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Spectral Galerkin Approximation of Space Fractional Optimal Control Problem with Integral State Constraint

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Abstract: In this paper spectral Galerkin approximation of optimal control problem governed by fractional advection diffusion reaction equation with integral state constraint is investigated. First order optimal condition of the control problem is discussed. Weighted Jacobi polynomials are used to approximate the state and adjoint state. A priori error estimates for control, state, adjoint state and Lagrangian multiplier are derived. Numerical experiment is carried out to illustrate the theoretical findings.

Keywords: spectral Galerkin method; optimal control problem; state constraint; weighted Jacobi polynomials; a priori error estimate



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1. Introduction

The aim of this paper is to develop a spectral Galerkin approximation of the following optimal control problem governed by fractional advection diffusion reaction equation:

$$\min_{(y(u), u) \in G_{ad} \times L^2(\Omega)} J(y, u) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (y(x) - y_d(x))^2 dx + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\Omega} u^2(x) dx \quad (1)$$

subject to

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} y(x) + \mu_1 D y(x) + \mu_2 y(x) = f + u(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ y(x) = 0, & x \in \Omega^c \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

and the state constraint

$$G_{ad} = \left\{ v \in L^1(\Omega) \mid \int_{\Omega} v dx \leq d \right\}, \quad (3)$$

where $\Omega = (-1, 1)$, $\Omega^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus \Omega$, and D is the first-order derivative with respect to x . Here $\mu_1 \neq 0$ is a constant and $\mu_2 \geq 0$. $f(x)$ is a given function and y_d is the desired state. $(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$ denotes the fractional Laplacian operator defined in integral form:

$$(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} y(x) = c_{1,\alpha} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{y(x) - y(\xi)}{|x - \xi|^{1+\alpha}} d\xi, \quad c_{1,\alpha} = \frac{2^{\alpha} \Gamma((\alpha + 1)/2)}{\pi^{1/2} |\Gamma(-\alpha/2)|}, \quad \alpha \in (1, 2). \quad (4)$$

Fractional calculus has wide applications in many fields including anomalous diffusion processes [1–3], control theory [4–8], fractional-order neural networks [9], biomedical applications [10,11], mechatronics [12,13], etc. In the past decades lots of works [14–19] are devoted to develop numerical methods or algorithms for fractional differential equations. In recent years optimal control problems governed by different types of fractional differential equations have attracted increasing attentions [20–30].

The abnormal diffusion phenomenon widely exists in our real world, for example, the pollutant transport in groundwater, where the solutes moving through aquifers do not generally follow a classical second-order Fickian diffusion equation [1,2]. The heavy tail behavior of the transport processes can be accurately described by Levy distribution. This

can be viewed as a probability description of fractional advection diffusion equations. The plume spreads faster than a traditional Brownian motion due to the self-similarity. The traditional dispersion equation would seriously underestimate the risk of downstream contamination if the plume represent a pollutant heading to a drinking water well. The stable density that solves the fractional diffusion equation can capture the super-diffusive spreading observed in the data. Motivated by these facts, in this paper we mainly focus on the optimal control problem governed by a fractional advection diffusion equation.

To achieve higher-order convergence, spectral methods based on weighted polynomials (the product of weighted functions and polynomials) have been developed to solve fractional differential equations [31–33], which naturally accommodate the weak singularity of fractional derivative at the endpoint. A spectral Galerkin approximation of optimal control problem governed by fractional equations with control constraint is firstly investigated in [34,35], where the weighted Jacobi polynomials are used to approximate the state variable and the adjoint state variable. As an extension in the present work we propose a spectral Galerkin approximation scheme for optimal control problem governed by fractional advection diffusion reaction equation under the constraints of state integration. Our model is general in that it includes advection, reaction and diffusion terms, which are seldom studied in the literature, especially for the optimal control of the corresponding state integral constraints. We proved a priori error analysis for state variable, adjoint state variable, control variable, and Lagrangian multiplier, and the boundary singularities of the solutions are considered in the convergence estimates, which provides a characterization for the space-fractional problems and distinguishes this paper from many existing works assuming the solutions to be sufficiently smooth. Finally numerical example is given to illustrate the theoretical result.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall on some preliminary knowledge and derive the continuous first-order optimality condition. In Section 3, we construct a spectral Galerkin discrete scheme for optimal control problem, where weighted Jacobi polynomials are used. Then a discrete first-order optimality condition is deduced, and a priori error estimates of state variable, adjoint variable, control variable, and Lagrangian multiplier are proved. In Section 4, numerical example is given to confirm our theoretical findings.

2. Preliminary Knowledge

In this section, we begin with a brief review of the definitions and properties of weighed Sobolev spaces, fractional Laplacian operator, and Jacobi polynomials. Then we derive the first order optimality condition.

2.1. Weighed Sobolev Spaces and Jacobi Polynomials

Denote by $L^2_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}$ the space with the inner product and norm defined by

$$(u, v)_{\omega^{\alpha/2}} = \int_{\Omega} uv\omega^{\alpha/2}dx, \quad \|u\|_{\omega^{\alpha/2}} = (u, u)_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^{1/2}, \quad \forall u, v \in L^2_{\omega^{\alpha/2}},$$

where $\omega^{\alpha/2}(x) = (1 - x^2)^{\alpha/2}$ is a weight function.

We denote by $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{N}}$ the set of Jacobi polynomials of degree at most N . The Jacobi polynomials $P_n^{\alpha/2}$ in $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{N}}$ are mutually orthogonal as follows

$$\int_{\Omega} \omega^{\alpha/2}(x)P_n^{\alpha/2}(x)P_m^{\alpha/2}(x)dx = h_n^{\alpha/2}\delta_{nm}, \quad \delta_{nm} \text{ is the Dirac delta symbol}$$

and

$$h_n^{\alpha/2} = \frac{2^{\alpha+1}(\Gamma(n + \alpha/2 + 1))^2}{(2n + \alpha + 1)\Gamma(n + \alpha + 1)\Gamma(n + 1)}.$$

Lemma 1 (See [32]). *The following relation holds for the Jacobi polynomials $P_n^{\alpha/2}(x)$*

$$(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}[\omega^{\alpha/2}P_n^{\alpha/2}(x)] = g_n^{\alpha}P_n^{\alpha/2}(x), \quad g_n^{\alpha} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1)}{n!}. \tag{5}$$

Lemma 2. *The first order derivative of the Jacobi polynomials $P_n^{\alpha/2}(x)$ satisfies*

$$D(\omega^{\alpha/2}P_{n-1}^{\alpha/2}) = -2n(1 - x^2)^{\alpha/2-1}P_n^{\alpha/2-1}.$$

To incorporate singularities at the endpoints, we use the following non-uniformly Jacobi-weighted Sobolev space (see [36,37])

$$B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^s = \{u | \partial^k u \in L_{\omega^{\alpha/2+k}}^2, k = 0, 1, \dots, s\}, \text{ s is a nonnegative integer,}$$

which is equipped with the following norm and seminorm

$$\|u\|_{B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^s} = \left(\sum_{k=0}^s |u|_{B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^k}\right)^{1/2}, \quad |u|_{B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^k} = \|\partial^k u\|_{\omega^{\alpha/2+k}}.$$

When s is not an integer, the space is defined by interpolation (see [36,37]).

2.2. Properties of the Fractional Laplacian Operations

Lemma 3 (See [32]). *Assume that u, v vanish outside of $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ almost everywhere. Then it holds that*

$$\int_{\Omega} v(-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}u(x)dx = \frac{c_{1,\alpha}}{2} \int_{\Omega} \int_{\Omega} \frac{(u(x) - u(y))(v(x) - v(y))}{|x - y|^{1+\alpha}} dydx + \int_{\Omega} u(x)v(x)\rho(x)dx,$$

when all the integrals are well-defined. Here $\rho(x)$ is defined as follows

$$\rho(x) = c_{1,\alpha} \int_{\Omega^c} \frac{1}{|x - y|^{1+\alpha}} dy = \frac{c_{1,\alpha}}{\alpha} ((1 + x)^{-\alpha} + (1 - x)^{-\alpha}) \geq \frac{c_{1,\alpha}}{\alpha} \omega^{-\alpha}. \tag{6}$$

Lemma 4. *By Lemma 1, we can get*

$$((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\eta + \mu_2\eta, \eta) = \frac{C_1}{2} |\eta|_{H^{\alpha/2}}^2 + \mu_2 \|\eta\|^2 + \|\eta\rho^{1/2}\|^2.$$

Here $C_1 > 0$ and following [32] we know that $\rho(x) \geq \frac{C_1}{\alpha} \omega^{-\alpha}$. Then we have

$$((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\eta + \mu_2\eta, \eta) \geq \frac{C_1}{2} |\eta|_{H^{\alpha/2}}^2 + \mu_2 \|\eta\|^2 + \frac{C_1}{\alpha} \|\eta\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}}^2. \tag{7}$$

2.3. First-Order Optimality Condition

Theorem 1. *Assume that (y, u) is the solution to optimal control problem (1) and (2). Then the following first-order optimality condition holds*

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}y + \mu_1 Dy + \mu_2 y = f + u, \\ (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}z - \mu_1 Dz + \mu_2 z = y - y_d + \mu, \\ (\mu, v - y) \leq 0, \forall v \in G_{ad}, \\ z + \gamma u = 0. \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

Here

$$\mu = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y dx < d, \\ \text{constant} \geq 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y dx = d, \end{cases}$$

$\mu_1 \neq 0$ is a constant and $\mu_2 \geq 0$.

Proof. To derive the first order optimality system, we set $F(u) := \int_{\Omega} y(u) dx - d$, where $y(u)$ is the solution of the state equation associated to u . Then according to [38,39] there exist a real number $\mu \geq 0$ such that

$$\mu F(u) = 0$$

and

$$L'_u(u)(v - u) = 0, \forall v \in U_{ad}.$$

Here $L(u, \mu) = \hat{J}(u) + \mu F(u)$ denote the Lagrangian functional with μ being the Lagrangian multiplier.

By simple calculation we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{J}'(u)(v - u) &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{\hat{J}(u + \lambda(v - u)) - \hat{J}(u)}{\lambda} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (y(u) - y_d)[y'(u)(v - u)] dx + \gamma \int_{\Omega} u(v - u) dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mu F'(u)(v - u) &= \mu \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u + \lambda(v - u)) - F(u)}{\lambda} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \mu y'(u)(v - u) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L'_u(u)(v - u) &= \int_{\Omega} (y(u) - y_d)[y'(u)(v - u)] dx + \gamma \int_{\Omega} u(v - u) dx \\ &\quad + \mu \int_{\Omega} y'(u)(v - u) dx = 0, \forall v \in U_{ad}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Let $q = y'(u)(v - u)$. It follows from the state equation that

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} q + \mu_1 Dq + \mu_2 q = v - u, & x \in \Omega, \\ q = 0, & x \in \Omega^c. \end{cases}$$

Then we introduce the adjoint state equation:

$$\begin{cases} (-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} z(x) - \mu_1 Dz(x) + \mu_2 z(x) = y(x) - y_d + \mu, & x \in \Omega, \\ z(x) = 0, & x \in \Omega^c, \end{cases}$$

By integration-by-parts, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} (y(u) - y_d + \mu)[y'(u)(v - u)] dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} z(x) - \mu_1 Dz(x) + \mu_2 z(x) \right) q(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} q(x) + \mu_1 Dq(x) + \mu_2 q(x) \right) z(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} z(v - u) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Combing the above equations leads to

$$L'_u(u)(v - u) = \int_{\Omega} (\gamma u + z(x))(v - u)dx = 0, \forall v \in G_{ad}.$$

This implies (8). Note that for $v \in G_{ad}$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \mu F(u) &= \mu \left(\int_{\Omega} y(u)dx - d \right) \\ &= \mu \left(\int_{\Omega} (y(u) - v)dx \right) + \mu \left(\int_{\Omega} vdx - d \right). \end{aligned}$$

This implies for $v \in G_{ad}$

$$\mu(1, v - y(u)) = \mu \left(\int_{\Omega} vdx - d \right) \leq 0.$$

□

Remark 1. From (8) we can further derive that

$$\mu = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} ydx < d, \\ \text{constant} \geq 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} ydx = d. \end{cases}$$

3. Spectral Galerkin Approximation

Define

$$V_N = \omega^{\alpha/2} \mathbb{P}_N = \text{Span}\{\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_N\},$$

where $\phi_k(x) = \omega^{\alpha/2} P_k^{\alpha/2}(x)$ for $0 \leq k \leq N$. Let $\mathcal{V}_N = V_N \cap G_{ad}$. The spectral Galerkin method for optimal control problem (1) and (2) is to find (y_N, u_N) satisfying

$$\min_{(y_N, u_N) \in \mathcal{V}_N \times V_N} J(y_N, u_N) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (y_N(x) - y_d(x))^2 dx + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\Omega} u_N^2(x) dx$$

subject to

$$((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} y_N + \mu_1 D y_N + \mu_2 y_N, v_N) = (f + u_N, v_N), \forall v_N \in V_N. \tag{10}$$

In a similar way to continuous case we have the following discrete optimality condition

$$\begin{cases} ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} y_N + \mu_1 D y_N + \mu_2 y_N, v_N) = (f + u_N, v_N), & \forall v_N \in V_N, \\ ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} z_N - \mu_1 D z_N + \mu_2 z_N, v_N) = (y_N - y_d + \mu_N, v_N), & \forall v_N \in V_N, \\ \mu_N(1, v_N - y_N) \leq 0, & \forall v_N \in \mathcal{V}_N, \\ z_N + \gamma u_N = 0. \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

Here

$$\mu_N = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y_N dx < d, \\ \text{constant} \geq 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y_N dx = d. \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

To achieve the error estimate, we need to introduce the following auxiliary problems:

$$\begin{cases} ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}y(u_N) + \mu_1 Dy(u_N) + \mu_2 y(u_N), v) = (f + u_N, v), \\ ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}z(u_N) - \mu_1 Dz(u_N) + \mu_2 z(u_N), v) = (y(u_N) - y_d + \mu_N, v), \\ ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}z(y_N) - \mu_1 Dz(y_N) + \mu_2 z(y_N), v) = (y_N - y_d + \mu_N, v). \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

Lemma 5 (see [40]). Assume that η and η_N are solutions of state equation and its discrete counterpart, respectively. Let $\omega^{-\alpha/2}\eta \in B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^s$. Then for $s \geq \alpha/2$ we have

$$\|\eta - \eta_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + N^{-\alpha/2}\|\eta - \eta_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} \leq CN^{-s}|\omega^{-\alpha/2}\eta|_{B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^s}.$$

Lemma 6. Assume that (y, z, u, μ) and (y_N, z_N, u_N, μ_N) are the solutions of optimality conditions (8) and (11) respectively. Suppose that $\omega^{-\alpha/2}y, \omega^{-\alpha/2}z \in B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^s, s \geq \alpha/2$. Then the following error estimates hold

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - y_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + \|z - z_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} &\leq CN^{-s} + C(\|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N|), \\ \|y - y_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} &\leq CN^{\alpha/2-s} + C(\|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N|). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Note that y_N and z_N are the spectral Galerkin approximation of $y(u_N)$ and $z(y_N)$, respectively. Therefore, by Lemma 5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_N - y(u_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + N^{-\alpha/2}\|y_N - y(u_N)\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} &\leq CN^{-s}, \\ \|z_N - z(y_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + N^{-\alpha/2}\|z_N - z(y_N)\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} &\leq CN^{-s}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

By (8) and (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_1 D(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_2 (y - y(u_N)), v) \\ &= (u - u_N, v). \end{aligned}$$

Choosing $v = y - y(u_N)$ leads to

$$\begin{aligned} &((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_1 D(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_2 (y - y(u_N)), y - y(u_N)) \\ &= (u - u_N, y - y(u_N)). \end{aligned}$$

By integration-by-parts, we have

$$\mu_1 (D(y - y(u_N)), (y - y(u_N))) = -\mu_1 (y - y(u_N), D(y - y(u_N))).$$

This yields

$$\mu_1 (D(y - y(u_N)), (y - y(u_N))) = 0.$$

By (7), we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} &((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_2 (y - y(u_N)), y - y(u_N)) \\ &\geq \frac{C_1}{2}|y - y(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}}^2 + \mu_2 \|y - y(u_N)\|^2 + \frac{C_1}{\alpha}\|y - y(u_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$(u - u_N, y - y(u_N)) \leq \|y - y(u_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} \|u - u_N\|_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}.$$

Then using the Young inequality we further have

$$\begin{aligned} &|y - y(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|y - y(u_N)\| + \|y - y(u_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} \\ &\leq C\|u - u_N\|_{\omega^{\alpha/2}} \leq C\|u - u_N\|. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

By (8) and (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(y_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(y_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(y_N)), v) \\ &= (y - y_N, v) + (\mu - \mu_N, v). \end{aligned}$$

Further, by setting $v = z - z(y_N)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(y_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(y_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(y_N)), z - z(y_N)) \\ &= (y - y_N, z - z(y_N)) + (\mu - \mu_N, z - z(y_N)). \end{aligned}$$

In a similar way to state variable, using Lemma 5 we can deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & |z - z(y_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z(y_N)\| + \|z - z(y_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} \\ & \leq C\|y - y_N\| + C|\mu - \mu_N| \\ & \leq C\|y - y(u_N) + y(u_N) - y_N\| + C|\mu - \mu_N| \\ & \leq C(N^{-s} + \|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N|). \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Combining (14)–(16) yields the final results. \square

Note that the estimate of the state and the adjoint state depends on the estimate of the $\|u - u_N\|$ and $|\mu - \mu_N|$. In the following we are going to estimate $|\mu - \mu_N|$ first.

Lemma 7. Let (y, z, u, μ) and (y_N, z_N, u_N, μ_N) be the solutions of (8) and the discrete counterpart, respectively. Then the following estimate holds

$$|\mu - \mu_N| \leq C(N^{-s} + \|u - u_N\|).$$

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), v) \\ &= (y - y(u_N), v) + (\mu - \mu_N, v). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Choosing $v = w \in C_0^\infty$ with $\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} w dx = 1$ and $\|w\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C$ leads to

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu - \mu_N, w) &= ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), w) + \mu_1(z - z(u_N), Dw) \\ &\quad - (y - y(u_N), w). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Then by (18) we can get

$$\begin{aligned} |\mu - \mu_N| &\leq C(|z - z(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z(u_N)\| + \|y - y(u_N)\|) \\ &\leq C(|z - z(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z(u_N)\| + \|u - u_N\|). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Set $Z = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} (z - z(u_N)) dx$. By setting $v = z - z(u_N) - Zw$ in (17) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), z - z(u_N) - Zw) \\ &= (y - y(u_N), z - z(u_N) - Zw) + (\mu - \mu_N, z - z(u_N) - Zw). \end{aligned}$$

We can check that $(\mu - \mu_N, z - z(u_N) - Zw) = 0$. Then we further derive

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), z - z(u_N)) \\ &= ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), Zw) \\ &\quad + (y - y(u_N), z - z(u_N) - Zw). \end{aligned}$$

By integration-by-parts, we have

$$\mu_1(D(z - z(u_N)), (z - z(u_N))) = -\mu_1(z - z(u_N), D(z - z(u_N))).$$

This yields

$$\mu_1(D(z - z(u_N)), (z - z(u_N))) = 0.$$

By (7), we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), z - z(u_N)) \\ & \geq \frac{C_1}{2} |z - z(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}}^2 + \mu_2 \|z - z(u_N)\|^2 + \frac{C_1}{\alpha} \|z - z(u_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), Z w) \\ & + (y - y(u_N), z - z(u_N) - Z w) \\ & \leq C |z - z(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} |Z| + C \|y - y(u_N)\| \|z - z(u_N)\| + C |Z| \|y - y(u_N)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Then using the Young inequality we further have

$$\begin{aligned} |z - z(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z(u_N)\| & \leq C(|Z| + \|y - y(u_N)\|) \\ & \leq C(|Z| + \|u - u_N\|). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Using (8) and (11) we can get

$$\begin{aligned} |Z| & = \left| \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} (z - z(u_N)) dx \right| \\ & \leq C(\|z(u_N) - z_N\| + \|u - u_N\|). \end{aligned}$$

By (13) we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z(u_N) - z(y_N)) - \mu_1 D(z(u_N) - z(y_N)) + \mu_2(z(u_N) - z(y_N)), v) \\ & = (y(u_N) - y_N, v). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Setting $v = z(u_N) - z(y_N)$ and using Lemma 5 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |z(u_N) - z(y_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z(u_N) - z(y_N)\| + \|z(u_N) - z(y_N)\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} \\ & \leq C \|y(u_N) - y_N\| \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Then using (22) we derive

$$\begin{aligned} |z - z(u_N)|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z(u_N)\| & \leq C(|Z| + \|y - y(u_N)\|) \\ & \leq C(\|z(u_N) - z_N\| + \|u - u_N\|) \\ & \leq C(\|z(u_N) - z(y_N) + z(y_N) - z_N\| + \|u - u_N\|) \\ & \leq C(\|y(u_N) - y_N\| + \|z(y_N) - z_N\| + \|u - u_N\|) \\ & \leq CN^{-s} + C\|u - u_N\|. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Inserting above estimate into (19) gives the theorem result. \square

Note that the estimate of the $|\mu - \mu_N|$ depends on the estimate of the $\|u - u_N\|$. In the following we are going to estimate $\|u - u_N\|$.

Lemma 8. Let (y, z, u, μ) and (y_N, z_N, u_N, μ_N) be the solutions of optimality conditions (8) and (11), respectively. Then the following estimates hold

$$\|u - u_N\| \leq CN^{-s}.$$

Proof. By (8) and (11), we can get

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma\|u - u_N\|^2 &= \int_{\Omega} (\gamma u - \gamma u_N)(u - u_N) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (z_N - z)(u - u_N) dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (z(u_N) - z)(u - u_N) dx + \int_{\Omega} (z_N - z(u_N))(u - u_N) dx.\end{aligned}$$

By (8) and (13), we have

$$((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_1 D(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_2(y - y(u_N)), v) = (u - u_N, v)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), v) \\ = (y - y(u_N) + \mu - \mu_N, v).\end{aligned}$$

Then using Green formula and Lemma 3 we have

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\Omega} (z(u_N) - z)(u - u_N) dx &= ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(y - y(u_N)) + \mu_1 D(y - y(u_N)) \\ &\quad + \mu_2(y - y(u_N)), z(u_N) - z) \\ &= -((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(z - z(u_N)) - \mu_1 D(z - z(u_N)) \\ &\quad + \mu_2(z - z(u_N)), y - y(u_N)) \\ &= -(y - y(u_N) + \mu - \mu_N, y - y(u_N)).\end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma\|u - u_N\|^2 + \|y - y(u_N)\|^2 \\ = (z_N - z(u_N), u - u_N) + (\mu - \mu_N, y(u_N) - y) \\ = (z_N - z(u_N), u - u_N) + (\mu - \mu_N, y(u_N) - y_N) - (\mu - \mu_N, y - y_N).\end{aligned}\tag{24}$$

Note that

$$\mu(1, y - y_N) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y dx < d, \text{ then } \mu = 0, \\ \geq 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y dx = d, \text{ then } \mu \geq 0, \text{ and } \int_{\Omega} y dx \geq \int_{\Omega} y_N dx \end{cases}$$

and

$$-\mu_N(1, y - y_N) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y_N dx < d, \text{ then } \mu_N = 0, \\ \geq 0, & \text{if } \int_{\Omega} y_N dx = d, \text{ then } \mu_N \geq 0, \text{ and } \int_{\Omega} y dx \leq \int_{\Omega} y_N dx. \end{cases}$$

Then we have $(\mu - \mu_N, y - y_N) \geq 0$.

By (14), Lemma 7 and Young inequality we can get

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma\|u - u_N\|^2 + \|y - y(u_N)\|^2 \\ \leq C(\|z_N - z(u_N)\| \|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N| \|y_N - y(u_N)\|) \\ \leq C(\|y_N - y(u_N)\| + \|z(y_N) - z_N\|) \|u - u_N\| + C(N^{-s} + \|u - u_N\|) \|y_N - y(u_N)\| \\ \leq C(\|z(y_N) - z_N\|^2 + \|y_N - y(u_N)\|^2) + CN^{-s} \|y_N - y(u_N)\| + \varepsilon \|u - u_N\|^2 \\ \leq CN^{-2s} + \varepsilon \|u - u_N\|^2.\end{aligned}$$

Here $\varepsilon > 0$ is an arbitrary small constant. Further we have

$$\|u - u_N\| \leq CN^{-s}. \tag{25}$$

□

Theorem 2. Let (y_N, z_N, u_N, μ_N) be the solution of (11), and (y, z, u, μ) be the solutions of (8), respectively. Assume that $\omega^{-\alpha/2}y, \omega^{-\alpha/2}z \in B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^s$ with $s \geq \alpha/2$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - y_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + \|z - z_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + \|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N| &\leq CN^{-s}, \\ \|y - y_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} &\leq CN^{\alpha/2-s}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We conclude from Lemmas 6–8 that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|y - y_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + \|z - z_N\|_{\omega^{-\alpha/2}} + \|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N| \\ &\leq C(N^{-s} + \|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N|) + C(N^{-s} + \|u - u_N\|) + CN^{-s} \\ &\leq CN^{-s} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\|y - y_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} + \|z - z_N\|_{H^{\alpha/2}} \\ &\leq C(N^{\alpha/2-s} + \|u - u_N\| + |\mu - \mu_N|) + C(N^{-s} + \|u - u_N\|) + CN^{-s} \\ &\leq CN^{\alpha/2-s}. \end{aligned}$$

□

4. Numerical Experiments

4.1. Algorithm

Let

$$y_N = \sum_{l=0}^N \hat{y}_l \phi_l(x), p_N = \sum_{l=0}^N \hat{p}_l \phi_l(x).$$

Taking the test function $v_N = \phi_k(x)$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$, and using Lemmas 1 and 2 yields

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_k^\alpha h_k^{\alpha/2} \hat{y}_k + \mu_1 \sum_{l=0}^N M_{k,l}^a \hat{y}_l + \mu_2 \sum_{l=0}^N M_{k,l}^r \hat{y}_l &= (f + u_N, \phi_k), \\ \lambda_k^\alpha h_k^{\alpha/2} \hat{p}_k - \mu_1 \sum_{l=0}^N M_{k,l}^a \hat{p}_l + \mu_2 \sum_{l=0}^N M_{k,l}^r \hat{p}_l &= (y_N - y_d + \mu_N, \phi_k). \end{aligned}$$

We denote by M^d (diffusion term), M^a (advection term) and M^r (reaction term) the corresponding coefficient matrix. The k th row and l th column entry of matrices M^d, M^a and M^r are calculated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} M_{k,k}^d &= \lambda_k^\alpha h_k^{\alpha/2}, \\ M_{k,l}^a &= -2(l+1) \int_{-1}^1 \omega^{\alpha-1}(x) P_{l+1}^{\alpha/2-1}(x) P_k^{\alpha/2}(x) dx, \\ M_{k,l}^r &= \int_{-1}^1 \omega^\alpha(x) P_l^{\alpha/2}(x) P_k^{\alpha/2}(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore in order to solve the state and adjoint state equation we just need to solve the following equation with different coefficient matrix and right hand terms

$$\mathcal{A}\hat{\xi} = \hat{G}, \tag{26}$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = M^d + \mu_1 M^a + \mu_2 M^r, \text{ or } M^d - \mu_1 M^a + \mu_2 M^r.$$

Due to the existence of convection term and reaction term, the coefficient matrix of discrete state equation and adjoint equation are dense. A direct solver will require $O(N^2)$ storage and its complexity is $O(N^3)$. We adopt a matrix-free iterative solver with storage $O(N)$ and computational complexity $O(N \log^2(N))$ developed in [35] to solve the above equation.

This iterative solver consists of a fixed-point iteration and fast polynomial transforms. A fixed point iteration is used to solve the state equation in (26)

$$\hat{\xi}_{k+1} = \hat{\xi}_k + \mathcal{P}^{-1}(\hat{G} - \mathcal{A}\hat{\xi}_k).$$

Here $\mathcal{P} = M^d + \mu_2 I + \mu_1 D^a$, where D^a is a tridiagonal matrix with

$$D_{k,k+1}^a = M_{k,k+1}^a, \quad D_{k+1,k}^a = M_{k+1,k}^a, \quad k = 1, \dots, N$$

the remaining of D^a elements are zero. In each iteration, we compute the matrix-vector product $\mathcal{A}\hat{\xi}$ by using fast polynomials transform, instead of forming a matrix. For more details one can refer to [35].

We reduce the cost of the whole algorithm by speeding up the calculation of state equation and adjoint equation. The discrete optimality system can be solved by the following Arrow-Hurwicz algorithm in Algorithm 1 (see [41]).

Algorithm 1: Arrow-Hurwicz algorithm.

1. Given N , the tolerance η and Jacobi polynomials and quadrature formula.
2. **while** error $\mu_N > \eta$ **do**
 - Given the initial value u_N^0 and μ_N^0 . Setting $k = 0$ and fixing a step length $\rho > 0$.
3. **while** error $u > \eta$ **do**
 - Let $l = 0$ and $u_N^{k,0} = u_N^k$.
 - Solve the following equations to obtain $(y_N^{k,l}, z_N^{k,l})$

$$\begin{aligned} ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} y_N^{k,l} + \mu_1 D y_N^{k,l} + \mu_2 y_N^{k,l}, v_N) &= (f + u_N^{k,l}, v_N), \\ ((-\Delta)^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} z_N^{k,l} - \mu_1 D z_N^{k,l} + \mu_2 z_N^{k,l}, v_N) &= (y_N^{k,l} - y_d + \mu_N, v_N). \end{aligned}$$
 - Let $u_N^{k,l+1} = u_N^{k,l} - (y_N^{k,l} + \gamma u_N^{k,l})$.
 - Calculate the error
$$\text{error } u = \|u_N^{k,l+1} - u_N^{k,l}\|_{L^\infty}.$$
4. Setting $l = l + 1$ and then go to Step 5.
5. **end while**
6. Let

$$\mu_N^{k+1} = \max\{0, \mu_N^k + \rho(\int_{\Omega} y_N^{k,l} - d)\}.$$

7. Calculate the error
$$\text{error } \mu_N = \text{abs}(\mu_N^{k+1} - \mu_N^k).$$
 8. Update $u_N = u_N^{k,l}$, $y_N = y_N^{k,l}$ and $z_N = z_N^{k,l}$. Otherwise let $u_N^{k+1} = u_N^{k,l+1}$, let $k = k + 1$. Then go to Step 3.
 9. **end while**
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4.2. Numerical Examples

Example 1. We consider the optimal control problem (8) with the exact state and adjoint state $y = (1 - x^2)^2, z = 2(1 - x^2)^2, u = -2(1 - x^2)^2$. Here $\rho = 8, \gamma = 1$ and $\mu = 0.5$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{1}{2 \cos(\alpha\pi/2)} \left[\frac{\Gamma(5)}{\Gamma(5-\alpha)} ((x+1)^{4-\alpha} + (1-x)^{4-\alpha}) \right. \\
 &\quad - \frac{4\Gamma(4)}{\Gamma(4-\alpha)} ((x+1)^{3-\alpha} + (1-x)^{3-\alpha}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{4\Gamma(3)}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} ((x+1)^{2-\alpha} + (1-x)^{2-\alpha}) \left. \right] \\
 &\quad + \mu_1(-4)x(1-x^2) + \mu_2(1-x^2)^2 - u, \\
 y_d(x) &= y - \left\{ 2 \left[\frac{1}{2 \cos(\alpha\pi/2)} \left[\frac{\Gamma(5)}{\Gamma(5-\alpha)} ((x+1)^{4-\alpha} + (1-x)^{4-\alpha}) \right. \right. \right. \\
 &\quad - \frac{4\Gamma(4)}{\Gamma(4-\alpha)} ((x+1)^{3-\alpha} + (1-x)^{3-\alpha}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{4\Gamma(3)}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} ((x+1)^{2-\alpha} + (1-x)^{2-\alpha}) \left. \left. \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \mu_1(-4)x(1-x^2) + \mu_2(1-x^2)^2 \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In this case we have $\omega^{-\alpha/2}y, \omega^{-\alpha/2}z$ belong to $B_{\omega^{\alpha/2}}^{5-\frac{\alpha}{2}-\epsilon}$ according to [33]. We numerically demonstrate the results of the convergence in space proved in Theorem 2. The true and numerical solutions of state variables, adjoint variables and control variables are shown in Figure 1. The numerical experiments results of the convergence order under the weighted L^2 norm are $5 - \frac{\alpha}{2} - \epsilon$. are presented in Tables 1–3. The convergence order of state variable and adjoint variable in $\|\cdot\|_{H^{\alpha/2}}$ norm are expected to be $5 - \alpha - \epsilon$. The results are shown in Tables 4–6 including different values of N with $\alpha = 1.3, 1.5, 1.7$.

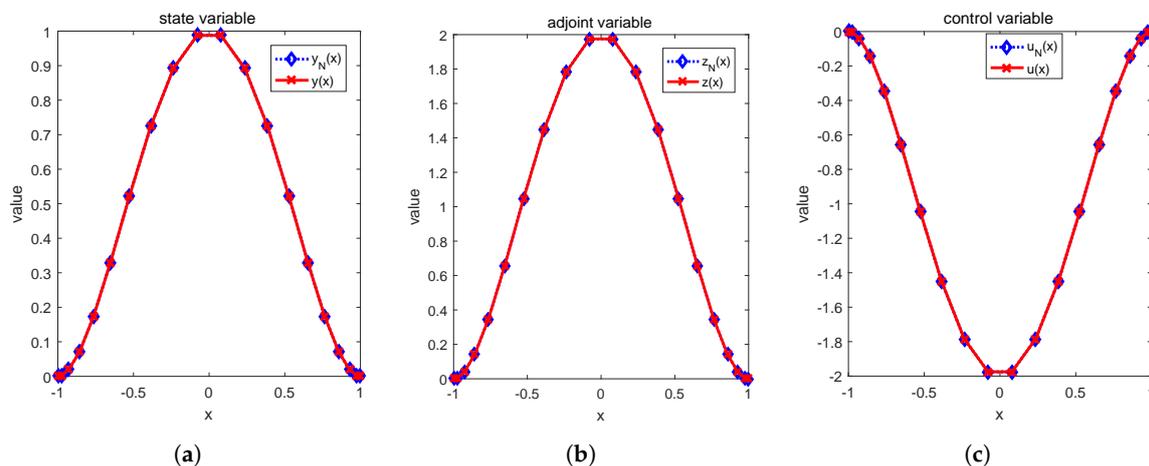


Figure 1. True solutions and numerical solutions. (left) y and y_N , (middle) z and z_N , (right). Here y_N, z_N and u_N are calculated by Algorithm 1.

Table 1. Errors and convergence rates of y, z in weighted L^2 norm and μ with $\alpha = 1.30$.

N	$\ y - y_N\ _{\omega^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ z - z_N\ _{\omega^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$ \mu - \mu_N $	Rate
10	5.54×10^{-4}		1.20×10^{-3}		2.81×10^{-4}	
20	3.00×10^{-5}	4.21	6.24×10^{-5}	4.23	1.30×10^{-5}	4.44
40	1.58×10^{-6}	4.25	3.24×10^{-6}	4.27	5.80×10^{-7}	4.48
80	8.09×10^{-8}	4.30	1.63×10^{-7}	4.32	4.42×10^{-8}	3.72
\mathcal{K}		$4.35 - \epsilon$		$4.35 - \epsilon$		$4.35 - \epsilon$

Table 2. Errors and convergence rates of y, z in weighted L^2 norm and μ with $\alpha = 1.50$.

N	$\ y - y_N\ _{\omega^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ z - z_N\ _{\omega^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$ \mu - \mu_N $	Rate
10	4.56×10^{-4}		9.98×10^{-4}		3.50×10^{-4}	
20	2.63×10^{-5}	4.11	5.72×10^{-5}	4.13	1.85×10^{-5}	4.24
40	1.50×10^{-6}	4.13	3.20×10^{-6}	4.16	9.12×10^{-7}	4.34
80	8.34×10^{-8}	4.17	1.75×10^{-7}	4.20	4.29×10^{-8}	4.41
\mathcal{K}		$4.25 - \epsilon$		$4.25 - \epsilon$		$4.25 - \epsilon$

Table 3. Errors and convergence rates of y, z in weighted L^2 norm and μ with $\alpha = 1.70$.

N	$\ y - y_N\ _{\omega^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ z - z_N\ _{\omega^{-\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$ \mu - \mu_N $	Rate
10	2.71×10^{-4}		6.77×10^{-4}		4.11×10^{-4}	
20	1.78×10^{-5}	3.93	4.41×10^{-5}	3.94	2.54×10^{-5}	4.01
40	1.15×10^{-6}	3.94	2.76×10^{-6}	4.00	1.45×10^{-6}	4.13
80	7.19×10^{-8}	4.01	1.65×10^{-7}	4.06	7.88×10^{-8}	4.20
\mathcal{K}		$4.15 - \epsilon$		$4.15 - \epsilon$		$4.15 - \epsilon$

Table 4. Errors and convergence rate of y, z, u in non-weighted Sobolev norm with $\alpha = 1.30$.

N	$\ y - y_N\ _{H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ z - z_N\ _{H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ u - u_N\ $	Rate
10	1.50×10^{-3}		3.10×10^{-3}		4.55×10^{-4}	
20	1.36×10^{-4}	3.48	1.74×10^{-4}	3.51	1.92×10^{-5}	4.57
40	1.16×10^{-5}	3.55	2.32×10^{-5}	3.56	7.70×10^{-7}	4.64
80	9.48×10^{-7}	3.61	1.90×10^{-6}	3.62	2.30×10^{-8}	5.06
\mathcal{K}		$3.70 - \epsilon$		$3.70 - \epsilon$		

Table 5. Errors and convergence rate of y, z, u in non-weighted Sobolev norm with $\alpha = 1.50$.

N	$\ y - y_N\ _{H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ z - z_N\ _{H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ u - u_N\ $	Rate
10	1.90×10^{-3}		3.90×10^{-3}		3.98×10^{-4}	
20	1.94×10^{-4}	3.28	3.91×10^{-4}	3.30	1.99×10^{-5}	4.32
40	1.90×10^{-5}	3.35	3.81×10^{-5}	3.36	9.59×10^{-7}	4.38
80	1.78×10^{-6}	3.42	3.56×10^{-6}	3.42	4.46×10^{-8}	4.43
\mathcal{K}		$3.50 - \epsilon$		$3.50 - \epsilon$		

Table 6. Errors and convergence rate of y, z, u in non-weighted Sobolev norm with $\alpha = 1.70$.

N	$\ y - y_N\ _{H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ z - z_N\ _{H^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}}$	Rate	$\ u - u_N\ $	Rate
10	1.90×10^{-3}		3.80×10^{-3}		3.52×10^{-4}	
20	2.21×10^{-4}	3.08	4.44×10^{-4}	3.10	2.17×10^{-5}	4.02
40	2.48×10^{-5}	3.16	4.96×10^{-5}	3.16	1.24×10^{-6}	4.13
80	2.66×10^{-6}	3.22	5.32×10^{-6}	3.22	6.72×10^{-8}	4.21
\mathcal{K}		$3.30 - \epsilon$		$3.30 - \epsilon$		

5. Conclusions

In this paper a spectral Galerkin approximation of fractional advection diffusion optimal control problem with integral state constraint is discussed. Weighted Jacobi polynomials are used to approximate the state and adjoint state. A priori error estimates for state, adjoint state, control variables, and Lagrangian multiplier are derived. Numerical example is presented to verify our theoretical findings. In future, we will further consider optimal control problems with variable order fractional operator.

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