

Chapter 2 Variational Formulations of Elliptic PDEs

HW #4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15

§2.1 Inner Product Spaces

Let V be a linear space.

Definitions (2.1.1)

(1) $a: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bilinear form $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a(\cdot, w) \text{ and } a(v, \cdot) \\ \text{are linear on } V \end{cases}$

(2) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is symmetric $\Leftrightarrow a(v, w) = a(w, v) \quad \forall v, w \in V$

(3) $(\cdot, \cdot): V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a (real) inner product

\Leftrightarrow (a) (\cdot, \cdot) is a symmetric bilinear form

(b) $(v, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in V$

(c) $(v, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$

Definition (2.1.2) $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is an inner product space

\Leftrightarrow (a) V is a linear space

(b) (\cdot, \cdot) is an inner-product defined on V .

Examples (1) $V = \mathbb{R}^n$, $(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$

(2) $V = L^2(\Omega)$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $(u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} = \int_{\Omega} uv dx$

(3) $V = W_2^k(\Omega) = H^k(\Omega)$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $(u, v)_k = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} (D^\alpha u, D^\alpha v)$

Theorem (2.1.4) (The Schwarz inequality)

Assume that $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is an inner-product space.

\Rightarrow (1) $|(u, v)| \leq (u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} (v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(2) $|(u, v)| = (u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} (v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Leftrightarrow u$ and v are linearly indep.

Proof

(1) 3 things: (u, u) , (v, v) , (u, v)

connection $(u, u) + (v, v) \pm 2(u, v) = (u \pm v, u \pm v) \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow (u, v) \leq \frac{1}{2} [(u, u) + (v, v)] \Rightarrow$ (1)

modification $(u, u) + (tv, tv) \pm 2(u, tv) = (u \pm tv, u \pm tv) \geq 0$

$|(u, v)| = \pm (u, v) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{t} (u, u) + t (v, v) \right]$

$= (u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} (v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ choosing $t = \frac{(u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

$$(2) \text{ "}\Leftarrow\text{" } u = \alpha v \Rightarrow |(u, v)| = (u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} (v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

" \Rightarrow " the proof of (1), $|(u, v)| = (u, v)$ or $-(u, v)$

$$\Rightarrow \pm (u, v) = (u, u)^{\frac{1}{2}} (v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (u \pm tv, u \pm tv) \text{ with } t = \sqrt{\frac{(u, u)}{(v, v)}} \Rightarrow u = \pm tv \quad \#$$

Remark In the proof of the Schwarz inequality,

" $(v, v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0$ " is not used.

$$\Rightarrow |a(u, v)| \leq a^{\frac{1}{2}}(u, u) a^{\frac{1}{2}}(v, v), \text{ where } a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx.$$

is not an inner-product

Proposition (2.1.9) $\|v\| = \sqrt{(v, v)}$ defined a norm in $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$

Proof (1) $\|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \|v\|$

(2) $\|v\| = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$

(3) $\|u+v\| \leq \|u\| + \|v\| \Leftrightarrow \|u+v\|^2 \leq (\|u\| + \|v\|)^2$
 $= \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2\|u\|\|v\|$
 $\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2 + 2(u, v)$

§2.2 Hilbert Spaces

Definition (2.2.1) $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is a Hilbert space

$$\iff (V, \|\cdot\|) \text{ is complete.}$$

Examples $\mathbb{R}^n, L^2(\Omega), W_2^k(\Omega)$

Definition (2.2.3) Let H be a Hilbert space

$$S \subset H \text{ is a subspace of } H \iff \begin{cases} (1) S \text{ is a linear subset} \\ (2) S \text{ is closed under } \|\cdot\|. \end{cases}$$

Proposition (2.2.4)

S is a subspace of $H \implies (S, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is a Hilbert space.

Examples of subspaces Let H be a Hilbert space

(1) $H, \{0\}$

(2) Let $T: H \rightarrow K$ be a continuous linear map from a H -space H into a linear space K

$$\text{Ker}(T) = \{v \in H \mid Tv = 0\} \quad (2.x.1)$$

(3) For $x \in H$, $x^\perp = \{v \in H \mid (v, x) = 0\}$ is a subspace orthogonal complement

$x^\perp = \text{Ker}(L_x)$ where $L_x(v) = (v, x)$ linear, bounded

(4) Let M be a subset of H

$$M^\perp = \left\{ v \in H \mid (x, v) = 0 \ \forall x \in M \right\} = \bigcap_{x \in M} x^\perp \quad \widehat{=} \text{ a subspace.}$$

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orthogonal complement

Proposition (2.2.7) Let H be a Hilbert space

(1) \forall subsets $M, N \subset H$, $M \subset N \implies N^\perp \subset M^\perp$;

(2) \forall subset $M \subset H$ containing $0 \implies M \cap M^\perp = \{0\}$;

(3) $\{0\}^\perp = H$; (4) $H^\perp = \{0\}$. (2.x.3)

Proof of (2)

(i) clearly $0 \in M^\perp \iff 0 \in M \cap M^\perp$

(ii) $x \in M \cap M^\perp \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in M \implies M^\perp \subset x^\perp \\ x \in M^\perp \end{array} \right\} \implies x \in M^\perp \subset x^\perp$

$$\implies (x, x) = 0 \implies x = 0.$$

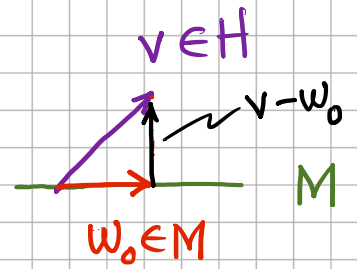
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Theorem (2.2.8) (Parallelogram Law) $\|\cdot\| = \sqrt{(\cdot, \cdot)}$

$$\implies \|v+w\|^2 + \|v-w\|^2 = 2(\|v\|^2 + \|w\|^2) \quad (2.x.4)$$

§2.3 Projections onto Subspaces

Proposition (2.3.1) (Projection Theorem)



Let M be a subspace of a Hilbert space H .

$$\forall v \in H, \exists w_0 \in M \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} (1) & \|v - w_0\| = \inf_{w \in M} \|v - w\| \quad (\text{MP}) \\ (2) & v - w_0 \in M^\perp \quad (\text{VP}) \end{cases}$$

$(w_0 - v, w) = 0 \quad \forall w \in M$

Proof (1) Set $\delta = \inf_{w \in M} \|v - w\|$

• $\exists \{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset M$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v - w_n\| = \delta$

this is from the definition of \inf : $\exists w_n \in M$ s.t. $\begin{cases} \delta \leq \|v - w_n\| \\ \|v - w_n\| \leq \delta + \frac{1}{n} \end{cases}$

• $\{w_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a Cauchy-sequence in M .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \|w_n - w_m\|^2 &= \|(w_n - v) - (w_m - v)\|^2 \\ &= 2 \left[\|w_n - v\|^2 + \|w_m - v\|^2 \right] - \|(w_n - v) + (w_m - v)\|^2 \\ &\leq 2 \left[\left(\delta + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \left(\delta + \frac{1}{m}\right)^2 \right] - 4 \left\| \frac{1}{2}(w_n + w_m) - v \right\|^2 \\ &\rightarrow 2(\delta^2 + \delta^2) - 4\delta^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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M is complete

$\Rightarrow \exists w_0 \in M$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = w_0$ in M

$\Rightarrow \|v - w_0\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v - w_n\| = \delta.$

$$(2) \quad J(w) = \|v-w\|^2 = \|w\|^2 - 2(v,w) + \|v\|^2 \\ = a(w,w) - 2v(w) + \|v\|^2$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{(MP)} \\ J(w_0) = \min_{w \in M} J(w) \iff \text{find } w_0 \in M \text{ s.t. } a(w_0, w) = v(w) \quad \forall w \in M \\ \text{(VP)} \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \parallel \\ (w_0, w) \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \parallel \\ (v, w) \end{array} \quad \#$$

Decomposition $H = M \oplus M^\perp$

For any $v \in H$, there exists a unique decomposition

$$v = w_0 + w_1, \text{ where } w_0 \in M \text{ and } w_1 = v - w_0 \in M^\perp.$$

Proof of uniqueness $\exists w_0, z_0 \in M$ and $w_1, z_1 \in M^\perp$ s.t.

$$v = w_0 + w_1 = z_0 + z_1 \implies w_0 - z_0 = z_1 - w_1 \in M \cap M^\perp = \{0\} \\ \implies w_0 = z_0 \text{ and } z_1 = w_1 \quad \#$$

Projection Operators

$$\bullet P_M: H \rightarrow M \iff P_M v = \begin{cases} v, & v \in M \\ w_0, & v \notin M \end{cases} \iff \text{Given } v \in H, P_M v \text{ satisfies } (P_M v, w) = (v, w) \quad \forall w \in M$$

$$\bullet P_{M^\perp}: H \rightarrow M^\perp$$

$$\implies v = P_M v + P_{M^\perp} v$$

Remark (1) P_M and P_{M^\perp} are linear operators

(2) P_M and P_{M^\perp} are projections: $P^2 = P$.

§2.4 Riesz Representation Theorem

Let $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$ be a Hilbert space

• Given $u \in H$, $L_u(v) = (u, v)$ defines a continuous linear functional
i.e., $L_u \in H'$

• Theorem (2.4.2) (Riesz Representation Theorem)

(1) For any $L \in H'$, $\exists ! u \in H$ s.t. $L(v) = (u, v) \forall v \in H$.

(2) Moreover, $\|L\|_{H'} = \|u\|_H$.

Proof (1) uniqueness Assume that $\exists u_1, u_2 \in H$ s.t. $L(v) = (u_i, v) \forall v \in H$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = L(v) - L(v) = (u_1 - u_2, v) \quad \forall v \in H$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 = u_2 \text{ by choosing } v = u_1 - u_2.$$

existence find $u \in H$ s.t. $(u, v) = L(v) \quad \forall v \in H$

decomposition $H = M \oplus M^\perp$, where $M = \text{Ker}(L) = \{v \in H \mid L(v) = 0\}$

Case 1 $M^\perp = \{0\}$ $M = H \Rightarrow$ find $u \in H \stackrel{M}{=} H$ s.t. $(u, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in H \Rightarrow \boxed{u=0}$

Case 2 $M^\perp \neq \{0\}$ $\exists z \in M^\perp$ s.t. $z \neq 0$ and $L(z) \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \forall v \in H, v = (v - \beta z) + \beta z, \text{ choose } \beta \text{ s.t. } 0 = L(v - \beta z) = L(v) - \beta L(z)$$

$\Rightarrow v - \beta z \in M \text{ and } \beta z \in M^\perp$

$$\Rightarrow L(v) = L(v - \beta z) + L(\beta z) = \beta L(z)$$
$$(u, v) = (u, v - \beta z) + (u, \beta z) = (u, \beta z) \quad \forall u \in M^\perp$$

$$\Rightarrow (u, z) = L(z) \xrightarrow{u = \alpha z} \alpha (z, z) = L(z) \Rightarrow u = \frac{L(z)}{\|z\|_H^2} z$$

$$(2) u = \frac{L(z)}{\|z\|_H^2} z \Rightarrow \|u\|_H = \frac{|L(z)|}{\|z\|_H}$$

$$\|L\|_{H'} = \sup_{v \in H} \frac{|L(v)|}{\|v\|_H} = |(u, v)| \leq \|u\|_H \|v\|_H$$

$$\leq \|u\|_H = \frac{|L(z)|}{\|z\|_H} \leq \|L\|_{H'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|L\|_{H'} = \|u\|_H.$$

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Remark M^\perp is one dimension.

Assume that $z_1, z_2 \in M^\perp$ and $L(z_i) \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \forall v \in H, L(v - \beta_i z_i) = 0 \text{ by choosing } \beta_i = \frac{L(v)}{L(z_i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L(\beta_1 z_1 - \beta_2 z_2) = L((\beta_1 z_1 - v) + (v - \beta_2 z_2)) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \beta_1 z_1 - \beta_2 z_2 \in M \\ &z_i \in M^\perp \Rightarrow \beta_1 z_1 - \beta_2 z_2 \in M^\perp \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \beta_1 z_1 - \beta_2 z_2 \in M \\ &z_i \in M^\perp \Rightarrow \beta_1 z_1 - \beta_2 z_2 \in M^\perp \end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \beta_1 z_1 = \beta_2 z_2 \\ &\Rightarrow z_1, z_2 \text{ linearly dep.} \end{aligned} \quad \#$$

Remark The Riesz Rep Thm $\Rightarrow \exists$ a natural isometry
 $\tau: L_u \in H' \rightarrow u \in H$
 $\Rightarrow H' \cong H \Rightarrow H^{-m}(\Omega) \cong H^m(\Omega)$.

§2.5 Formulation of Symmetric Variational Problems

Example (2.5.1)

• $H^1(0,1) = W_2^1(0,1)$ is a Hilbert space under the inner product

$$(u, v)_{H^1} = \int_0^1 uv \, dx + \int_0^1 u'v' \, dx.$$

• $V = \{v \in H^1(0,1) : v(0) = 0\}$ is a subspace of $H^1(0,1)$

• $a(u, v) = \int_0^1 u'v' \, dx$ is not an inner product in $H^1(0,1)$ since $a(1,1) = 0$

Definition (2.5.2) (Continuity and Coercivity)

Let $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ be a bilinear form on a normed linear space H .

(1) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is bounded $\Leftrightarrow \forall u, v \in H, \exists$ a const. $C > 0$, s.t. $|a(u, v)| \leq C \|u\|_H \|v\|_H$

(2) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is coercive on $V \subset H \Leftrightarrow \forall v \in H, \exists \alpha > 0$, s.t. $a(v, v) \geq \alpha \|v\|_H^2$

Proposition (2.5.3) Let H be a Hilbert space, and $V \subset H$ be a subspace.

Assume that (1) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is sym. and bilinear

(2) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous on H and coercive on V .

$\implies (V, a(\cdot, \cdot))$ is a Hilbert space.

Proof (1) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is an inner product on V

(2) $(V, \|\cdot\|_E = a(\cdot, \cdot)^{\frac{1}{2}})$ is complete.

$$\alpha \|v\|_H^2 \leq \|v\|_E^2 \leq C \|v\|_H^2 \quad \forall v \in V$$

$\{v_n\}$ is a C -sequence in $V \implies \{v_n\}$ is a C -sequence in H

$\implies \exists v \in H$, s.t., $\|v_n - v\|_H \rightarrow 0$

$\implies \|v_n - v\|_E^2 \leq C \|v_n - v\|_H^2 \rightarrow 0 \xrightarrow{V\text{-complete}} v \in V. \quad \#$

Assumptions (2.5.4)

(1) $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is a H -space

(2) V is a (closed) subspace of H

(3) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a bounded, sym. bilinear form that is coercive on V

• symmetric variational formulation (SVF)

Given $F \in V'$, find $u \in V$ s.t. $a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V.$

Theorem (2.5.6) Under the assumptions (1)-(3),

(SVF) has a unique solution.

Proof • $(V, a(\cdot, \cdot))$ is a H-space

$$\bullet F \in (V, \|\cdot\|_H)' \implies F \in (V, a(\cdot, \cdot))'$$

$$\bullet \text{RRT} \implies \exists u \in V \text{ s.t. } F(v) = a(u, v) \quad \forall v \in V. \quad \#$$

• Galerkin Approximation Given $F \in V'$, a finite-dimensional subspace $V_h \subset V$,

$$\text{find } u_h \in V_h \text{ s.t. } a(u_h, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V_h.$$

Theorem (2.5.8) Under the assumptions (1)-(3),

(GA) has a unique solution.

Proof $(V_h, a(\cdot, \cdot))$ is a H-space and $F|_{V_h} \in V_h'$. #

Fundamental Orthogonality (2.5.9)

$$a(u - u_h, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_h.$$

Corollary (2.5.10)

$$\|u - u_h\|_E = \min_{v \in V_h} \|u - v\|_E.$$

Proof $\|u - u_h\|_E^2 = a(u - u_h, u - u_h) = a(u - u_h, u - v) \quad \forall v \in V_h$

$$\leq \|u - u_h\|_E \|u - v\|_E$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u - u_h\|_E \leq \|u - v\|_E \quad \forall v \in V_h$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u - u_h\|_E \leq \min_{v \in V_h} \|u - v\|_E \leq \|u - u_h\|_E \quad \#$$

- Minimization Problem Given $F \in V'$,
find $u \in V$ s.t. $J(u; F) = \inf_{v \in V} J(v; F)$,
where $J(v; F) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - F(v)$.

Theorem Under the assumptions (1) - (3),
(MP) has a unique solution.

Proof RRT $\Rightarrow \exists \tau_F \in V$ s.t. $F(v) = a(\tau_F, v) \quad \forall v \in V$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow J(v; F) &= \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - a(\tau_F, v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a(v - \tau_F, v - \tau_F) - \frac{1}{2} a(\tau_F, \tau_F). \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

- Ritz Approximation

$$\text{Find } u_h \in V_h \text{ s.t. } J(u_h; F) = \min_{v \in V_h} J(v; F)$$

Theorem Under the assumptions (1) - (3),
(RA) has a unique solution.

Theorem $\|u - u_h\|_E = \min_{v \in V_h} \|u - v\|_E$

Proof $\|u - u_h\|_E^2 = 2 (J(u_h; F) - J(u; F))$
 $\leq 2 (J(v; F) - J(u; F)) = \|u - v\|_E^2 \quad \#$

§2.6 Formulation of Non-symmetric Variational Problems

Assumptions

- (1) $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is a H-space,
- (2) V is a closed subspace of H ,
- (3) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a bilinear form on V , (but not necessarily sym)
- (4) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous and coercive on V .

• Non-sym Variational Problem

Given $F \in V'$, find $u \in V$ s.t. $a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V$.

• Galerkin Approximation

Given $F \in V'$, a finite-dim subspace $V_h \subset V$

find $u_h \in V_h$ s.t. $a(u_h, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V_h$.

• Example

$$(1) \begin{cases} -u'' + u' + u = f & \bar{m} (0,1) \\ u'(0) = 0, u'(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$a(u,v) = \int_0^1 (u'v' + u'v + uv) dx \text{ is coercive on } V = H^1(0,1).$$
$$a(v,v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[(v'+v)^2 + (v'^2 + v^2) \right] dx \geq \frac{1}{2} \|v\|_{H^1}^2$$

$$(2) \begin{cases} -u'' + ku' + u = f & \bar{m} (0,1) \\ u'(0) = 0, u'(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$a(u,v) = \int_0^1 [u'v' + ku'v + uv] dx \text{ is not coercive for large } k.$$

§2.7 The Lax-Milgram Theorem

Theorem (Lax-Milgram)

Given a Hilbert space $(V, (\cdot, \cdot))$, a continuous and coercive bilinear form $a(\cdot, \cdot)$, and a linear form $F \in V'$,

$$\implies \exists! u \in V \text{ s.t. } a(u,v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Lemma (2.7.2) (Contraction Mapping Principle)

Let V be a Banach space. Let $T: V \rightarrow V$ be a map satisfying

$$\exists M \in [0, 1) \text{ s.t. } \|T(v_1) - T(v_2)\| \leq M \|v_1 - v_2\| \quad \forall v_1, v_2 \in V$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists! u \in V \text{ s.t. } u = T(u).$$

Remark (1) The contraction mapping T has a unique fixed point u .

Proof uniqueness Assume that $\exists u_i \in V$ s.t. $T(u_i) = u_i, i=1, 2$.

$$\Rightarrow \|u_1 - u_2\| = \|T(u_1) - T(u_2)\| \leq M \|u_1 - u_2\| < \|u_1 - u_2\|.$$

existence pick $u_0 \in V$, compute $u_{k+1} = T(u_k)$

• $\{u_k\}$ is a C -sequence.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall N > n, \|u_N - u_n\| &= \left\| \sum_{k=n}^{N-1} (u_{k+1} - u_k) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{N-1} \|u_{k+1} - u_k\| = \sum_{k=n}^{N-1} \|T(u_k) - T(u_{k-1})\| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n}^{N-1} M^{k-1} \|u_1 - u_0\| \leq \frac{M^n}{1-M} \|u_1 - u_0\| = \frac{M^n}{1-M} \|T(u_0) - u_0\| \end{aligned}$$

• V is complete $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = u \in V$

$$\Rightarrow u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(u_n) = T\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n\right) = T(u).$$

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Proof of Lax-Milgram Thm

• converting $\begin{cases} \text{Find } u \in V \text{ s.t.} \\ a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V \end{cases}$ into $Au = F$ in V'

Define $A: V \rightarrow V'$ by

$$\forall u \in V, Au \in V' \text{ given by } Au(v) = a(u, v) \quad \forall v \in V.$$

$$\Rightarrow Au(v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V \Rightarrow Au = v \text{ in } V'$$

• A is linear and bounded

$$\|A\|_{L(V, V')} = \sup_{v \in V} \frac{\|Av\|_{V'}}{\|v\|_V} = \sup_{w \in V} \frac{|Av(w)|}{\|w\|_V} = |a(v, w)| \leq c \|v\|_V \|w\|_V \leq c.$$

$$\bullet \quad Au = F \text{ in } V' \xrightarrow{\text{RRT}} \boxed{\tau Au = \tau F \text{ in } V}$$

where $\tau: V' \rightarrow V$ is isometric mapping

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall \varphi \in V', \varphi(v) = (\tau \varphi, v) \\ \text{and } \|\tau \varphi\|_V = \|\varphi\|_{V'} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\bullet \quad \boxed{u = u - \rho (\tau Au - \tau F)} \equiv Tu$$

$\exists M \in [0, 1)$ s.t.

$$\boxed{T \text{ is a contraction mapping, i.e., } \|Tv_1 - Tv_2\|_V \leq M \|v_1 - v_2\|_V,$$

$$\forall v_1, v_2 \in V, \text{ let } v = v_1 - v_2$$

$$\|Tv_1 - Tv_2\|_V^2 = \|v - \rho \tau Av\|_V^2$$

$$= \|v\|_V^2 - 2\rho \underbrace{\tau Av, v}_a(v, v) + \rho^2 \underbrace{(\tau Av, \tau Av)}_a(v, \tau Av)$$

$$\leq \|v\|^2 - 2\rho\alpha\|v\|^2 + \rho^2 c \|v\| \| \tau Av \|$$

$$\leq (1 - 2\rho\alpha + c\rho^2) \|v\|^2$$

$\|Av\| \leq c\|v\|$

Set $1 - 2\rho\alpha + c\rho^2 = M^2 < 1$

$$\Rightarrow \rho(c\rho - 2\alpha) < 0 \iff \begin{cases} \rho > 0 \\ \rho < \frac{2\alpha}{c} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow T$ is a contraction mapping

$$\Rightarrow \exists ! u \in V \text{ s.t. } \tau Au = \tau F \text{ in } V.$$

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§2.8 Galerkin Approximation

Assumptions $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$ is a Hilbert space

(1) V is a (closed) subspace of H

(2) $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bilinear form

(3) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous on V and coercive on V .

(VP) Given $F \in V'$, find $u \in V$ s.t.

$$a(u, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Galerkin Approximation Let V_h be a finite dimensional subspace of V

Given $F \in V'$, find $u_h \in V_h$ s.t.

$$a(u_h, v) = F(v) \quad \forall v \in V_h.$$

the error equation $a(u - u_h, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_h.$

Céa's Lemma

$$\|u - u_h\|_V \leq \frac{c}{\alpha} \min_{v \in V_h} \|u - v\|_V.$$

§2.9 Higher-dimensional Examples

• diffusion problem

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\Gamma_D} = g_D \text{ and } A \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}|_{\Gamma_N} = g_N \end{cases}$$

• convection-diffusion-reaction problem

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) + \vec{b} \cdot \nabla u + c u = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ u|_{\Gamma_D} = g_D \text{ and } A \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}|_{\Gamma_N} = g_N. \end{cases}$$

• linear elasticity

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \sigma = \vec{f} & \text{in } \Omega \\ \sigma = C_\lambda \varepsilon(\vec{u}) = 2\mu \varepsilon(\vec{u}) + \lambda \operatorname{tr} \varepsilon(\vec{u}) \delta \end{cases}$$

B.C. $\vec{u}|_{\Gamma_D} = \vec{0}$ and $\sigma \vec{n}|_{\Gamma_N} = \vec{g}$.

§2.10 Minimization Problems

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Let V be a normed vector space

$a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous bilinear form

$f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous linear form

and $U \in V$ is a non-empty set.

(MP) Find $u \in U$ s.t.

$$J(u) = \inf_{v \in U} J(v), \quad \text{where } J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - f(v).$$

Theorem 1.1.1

Assume that (i) V is complete

(2) U is a closed convex subset of V

(3) $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is sym and coercive

\implies (MP) has one and only one solution.

Proof $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is an inner product over V

$\implies (V, a(\cdot, \cdot))$ is a Hilbert space

that is equivalent to $(V, \|\cdot\|_V)$

RRT $\implies f(v) = a(\tau f, v)$, where $\tau: V' \rightarrow V$ with $\|\tau g\|_V = \|g\|_{V'} \forall g \in V'$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies J(v) &= \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - (\tau f, v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} a(v - \tau f, v - \tau f) - \frac{1}{2} a(\tau f, \tau f) \end{aligned}$$

Projection Thrm $\implies \exists ! u \in U$ s.t. $a(u - \tau f, u - \tau f) = \inf_{v \in U} a(v - \tau f, v - \tau f)$

$$\implies \exists ! u \in U \text{ s.t. } J(u) = \inf_{v \in U} J(v). \quad \#$$

characterization

$$J(u) = \inf_{v \in U} J(v) \iff$$

(1) U is a closed convex set

$$\exists ! u \in U \text{ s.t. } a(u, v - u) \geq f(v - u) \quad \forall v \in U$$

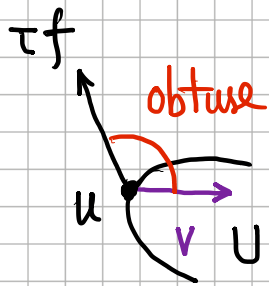
$$a(u, v - u) - f(v - u) = J'(u)(v - u) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in U$$

(2) U is a convex cone

$$\exists ! u \in U \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} a(u, v) \geq f(v) \quad \forall v \in U \\ a(u, u) = f(u) \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (3) \ U \text{ is a closed subspace} \\ \exists! u \in U \text{ s.t. } a(u, v) = f(v) \quad \forall v \in U. \end{array} \right.$$

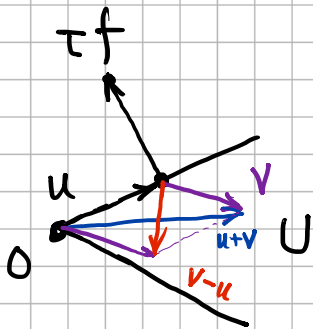
Proof (1) $\|u - \tau f\|_a = \inf_{v \in U} \|v - \tau f\|_a$



$$\iff a(\tau f - u, v - u) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in U$$

$$\iff a(u, v - u) \geq a(\tau f, v - u) = f(v - u) \quad \forall v \in U$$

(2) U is a closed convex cone with vertex 0.



$$a(u, v - u) \geq f(v - u) \xrightarrow{v = u + w} a(u, w) \geq f(w)$$

$$\Downarrow v = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad -a(u, u) \geq -f(u) \quad \Rightarrow \quad a(u, u) = f(u)$$

(3) U is a closed subspace

$$\begin{cases} a(u, v) \geq f(v) \quad \forall v \in U \\ a(u, u) = f(u) \end{cases} \xrightarrow{v = -w} \begin{cases} -a(u, w) \geq -f(w) \quad \forall w \in U \\ \Downarrow \\ a(u, v) \leq f(v) \quad \forall v \in U \end{cases}$$

$$\implies a(u, v) = f(v) \quad \forall v \in U.$$

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Projection Theorem (Kinderlehrer & Stampacchia page 8-10)

Let H be a Hilbert space, U is a closed convex set of H , and $\eta \in H$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{"} \exists y \in U \text{ s.t. } \|\eta - y\| = \inf_{x \in U} \|\eta - x\| \text{"}$$

$$\iff (y, x - y) \geq (\eta, x - y) \quad \forall x \in U.$$

Proof " \Rightarrow " $\forall x \in U, \forall t \in [0, 1]$

$\varphi(t) = \|\eta - ((1-t)y + tx)\|^2$ attains its minimum at $t=0$.

$$= \|(\eta - y) - t(x - y)\|^2$$

$$= \|\eta - y\|^2 - 2t(\eta - y, x - y) + t^2\|x - y\|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \varphi'(0) = -2(\eta - y, x - y) \Rightarrow (\eta - y, x - y) \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in U.$$

$$\text{"} \Leftarrow \text{"} \quad 0 \leq (y - \eta, x - y) = (y - \eta, (x - \eta) + (\eta - y))$$

$$= -\|\eta - y\|^2 + (y - \eta, x - \eta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\eta - y\|^2 \leq (y - \eta, x - \eta) \leq \|y - \eta\| \|x - \eta\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\eta - y\| \leq \|x - \eta\|$$

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