

# Positivity of boundary delay systems

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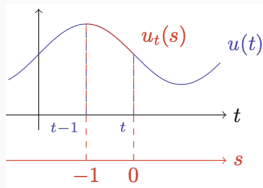
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$$A_m = (A_{-1} + BG)|_{D(A_m)}$$

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- The triple operator  $(A, B, C)$  is regular and  $I_U - F_\tau$  invertible  
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## Theorem

Under these assumptions (BS) is well-posed.<sup>2 3</sup>

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## Our path

Take  $\mathcal{A}_{P,L} := \begin{pmatrix} A_m & P \\ 0 & \frac{d}{ds} \end{pmatrix}$  with domain consisting of

$$\begin{pmatrix} f \\ \varphi \end{pmatrix} \in D(A_m) \times W^{1,p}([-1, 0], X) : (G - M)f = L\varphi, \quad f = \varphi(0)$$

and follow the steps needed to prove the well-posedness of (BS).

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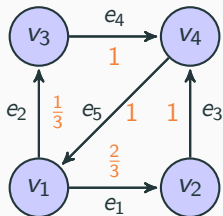
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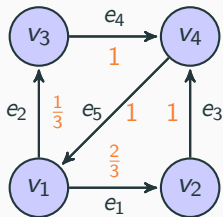
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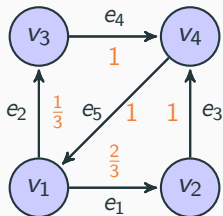


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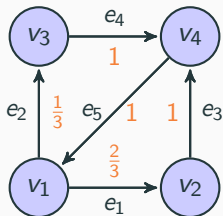


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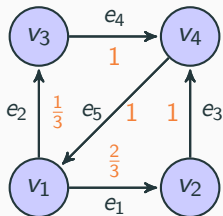


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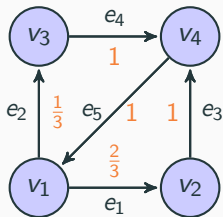
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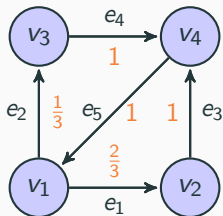
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