = \Omega \times ]0, T[ \\
 & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_i(y) \ni B_i u_i + f_i && \text{in } \Sigma_i = \Gamma_i \times ]0, T[; i = 1, 2 \\
 & y(x, 0) = y_0(x) && \text{in } \Omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\Omega$  is a bounded and open subset of the Euclidean space  $R^N$ ,  $A$  is a second order elliptic and symmetric operator on  $\Omega$  and  $\beta_i$  are maximal monotone graphs (in general multivalued) in  $R \times R$ . The controls  $u_i$  are taken from the Hilbert spaces  $U_i$  and  $B_i$  are linear continuous operators from  $U_i$  to  $L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . The functions  $y_0$  and  $f_i$  are fixed in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , respectively.

The boundary  $\Gamma$  of  $\Omega$  consists of two disjoint parts  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ , i.e.,  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  and  $\Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 = \emptyset$ .

To make what follows more meaningful, let me briefly describe

some physical problems from which this system originate. We refer the reader to [7] and [10] for further examples and complete references.

1° Newton's colling law. In this case  $\beta_i$  are continuous and monotonically increasing functions.

2° The Stefan - Boltzman heat radiation law. The functions  $\beta_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are of the following form

$$(1.2) \quad \beta_i(r) = \begin{cases} a_i(r - c)^4 & \text{if } r \geq c \\ 0 & \text{if } r < c \end{cases}$$

where  $a_i > 0$ ;  $i = 1, 2$ .

3° The natural convection

$$(1.3) \quad \beta_i(r) = \begin{cases} a r^{5/4} & \text{if } r \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } r < 0 \end{cases} ; a > 0; i = 1, 2$$

4° The enzyme diffusion (The Michaelis-Menten law)

In this case  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1$  and  $\beta = \beta_1$  is given by

$$(1.4) \quad \beta(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{r}{r + m} & \text{for } r > 0 \\ -\infty & \text{for } r = 0 \\ \phi & \text{for } r < 0. \end{cases}$$

5° The thermostat-control ([7], p.21). The process is described by (1.1) where (we shall take  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta$ )

$$(1.5) \quad \beta(r) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1(r - \theta_1) & \text{if } -\infty < r < \theta_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \theta_1 \leq r \leq \theta_2 \\ \alpha_2(r - \theta_2) & \text{if } \theta_2 < r < \infty \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are positive numbers.

6° The Signorini-problem ([7]). The graph  $\beta$  ( $\Gamma = \Gamma_1$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta$ ) is given by



$$(1.6) \quad \beta(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r > 0 \\ ]-\infty, 0] & \text{if } r = 0 \\ \phi & \text{if } r < 0 \end{cases}$$

The contents of this paper are outlined below. In the Section 2 we shall study existence and approximation of solutions for the boundary control system (1.1). In Section 3 are given the main results, Theorems 1 and 2 which are concerned with necessary conditions for optimality in a control problem with convex cost criterion governed by (1.1) in two typical cases:  $\beta_i$  locally Lipschitzian functions and the Signorini problem (1.6).

The proofs are delivered in sections 5, 6. The main idea of our approach consists to approximating the control problem by a family of smooth problems for which the optimality equations are immediate and to tend to limit in the approximating equations. In Section 4 is studied the convergence of this approximating control process. In Section 7 some applications of the present theory to controllability of nonlinear systems of the form (1.1) are given.

The results as well as the approach used here are similar to those from the author works [1], [2], [3]. For comparison with other literature on necessary conditions for boundary control problems the works [14], [16] are most closely related to present paper. In particular Theorem 1 includes and refines those of [14].

The following notation will be used in the sequel. Given a real Banach space  $E$ , and  $[0, T]$  a real interval we shall denote by  $L^p(0, T; E)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  the space of all  $p$ -integrable  $E$ -valued functions on  $[0, T]$  and by  $C([0, T]; E)$  the Banach space of all continuous functions from  $[0, T]$  to  $E$ . By  $C_w([0, T]; E)$  we shall

denote the space of all functions continuous from  $[0, T]$  to the space  $E$  endowed with weak topology.

Given a lower semicontinuous convex function  $\varphi : E \rightarrow \bar{R} = ]-\infty, +\infty]$  we shall denote by  $\partial\varphi(x) \in E'$  (the dual space of  $E$ ) the set of all subgradients of  $\varphi$  at  $x$ , i.e.,

$$(1.7) \quad \partial\varphi(x) = \left\{ x^* \in E'; \varphi(x) \leq \varphi(y) + (x^*, x-y) \right. \\ \left. \text{for all } y \in E \right\}.$$

If  $\varphi$  is Gâteaux differentiable at  $x$  then  $\partial\varphi(x)$  consists of a single element, namely the gradient  $\nabla\varphi(x)$  of  $\varphi$  at  $x$ . The mapping  $\partial\varphi : E \rightarrow E'$  is called the subdifferential of  $\varphi$ . If  $\beta$  is a locally Lipschitzian function on real axis  $R$ , the generalized gradient  $\partial\beta$  (in the sense of Clarke [6]) of  $\beta$  is defined by

$$(1.8) \quad \partial\beta(r) = \text{conv} \left\{ y \in R; y = \lim_{r_n \rightarrow r} \beta'(r_n) \right\}, \quad r \in R$$

where  $\nabla\beta = \beta'$  denotes the ordinary derivate of  $\beta$ . For other concepts and results in convex analysis relevant to this paper we refer the reader to [4], [5], [8], [13].

Let  $k, r, s$  be real numbers. We shall denote by  $H^k(\Omega), H^k(\Gamma)$ ,  $H^{r,s}(Q)$  and  $H^{r,s}(\Sigma)$  the usual Sobolev spaces on  $\Omega, \Gamma, Q$  and  $\Sigma$ , respectively (see, e.g. [11], p.14). By  $L^2(\Omega), L^2(\Gamma), L^2(Q)$  and  $L^2(\Sigma)$  we shall denote the corresponding spaces of square integrable functions. Finally we shall denote by  $W(Q)$  the space of all functions  $y \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$  such that  $\frac{d}{dt} y \in L^2(0, T; (H^1(\Omega))')$ . Here  $(H^1(\Omega))'$  is the dual space of  $H^1(\Omega)$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  denotes the derivative of  $y(t)$  in the sense of  $(H^1(\Omega))'$ -valued distributions on  $]0, T[$ .  $W(Q)$  is a Banach space with the natural norm



$$(1.9) \quad \|y\|_{W(Q)}^2 = (\|y\|_{L^2(0,T;H^1(\Omega))}^2 + \|\frac{dy}{dt}\|_{L^2(0,T;(H^1(\Omega)))'}^2)$$

and it is well known that  $W(Q) \subset C([0,T]; L^2(\Omega))$ , algebraically and topologically.

## 2. THE BOUNDARY CONTROL SYSTEM

Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded and open subset of  $R^N$  with a sufficiently smooth boundary  $\Gamma$ . We shall assume that  $\Gamma$  consists of two smooth and disjoint parts  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  where  $\text{meas } \Gamma_1 > 0$  (except the case  $N = 1$  and  $\Omega = ]a, b[$  when  $\Gamma_1 = \{a\}$  or  $\Gamma_1 = \{a\} \cup \{b\}$ ).

Let  $A$  be a second order differential operators on  $\Omega$  of the form

$$Ay = - \sum_{i,j=1}^N (a_{ij}(x) y_{x_i})_{x_j} + a(x)y$$

where  $a_{ij} \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $a \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ ,  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$  and for some  $\omega > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^N a_{ij} \xi_i \xi_j \geq |\xi|^2 \quad \text{a.e. on } \Omega, \quad \xi \in R^n.$$

(Here  $y_{x_i}$  denotes the partial derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x_i$ ).

For  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $v_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  consider the system

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} y_t + Ay &= 0 && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_i(y) &\ni v_i && \text{in } \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2 \\ y(x, 0) &= y_0(x) && x \in \Omega \end{aligned}$$

where  $y_t$  stands for partial derivative  $\partial y / \partial t$  while

$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu}$  is the outward normal derivative associated with  $A$ .

Here  $\beta_i, i = 1, 2$  are two maximal monotone graphs in  $R \times R$  which satisfy the conditions

$$(2.2) \quad \beta_i(0) \ni 0 \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Let us now give a precise meaning to system (2.1)

DEFINITION 1. A function  $y \in W(Q)$  is a solution to (2.1) if there exist the functions  $w_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i), i = 1, 2$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad w_i(\sigma, t) \in \beta_i(y(\sigma, t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad - \int_Q y \mathcal{V}_t dx dt + \int_0^T a(y, \mathcal{V}) dt + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Sigma_i} (w_i - v_i) \mathcal{V} d\sigma dt = \\ = \int_{\Omega} y_0(x) \mathcal{V}(x, 0) dx$$

for all  $\mathcal{V} \in W(Q)$  such that  $\mathcal{V}(x, T) = 0$ .

Here  $a: H^1(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow R$  is the bilinear functional

$$(2.5) \quad a(y, z) = \sum_{i,j=1}^N \int_{\Omega} (a_{ij} y_{x_i} z_{x_j} + ayz) dx; y, z \in H^1(\Omega).$$

Condition (2.4) can be equivalently defined as

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{d}{dt} (y(t), \psi) + a(y(t), \psi) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Gamma_i} (w_i - v_i) \psi d\sigma = 0, \\ \text{a.e. } t \in ]0, T[$$

$$y(0) = y_0$$

for all  $\psi \in H^1(\Omega)$ .

Here  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the usual inner product in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and will be also used to denote the pairing between  $H^1(\Omega)$  and  $(H^1(\Omega))'$ .



Let  $f$  be a  $C_0^\infty$ -function on  $R$  satisfying:  $f(r) > 0$  for  $r \in ]-1, 1[$ ,  $f(r) = 0$  for  $|r| > 1$ ,  $f(r) = f(-r)$  for all  $r \in R$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(r) dr = 1$ . We define for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$(2.7) \quad \beta_i^\varepsilon(r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \beta_{i\varepsilon}(r - \varepsilon\theta) f(\theta) d\theta; \quad i = 1, 2, \quad r \in R$$

where

$$(2.8) \quad \beta_{i\varepsilon}(r) = \varepsilon^{-1}(r - (1 + \varepsilon \beta_i)^{-1}r), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

It should be recalled that  $\beta_i^\varepsilon$  are monotonically increasing infinitely differentiable functions. Moreover,  $\beta_i^\varepsilon$  is Lipschitzian with Lipschitz constant  $\varepsilon^{-1}$  and in a certain sense which will be cleared below it approximates  $\beta_i$  for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  consider the approximating system

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} y_t + Ay &= 0 && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_i^\varepsilon(y) &= v_i && \text{in } \Sigma_i; \quad i = 1, 2 \\ y(., 0) &= y_0 && \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A_\varepsilon: H^1(\Omega) \rightarrow (H^1(\Omega))'$  be the operator defined by

$$(2.10) \quad (A_\varepsilon y, \psi) = a(y, \psi) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Gamma_i} \beta_i^\varepsilon(y) \psi d\sigma; \quad y, \psi \in H^1(\Omega)$$

and let  $f \in L^2(0, T; (H^1(\Omega))')$  be given by

$$(2.11) \quad (f(t), \psi) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Gamma_i} v_i \psi d\sigma, \quad \psi \in H^1(\Omega).$$

Then in the sense of Definition 1 (see (2.6)) equation (2.9) can be written as

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} + \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon y = f \quad t \in [0, T]$$

$$y(0) = y_0.$$

Since  $\mathcal{A}_\varepsilon$  is continuous monotone, coercive and sublinear from  $H^1(\Omega)$  to  $(H^1(\Omega))'$ , according to a standard existence result due to Lions (see for instance [4] p.64) equation (2.12) (and therefore (2.9)) has a unique solution  $y_\varepsilon \in W(Q)$ .

Let  $j_i: R \rightarrow R$   $i = 1, 2$  be two convex and lower semicontinuous functions such that  $\partial j_i = \beta_i$  (it is well known that such functions always exist)

PROPOSITION 1 . Let  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $v_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$  be given such that  $j_i(y_0) \in L^1(\Omega)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  . Then system (2.1) has a unique solution  $y \in W(Q)$  . Furthermore, one has for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$(2.13) \quad y_\varepsilon \rightarrow y \text{ strongly in } C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$$

and weakly in  $W(Q)$  .

There exists  $C > 0$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  and  $v_i$  such that

$$(2.14) \quad \|y\|_{W(Q)} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\beta_i(y)\|_{L^2(\Sigma_i)} \leq C \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 \|v_i\|_{L^2(\Sigma_i)}^{+1} \right)$$

(If  $\beta_i$  are multivalued we mean by  $\beta_i(y)$  the single valued section  $w_i$  which occurs in (2.3))

Proof. We take the inner product of equation (2.12) (where  $y = y_\varepsilon$ ) by  $y_\varepsilon$  and integrate over  $[0, t]$ . By (2.10) and (2.11) it follows that

$$(2.15) \quad \|y_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_0^t \|y_\varepsilon(s)\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 ds \leq C (\|u_1\|_{L^2(\Sigma_1)}^2 + \|u_2\|_{L^2(\Sigma_2)}^2 + 1), \quad t \in [0, T]$$



where  $C$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$ .

Next, we take the inner product of (2.12) with  $\beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)$ . Inasmuch as  $a(\psi, \beta_i^\varepsilon(\psi)) \geq 0$ , for all  $\psi \in H^1(\Omega)$ , we find after some calculations,

$$(2.16) \quad \int_{\Omega} j_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) dx + \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_{\Sigma_j} (\beta_j^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) - v_j) \beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) d\sigma dt \leq \\ \leq \int_{\Omega} j_i^\varepsilon(y) dx, \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$

where

$$j_i^\varepsilon(r) = \int_0^r \beta_i^\varepsilon(s) ds; \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Along with assumption (2.2), (2.16) yields

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \|\beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(\Sigma_i)}^2 \leq C \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 \|v_i\|_{L^2(\Sigma_i)}^2 + 1 \right)$$

and by (2.12) and (2.15) we see that

$$(2.17) \quad \|y_\varepsilon\|_{W(Q)}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|\beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)\|_{L^2(\Sigma_i)}^2 \leq C \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \|v_i\|_{L^2(\Sigma_i)}^2 \right)$$

where  $C$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$ .

Now using once again equation (2.12) for  $\xi, \lambda > 0$  we get

$$\|y_\varepsilon(t) - y_\lambda(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|y_\varepsilon - y_\lambda\|_{L^2(0,T;H^1(\Omega))}^2 + \\ + C \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Sigma_i} (\beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) - \beta_i^\lambda(y_\lambda))(y_\varepsilon - y_\lambda) d\sigma dt \leq 0$$

Taking in account (2.7), (2.8), (2.17) and the monotonicity of  $\beta_i$  the latter implies by a standard procedure, that

$$(2.18) \quad \|y_\varepsilon - y_\lambda\|_{C([0,T];L^2(\Omega))}^2 + \|y_\varepsilon - y_\lambda\|_{L^2(0,T;H^1(\Omega))}^2 \leq C(\varepsilon + \lambda)$$

Hence  $y = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} y_\varepsilon$  exists in the strong topology of  $L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$ . In particular, this implies that

$$y_\varepsilon \longrightarrow y \text{ strongly in } L^2(0, T; H^{1/2}(\Gamma)) \subset L^2(\Sigma)$$

and by (2.17) we may assume that

$$(2.19) \quad \beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) \longrightarrow w_i \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i), \quad i = 1, 2$$

According to Definition 1, to prove that  $y$  is a solution to (2.1) it suffices to show that

$$(2.20) \quad w_i \in \beta_i(y) \quad \text{a.e. on } \Sigma_i; \quad i = 1, 2.$$

To this purpose, we set

$$z_\varepsilon^i = \beta_{i\varepsilon}(y_\varepsilon - \varepsilon \theta).$$

By (2.7) and (2.19) it follows that, on same subsequence  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$(2.21) \quad z_\varepsilon^i \longrightarrow z^i \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i \times ]-1, 1[); \quad i = 1, 2.$$

On the other hand, since  $z_\varepsilon^i \in \beta_i((1 + \varepsilon \beta_i)^{-1}(y_\varepsilon - \varepsilon \theta))$  and by (2.19)  $(1 + \varepsilon \beta_i)^{-1}(y_\varepsilon - \varepsilon \theta)$  is strongly convergent to  $y$  in  $L^2(\Sigma_i \times ]-1, 1[)$  we may infer that

$$z^i(\sigma, t, \theta) \in \beta_i(y(\sigma, t)) \quad \text{a.e. on } \Sigma_i \times ]-1, 1[.$$

Along with (2.7) and (2.21) the latter implies (2.20) as claimed.

The uniqueness of  $y$  is immediate from Definition 1.

To obtain estimates (2.13) and (2.14) we let  $\lambda$  tend to zero in (2.18) and  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  in (2.17).

Let us denote by  $K: L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_1) \rightarrow W(Q)$  the operator defined by  $y = K(v_1, v_2)$  where  $y$  is the solution to (2.1)



By  $K_\varepsilon$  we shall denote the corresponding operator associated with equation (2.9).

PROPOSITION 2 . Under conditions of Proposition 1 the operator  $K$  is weakly continuous from  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_1)$  to  $W(Q)$  and compact from  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_1)$  to  $L^2(Q)$ . Furthermore, if for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  the sequence  $\{(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon)\}$  is weakly convergent in  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2)$  to  $(v_1, v_2)$  then on some subsequence, again denoted  $\varepsilon$ , one has

$$(2.22) \quad K_\varepsilon(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon) \longrightarrow K(v_1, v_2) \text{ weakly in } W(Q) \text{ and strongly in } L^2(Q).$$

If  $(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon) \longrightarrow (v_1, v_2)$  strongly in  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2)$  then

$$(2.23) \quad K_\varepsilon(v_1, v_2) \longrightarrow K(v_1, v_2) \text{ strongly in } C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \\ L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)).$$

Proof. Let  $\{(v_1^n, v_2^n)\}$  a sequence of  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_1)$  weakly convergent to  $(v_1, v_2)$ . By estimate (2.14) it follows that  $\{y_n = K(v_1^n, v_2^n)\}$  is weakly compact in  $W(Q)$ .

Hence on some subsequence again denoted  $y_n$ , we have

$$(2.24) \quad y_n \longrightarrow y \text{ weakly in } W(Q) \text{ and strongly in } L^2(Q).$$

As a matter of fact, since  $\{y_n\}$  is bounded in  $L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$  and  $\left\{\frac{dy_n}{dt}\right\}$  in  $L^2(0, T; (H^1(\Omega))')$  according to a well-known compactness theorem,  $\{y_n\}$  is a precompact subset of some  $L^2(0, T; H^{\frac{5}{2}}(\Omega))$  where  $\frac{1}{2} < \frac{5}{2} < 1$ .

Thus by the trace theorem we may conclude that  $\{y_n\}$  is precompact in  $L^2(\Sigma)$ . Hence without no loss of generality we may assume that

$$(2.25) \quad y_n \longrightarrow y \text{ strongly in } L^2(\Sigma).$$

Selecting further subsequence it follows by (2.14) that

$$(2.26) \quad \oint_i(y_n) \longrightarrow w_i \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i); i = 1, 2$$

Since  $\beta_i$  are maximal monotone it follows by (2.25) and (2.26) that  $w_i \in \beta_i(y)$  a.e. on  $\Sigma_i, i = 1, 2$ . Along with (2.24) this implies that  $y = K(v_1, v_2)$  as claimed.

Now let  $\{(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon)\}$  be such that for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$(2.27) \quad v_i^\varepsilon \rightarrow v_i \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i); i = 1, 2.$$

Then in virtue of estimate (2.17) we may assume that

$$(2.28) \quad \tilde{y}_\varepsilon = K_\varepsilon(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon) \rightarrow z \text{ weakly in } W(Q) \text{ and} \\ \text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; H^{\delta}(\Omega)); 1/2 < \delta < 1$$

and

$$(2.29) \quad \beta_i^\varepsilon(\tilde{y}_\varepsilon) \rightarrow \tilde{w}_i \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i); i = 1, 2$$

Since the sequence of traces of  $\{K_\varepsilon(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon)\}$  converges strongly in  $L^2(\Sigma)$  to the trace of  $z$ , arguing as in the proof of Proposition 1 we may infer by (2.29) that  $\tilde{w}_i \in \beta_i(z)$  a.e. on  $\Sigma_i; i = 1, 2$ . Hence  $z$  is a solution to (2.1) corresponding to  $v_1, v_2$  and therefore  $z = K(v_1, v_2)$ .

If  $(v_1^\varepsilon, v_2^\varepsilon) \rightarrow (v_1, v_2)$  strongly in  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2)$  then arguing as in the Proof of Proposition 1 we deduce (2.23). This completes the proof of Proposition 2.

REMARK It must be emphasized that more general systems of the form

$$(2.29) \quad \begin{aligned} y_t + Ay &= F && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_i(y) &\ni v_i^0 && \text{in } \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2 \\ y(0) &= y_0 && \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

where  $F \in L^2(Q)$  and  $v_i^0 \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$  can be put into the form (2.1)

where  $v_i = v_i^0 - \frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu}$  and  $z \in H^{2,1}(Q)$  is the solution to



$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.30) \quad & z_t + Az = F && \text{in } Q \\
 & z = 0 && \text{in } \Sigma \\
 & z(0) = 0 && \text{in } \Omega.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Gamma_i$  are smooth parts of  $\Gamma$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu} \in L^2(\Sigma)$  it follows that the restrictions of  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \nu}$  to  $\Gamma_i$  belong to  $L^2(\Sigma_i)$  and therefore  $v_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Thus Propositions 1 and 2 are applicable and therefore their conclusions remain true for general systems (2.29).

### 3. THE MAIN RESULTS

We shall study the following control problem:

Minimize

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.1) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \int_Q h(x, t) |y(x, t) - y_d(x, t)|^2 dx dt + \psi_1(u_1) + \psi_2(u_2) + \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad + \varphi(y(T))
 \end{aligned}$$

on the class of all  $u_i \in U_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $y \in W(Q)$  subject to state system (1.1)

We shall assume that the following conditions are satisfied.

1°  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are real Hilbert spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|_i$  and inner products denoted  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_i$ .

2° The functions  $\psi_i: U_i \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}} = ]-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are convex, lower semicontinuous and  $\neq +\infty$ .

3° The function  $\varphi: L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and continuous on  $L^2(\Omega)$ .

4°  $h \in L^\infty(Q)$  and  $y_d \in L^2(Q)$  are given;  $h \geq 0$  a.e. on  $Q$ .

As regards the control system (1.1) we shall assume that

5°  $A$  is the elliptic symmetric operator presented in

Section 2 and  $f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are two maximal monotone graph

in  $R \times R$  which satisfy condition (2.2).

6°  $B_i: U_i \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are linear continuous operators.

7°  $f_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  satisfies the assumptions of Proposition 1.

The solution to (1.1) is meant in the sense of Definition 1 and according to Proposition 1, under our assumptions, for every pair  $(u_1, u_2) \in U_1 \times U_2$  the control system (1.1) has a unique solution  $y \in W(Q)$ .

We shall say that the state  $y^* \in W(Q)$  and the controls  $u_i^* \in U_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are optimal in problem (3.1) if the infimum of functional (3.1) is attained for  $y = y^*$  and  $u_i = u_i^*$ .

The first optimality result is given in the case in which  $f_i$  are single valued and satisfy the following condition

8° The functions  $f_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  are monotonically increasing and locally Lipschitzian on real axis  $R$ . Moreover, there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad f'_i(r)r \leq C(|f_i(r)| + r^2 + 1), \text{ a.e. } r \in R; i = 1, 2.$$

THEOREM 1 Let  $y^* \in W(Q)$  and  $(u_1^*, u_2^*) \in U_1 \times U_2$  be optimal in problem (3.1). Assume that conditions 1° ~ 8° are satisfied. Then there exists  $p \in C_w([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$  with  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} \in L^1(\Sigma)$  which satisfies along with  $y^*$  and  $u_1^*, u_2^*$  the system

$$(3.3) \quad p_t - Ap = h(y^* - y_d) \quad \text{in } Q$$

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} + \partial f_i(y^*)p \ni 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2$$

$$(3.5) \quad p(T) + \partial \varphi(y^*(T)) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega)$$

$$(3.6) \quad B_i^* p_i \in \partial \psi_i(u_i^*), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Here we have denoted by  $B_i^*: L^2(\Sigma_i) \rightarrow U_i$  the adjoint of the



operator  $B_i$  and by  $p_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$  the restriction of  $p$  to  $\Sigma_i$ . We have also denoted by  $\partial \Psi_i$  and  $\partial \varphi$  the subdifferentials of  $\Psi_i$ ,  $\varphi$  and by  $\partial \beta_i$  the generalized gradient of  $\beta_i$  (see (1.8)).

The boundary value problem (3.3)~(3.5) must be interpreted in the following weak sense,

$$(3.7) \quad \int_Q p \kappa_t dx dt + \int_0^T a(p, \kappa) dt + \int_{\Sigma_1} \mu_1 \kappa d\sigma dt + \\ + \int_{\Sigma_2} \mu_2 \kappa d\sigma dt + \int_Q h(y^* - y_d) dx dt + \\ + \int_{\Omega} \zeta \kappa(x, T) dx = 0$$

for all  $\kappa \in W(Q)$  satisfying:  $\kappa(x, 0) = 0$ , a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ . Here the functions  $\mu_i \in L^2(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\zeta \in L^2(\Omega)$  satisfy the equation

$$(3.8) \quad \mu_i(\sigma, t) \in \partial \beta_i(y^*(\sigma, t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2$$

$$(3.9) \quad \zeta(x) + \partial \varphi(y^*(\cdot, T))(x) \ni 0, \quad \text{a.e. } x \in \Omega.$$

It should be emphasized that Theorem 1 covers the main part of the physical problems presented in Introduction. For instance in the case  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta$  given by (1.5) (the thermostat-control problem) equation (3.4) becomes

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} = \begin{cases} -\alpha_1 p & \text{if } y^* < \theta_1 \\ -[0, \alpha_1] & \text{if } y^* = \theta_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \theta_1 < y^* < \theta_2 \text{ in } \Sigma \\ -[0, \alpha_2] & \text{if } y^* = \theta_2 \\ -\alpha_2 p & \text{if } y^* > \theta_2 \end{cases}$$

Now we shall consider the particular case of problem (3.1) where  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma$  and  $\beta_1 = \beta$  is given by (1.6). In this

case (1.1) reduces to the unilateral problem (see e.g. [7])

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.10) \quad & y_t + Ay = 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\
 & y(\frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} - B_1 u_1 - f_1) = 0, y \geq 0, \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} - B_1 u_1 - f_1 \geq 0 \text{ in } \Sigma \\
 & y(0) = y_0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We shall assume that all conditions  $1^0 \sim 7^0$  are satisfied (for  $i = 1$ ) and notice that in virtue of  $7^0$  we assume that  $y_0(x) \geq 0$ , a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ .

Under these assumptions we shall prove the following optimality theorem

THEOREM 2 Let  $y^* \in W(Q)$  and  $u_1^* \in U_1$  be optimal in problem (3.1) with state system (3.10). Then there exists  $p \in C([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$  with  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} \in M(\Sigma)$ , which satisfies along with  $y^*$  and  $u_1^*$  the system

$$(3.11) \quad p_t - Ap = h(y^* - y_d) \quad \text{in } Q$$

$$(3.12) \quad (\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu})_a = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } \{(\sigma, t) \in \Sigma; y^*(\sigma, t) > 0\}$$

$$(3.13) \quad p = 0 \quad \text{a.e. } \{(\sigma, t) \in \Sigma; y^*(\sigma, t) = 0\} \cap \{(\sigma, t) \in \Sigma; B_1 u_1^* - \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial \nu} - f_1 > 0\}.$$

$$(3.14) \quad p(T) + \partial \varphi(y^*(T)) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega)$$

$$(3.15) \quad B_1(\gamma_0 p) \in \partial \psi_1(u_1^*).$$

Here  $(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu})_a$  denotes the absolutely continuous part of the measure  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} \in M(\Sigma)$  and  $M(\Sigma)$  in the space of all bounded Radon measures on  $\overline{\Sigma}$ . In (3.15) we have denoted by  $\gamma_0 p \in L^2(\Sigma)$  the trace of  $p$  at  $\Sigma$ .

Postponing the proofs of these theorems for Sections 5 and 6 we shall discuss now a particular case of Theorem 1. We shall



consider the following special case of problem (3.1)

$$(3.16) \quad h \equiv 0; \quad m(\Gamma_1) > 0$$

$$(3.17) \quad U_i = L^2(0, T; \Sigma_i), \quad B_i \equiv I(\text{identity operator}), \quad i = 1, 2.$$

$$(3.18) \quad \Psi_i(u_i) = \int_{\Sigma_i} g_i(\sigma, u_i(\sigma, t)) d\sigma dt, \quad u_i \in U_i; \quad i = 1, 2.$$

where  $g_1: \Gamma_1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is defined by

$$(3.19) \quad g_1(\sigma, r) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |r| \leq \rho \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and  $g_2: \Gamma_2 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  is normal convex integrand on  $\Gamma_2 \times \mathbb{R}$  (see [12]).

In other words, we consider the following control problem:

Minimize

$$(3.20) \quad \int_{\Sigma_2} g_2(\sigma, u_2(\sigma, t)) d\sigma dt + \varphi(y(T))$$

on all  $y \in W(Q)$  and  $(u_1, u_2) \in L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2)$  subject to (1.1) (where  $U_i$  and  $B_i$  satisfy (3.17)) and to control constraint

$$(3.21) \quad |u_1(\sigma, t)| \leq \rho \quad \text{a.e. } (\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_1.$$

We shall assume that  $\Gamma$  and the coefficients of  $A$  are analytic and

$$(3.22) \quad 0 \in \partial \varphi(y^*(T)).$$

COROLLARY 1. Let  $y^*$  and  $u_1^*, u_2^*$  be optimal in problem (3.20).  
Then  $u_1^*$  is a bang-bang control on  $\Sigma_1$ , i.e.,

$$(3.23) \quad |u_1^*(\sigma, t)| = \rho \quad \text{a.e. } (\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_1.$$

Proof. Since Theorem 1 is applicable in the present situation it follows by (3.19) and equation (3.6) for  $i = 1$ ,

$$(3.24) \quad u_1^*(\sigma, t) \in \rho \operatorname{sgn} p(\sigma, t) \quad \text{a.e. } (\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_1.$$

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where  $\text{sgn } r = r/|r|$  for  $r \neq 0$  and  $\text{sgn } 0 = [-1, 1]$ .

Let now

$$\Sigma_0 = \{(\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_1; p(\sigma, t) = 0\}.$$

By (3.4) we see that  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} = 0$  a.e. on  $\Sigma_0$ . Then by a well-known argument involving Dirichlet series we see that  $m(\Sigma_0) = 0$  unless  $p \equiv 0$  ( $m$  denotes the Lebesgue measure). Since by (3.5) and (3.22)  $p \not\equiv 0$  we may infer that  $p \neq 0$  a.e. on  $\Sigma_1$ . Then by (3.24) we deduce (3.23) there by completing the proof.

#### 4. THE APPROXIMATING CONTROL PROCESS

Let  $y^* \in W(Q)$  and  $(u_1^*, u_2^*) \in L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_1)$  be optimal elements in problem (3.1).

For  $\varepsilon > 0$  consider the following optimal control problem: Minimize

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} \int_Q h |y^* - y_d|^2 dxdt + \sum_{i=1}^2 (\Psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_i) + \frac{1}{2} \|u_i^* - u_i\|_i^2 + \varphi_\varepsilon(y(T)))$$

over all  $y \in W(Q)$  and  $u_i \in U_i, i = 1, 2$  subject to state system

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} y_t + Ay &= 0 && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_i^\varepsilon(y) &= B_i u_i + f_i && \text{in } \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2 \\ y(0) &= y_0 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\Psi_{i\varepsilon} : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2$  and  $\varphi_\varepsilon : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are the convex functions defined by (see e.g. [4] p.107)

$$(4.3) \quad \Psi_{i\varepsilon}(u) = \inf \left\{ \|u - v\|_i^2 / 2\varepsilon + \Psi_i(v); v \in U_i \right\}, i = 1, 2$$

$$(4.4) \quad \varphi_\varepsilon(y) = \inf \left\{ \|y - z\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 / 2\varepsilon + \varphi(z); z \in L^2(\Omega) \right\}.$$



Let now

$$(4.5) \quad F_{\varepsilon}(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} \int_Q h |K_{\varepsilon}(B_1 u_1 + f_1, B_2 u_2 + f_2) - y_d|^2 dxdt + \sum_{i=1}^2 (\Psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_i) + \frac{1}{2} \|u_i^* - u_i\|_1^2) + \varphi_{\varepsilon}(K_{\varepsilon}(B_1 u_1 + f_1, B_2 u_2 + f_2)(T))$$

and

$$(4.6) \quad F(u_1, u_2) = \frac{1}{2} \int_Q h |K(B_1 u_1 + f_1, B_2 u_2 + f_2) - y_d|^2 dxdt + \sum_{i=1}^2 \Psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_i) + \varphi(K(B_1 u_1 + f_1, B_2 u_2 + f_2)(T))$$

where  $K_{\varepsilon} : L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2) \rightarrow W(Q)$  and  $K : L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2) \rightarrow W(Q)$  have been defined in Section 2.

In terms of  $F_{\varepsilon}$  problem (4.1) may be written as

$$(4.1)' \quad \min \{F_{\varepsilon}(u_1, u_2); u_1 \in L^2(\Sigma_1), u_2 \in L^2(\Sigma_2)\}$$

while by (3.1) we have

$$(4.7) \quad F(u_1^*, u_2^*) = \min \{F(u_1, u_2); u_1 \in L^2(\Sigma_1), u_2 \in L^2(\Sigma_2)\}.$$

Since the functions  $\Psi_{i\varepsilon}$  and  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}$  are weakly lower semicontinuous and by Proposition 2 the operator  $K_{\varepsilon}$  is weakly continuous, we may infer that the functional  $F_{\varepsilon}$  is weakly lower semicontinuous on  $L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2)$ . Hence problem (4.1) (equivalently (4.1)') has at least one solution  $(y_{\varepsilon}, u_{1\varepsilon}, u_{2\varepsilon}) \in W(Q) \times L^2(\Sigma_1) \times L^2(\Sigma_2)$ . On the other hand, since the functions

$\Psi_{i\varepsilon}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}$  are Fréchet differentiable on  $U_1$  and  $L^2(\Omega)$ , respectively (see e.g. [4], p.107) it follows by a standard device the existence of some function  $p_{\varepsilon} \in W(Q)$  satisfying along with  $y_{\varepsilon}$  and  $u_i^*$  the following system (the Euler-Lagrange system associated with problem (4.1))

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.8) \quad & (p_\varepsilon)_t - A p_\varepsilon = h(y_\varepsilon - y_d) \quad \text{in } Q \\
 & \frac{\partial p_\varepsilon}{\partial \nu} + (\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma_1; i=1,2 \\
 & p_\varepsilon(T) + \partial \varphi_\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon(T)) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.9) \quad B_i^* p_{\varepsilon,i} = \partial \psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_{i\varepsilon}^*) + u_{i\varepsilon} - u_i^* \quad \text{in } \Sigma_i; i=1,2$$

where  $p_{\varepsilon,i}$  is the restriction of  $p_\varepsilon$  to  $L^2(\Sigma_i)$ . The solution  $p_\varepsilon$  is meant in the sense of Definition 1 and the symbol  $(p_\varepsilon)_t \in L^2(0,T; (H^1(\Omega))')$  is used for the derivative of  $p_\varepsilon$  in the sense of  $(H^1(\Omega))'$ -valued distributions on  $]0,T[$ .

LEMMA 1 For  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  one has

$$(4.10) \quad u_{i\varepsilon} \longrightarrow u_i^* \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Sigma_i); i=1,2$$

$$(4.11) \quad y_\varepsilon \longrightarrow y^* \quad \text{weakly in } W(Q) \text{ and strongly in } L^2(0,T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap C([0,T]; L^2(\Omega))$$

$$(4.12) \quad \beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) \longrightarrow f_i - B_i u_i^* - \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial \nu} \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i); i=1,2$$

Proof We have

$$F_\varepsilon(u_{1\varepsilon}, u_{2\varepsilon}) \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_Q h |z - y_d|^2 dxdt + \sum_{i=1}^2 \psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_i^*) + \varphi_\varepsilon(z_\varepsilon(T))$$

where  $z_\varepsilon = K_\varepsilon (B_1 u_1^* + f_1, B_2 u_2^* + f_2)$ .

According to Proposition 1, we have

$$(4.13) \quad z_\varepsilon \longrightarrow y^* \quad \text{strongly in } C([0,T]; L^2(\Omega)).$$

Since  $\psi_{i\varepsilon} \leq \psi_i$  and  $\varphi_\varepsilon \leq \varphi$  it follows that

$$(4.14) \quad \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} F_\varepsilon(u_{1\varepsilon}, u_{2\varepsilon}) \leq F(u_1^*, u_2^*).$$

In particular it follows that  $\{u_{i\varepsilon}\}$  are bounded in  $L^2(\Sigma_i); i=1,2$ .

Thus without any loss of generality we may assume that

$$(4.15) \quad u_{i\varepsilon} \longrightarrow \tilde{u}_i^* \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(\Sigma_i); i=1,2.$$



Then according to Proposition 2, we have

$$(4.16) \quad y_\varepsilon \longrightarrow \tilde{y}^* = K(B_1 \tilde{u}_1^* + f_1, B_2 \tilde{u}_2^* + f_2) \text{ weakly in } W(Q) \\ \text{and strongly in } L^2(Q)$$

On the other hand, since the functions  $\psi_i$  and  $\varphi$  are weakly lower semicontinuous, and (see [4], p.107)

$$\psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_i) = \varepsilon \|\psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_i)\|_i^2 / 2\varepsilon + \psi_i((1 + \varepsilon \partial \psi_i)^{-1} u_i) \\ \varphi_\varepsilon(y) = \varepsilon \|\partial \varphi_\varepsilon(y)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 / 2\varepsilon + \varphi((1 + \varepsilon \partial \varphi)^{-1} y)$$

it follows by (4.15) and (4.16),

$$\liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \psi_{i\varepsilon}(u_{i\varepsilon}) \geq \psi_i(\tilde{u}_i^*), \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\liminf_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varphi_\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon(T)) \geq \varphi(\tilde{y}^*(T)).$$

Along with (4.7) and (4.14) the latter imply (4.10). Next by Proposition 2 it follows (4.11) and (4.12) thereby completing the proof.

LEMMA 2 The exists  $C > 0$  independent of  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$(4.17) \quad \|p_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|p_\varepsilon\|_{L^2(0,T;H^1(\Omega))} \leq C; t \in [0, T]$$

$$(4.18) \quad \int_{\Sigma_i} |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon| \, d\sigma \, dt \leq C; \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$(4.19) \quad \|(p_\varepsilon)_t\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))} \leq C.$$

Proof. Without no loss of generality we may assume that  $p_\varepsilon$  is a regular solution to (4.8), i.e.,  $p_\varepsilon \in H^{1,2}(Q)$ . Then multiplying equation (4.8) by  $p_\varepsilon$  and integrating on  $Q_t = \Omega \times ]t, T[$ , it follows by the Green formula,

$$(4.20) \quad \frac{1}{2} \|p_\varepsilon(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \int_t^T a(p_\varepsilon, p_\varepsilon) \, ds \leq \frac{1}{2} \|p_\varepsilon(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 +$$

$$+ \int_{Q_t} h |y_\varepsilon - y_d| |p_\varepsilon| \, dx dt, \, t \in [0, T].$$

Let  $\chi$  be a  $C^1$  approximation of the function sgn. We multiply equation (4.8) by  $\chi(p_\varepsilon)$  and integrate over  $Q$ . Using once again the Green formula and letting  $\chi$  tend to sgn we get

$$(4.21) \quad \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Sigma_i} |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon| \, d\sigma \, dt \leq \int_Q h |y_\varepsilon - y_d| \, dx dt + \int_\Omega |p_\varepsilon(x, T)| \, dx.$$

On the other hand, since  $y_\varepsilon(T) \rightarrow y^*(T)$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and

$$\|\partial \varphi(y)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \inf \left\{ \|w\|_{L^2(\Omega)} ; w \in \partial \varphi(y) \right\}$$

it follows by (4.8) that  $\{p_\varepsilon(T)\}$  is bounded in  $L^2(\Omega)$  (Here we have also used the fact that  $\partial \varphi$  is locally bounded on  $L^2(\Omega)$ ). Then by (4.20) and (4.21) we get (4.17). Next by (4.8) we get estimate (4.19) thereby completing the proof of Lemma 1.

It follows by (4.17) and (4.18) that  $\{p_\varepsilon\}$  is precompact in  $L^2(0, T; H^\delta(\Omega))$  where  $\frac{1}{2} < \delta < 1$ . Hence there exists  $p \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$  with  $p_t \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$  such that for some sequence  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , one has

$$(4.22) \quad \begin{aligned} p_\varepsilon &\rightharpoonup p \text{ weakly in } L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \\ &\text{strongly in } L^2(0, T; H^\delta(\Omega)) \\ &\text{and weak star in } L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.23) \quad (p_\varepsilon)_t \rightharpoonup p_t \text{ weakly in } L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega)).$$

Here  $p_t$  denotes the derivative of  $p(t)$  in the sense of  $H^{-1}(\Omega)$  valued distributions on  $]0, T[$ . Then it follows that  $p(t)$  is absolutely continuous from  $[0, T]$  to  $H^{-1}(\Omega)$  and by (4.22) we



see that  $p(t)$  is weakly continuous from  $[0, T]$  to  $L^2(\Omega)$ , i.e.,  $p \in C_w([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$ .

In particular, we may infer that

$$(4.24) \quad p_\varepsilon(t) \longrightarrow p(t) \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(\Omega) \quad \text{for every } t \in [0, T].$$

Since  $\{\partial \varphi_\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon(T))\}$  is bounded in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $y_\varepsilon(T) \longrightarrow y^*(T)$  strongly in  $L^2(\Omega)$ , it follows by (4.8) that

$$p(T) + \partial \varphi(y^*(T)) \ni 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega).$$

Next by (4.22) and the trace theorem it follows that

$$(4.25) \quad p_\varepsilon \longrightarrow p \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Sigma)$$

which along with (4.9) and (4.10) implies

$$(4.26) \quad B_i^* p_i \in \partial \psi_i(u_i^*), \quad i = 1, 2$$

where  $p_i$  is the restriction of  $p$  to  $\Sigma_i, i = 1, 2$ .

Finally, it follows by (4.18) that there exist two bounded Radon measures  $\mu_p^i \in M(\Sigma_i)$  on  $\overline{\Sigma_i}, i = 1, 2$  such that

$$(4.27) \quad (\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon \longrightarrow \mu_p^i \quad \text{weak star in } M(\Sigma_i); \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Thus letting  $\varepsilon$  tend to zero in (4.8) we see that  $p$  is a solution to

$$(4.28) \quad \begin{aligned} p_t - Ap &= h(y^* - y_d) && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} + \mu_p^i &= 0 && \text{in } \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2 \\ p(T) + \partial \varphi(y^*(T)) &\ni 0 && \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

Equation (4.28) must be interpreted of course in the following sense (see (3.7))

$$(4.29) \quad \int_Q p \kappa_t dx dt + \int_0^T a(p, \kappa) dt + \sum_{i=1}^2 \int_{\Sigma_i} \mu_p^i \kappa d\sigma +$$

$$+ \int_Q h(y^* - y_d) \kappa \, dx dt + \int_{\Omega} \kappa(x, T) \, dx = 0,$$

for all  $\kappa \in C^1(\bar{Q})$  such that  $\kappa(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ . Here  $\kappa$  is an element of  $L^2(\Omega)$  satisfying equation (3.9).

Summarising we have proved the following intermediate result.

**PROPOSITION 3** Let  $y^*, u_1^*, u_2^*$  be optimal in problem (3.1).  
Then under assumptions  $1^0 \sim 7^0$  there exists a function

$$p \in C_w([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)) \cap L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega))$$

with  $p_t \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$ , which satisfies system (4.28) and  
equations (4.26). Moreover,  $p$  is the limit in the sense of (4.22).  
(4.23), (4.24), (4.25) and (4.27) of the sequence  $\{p_\varepsilon\}$  of  
solutions to (4.8).

## 5 PROOF OF THEOREM 1

We begin with a technical result concerning the generalized gradients. Let  $\beta$  be a locally Lipschitzian function on real axis and let  $\beta^\varepsilon$  be the function defined by formula (2.7), i.e.,

$$(5.1) \quad \beta^\varepsilon(r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \beta_\varepsilon(r - \varepsilon\theta) \beta(\theta) \, d\theta; \quad r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \varepsilon > 0$$

where  $\beta_\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{-1}(1 - (1 + \varepsilon\beta)^{-1})$ .

By  $\partial\beta$  we shall denote the generalized gradient of  $\beta$  (see (1.8)).

**LEMMA 3.** Let  $E$  be a locally compact space and let  $\nu$  a posi-  
tive measure on  $E$  such that  $\nu(E) < \infty$ . Let  $\{y_\varepsilon\} \subset L^1(E)$  be a  
sequence such that for  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$(5.2) \quad y_\varepsilon \longrightarrow y \text{ strongly in } L^1(E) \text{ and}$$

$$(5.3) \quad (\beta^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon) \longrightarrow g \text{ weakly in } L^1(E).$$

Then



$$(5.4) \quad g(x) \in \partial \beta(y(x)) \quad \nu\text{-a.e. } x \in E.$$

Proof. By  $L^1(E)$  we have denoted the space of all real-valued  $\nu$ -measurable functions  $y(x)$  defined  $\nu$ -a.e. on  $E$  such that  $|y(x)|$  is  $\nu$ -integrable over  $E$ .

Selecting a subsequence of  $\{y_\varepsilon\}$  we may assume that

$$(5.5) \quad y_\varepsilon(x) \rightarrow y(x) \quad \nu\text{-a.e. } x \in E.$$

Next by (5.3) and the Mazur theorem it follows that

$$(5.6) \quad g = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g_m \text{ strongly in } L^1(E)$$

where  $\{g_m\} \subset L^1(E)$  are of the form

$$(5.7) \quad g_m = \sum_{j \in I_m} \alpha_m^j (\beta^{\varepsilon_j})'(y_{\varepsilon_j}).$$

Here  $I_m$  is a finite subset of natural numbers in the interval

$$[m, \infty[ \text{ and } \alpha_m^j \geq 0, \quad \sum_{j \in I_m} \alpha_m^j = 1.$$

According to (5.6) we may also assume without any loss of generality that

$$(5.8) \quad g_m(x) \rightarrow g(x) \quad \nu\text{-a.e. } x \in E.$$

We fix  $x \in E$  such that (5.5) and (5.8) hold, and consider a sequence  $\{z_n\}$  of real numbers such that  $\beta'(z_n)$  exist and  $z_n \rightarrow y(x)$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We set  $y_j = y_{\varepsilon_j}(x)$  and notice that by (5.1) we have

$$(5.9) \quad (\beta^{\varepsilon_j})'(y_j) = \varepsilon_j^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \beta_{\varepsilon_j}(y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta) \beta'(\theta) d\theta.$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\beta(z_j) = \beta((1 + \varepsilon_j \beta)^{-1}(y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta)) + \beta'(z_j)(z_j -$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - (1 + \varepsilon_j \beta)^{-1} (y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta) + \omega_j(\theta) (z_j - \\
 & - (1 + \varepsilon_j \beta)^{-1} (y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta))
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega_j(\theta) \rightarrow 0$  for  $\delta_j = z_j - (1 + \varepsilon_j \beta)^{-1} (y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta) \rightarrow 0$ .

Along with (5.9) the latter yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.10) \quad (\beta^{\varepsilon_j})'(y_j) &= \beta'(z_j) - \beta'(z_j) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \beta_{\varepsilon_j}(y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta) \beta'(\theta) d\theta \\
 &= \varepsilon^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega_j(\theta) (z_j - (1 + \varepsilon_j \beta)^{-1} (y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta)) \beta'(\theta) d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\beta$  is locally Lipschitzian, it follows by (5.5) that  $\beta_{\varepsilon_j}(y_j - \varepsilon_j \theta) \rightarrow \beta(y(x))$  uniformly in  $\theta$  on  $[-1, 1]$ .

On the other hand,  $z_j$  can be chosen sufficiently close to  $y_j$  in a such a way,

$$|y_j - z_j| / \varepsilon_j \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus  $\delta_j \rightarrow 0$  for  $j \rightarrow \infty$  and (5.10) yields

$$|(\beta^{\varepsilon_j})'(y_j) - \beta'(z_j)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } j \rightarrow \infty.$$

Along with (5.7) and definition of  $\partial \beta$ , the latter yields  $g(x) \in \partial \beta(y(x))$  as claimed.

Now we continue the proof of Theorem 1 by observing that by condition (3.2) it follows after some calculations involving (5.1), the estimate

$$(5.11) \quad (\beta_i^{\varepsilon})'(y) y \leq C (|\beta_i^{\varepsilon}(y)| + y^2 + 1); i = 1, 2; y \in \mathbb{R}$$

where  $C > 0$  is independent of  $\varepsilon$ .

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$  and natural number  $n$ , we set

$$E_n^{\varepsilon} = \left\{ (\sigma, t) \in \Sigma; |y_{\varepsilon}(\sigma, t)| \leq n \right\}$$



where  $y_\varepsilon$  are defined as in Section 4.

Let  $\Sigma_0$  be an arbitrary measurable subset of  $\Sigma_i$  where  $i = 1$  or 2. By (5.11) we have

$$(5.12) \quad \int_{\Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)| d\sigma dt \leq \int_{E_n^\varepsilon \cap \Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)| d\sigma dt + \int_{C \cdot E_n^\varepsilon \cap \Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)| d\sigma dt \leq c_n \int_{\Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| d\sigma dt + c_n^{-1} \int_{CE_n^\varepsilon \cap \Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| |\beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)| d\sigma dt + c \int_{\Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| |y_\varepsilon| d\sigma dt + c_n^{-1}$$

where  $CE_n^\varepsilon = \Sigma \setminus E_n^\varepsilon$ . Inasmuch as by Lemmas 1,2,  $\{\beta_i^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)\}$  is bounded in  $L^2(\Sigma_i)$  and  $\{y_\varepsilon\}$ ,  $\{p_\varepsilon\}$  are strongly convergent in  $L^2(\Sigma)$ , it follows by (5.12) that for each  $\gamma > 0$  there exists  $\delta(\gamma)$  such that

$$\int_{\Sigma_0} |p_\varepsilon| |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)| d\sigma dt \leq \gamma \quad \text{for } m(\Sigma_0) \leq \delta(\gamma)$$

( $m$  denotes the Lebesgue measure on  $\Sigma$ ). In other words, the family  $\left\{ \int_{\Sigma_0} p_\varepsilon |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)| d\sigma dt; \Sigma_0 \subset \Sigma_i \right\}$  is equicontinuous.

Hence by the Dunford-Pettis criterion, the family  $\{p_\varepsilon |(\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)|\}$  is weakly compact in  $L^1(\Sigma_i)$ . Then by (4.27) it follows that

$$\mu_p^i \in L^1(\Sigma_i) \text{ and}$$

$$(5.13) \quad (\beta_i^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mu_p^i \text{ weakly in } L^1(\Sigma_i); i = 1, 2.$$

On the other hand it follows by (4.11) that  $\{y_\varepsilon\}$  is convergent in  $L^2(0, T; H^{1/2}(\Gamma))$ .

Thus selecting a subsequence if necessary we have

$$(5.14) \quad y_{\varepsilon}(x, t) \longrightarrow y^*(x, t) \quad \text{a.e. } (x, t) \in \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2$$

and by Egorov's theorem, for each  $\eta > 0$  there exists a measurable subset  $E_{\eta}^i \subset \Sigma_i$  such that  $m(\Sigma \setminus E_{\eta}^i) \leq \eta$ ,  $y_{\varepsilon}$  is bounded on  $E_{\eta}^i$  and

$$(5.15) \quad y_{\varepsilon}(x, t) \longrightarrow y^*(x, t) \text{ uniformly on } E_{\eta}^i; i = 1, 2.$$

Next, since  $\{(\beta_i^{\varepsilon})'(y_{\varepsilon})\}$  are uniformly bounded on  $E_{\eta}^i$  we may assume (extracting further subsequence) that

$$(5.16) \quad (\beta_i^{\varepsilon})'(y_{\varepsilon}) \longrightarrow g_i \text{ weakly in } L^1(E_{\eta}^i)$$

(actually weak-star in  $L^{\infty}(E_{\eta}^i)$ ). Then by Lemma 3 it follows that

$$g(x, t) \in \partial \beta_i(y^*(x, t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (x, t) \in E_{\eta}^i; i = 1, 2.$$

Now by (4.22) and the Egorov theorem we may assume that  $p_{\varepsilon} \longrightarrow p$  uniformly on  $E_{\eta}^i$ . Along with (5.15) and (5.16) the latter implies that  $\mu_p^i = g_i p$  on  $E_{\eta}^i$ . Hence

$$\mu_p^i(x, t) \in p(x, t) \partial \beta_i(y^*(x, t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (x, t) \in E_{\eta}^i.$$

Since  $m(\Sigma_i \setminus E_{\eta}^i)$  can be made arbitrarily small we may conclude that

$$\mu_p^i(x, t) \in p(x, t) \partial \beta_i(y^*(x, t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (x, t) \in \Sigma_i; \\ i = 1, 2.$$

Thus the conclusions of Theorem 1 follow by Proposition 3.

## PROOF OF THEOREM 2

If  $\beta$  is the graph defined by (1.6) then  $\beta_{\varepsilon}(r) = -\varepsilon^{-1} r -$

for  $r \in R$ , and

$$\beta_{\varepsilon}(r) = \varepsilon^{-1} \int_{\varepsilon^{-1}r}^{\infty} (r - \varepsilon \theta) \beta(\theta) d\theta, \quad r \in R$$



respectively (we set  $\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon = (\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon)'$ )

$$\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(r) = \varepsilon^{-1} \int_{\varepsilon^{-1}r}^{\infty} \rho(\theta) d\theta.$$

Hence

$$(6.1) \quad |y_\varepsilon \dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon - p_\varepsilon \dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)| = |p_\varepsilon \int_{\varepsilon^{-1}y_\varepsilon}^{\infty} \rho(\theta) d\theta| \leq \varepsilon |\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon|.$$

On the other hand, arguing as in [1],[2] we find that

$$(6.2) \quad |p_\varepsilon \dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)| \leq 2\varepsilon |\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon| (\chi_\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{-1} |y_\varepsilon| \chi'_\varepsilon),$$

a.e. on  $\Sigma$

where

$$\chi_\varepsilon(\sigma, t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |y_\varepsilon(\sigma, t)| > \varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } |y_\varepsilon(\sigma, t)| \leq \varepsilon \end{cases}$$

and

$$\chi'_\varepsilon(\sigma, t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_\varepsilon(\sigma, t) > -\varepsilon \\ 1 & \text{if } y_\varepsilon(\sigma, t) \leq -\varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

Inasmuch as by (4.12),  $\{\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)\}$  is bounded in  $L^2(\Sigma)$  and by Lemma 2,  $\{\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) p_\varepsilon\}$  is bounded in  $L^1(\Sigma)$  we see by (6.2) that on some subsequence  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$(6.3) \quad p_\varepsilon \dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } \Sigma.$$

On the other hand, we know that  $\dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon) \rightarrow u^* - f - \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial \nu}$  weakly in  $L^2(\Sigma)$  and  $p_\varepsilon \rightarrow p$  strongly in  $L^2(\Sigma)$ . This implies that the sequence  $\{p_\varepsilon \dot{\beta}^\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon)\}$  is weakly convergent in  $L^1(\Sigma)$  to  $p(B_1 u_1^* - \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial \nu} - f_1)$  and by (6.3) it follows that

$$(6.4) \quad p(B_1 u_1^* - \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial \nu} - f_1) = 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } \Sigma$$

and therefore

$$p_{\varepsilon} \dot{\beta}^{\varepsilon}(y_{\varepsilon}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ strongly in } L^1(\Sigma).$$

Then by (6.1) we see that

$$(6.5) \quad y_{\varepsilon} \dot{\beta}^{\varepsilon}(y_{\varepsilon}) p_{\varepsilon} \rightarrow 0 \text{ strongly in } L^1(\Sigma).$$

Next by the Egorov theorem, for each  $\eta > 0$ ,  $\exists E_{\eta}$  a measurable subset of  $\Sigma$  such that  $m(\Sigma \setminus E_{\eta}) \leq \eta$ ,  $y_{\varepsilon} \rightarrow y^*$  uniformly on  $E_{\eta}$  and  $y^*$  is continuous on  $E_{\eta}$ . Along with (6.5) the latter yields

$$(6.6) \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} y^* \dot{\beta}^{\varepsilon}(y_{\varepsilon}) p_{\varepsilon} = 0 \text{ strongly in } L^1(E_{\eta}).$$

Denote by  $E_{\eta, \delta}$  the following subset of  $\Sigma$

$$E_{\eta, \delta} = \{(\sigma, t) \in E_{\eta}; |y^*(\sigma, t)| \geq \delta\}.$$

Next, by Proposition 3 it follows that there exists a measure  $\mu \in M(\Sigma)$  such that (see (4.27))

$$(6.7) \quad p_{\varepsilon} \dot{\beta}^{\varepsilon}(y_{\varepsilon}) \rightarrow \mu \text{ weak-star in } M(\Sigma):$$

Let  $\mu = (\mu)_a + (\mu)_s$  be the Lebesgue decomposition of  $\mu$  into its absolutely continuous part  $(\mu)_a$  and the singular part  $(\mu)_s$ .

By (6.6) and (6.7) we see that  $\mu = 0$  on  $E_{\eta, \delta}$ . By definition of singular part we deduce that the support of  $(\mu)_s$  is concentrated in  $E_{\eta} \cap \{(\sigma, t) \in \Sigma; y^*(\sigma, t) > 0\}$ . Since  $m(\Sigma \setminus E_{\eta}) \rightarrow 0$  for  $\eta \rightarrow 0$  we may conclude that

$$(\mu)_a = 0 \text{ on } \{(\sigma, t); y^*(\sigma, t) > 0\}.$$

Along with equations (4.26), (4.28) and (6.4) the latter completes the proof of Theorem 2.

REMARK Let us consider problem (3.1) with state system

$$y_t + Ay = 0 \quad \text{in } Q$$

$$(6.8) \quad y \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_0(y) - B_1 u_1 - f_1 \right) = 0; y \geq 0, \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} +$$



$$+ \beta_0(y) - B_1 u_1 - f_1 \geq 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma.$$

$$y(0) = y_0$$

where  $u_1 \in U_1$  and  $A, B_1: U_1 \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma)$ ,  $f_1, y_0$  satisfy conditions  $1^\circ \sim 7^\circ$ . Here  $\beta_0$  is a differentiable, monotonically increasing and Lipschitzian function on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

System (6.8) can be written in the form (1.1) where  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma$  and

$$(6.9) \quad \beta_1(r) = \begin{cases} \beta_0(r) & \text{if } r > 0 \\ ]-\infty, 0] & \text{if } r = 0 \\ \emptyset & \text{if } r < 0 \end{cases}$$

The prototype of this problem is the enzyme diffusion problem (1.4). In order to obtain necessary conditions for optimality in this case, it is more convenient to replace the approximating system (4.2) by

$$(6.10) \quad \begin{aligned} y_t + Ay &= 0 && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_0(y) + \beta^\varepsilon(y) &= B_1 u_1 + f_1 && \text{in } \Sigma \\ y(0) &= y_0 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, Lemmas 1, 2 as well as Proposition 3 remain valid and  $p_\varepsilon$  is in this case the solution to

$$(6.11) \quad \begin{aligned} (p_\varepsilon)_t - Ap_\varepsilon &= h(y_\varepsilon - y_d) && \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial p_\varepsilon}{\partial \nu} + \beta'_0(y_\varepsilon)p_\varepsilon + (\beta^\varepsilon)'(y_\varepsilon)p_\varepsilon &= 0 && \text{in } \Sigma \\ p_\varepsilon(T) + \partial \varphi_\varepsilon(y_\varepsilon(T)) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then passing to limit it follows from preceding proof that  $p$  is the solution to

$$(6.12) \quad \begin{aligned} p_t - Ap &= h(y^* - y_d) && \text{in } Q \\ \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu}\right)_a + \beta'_0(y^*)p &= 0 && \text{a.e. in } \{y^* > 0\} \\ p &= 0 && \text{in } \{y^* = 0\} \cap \{B_1 u_1^* - \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial \nu} - \beta'_0(y^*)p - f_1 > 0\} \end{aligned}$$

still keeping equations (3.14) and (3.15).

## 7. SOME APPLICATIONS IN CONTROLLABILITY

Consider the control system

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7.1) \quad & y_t + Ay = 0 && \text{in } Q = \Omega \times ]0, T[ \\
 & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_1(y) \ni B_1 u && \text{in } \Sigma_1 = \Gamma_1 \times ]0, T[ \\
 & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \nu} + \beta_2(y) \ni 0 && \text{in } \Sigma_2 = \Gamma_2 \times ]0, T[ \\
 & y(x, 0) = y_0(x) && x \in \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $A$  is a linear second order, symmetric and elliptic differential operator on  $\Omega$  and  $\beta_i, i = 1, 2$  are two maximal monotone graphs in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  satisfying condition (2.2).

Here  $B_1$  is a linear continuous operator from the Hilbert space  $U_1$  to  $L^2(\Sigma_1)$ ,  $y_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  where  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are two disjoint and smooth parts of  $\Gamma$ . Further we shall assume that the boundary  $\Gamma$  as well as the coefficients of  $A$  are analytic.

As seen in Section 2, under these assumptions for every  $u \in U_1$ , (7.1) has a unique solution  $y \in W(Q)$ .

**THEOREM 3** Let system (7.1) satisfy the above conditions. In addition, assume that  $\Gamma_1$  is open in  $\Gamma$  and the range of  $B_1$  is dense in  $L^2(\Sigma_1)$ . Then system (7.1) is weakly controllable, i.e., for each  $y_1 \in L^2(\Omega)$  there exists a sequence  $\{u_n\} \subset U_1$  such that

$$(7.3) \quad y_n(T) \longrightarrow y_1 \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(\Omega) \text{ and strongly in } H^{-1}(\Omega).$$

Here  $y_n$  is the solution to (7.1) where  $u = u_n$ .

Proof. Let  $y_1$  be arbitrary but fixed in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Consider the following optimal control problem. Minimize

$$(7.4) \quad \frac{1}{2} ( \|y(T) - y_1\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \lambda \|u\|_1^2 )$$



on all of  $u \in U_1$  and  $y \in W(Q)$  subject to (7.1) This is a special case of problem (3.1) where  $h \equiv 0$ ,

$$\Psi_1(u) = \lambda \|u\|_1^2 / 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(y) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - y_1\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

Clearly (7.4) has at least one solution  $(u_\lambda, y_\lambda)$ .

By Proposition 3 it follows that there exists  $p_\lambda \in L^2(0, T; H^1(\Omega)) \cap C_w([0, T]; L^2(\Omega))$  with  $(p_\lambda)_t \in L^2(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega))$  such that

$$(7.4) \quad \begin{aligned} (p_\lambda)_t - A p_\lambda &= 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial p_\lambda}{\partial \nu} + \mu_\lambda^i &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma_i; i = 1, 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(7.4) \quad p_\lambda(T) + y_\lambda(T) - y_1 = 0 \quad \text{in } L^2(\Omega)$$

$$(7.6) \quad B_1^* p_{\lambda,1} = \lambda u_\lambda \quad \text{in } L^2(\Sigma_1)$$

where  $\mu_\lambda^i \in M(\Sigma_i)$   $i=1,2$ .

In other words, we have

$$(7.7) \quad \int_Q p_\lambda \kappa_t dx dt + \int_0^T a(p, \kappa) dt + \mu_\lambda^1(\kappa) + \mu_\lambda^2(\kappa) + \int_\Omega p(x, T) \kappa(x, T) dt = 0$$

for all  $\kappa \in C^1(\bar{Q})$  such that  $\kappa(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ . Here  $\mu_\lambda^i(\kappa)$  denotes the value of  $\mu_\lambda^i$  at the trace of  $\kappa$  on  $\Sigma_i$ .

Next by (7.3) it follows that

$$\|y_\lambda(T) - y_1\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \lambda \|u_\lambda\|_1^2 \leq c$$

and therefore

$$(7.8) \quad \lambda u_\lambda \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(\Sigma_1)$$

On the other hand,  $p_\lambda$  is the limit in the sense of (4.22),

(4.25), (4.27) of a sequence  $\{p_{\lambda, \varepsilon}\}_{\varepsilon > 0} \subset W(Q)$  satisfying

(4.8) and (4.9) where  $h = 0$  and  $\Psi_1, \Psi$  are defined as above. Then it follows by estimates (4.20), (4.21) that

$$(7.9) \quad \|p_\lambda(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|p_\lambda\|_{L^2(0,T;H^1(\Omega))} + \|(p_\lambda)_t\|_{L^2(0,T;H^{-1}(\Omega))} \leq C, \quad t \in [0,T].$$

and by (4.27)

$$(7.10) \quad \|\mu_\lambda^i\|_{M(\Sigma_i)} \leq C \quad i = 1, 2; \quad \lambda > 0.$$

Hence  $\{p_\lambda\}$  is strongly compact in  $L^2(0,T;H^\delta(\Omega)) \cap C([0,T]; H^{-1}(\Omega))$ ;  $0 < \delta < 1$ . Thus there exists a function  $p$  such that

$$(7.11) \quad p_\lambda \rightarrow p \quad \text{strongly in } L^2(0,T;H^\delta(\Omega)) \cap C([0,T]; H^{-1}(\Omega)) \\ \text{and weakly in } L^2(0,T;H^1(\Omega))$$

$$(7.12) \quad \mu_\lambda^i \rightarrow \mu^i \quad \text{weak star in } M(\Sigma_i); \quad i = 1, 2.$$

By (7.9) and (7.11) it follows that

$$(7.13) \quad p_\lambda(t) \rightarrow p(t) \quad \text{weakly in } L^2(\Omega) \quad \text{for every } t \in [0,T]$$

Letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$  in (7.3) we see that  $p$  is the solution to

$$(7.14) \quad p_t - Ap = 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\ \frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} + \mu^i = 0 \quad \text{in } \Sigma_i; \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$(7.15) \quad B_1^* p_1 = 0$$

where  $p_1 \in L^2(0,T;H^{1/2}(\Gamma_1))$  is the restriction of  $p$  to  $\Sigma_1$ .

Since the range of  $B_1$  is dense in  $L^2(\Sigma_1)$  we may infer by

$$(7.15) \quad \text{that } p_1 = 0, \text{ i.e.,}$$



$$(7.16) \quad p = 0 \quad \text{a.e. on } \Sigma_1.$$

Next it follows by (7.11), (7.12) and (7.16) that

$$\mu^1(\gamma) = 0$$

for all  $\gamma \in C^1(\bar{Q})$  such that  $\gamma(x, 0) = \gamma(x, T) = 0$  for  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\gamma(\sigma, t) = 0$  for  $(\sigma, t) \in \Sigma_2$ . Hence  $\mu^1 = 0$  on  $\Gamma_1 \times ]0, T[$ .

We have therefore proved that

$$p_t - Ap = 0$$

$$\text{in } Q$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \nu} = 0$$

$$\text{in } \Gamma_1 \times ]0, T[$$

$$p = 0$$

$$\text{in } \Gamma_1 \times ]0, T[$$

Since  $m(\Gamma_1) > 0$  it follows by a result due to Mizohata already quoted that  $p = 0$ . Thus the conclusions of Theorem 3 follow by (7.5), (7.11) and (7.13).

REMARK. The above problem has been studied by different methods by Henry [9] who has shown in particular that if  $f_2 = 0$  and  $f_1$  is continuous then (7.1) is strongly controllable in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . It is tempting to hope that the same might be true under present assumptions.

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