

# Numerical Solutions to Partial Differential Equations

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## Embedding Operator and Embedding Relation of Banach Spaces

嵌入定理深刻地刻划Sobolev空间之间或Sobolev空间与其它函数空间之间的关系。在近代PDE理论研究中起着重要的作用。

①  $\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y}$ : Banach spaces with norms  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{X}}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{Y}}$ .

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② If  $x \in \mathbb{X} \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{Y}$ , &  $\exists$  const.  $C > 0$  independent of  $x$  s.t.  $\|x\|_{\mathbb{Y}} \leq C\|x\|_{\mathbb{X}}, \forall x \in \mathbb{X}$ , then the identity map  $I : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ ,  $Ix = x$  is called an embedding operator, and the corresponding embedding relation is denoted by  $\mathbb{X} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Y}$ .

③ The embedding operator  $I : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$  is a bounded linear map.

④ If, in addition,  $I$  is happened to be a compact map, then, the corresponding embedding is called a compact embedding, and is denoted by  $\mathbb{X} \overset{C}{\hookrightarrow} \mathbb{Y}$ .

设 $X, Y$ 是赋范线性空间,  $T$ 是 $X$ 到 $Y$ 的连续算子. 如果 $T$ 把定义域中任何有界集映射成 $Y$ 中的列紧集, 则称 $T$ 是紧算子或全连续算子.

紧算子是一类重要的有界算子, 它最接近于有限维空间上的线性算子.

设 $A$ 是度量空间 $X$ 中的无穷集, 如果 $A$ 中的任一无穷子集必有一个收敛的点列, 就称 $A$ 是 $X$ 中的列紧集

# The Sobolev Embedding Theorem

## Theorem 5.5

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Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded connected domain with a Lipschitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ , then

$$\mathbb{W}^{m+k,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{W}^{k,q}(\Omega), \quad \forall 1 \leq q \leq \frac{np}{n-mp}, \quad k \geq 0, \quad \text{if } m < n/p;$$

$$\mathbb{W}^{m+k,p}(\Omega) \xhookrightarrow{c} \mathbb{W}^{k,q}(\Omega), \quad \forall 1 \leq q < \frac{np}{n-mp}, \quad k \geq 0, \quad \text{if } m < n/p;$$

$$\mathbb{W}^{m+k,p}(\Omega) \xhookrightarrow{c} \mathbb{W}^{k,q}(\Omega), \quad \forall 1 \leq q < \infty, \quad k \geq 0, \quad \text{if } m = n/p;$$

$$\mathbb{W}^{m+k,p}(\Omega) \xhookrightarrow{c} \mathbb{C}^k(\overline{\Omega}), \quad \forall k \geq 0, \quad \text{if } m > n/p.$$

Def: 称**X嵌入(连续地)到Y**, 如果X包含于Y, X到Y具有连续内射即存在 $C>0$ , s.t. 对X中任何元素 $x$ ,  $x$ 的Y范数不超过 $x$ 的X范数的C倍:  $\|x\|_Y \leq C\|x\|_X$ .

Rem: 嵌入定理5.5: **Sobolev空间这函数的较"低"阶范数可以被较"高"阶范数控制. 一般地讲, 反之不真.**

## Trace of a Function and Trace Operators

迹的概念对PDE至关重要, 这是 $\Omega$ 闭包上连续函数在其边界上取值的通常概念的推广.

① Since the  $n$  dimensional Lebesgue measure of a Lipschitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$  is zero, a function in  $\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is generally not well defined on  $\partial\Omega$ .

②  $\mathbb{C}^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$  is dense in  $\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega)$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

③ For  $u \in \mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega)$ , let  $\{u_k\} \subset \mathbb{C}^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$  be such that

$$\|u_k - u\|_{m,p,\Omega} \longrightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty,$$

④ If, for any such a sequence,  $u_k|_{\partial\Omega} \rightarrow \nu(u)$  in  $\mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega)$ , then, we call  $u|_{\partial\Omega} \triangleq \nu(u) \in \mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega)$  the trace of  $u$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , and call  $\nu: \mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega)$ ,  $\nu(u) = u|_{\partial\Omega}$  the trace operator.

## Trace of a Function and Trace Operators

- ⑤ If  $\nu$  is continuous, we say  $\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega)$  embeds into  $\mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega)$ , and denote the embedding relation as  $\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega)$ .
- ⑥ Trace operators, as well as corresponding embedding and compact embedding, into other Banach spaces defined on the whole or a part of  $\partial\Omega$  can be defined similarly.

Obviously, under the conditions of the embedding theorem,  $\mathbb{W}^{m+k,p}(\Omega) \xhookrightarrow{c} \mathbb{C}^k(\partial\Omega)$ , if  $m > n/p$ . In general, we have the following trace theorem.

The **Trace Theorem****Theorem 5.6**

*If the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of a bounded connected open domain  $\Omega$  is an order  $m \geq 1$  continuously differentiable surface, then, we have*

$$\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega), \quad \text{for } 1 \leq q \leq \frac{(n-1)p}{n-mp}, \quad \text{if } m < n/p;$$

$$\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega), \quad \text{for } 1 \leq q < \infty, \quad \text{if } m = n/p.$$

Trace 定理表示：(1)  $\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega)$  中函数的迹属于  $\mathbb{L}^q(\partial\Omega)$ ；(2) 迹算子是连续的。

*In addition, if  $m = 1$  and  $p = q = 2$ , and if the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  is a Lipschitz continuous surface, then, we have in particular*

$$\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\partial\Omega).$$

$m=1, p=2$

注意，Th5.6中的嵌入记号不等同于前面的。有的书上并不用该嵌入记号。

Remarks on  $\mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  and  $\mathbb{H}_0^2(\Omega)$ 

For a bounded connected open domain  $\Omega$  with Lipschitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ ,

- ① by definition the Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}_0^m(\Omega)$  is the closure of  $\mathbb{C}_0^\infty(\Omega)$  with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|_m = \|\cdot\|_{m,2} := \|\cdot\|_{m,2,\Omega}$ ;

$m=1, p=2$

- ② in particular,  $\mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega) = \{u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) : u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}$ ;

给出了 $H^1_0$ 的清晰刻划： $H^1$ 中迹为0的函数构成的Hilbert空间

- $m=2, p=2$  ③  $\mathbb{H}_0^2(\Omega) = \{u \in \mathbb{H}^2(\Omega) : u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0, \partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}$ , where  $\partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega}$  is the outer normal derivative of  $u$  in the sense of trace.

给出了 $H^2_0$ 的清晰刻划： $H^2$ 中函数及其法向导数的迹为0的函数构成的Hilbert空间

## Derivation of a Variational Form

- ① The Dirichlet boundary value problem of the Poisson equation

$$-\Delta u = f, \quad \forall x \in \Omega, \quad u = \bar{u}_0, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega. \quad (5.2.4)$$

- ② Assume the problem admits a classical solution  $u \in C^2(\bar{\Omega})$ .

- ③ For any test function  $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ , by the Green's formula,

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} v \, \partial_{\nu} u \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx. \quad (5.2.5)$$



## Derivation of a Variational Form

④ Let  $a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx$ ;  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  the inner product of  $\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$ .

⑤ By the denseness of  $\mathbb{C}_0^{\infty}(\Omega)$  in  $\mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ , we are lead to

$$a(u, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega). \quad (5.2.6)$$

⑥  $u$  does not have to be in  $\mathbb{C}^2(\overline{\Omega})$  to satisfy such a variational equation,  $u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  makes sense.

满足(5.2.6)的 $u$ 不必是二次连续可微，只要是 $H^1$ 的。

# A Variational Form of Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

## Definition 5.5

If  $\underline{u} \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega) = \{u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) : u|_{\partial\Omega} = \bar{u}_0\}$  satisfies the variational equation

$$a(u, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega), \quad (5.2.6)$$

then,  $u$  is called a **weak solution** of the Dirichlet boundary value problem of the Poisson equation; the corresponding variational problem is called a **variational form**, or **weak form**, of the Dirichlet boundary value problem of the Poisson equation; and the function spaces  $\mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$  and  $\mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  are called respectively the **trial** and **test** function spaces of the variational problem.

trial function--试探函数; test function--检验函数

- Obviously, the classical solution, if exists, is a weak solution.
- Let  $\tilde{u} \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  and  $\tilde{u}|_{\partial\Omega} = \bar{u}_0$ , then  $\mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega) = \tilde{u} + \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ .

## The Relationship Between Weak and Classical Solutions

### Theorem 5.7

<sup>(1)</sup>Let  $f \in C(\overline{\Omega})$  and  $\bar{u}_0 \in C(\partial\Omega)$ . If  $u \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$  is a classical solution of the Dirichlet boundary value problem of the Poisson equation, then, it must also be a weak solution of the problem.<sup>(2)</sup> On the other hand, if  $u$  is a weak solution of the Dirichlet boundary value problem of the Poisson equation, and in addition  $u \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ , then it must also be a classical solution of the problem.

- The classical solution, if exists, is a weak solution, follows directly from the derivation of the variational form of the problem.
- We only need to show the second part of the theorem.

# Proof of **Weak Solution + $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\bar{\Omega}) \Rightarrow$ Classical Solution**

- ① Let  $u$  be a weak solution, and  $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\bar{\Omega})$ .
- ② Since  $u$  is a weak solution and  $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\bar{\Omega})$ , by the Green's formula:

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Delta u + f) v \, dx = 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{C}_0^{\infty}(\Omega).$$

Variational  
↓ lemma

- ③  $\Delta u + f$  is continuous  $\Rightarrow -\Delta u = f, \forall x \in \Omega$ .
- ④ By the definition of trace,  $u|_{\partial\Omega} = \bar{u}_0$  also holds in the classical sense.
- ⑤  $u$  is a classical solution of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson equation. ■

## Another Variational Form of Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

- The quadratic functional  $J(v) = \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - (f, v)$  on  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$ .
- Its Fréchet differential  $J'(u)v = a(u, v) - (f, v)$ . (5.2.7)
- The weak form above is simply  $J'(u)v = 0, \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ .

### Definition 5.6

If  $u \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$  is a minima of the functional  $J(\cdot)$  in  $\mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0, \Omega)$ , meaning

$$J(u) = \min_{v \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)} J(v), \quad (5.2.8)$$

then,  $u$  is called a **weak solution** of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson equation. The corresponding functional minimization problem is called a **variational form** (or **weak form**) of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation.

# Equivalence of the Two Variational Forms

## Theorem 5.8

*The weak solutions of the two variational problems are equivalent.*  
in Def 5.5 & 5.6

**Proof:** (1) Let  $u \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$  be a minima of  $J$  in  $\mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$ , then

$$J'(u)v = 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega); \Rightarrow a(u, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega).$$

(2) Let  $u \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$  satisfy the above equation. Then, by the symmetry of the bilinear form  $a(u, v)$ , we have

$$J(v) - J(u) = \underbrace{a(u, v - u) - (f, v - u)}_{=0, \text{ due to (5.2.6)}} + \frac{1}{2} a(v - u, v - u).$$

Since  $v - u \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ , ~~we are lead to~~

$$J(v) - J(u) = \frac{1}{2} a(v - u, v - u) \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega).$$

Therefore,  $u \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$  is the unique minima of  $J$  in  $\mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \Omega)$ . ■

## Existence and Uniqueness of Weak Solutions

### Theorem 5.9

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Let  $\Omega$  be a **bounded connected** domain with **Lipschitz** continuous  $\partial\Omega$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$ . Suppose  $\{u_0 \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) : u_0|_{\partial\Omega} = \bar{u}_0\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then, the **Dirichlet BVP** of the Poisson equation has a unique weak solution.

考虑用Lax-Migram定理证明该定理, 为此要验证 $a(u,v)$ 是一个连续的双线性形式, 且满足强制条件.

前者是显然的, 后者的验证需要用Poincare-Friedrichs不等式(5.2.3).

## Proof of Existence and Uniqueness Theorem on Weak Solutions

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① Define  $F(v) = (f, v) - a(u_0, v)$  on  $\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ .

② By the **Poincaré-Friedrichs inequality** (see Theorem 5.4) ~~that~~  
 $\implies a(u, v)$  满足强制条件

$$\exists \text{ const. } \alpha(\Omega) > 0, \text{ s.t. } a(v, v) \geq \alpha \|v\|_{1,2,\Omega}^2, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V},$$

③ By the **Lax-Milgram lemma** (see Theorem 5.1), the variational problem

$$\begin{cases} \text{Find } u \in \mathbb{V} \text{ such that} \\ a(u, v) = F(v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}, \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution.

④  $u$  solves the above problem  $\Leftrightarrow u + u_0$  is a weak solution. of (5.2.6)

The BC  $u(0) = 0$  is called *essential* as it appears in the variational formulation explicitly, i.e., in the definition of  $V$ . This type of BC also frequently goes by the proper name "*Dirichlet*." The BC  $u'(1) = 0$  is called *natural* because it is incorporated implicitly. This type of BC is often referred to by the name "*Neumann*."



## Derivation of a Variational Form for Neumann BVP of the Poisson Eqn

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- ① The **Neumann BVP** of the Poisson equation

$$-\Delta u = f, \quad \forall x \in \Omega, \quad \partial_\nu u = g, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega. \quad (5.2.9)$$

- ② Assume the problem admits a classical solution  $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\overline{\Omega})$ .

- ③ For any **test** function  $v \in \mathbb{C}^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$ , by the **Green's formula**,

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} v \, \partial_\nu u \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx.$$

## Derivation of a Variational Form for Neumann BVP of the Poisson Eqn

④ Let  $(g, v)_{\partial\Omega} = \int_{\partial\Omega} g v \, ds$ ,  $a(u, v)$  and  $(f, v)$  as before.

⑤ By the denseness of  $C^\infty(\bar{\Omega})$  in  $H^1(\Omega)$ , ~~we are lead to~~

$$a(u, v) = (f, v) + (g, v)_{\partial\Omega}, \quad \forall v \in H^1(\Omega). \quad (5.2.10)$$

⑥  $u$  does not have to be in  $C^2(\bar{\Omega})$  to satisfy such a variational equation,  $u \in H^1(\Omega)$  makes sense.

满足(5.2.6)的 $u$ 不必是二次连续可微，只要是 $H^1$ 的。

# A Variational Form of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson Equation

## Definition 5.7

$u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  is said to be a weak solution of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson equation, if it satisfies

$$a(u, v) = (f, v) + (g, v)_{\partial\Omega}, \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega), \quad (5.2.10)$$

which is called the variational form (or weak form) of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson equation.

- ① Obviously, the classical solution, if exists, is a weak solution.
- ② Here, both the trial and test function spaces are  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$ .  
trial function--试探函数; test function--检验函数
- ③ If  $u$  is a solution, then,  $u + \text{const.}$  is also a solution.
- ④ Taking  $v \equiv 1$  as a test function, we obtain a necessary condition for the existence of a solution

$$\int_{\Omega} f \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} g \, ds = 0.$$

(5.2.11)

## The Relationship Between Weak and Classical Solutions

### Theorem 5.10

- (1) Let  $f \in \mathbb{C}(\overline{\Omega})$  and  $g \in \mathbb{C}(\partial\Omega)$ . If  $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\overline{\Omega})$  is a classical solution of the Neumann boundary value problem of the Poisson equation, then, it must also be a weak solution of the problem.
- (2) On the other hand, if  $u$  is a weak solution of the Neumann boundary value problem of the Poisson equation, and in addition  $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\overline{\Omega})$ , then it must also be a classical solution of the problem.
- The classical solution, if exists, is a weak solution, follows directly from the derivation of the variational form of the problem.
  - We only need to show the second part of the theorem.

# Proof of **Weak Solution + $u \in C^2(\overline{\Omega}) \Rightarrow$ Classical Solution**

① Let  $u$  be a weak solution, and  $u \in C^2(\overline{\Omega})$ .

② By the **Green's formula**,

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Delta u + f) v \, dx = 0, \quad \forall v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega).$$

Variational lemma

③  $\Delta u + f$  is **continuous**  $\Rightarrow -\Delta u = f, \forall x \in \Omega$ .

④ By this and by the **Green's formula**, we have

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} (\partial_\nu u - g) v \, ds = 0, \quad \forall v \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega}).$$

Variational lemma

⑤  $(\partial_\nu u - g)$  is **continuous**  $\Rightarrow \partial_\nu u = g, \forall x \in \partial\Omega$ .

⑥  $u$  is a classical solution of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson equation. ■

# Existence of Weak Solutions for the Neumann BVP of Poisson Eqn.

## P199 Theorem 5.12

- (1) Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded connected domain with Lipschitz continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Let  $f \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$  and  $g \in \mathbb{L}^2(\partial\Omega)$  satisfy the relation  $\int_{\Omega} f \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} g \, ds = 0$ . Let  $\mathbb{V}_0 = \{u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} u \, dx = 0\}$ , and  $F : \mathbb{V}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $F(v) = (f, v) + (g, v)_{\partial\Omega}$ . Then, the variational problem (5.2.16)

$$\begin{cases} \text{Find } u \in \mathbb{V}_0 \text{ such that} \\ a(u, v) = F(v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}_0, \end{cases} \quad (5.2.17)$$

has a unique solution, which is a weak solution of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson equation.<sup>(2)</sup> On the other hand, if  $u$  is a weak solution of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson equation, then  $\tilde{u} \triangleq u - \frac{1}{\text{meas}\Omega} \int_{\Omega} u \, dx \in \mathbb{V}_0$  is a solution to the above variational problem.

- The second part of the theorem is left as an exercise.

## Proof of the Existence Theorem for the Neumann BVP of Poisson Eqn.

To prove the first part of the theorem, we need to show

- $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a continuous,  $\mathbb{V}_0$ -elliptic bilinear form on  $\mathbb{V}_0$ .
- $F(v)$  is a continuous linear form on  $\mathbb{V}_0$ .
- If  $u$  is a solution of the variational problem, then, it is also a weak solution of the Neumann BVP of the Poisson equation. ■

The second and third claims above can be verified by definitions, and are left as exercises.

The key to the first claim is to show the  $\mathbb{V}_0$ -ellipticity of  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  on  $\mathbb{V}_0 := \{u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} u \, dx = 0\}$ , i.e.  $|u|_{1,2,\Omega} \geq \gamma_0 \|u\|_{1,2,\Omega}$ , for some constant  $\gamma_0 > 0$ . In fact, we have the following stronger result.

## Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality on $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$

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### Theorem 5.11

Let  $\Omega$  be a **bounded connected** domain with **Lipschitz** continuous boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Then, there exist constants  $\gamma_1 \geq \gamma_0 > 0$  such that


$$m=1, p=2 \quad \gamma_0 \|u\|_{1,2,\Omega} \leq \underbrace{\left| \int_{\Omega} u \, dx \right|}_{=0} + |u|_{1,2,\Omega} \leq \gamma_1 \|u\|_{1,2,\Omega}, \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega). \quad (5.2.12)$$

The inequality is also named as the ~~Poincaré-Friedrichs~~ inequality.



# Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality on $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$

## Remarks:

- ① The Poincaré-Friedrichs inequality given in Theorem 5.4 is on  $\mathbb{W}_0^{m,p}(\Omega)$ . P190  

- ② Another form of the ~~Poincaré~~-Friedrichs inequality, in which  $|\int_{\Omega} u \, dx|$  is replaced by  $\|u\|_{0,2,\partial\Omega_0}$ , is given in Exercise 5.6. P204
- ③ The Poincaré-Friedrichs inequality in a more general form on  $\mathbb{W}^{m,p}(\Omega)$  can also be given.

# Proof of the Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality on $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$

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- (1) ① The **Schwarz inequality**  $\Rightarrow$  the second inequality.
- (2) ② 反证法 假设第一个不成立, i.e.  $\exists \{u_k\} \subset \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$ ,  
一不等式  $\|u_k\|_{1,2,\Omega} \equiv 1$ , s.t.  $|\int_{\Omega} u_k dx| + \|u_k\|_{1,2,\Omega} \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ . (5.2.13)
- ③ A bounded set in the Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  is **sequentially weakly precompact**, and  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  **compactly embeds into  $\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$** .
- ④  $\exists$  a subsequence  $\{u_k\}$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  and  $v \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$ , such that  
 $u_k \rightharpoonup u$ , in  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$ ;  $u_k \rightarrow v$ , in  $\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$ . (5.2.14) (5.2.15)
- ⑤  $\underbrace{\|u_k\|_1 \rightarrow 0}_{(5.2.13)}$  and  $\underbrace{\|u_k - v\|_0 \rightarrow 0}_{(5.2.15)} \Rightarrow \{u_k\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$ , therefore,  $\|u_k - u\|_1 \rightarrow 0$   $\Rightarrow \nabla u = 0 \Rightarrow u \equiv C$ .  
完备性 (5.2.13)
- ⑥  $\|u_k\|_1 \equiv 1$ ,  $\|u_k\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\|u_k - u\|_0 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \|u\|_0 = 1 \Rightarrow C \neq 0$ .
- ⑦  $\underbrace{|\int_{\Omega} u_k dx| \rightarrow 0}_{(5.2.13)}$  and  $\underbrace{\|u_k - u\|_0 \rightarrow 0}_{(5.2.15)} \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} u dx = 0 \Rightarrow C \text{ meas}(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} u dx = 0 \Rightarrow C = 0$ , a contradiction. ■

Rellich theorem:  $H^1$ 中的任何有界集在 $L^2$ 中是准紧或预紧的(precompact).

\*\* 在拓扑空间中, 一个集合为准紧的, 如果该集合的闭包为紧集.

\*\* 在完备的度量空间中, 一个集合是准紧的当且仅当任何一个点列都有Cauchy子列.

## Remarks on the Derivation of Variational Forms of a PDE Problem

- 强制或基本BC** ① **Coercive (or essential)** boundary conditions: those appear in the **admissible function space** of the variational problem.
- 自然BC** ② **Natural boundary** conditions: those appear in the variational equation (or functional) of the variational problem.
- 基本函数空间** ③ The **underlying function space**: determined by **the highest order derivatives of the trial function  $u$**  in  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ .
- 试探函数** ④ The **trial function space**: all functions in the underlying function space satisfying the coercive boundary condition.
- 检验函数** ⑤ The **test function space**:  $u$  in the underlying function space, with  $u = 0$  on the coercive boundary.

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- ⑥ The **variational equation**: obtained by using smooth test functions on the PDE, applying the Green's formula, and coupling the natural boundary condition.
- ⑦ Recall the BVPs of the Poisson equation.
- ⑧  $-\Delta u = f \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx - \int_{\partial\Omega} v \, \partial_{\nu} u \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx.$
- ⑨ The **underlying function space** is  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega).$
- ⑩  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}^2(\partial\Omega_0), u|_{\partial\Omega_0}$  is well defined in  $\mathbb{L}^2(\partial\Omega_0)$ , however  **$u|_{\partial\Omega_0}$  does not appear in the boundary integral**, therefore, the Dirichlet boundary condition on  $\partial\Omega_0$  is coercive.

Dirichlet BC是强制BC或基本BC

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- ⑪  $\partial_\nu u|_{\partial\Omega_1}$ , which appears in the boundary integral, is not well defined in  $\mathbb{L}^2(\partial\Omega_1)$  in general, therefore the 2nd and 3rd type boundary conditions appear as natural boundaries.

第2,3类BC是自然BC

- ⑫ The trial function space  $\mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \partial\Omega_0)$ ; the test one  $\mathbb{V}(0; \partial\Omega_0)$ .

- ⑬ The variational equation  $(\partial_\nu u = g - \beta u \text{ on } \partial\Omega_1)$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx + \int_{\partial\Omega_1} \beta uv \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx + \underbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega_1} g v \, dx}_{F(v)}.$$

- ⑭ The variational form of the problem:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Find } u \in \mathbb{V}(\bar{u}_0; \partial\Omega_0) \text{ such that} \\ a(u, v) = F(v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}(0; \partial\Omega_0), \end{cases}$$

A **Mixed Variational Form** of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

## 5.3节(P 200)

- ① The Poisson equation  $-\Delta u = f$  can be transformed into an equivalent system of 1st order PDEs:

$$\begin{cases} p_i = \partial_i u, & i = 1, \dots, n, \\ -\sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i p_i = f, \end{cases} \quad x \in \Omega.$$

- ② Take **test functions**  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$ ,  $q_i \in \mathbb{C}^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^\infty(\overline{\Omega})$ .
- ③ By the **Green's formula** (applying to the integral of  $\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{q}$ ) and the boundary condition, we see that the **underlying function spaces for  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $u$  are  $(\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega))^n$  and  $\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$  respectively.**

\*一个PDE定解问题可以有不同形式的变分形式，原BC在不同变分形式中扮演的角色会不同。

## A Mixed Variational Form of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

④ let  $\nu$  be the outward unit normal vector, and

$$a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i q_i \, dx,$$

$$b(\mathbf{q}, u) = \int_{\Omega} u \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{q}) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} u \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_i q_i \, dx,$$

$$G(\mathbf{q}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{u}_0 \mathbf{q} \cdot \nu \, ds = \int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{u}_0 \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \nu_i \, ds,$$

$$F(v) = - \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx.$$

## A Mixed Variational Form of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

- ⑤ Since  $u \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega)$ ,  $u|_{\partial\Omega}$  doesn't make sense in general, the term  $\int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{u}_0 \mathbf{q} \cdot \nu \, ds$  should be kept in the variational equation, *i.e.* the Dirichlet boundary condition appears as a natural boundary condition in this case.

- ⑥ Thus, we obtain the following variational problem:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Find } \mathbf{p} \in (\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega))^n, u \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega) \text{ such that} \\ a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) + b(\mathbf{q}, u) = G(\mathbf{q}), \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in (\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega))^n, \\ b(\mathbf{p}, v) = F(v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{L}^2(\Omega). \end{cases} \quad (5.3.6)$$

Remark: Neumann boundary condition will appear as a coercive boundary condition. (Robin boundary condition does not apply here. Why?)

=> Hellinger-Reissner泛函(5.3.7)的驻点问题(5.3.8).

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## Another Mixed Variational Form

of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

- 1 If we apply the **Green's formula** to transform  $-\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{p} \, v \, dx$  into the form  $-\int_{\partial\Omega} v \, \mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} \, ds + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla v \, dx$  instead, then, the **underlying function spaces** for  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $u$  are  $(\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega))^n$  and  $\mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$  respectively.
- 2 Since  $u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega)$ ,  $u|_{\Omega}$  makes sense, while  $\mathbf{p} \in (\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega))^n$ , the term  $-\int_{\partial\Omega} v \, \mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu} \, ds$  doesn't make sense. Therefore, the Dirichlet boundary condition appears as a coercive boundary condition, while the Neumann and Robin boundary conditions appear as natural boundary conditions here in this case.

## Another Mixed Variational Form of the Dirichlet BVP of the Poisson Equation

③ We **have** the variational problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } \mathbf{p} \in (\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega))^n, u \in \mathbb{H}^1(\Omega), u|_{\partial\Omega} = \bar{u}_0 \text{ such that} \\ a(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) + b^*(\mathbf{q}, u) = 0, \quad \forall \mathbf{q} \in (\mathbb{L}^2(\Omega))^n, \\ b^*(\mathbf{p}, v) = F(v), \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{H}_0^1(\Omega), \end{array} \right. \quad (5.3.9)$$

where

$$b^*(\mathbf{q}, u) = - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla u \, dx = - \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \partial_i u \, dx.$$

## Remarks on the Mixed Variational Forms of BVP of the Poisson Eqn.

- ① The classical solution is also a solution to the mixed variational problem (named again as the weak solution).
- ② Weak solution +  $u \in \mathbb{C}^2(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\mathbf{p} \in (\mathbb{C}^1(\bar{\Omega}))^n \Rightarrow u$  is a classical solution.
- ③ The weak mixed forms have their corresponding functional extremum problems.  
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- ④ Under the so called B-B conditions, the weak mixed variational problems can be shown to have a unique stable solution.

B-B条件是指Babuska-Brezzi条件.

The conditions for the well posedness for variational form in mixed form of Stokes eq. is known as inf-sup condition or Ladyzhenskaya-Babuska-Breezi (LBB) condition, see [<https://www.math.uci.edu/~chenlong/226/infsup.pdf>]

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**Thank You!**