Periodic solutions of Euler-Lagrange equations in an Orlicz-Sobolev space setting by the dual least action principle

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Abstract

1 Introduction

This paper deals with system of equations of the type:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} D_y \mathcal{L}(t, u(t), u'(t)) = D_x \mathcal{L}(t, u(t), u'(t)) & \text{a.e. } t \in (0, T) \\ u(0) - u(T) = u'(0) - u'(T) = 0, \end{cases} \quad , \quad (P_1)$$

where $\mathcal{L} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$, $d \geqslant 1$, is called the *Lagrange function* or *lagrangian* and the unknown function $u : [0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is absolutely continuous. In other words, we are interested in finding *periodic weak solutions* of *Euler-Lagrange systems of ordinary equations*.

This topic was deeply addressed for the several types of *Lagrange functions*.

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For example,

$$\mathcal{L}_{p,F}(t,x,y) := \frac{|y|^p}{p} + F(t,x), \tag{1}$$

for $1 < p < \infty$. For example, the classic book [Mawhin and Willem, 1989] deals mainly with problem (P_1), for the lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{2,F}$, through various methods: direct, dual action, minimax, etc. The results in [Mawhin and Willem, 1989] were extended and improved in several articles, see [Tang, 1995, Tang, 1998, Wu and Tang, 1999, Tang and Wu, 2001, Zhao and Wu, 2004] to cite some examples. Lagrange functions (1) for arbitrary $1 < p < \infty$ were considered in [Tian and Ge, 2007, Tang and Zhang, 2010] and in this case (P_1) is reduced to the p-laplacian system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}\left(u'(t)|u'|^{p-2}\right) = \nabla F(t,u(t)) & \text{a.e. } t \in (0,T) \\ u(0) - u(T) = u'(0) - u'(T) = 0. \end{cases} \tag{P_2}$$

In this context, it is customary to call F a *potential function*, and it is assumed that $F(t,x)$ is differentiable with respect to x for a.e. $t \in [0,T]$ and the following conditions are verified:

(C) F and its gradient ∇F, with respect to $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, are Carathéodory functions, i.e. they are measurable functions with respect to $t \in [0,T]$, for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and they are continuous functions with respect to $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ for a.e. $t \in [0,T]$.

(A) For a.e. $t \in [0,T]$, it holds that

$$|F(t,x)| + |\nabla F(t,x)| \leqslant a(|x|)b(t). \tag{2}$$

In this inequality we assume that the function $a : [0,+\infty) \to [0,+\infty)$ is continuous and non decreasing and $0 \leqslant b \in L^1([0,T],\mathbb{R})$.

In the framework of anisotropic Sobolev-Orlicz spaces, we can study system of p-laplacian equations as the following example shows.
Example 1. Let $1 < p_1, p_2 < \infty$. We define $\Phi_{p_1,p_2} : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_+$ by

$$\Phi_{p_1,p_2}(y_1,y_2) := \frac{|y_1|^{p_1}}{p_1} + \frac{|y_2|^{p_2}}{p_2}.$$

where $|\cdot|$ is the Euclidean norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$. And, we consider the following Lagrange function

$$\mathcal{L}(t,x,y) = \Phi_{p_1,p_2}(y) + F(t,x).$$

where $y = (y_1,y_2), x = (x_1,x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$...o algo así?????
Then the equations (P_1) become

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}\left(|u_1'|^{p_1-2}u_1'\right) = F_{x_1}(t,u) & \text{a.e. } t \in (0,T) \\ \frac{d}{dt}\left(|u_2'|^{p_2-2}u_2'\right) = F_{x_2}(t,u) & \text{a.e. } t \in (0,T) \\ u(0) - u(T) = u'(0) - u'(T) = 0, \end{cases} , \tag{P_3}$$

In the literature, these equations are known as (p_1,p_2)-Laplacian system, see [Yang and Chen, 2013, Pasca and Wang, 2016, Yang and Chen, 2012, Pasca, 2010, Paşca and Tang, 2010, Pasca and Tang, 2011].

In [Acinas et al., 2015] it is treated the case of a lagrangian $\mathcal{L}$ which is lower bounded by a Lagrange function like

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi,F}(t,x,y) \coloneqq \Phi(|y|) + F(t,x), \tag{3}$$

where Φ is an N-function (see section 2 for the definition of this concept).

2   Anisotropic Orlicz and Orlicz-Sobolev spaces

In this section, we give a short introduction to Orlicz and Orlicz-Sobolev spaces of vector valued functions associated to anisotropic Young functions $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}_+$, i.e. functions such that $\Phi(x)$ depends on the direction of x, unlike the radial case where $\Phi(x) = \Phi(|x|)$. References for these topics are [Schappacher, 2005, Skaff, 1969, Desch and Grimmer, 2001].

On the other hand, anisotropic Orlicz-Sobolev spaces allow us to simplify the writing, and they provide the natural frame for statements of the type [Tian and Ge, 2007, Lemma 3.1]. This type of question motivated us to use these spaces.

Hereafter we denote by $\mathbb{R}^+$ the set of all non negative real numbers. A function $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}_+$ is called an *Young's function* if Φ is convex, $\Phi(0) = 0$, $\Phi(-x) = \Phi(x)$ and $\Phi(x) \to +\infty$, when $|x| \to +\infty$. Additionally, we assume that Young's functions which we deal with, satisfy that $\Phi(x) > 0$ when $x \neq 0$. Following [Schappacher, 2005] we say that Φ is an N_∞-function if

$$\lim_{|x|\to\infty} \frac{\Phi(x)}{|x|} = +\infty.$$

Given a Young's function Φ, we define function $A_\Phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ by

$$A_\Phi(s) = \min\left\{\Phi(x) \,\middle|\, |x| = s\right\}, \tag{4}$$

Let us establish some elementary properties of A_Φ that we will use in this article.

Proposition 2.1. *The function A_Φ has the following properties:*

1. *A_Φ is continuous,*

2. *$A_\Phi(s)/s$ is increasing,*

3. *$A_\Phi(|x|)$ is the* greatest radial minorant *of $\Phi(x)$,*

4. *Φ is N_∞ if and only if A_Φ is.*

Proof. It is well known that finite and convex functions defined on finite dimensional vector spaces are locally Lipschitz functions (see [Clarke, 2013]). This fact implies item 1 immediately.

In order to prove item 2, suppose $0 < r < s$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $A_\Phi(s) = \Phi(x)$. Then, from the definition of A_Φ and the convexity of Φ,

$$\frac{A_\Phi(r)}{r} \leqslant \frac{\Phi\left(\frac{r}{s}x\right)}{r} \leqslant \frac{\Phi(x)}{s} = \frac{A_\Phi(s)}{s}.$$

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Property in items 3 and 4 are obtained easily.

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Example 2. We compute A_Φ for the function $\Phi = \Phi_{p_1,p_2}$ given in Example (1).

We apply the method of Lagrange multipliers to solve the problem

$$G(r) = \min \left\{ \Phi(x,y) : |(x,y)|_2^2 = r^2 \right\}$$

The first order equations are

$$\begin{cases} |x|^{p_1-2}x + \lambda x & = & 0 \\ |y|^{p_2-2}y + \lambda y & = & 0 \\ |x|^2 + |y|^2 & = & r^2 \end{cases}$$

These equations are solved, among others, by the following sets (if $n > 1$ infinite) of citical values: a) $|x| = r$, $y = 0$ and $\lambda = -r^{p_1-2}$ and b) $x = 0$, $|y| = r$ and $\lambda = -r^{p_2-2}$. Associated with these critical points we have the following critical values: a) r^{p_1}/p_1 and b) r^{p_2}/p_2.

Now, suppose that $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$ then $|x|^2 + |y|^2 = r^2$ and $|y| = |x|^{\frac{p_1-2}{p_2-2}}$ and $\lambda = -|x|^{p_1-2}$.

We have to split the analysis in several cases.

Now, we consider $p_1 \leqslant 2$ and $p_2 \leqslant 2$ with of them different to 2.

There exists (z,w) such that $zx^t + wy^t = 0$ (z=-y, w=x) where $H = |\lambda||y|^2|x|^2[(p_1-2)|x|^{-2} + (p_2-2)|y|^{-2}] < 0$

(aclarar algo de H, poner un nombre adecuado y cambiar el formato de letra)

Then, by the second order criteria [**?**, Thm....], at (x,y) there cannot be a minimum. Therefore, the minima occur at $x = 0$ or $y = 0$.

The remaining cases can be treated with similar techniques.

Finally, we conclude that

$$K_1 \min\{r^{p_1}, r^{p_2}\} \leqslant A_\Phi \leqslant K_2 \max\{r^{p_1}, r^{p_2}\}$$

with $K_1, K_2 > 0$.

We also say that $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^+$ satisfies the Δ_2^∞-*condition*, denoted by $\Phi \in \Delta_2^\infty$, if there exist constants $K > 0$ and $M \geqslant 0$ such that

$$\Phi(2x) \leqslant KH(x), \tag{5}$$

for every $|x| \geqslant M$.

If Φ is a Young's function we define its *Fenchel conjugate* $\Phi^* : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^+$ by:

$$\Phi^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} x \cdot y - \Phi(x) \tag{6}$$

We denote by $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{M}([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$, with $d \geqslant 1$, the set of all measurable functions (i.e. functions which are limits of simple functions) defined on $[0,T]$ with values on $\mathbb{R}^d$ and we write $u = (u_1, \ldots, u_d)$ for $u \in \mathcal{M}$. For the set of functions $\mathcal{M}$, as for other similar sets, we will omit the reference to codomain $\mathbb{R}^d$ when $d = 1$.

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Given an N-function Φ we define the *modular function* $\rho_\Phi : \mathcal{M} \to \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{+\infty\}$ by

$$\rho_\Phi(u) := \int_0^T \Phi(u)\, dt.$$

Here $|\cdot|$ is the euclidean norm of $\mathbb{R}^d$. Now, we introduce the *Orlicz class* $C^\Phi = C^\Phi([0,T],\mathbb{R}^d)$ by setting

$$C^\Phi := \{u \in \mathcal{M} | \rho_\Phi(u) < \infty\}. \tag{7}$$

The *Orlicz space* $L^\Phi = L^\Phi([0,T],\mathbb{R}^d)$ is the linear hull of C^Φ; equivalently,

$$L^\Phi := \{u \in \mathcal{M} | \exists \lambda > 0 : \rho_\Phi(\lambda u) < \infty\}. \tag{8}$$

The Orlicz space L^Φ equipped with the *Luxemburg norm*

$$\|u\|_{L^\Phi} := \inf\left\{\lambda \left| \rho_\Phi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right) dt \leqslant 1 \right.\right\},$$

is a Banach space. By $u \cdot v$ we denote the usual dot product in $\mathbb{R}^d$ between u and v.

The subspace $E^\Phi = E^\Phi([0,T],\mathbb{R}^d)$ is defined as the closure in L^Φ of the subspace $L^\infty([0,T],\mathbb{R}^d)$ of all $\mathbb{R}^d$-valued essentially bounded functions. It is shown that (see [Schappacher, 2005, Thm. 5.1]) $u \in E^\Phi$ if and only if $\rho_\Phi(\lambda u) < \infty$ for any $\lambda > 0$. The equality $L^\Phi = E^\Phi$ is true if and only if $\Phi \in \Delta_2^\infty$ (see [Schappacher, 2005, Thm. 5.2]). Another alternative characterization of E^Φ, which is particularly useful for us, is that $u \in E^\Phi$ if and only if u has *absolutely continuous norm*, i.e. if $E_n \subset [0,T]$, $n = 1,2,\ldots$ then $\|\chi_{E_n} u\| \to 0$ when $|E_n| \to 0$.

A generalized version of *Hölder's inequality* holds in Orlicz spaces (see [Skaff, 1969, Thm. 4.1]). Namely, if $u \in L^\Phi$ and $v \in L^\Psi$ then $u \cdot v \in L^1$ and

$$\int_0^T v \cdot u\, dt \leqslant 2\|u\|_{L^\Phi}\|v\|_{L^{\Phi^*}}. \tag{9}$$

Like in [Krasnosel'skiĭ and Rutickiĭ, 1961] we will consider the subset $\Pi(E^\Phi, r)$ of L^Φ given by

$$\Pi(E^\Phi, r) := \{u \in L^\Phi | d(u, E^\Phi) < r\}.$$

This set is related to the Orlicz class C^Φ by means of inclusions, namely,

$$\Pi(E^\Phi, r) \subset rC^\Phi \subset \overline{\Pi(E^\Phi, r)} \tag{10}$$

for any positive r (see [Schappacher, 2005, Thm. 5.6]). If $\Phi \in \Delta_2^\infty$, then the sets L^Φ, E^Φ, $\Pi(E^\Phi, r)$ and C^Φ are equal.

Following to [Desch and Grimmer, 2001] we introduce the next definition.

Definition 2.2. *Let $u_n, u \in L^\Phi([0,T],\mathbb{R}^d)$. We say that u_n converges monotonically to u if there exists $\alpha_n \in L^\infty([0,T],\mathbb{R})$, $n = 1,2,\ldots$, such that $0 \leqslant \alpha_n(t) \leqslant \alpha_{n+1}(t)$, $\alpha_n(t) \to 1$ a.e., when $n \to \infty$ and $u_n(t) = \alpha_n(t)u(t)$.*

As usual, if $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ is a normed space and $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ is a linear subspace of X, we write $Y \hookrightarrow X$ and we say that Y is *embedded* in X when there exists $C > 0$ such that $\|y\|_X \leqslant C\|y\|_Y$ for any $y \in Y$. With this notation, Hölder's inequality states that $L^\Psi \hookrightarrow \left[L^\Phi\right]^*$, where a function $v \in L^\Psi$ is associated to $\xi_v \in \left[L^\Phi\right]^*$ being

$$\xi_v(u) = \langle \xi_v, u \rangle = \int_0^T v \cdot u \, dt, \tag{11}$$

In [Desch and Grimmer, 2001, Thm 2.9] it was characterized a subspace of $\left[L^\Phi\right]^*$ which can be identified with L^Ψ.

Proposition 2.3. *Let* $F \in \left[L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)\right]^*$. *Then the following statements are equivalent*

1. $\xi \in L^\Psi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$

2. ξ *satisfies the* monotone convergence property, *which is if* u_n *converges monotonically to* u *then* $\langle \xi, u_n \rangle \to \langle \xi, u \rangle$.

If $\Phi \in \Delta_2^\infty$ and Φ is N_∞ then $L^\Psi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d) = \left[L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)\right]^*$ (see [Desch and Grimmer, 2001, Thm. 2.9 , Thm. 2.10]).

We define the *Sobolev-Orlicz space* W^1L^Φ by

$$W^1L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d) := \{u | u \text{ is absolutely continuous on } [0,T] \text{ and } u' \in L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)\}.$$

$W^1L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ is a Banach space when equipped with the norm

$$\|u\|_{W^1L^\Phi} = \|u\|_{L^\Phi} + \|u'\|_{L^\Phi}. \tag{12}$$

And, we introduce the following subspaces of W^1L^Φ

$$\begin{aligned} W^1E^\Phi &= \{u \in W^1L^\Phi | u' \in E^\Phi\}, \\ W^1E_T^\Phi &= \{u \in W^1E^\Phi | u(0) = u(T)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

We will use repeatedly the decomposition $u = \overline{u} + \widetilde{u}$ for a function $u \in L^1([0,T])$ where $\overline{u} = \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T u(t) \, dt$ and $\widetilde{u} = u - \overline{u}$.

The following lemma is an elementary generalization to anisotropic Sobolev-Orlicz spaces of known results of Sobolev spaces.

Lemma 2.4. *Let* $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^d \to [0, +\infty)$ *be a Young's function and let* $u \in W^1L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$. *Let* $A_\Phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ *be the function defined by* (4). *Then*

1. *For every* $s, t \in [0,T]$, $s \neq t$,

$$|u(t) - u(s)| \leqslant \|u'\|_{L^\Phi} |s - t| A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|s-t|}\right) \qquad \text{(Morrey's inequality)}$$

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty} \leqslant A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) \max\{1, T\} \|u\|_{W^1L^\Phi} \qquad \text{(Sobolev's inequality)}$$

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2. *We have $\widetilde{u} \in L^\infty([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ and*

$$\|\widetilde{u}\|_{L^\infty} \leqslant T A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) \|u'\|_{L^\Phi} \qquad \text{(Sobolev-Wirtinger's inequality)}$$

3. *If Φ is N_∞ then the space $W^1 L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ is compactly embedded in the space of continuous functions $C([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$.*

Proof. By the absolutely continuity of u, Jensen's inequality and the definition of the Luxemburg norm, we have

$$\Phi\left(\frac{u(t) - u(s)}{\|u'\|_{L^\Phi}|s-t|}\right) \leqslant \Phi\left(\frac{1}{|s-t|}\int_s^t \frac{u'(r)}{\|u'\|_{L^\Phi}} dr\right)$$
$$\leqslant \frac{1}{|s-t|}\int_s^t \Phi\left(\frac{u'(r)}{\|u'\|_{L^\Phi}}\right) dr \leqslant \frac{1}{|s-t|}.$$

By Proposition 2.1(3) we have $A_\Phi^{-1}\Phi(x) \geqslant |x|$, therefore we get

$$\frac{|u(t) - u(s)|}{\|u'\|_{L^\Phi}|s-t|} \leqslant A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|s-t|}\right),$$

then 1 holds.

Now, we use Morrey's inequality and Proposition 2.1 (2) and we have

$$|u(t) - \overline{u}| = \left|\frac{1}{T}\int_0^T u(t) - u(s)\, ds\right|$$
$$\leqslant \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T |u(t) - u(s)|\, ds$$
$$\leqslant \|u'\|_{L^\Phi} T A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$$

In order to prove the Sobolev's inequality, we note that, using Jensen's inequality and the definition of $\|u\|_{L^\Phi}$, we obtain

$$\Phi\left(\frac{\overline{u}}{\|u\|_{L^\Phi}}\right) \leqslant \frac{1}{T}\int_0^T \Phi\left(\frac{u(s)}{\|u\|_{L^\Phi}}\right) ds \leqslant \frac{1}{T}$$

Then by By Proposition 2.1(3)

$$|\overline{u}| \leqslant A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)\|u\|_{L^\Phi}.$$

Therefore, from this and (Sobolev-Wirtinger's inequality) we get

$$\|u\|_{L^\infty} \leqslant |\overline{u}| + \|\tilde{u}\|_{L^\infty}$$
$$\leqslant A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)\|u\|_{L^\Phi} + T A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)\|u'\|_{L^\Phi}$$
$$\leqslant A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)\max\{1,T\}\|u\|_{W^1 L^\Phi}$$

In order to prove item 3, we take a bounded sequence u_n in $W^1 L^\Phi([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$. Since Φ is N_∞, from Proposition 2.1(4) we obtain $s A_\Phi^{-1}(1/s) \to 0$ when $s \to 0$. Therefore (Morrey's inequality) implies that u_n are equicontinuous. Furthermore (**??**) implies that u_n is bounded in $C([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$. Therefore by the Arzela-Ascoli Theorem we obtain a subsequence n_k and $u \in C([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$ with $u_{n_k} \to u$ in $C([0,T], \mathbb{R}^d)$.

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Lemma 2.5. *Let $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of functions in $\Pi(E^\Phi, 1)$ converging to $u \in \Pi(E^\Phi, 1)$ in the L^Φ-norm. Then, there exist a subsequence u_{n_k} and a real valued function $h \in L^1([0,T], \mathbb{R})$ such that $u_{n_k} \to u$ a.e. and $\Phi(u_{n_k}) \leqslant h$ a.e.*

Proof. Since $d(u, E^\Phi) < 1$ and u_n converges to u, there exists $u_0 \in E^\Phi$, a subsequence of u_n (again denoted u_n) and $0 < r < 1$ such that $d(u_n, u_0) < r$. Let $\lambda_0 \in (r, 1)$. By extracting more subsequences, if necessary, we can assume that $u_n \to u$ a.e. and

$$\lambda_n := \|u_{n+1} - u_n\|_{L^\Phi} < \frac{1 - \lambda_0}{2^n}, \quad \text{for } n \geqslant 1.$$

We can assume $\lambda_n > 0$ for every $n = 0, \ldots$.

Let $\lambda := 1 - \sum_{n=0}^\infty \lambda_n$ and define $h : [0,T] \to \mathbb{R}$ by

$$h(x) = \lambda \Phi\left(\frac{u_0}{\lambda}\right) + \sum_{n=0}^\infty \lambda_n \Phi\left(\frac{u_{n+1} - u_n}{\lambda_n}\right). \tag{14}$$

Note that $\sum_{n=0}^\infty \lambda_n + \lambda = 1$, therefore for any $n = 1, \ldots$

$$\Phi(u_n) = \Phi\left(\lambda \frac{u_0}{\lambda} + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \lambda_j \frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{\lambda_j}\right)$$

$$\leqslant \lambda \Phi\left(\frac{u_0}{\lambda}\right) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \lambda_j \Phi\left(\frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{\lambda_j}\right) \leqslant h$$

Since $u_0 \in E^\Phi \subset C^\Phi$ and E^Φ is a subspace we have that $\Phi(u_0/\lambda) \in L^1([0,T], \mathbb{R})$. On the other hand $\|u_{n+1} - u_n\|_{L^\Phi} \leqslant \lambda_n$, therefore

$$\int_0^T \Phi\left(\frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{\lambda_j}\right) dt \leqslant 1.$$

Then $h \in L^1([0,T], \mathbb{R})$.

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3   Differentiability Gateâux of action integrals in anisotropic Orlicz spaces

In this section we give a brief introduction to superposition operators between anistropic Orlicz Spaces. We apply these results to obtain Gateâux differentiability of action integrals associated to lagrangian functions defined on Sobolev-Orlicz spaces.

Henceforth we assume that $f : [0,T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ is a *Carathéodory function*, i.e.

(C) f is measurable with respect to $t \in [0, T]$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$, and f is a continuous function with respect to $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ for a.e. $t \in [0, T]$.

Definition 3.1. *For $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d$ we denote by $\boldsymbol{f}$ the Nemytskii (o superposition) operator defined for functions $u : [0, T] \to \mathbb{R}^d$ by*

$$\boldsymbol{f}u(t) = f(t, u(t))$$

In the following Theorem we enumerate some known properties for superposition operators defined on anisotropic Orlicz spaces of vector functions. For the proofs see [Krasnosel'skii et al., 2011] for scalar functions and [Płuciennik, 1987, Płuciennik, 1985b, Płuciennik, 1985a] for the generalization to $\mathbb{R}^d$-valued (moreover Banach spaces valued) functions in a anisotropic Orlicz Spaces (moreover modular anisotropic spaces).

Theorem 3.2. *We assume that f satisfies condition ((C)) and that $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 : \mathbb{R}^d \to [0, +\infty)$ are anisotropic Young functions. Then*

1. Measurability. *The operator $\boldsymbol{f}$ maps measurable function into measurable functions*

2. Extensibility. *If the operator $\boldsymbol{f}$ acts from the ball $B_{L^{\Phi_1}}(r) := \{u \in L^{\Phi_1} | \|u\|_{L^{\Phi_1}} < r\}$ into the space L^{Φ_2} or the space E^{Φ_2} then $\boldsymbol{f}$ can be extended from $\Pi(E^{\Phi_1}, r)$ into space L^{Φ_2} or E^{Φ_2}, respectively.*

3. Continuity. *If the operator $\boldsymbol{f}$ acts from $\Pi(E^{\Phi_1}, r)$ into space E^{Φ_2}, then $\boldsymbol{f}$ is continuous.*

Given a continuous function $a \in C(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^+)$, we define the composition operator $a : \mathcal{M}_d \to \mathcal{M}_d$ by $\boldsymbol{a}(u)(x) = a(u(x))$.

We will often use the following result whose proof can be performed as that of Corollary 2.3 in [Acinas et al., 2015].

Lemma 3.3. *If $a \in C(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{R}^+)$ then $\boldsymbol{a} : W^1 L^{\Phi} \to L^{\infty}([0, T])$ is bounded. More concretely, there exists a non decreasing function $A : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $\|\boldsymbol{a}(u)\|_{L^{\infty}([0,T])} \leqslant A(\|u\|_{W^1 L^{\Phi}})$.*

Quizás no sea necesaria la prueba, si dejamos el comentario de arriba???

Proof. Let $A \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+)$ be a non decreasing, continuous function defined by $\alpha(s) := \sup_{\|x\| \leqslant s, x \in \mathbb{R}^d} |a(x)|$. If $u \in W^1 L_d^{\Phi}$ then, by Sobolev's inequality,

$$a(u(x)) \leqslant \alpha(\|u\|_{L^{\infty}}) \leqslant \alpha \left(A_{\Phi}^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{T} \right) \max\{1, T\} \|u\|_{W^1 L^{\Phi}} \right) =: A(\|u\|_{W^1 L^{\Phi}}).$$

$\square$

HABRÍA QUE VER DÓNDE SE UBICA LA CONDICIÓN DE ESTRUCTURA...QUIZÁS EN LA INTRODUCCIÓN?....

We assume that the *Lagrangian* $\mathcal{L} : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ is Carathéodory and differentiable function satisfying

$$|\mathcal{L}(t, x, y)| + |D_x \mathcal{L}(t, x, y)| + \Psi(D_y \mathcal{L}(t, x, y)) \leqslant a(|x|) \left(b(t) + \Phi(y) \right), \quad (15)$$

where $a \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+)$, $b \in L_1^1([0,T])$, Φ and Ψ are N_∞-functions (complementary????
o en el teorema o nunca?)

Next, we deal with the differentiability of the action integral

$$I(u) = \int_0^T \mathcal{L}(t, u(t), \dot{u}(t)) \, dt. \tag{16}$$

Theorem 3.4. *Let $\mathcal{L}$ be a differentiable Carathéodory function satisfying* (15)*. Then the following statements hold:*

1. *The action integral given by* (16) *is finitely defined on $\mathcal{E}^\Phi := W^1 L^\Phi \cap \{u | \dot{u} \in \Pi(E^\Phi, 1)\}$.*

2. *The function I is Gâteaux differentiable on $\mathcal{E}^\Phi$ and its derivative I' is demicontinuous from $\mathcal{E}^\Phi$ into $\left[W^1 L^\Phi\right]^*$. Moreover, I' is given by the following expression*

$$\langle I'(u), v \rangle = \int_0^T \left\{ D_x \mathcal{L}(t, u, \dot{u}) \cdot v + D_y \mathcal{L}(t, u, \dot{u}) \cdot \dot{v} \right\} \, dt. \tag{17}$$

3. *If $\Psi \in \Delta_2$ then I' is continuous from $\mathcal{E}^\Phi$ into $\left[W^1 L^\Phi\right]^*$ when both spaces are equipped with the strong topology.*

Proof. Let $u \in \mathcal{E}^\Phi$. As

$$\dot{u} \in \Pi(E^\Phi, 1) \subset C_1^\Phi \tag{18}$$

and (10), then $\Phi(\dot{u}(t)) \in L^1$. Now,

$$|\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u, \dot{u})| + |D_x \mathcal{L}(\cdot, u, \dot{u})| + \Psi(D_y \mathcal{L}(\cdot, u, \dot{u})) \leq A(\|u\|_{W^1 L^\Phi})(b + \Phi(\dot{u})) \in L^1, \tag{19}$$

by (15) and Lemma 3.3. Thus item (1) is proved.

We split up the proof of item 2 into four steps.
Step 1. The non linear operator $u \mapsto D_x \mathcal{L}(t, u, \dot{u})$ is continuous from $\mathcal{E}^\Phi$ into $L^1([0,T])$ with the strong topology on both sets.

Let $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of functions in $\mathcal{E}^\Phi$ and let $u \in \mathcal{E}^\Phi$ such that $u_n \to u$ in $W^1 L^\Phi$. By (Sobolev's inequality), we have

$$|u_n(t) - u(t)| \leq T A_\Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{T}\right) \|u_n - u\|_{L^\Phi}$$

then $u_n \to u$ uniformly. As $\dot{u}_n \to \dot{u} \in \mathcal{E}^\Phi$, by Lemma 2.5, there exist a subsequence of $\dot{u}_{n_k}$ (again denoted $\dot{u}_{n_k}$) and a function $h \in L^1([0,T], \mathbb{R})$ such that $\dot{u}_{n_k} \to \dot{u}$ a.e. and $\Phi(\dot{u}_{n_k}) \leq h$ a.e.

Since u_{n_k}, $k = 1, 2, \ldots$, is a strong convergent sequence in $W^1 L^\Phi$, it is a bounded sequence in $W^1 L^\Phi$. According to item (3) of Lemma 2.4, there exists $M > 0$ such that $\|a(u_{n_k})\|_{L^\infty} \leq M$, $k = 1, 2, \ldots$. From the previous facts and (19), we get

$$|D_x \mathcal{L}(\cdot, u_{n_k}, \dot{u}_{n_k})| \leq a(|u_{n_k}|)(b + \Phi(\dot{u}_{n_k})) \leq M(b + h) \in L^1.$$

On the other hand, by the continuous differentiability of $\mathcal{L}$, we have

$$D_x \mathcal{L}(t, u_{n_k}(t), \dot{u}_{n_k}(t)) \to D_x \mathcal{L}(t, u(t), \dot{u}(t)) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [0,T].$$

Applying the Dominated Convergence Theorem we conclude the proof of step 1.

Step 2. The non linear operator $u \mapsto D_y\mathcal{L}(t, u, \dot{u})$ is continuous from $\mathcal{E}^\Phi$ with the strong topology into $\left[L^\Phi\right]^*$ with the weak topology.*

Let $u \in \mathcal{E}^\Phi$. From (19) it follows that

$$D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u, \dot{u}) \in C^\Psi. \tag{20}$$

Así? o conviene poner la cota de $\Psi(D_y)$ explícitamente???

Note that (19), (20) and the imbeddings $W^1L^\Phi \hookrightarrow L^\infty$ and $L^\Psi \hookrightarrow \left[L^\Phi\right]^*$ imply that the second member of (17) defines an element of $\left[W^1L^\Phi\right]^*$.

Let $u_n, u \in \mathcal{E}^\Phi$ such that $u_n \to u$ in the norm of W^1L^Φ. We must prove that $D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u_n, \dot{u}_n) \overset{w^*}{\rightharpoonup} D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u, \dot{u})$. On the contrary, there exist $v \in L^\Phi$, $\epsilon > 0$ and a subsequence of $\{u_n\}$ (denoted $\{u_n\}$ for simplicity) such that

$$\left|\langle D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u_n, \dot{u}_n), v\rangle - \langle D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u, \dot{u}), v\rangle\right| \geqslant \epsilon. \tag{21}$$

We have $u_n \to u$ in L^Φ and $\dot{u}_n \to \dot{u}$ in L^Φ. By Lemma 2.5, there exist a subsequence of $\{u_n\}$ (again denoted $\{u_n\}$ for simplicity) and a function $h \in L^1([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ such that $u_n \to u$ uniformly, $\dot{u}_n \to \dot{u}$ a.e. and $\Phi(\dot{u}_n) \leqslant h$ a.e. As in the previous step, since u_n is a convergent sequence, Lemma 3.3 implies that $a(|u_n(t)|)$ is uniformly bounded by a certain constant $M > 0$. Therefore, from inequality (19) with u_{n_k} instead of u, we have

$$\Psi(D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u_{n_k}, \dot{u}_{n_k})) \leqslant M(b + h) \in L^1. \tag{22}$$

As $v \in L^\Phi$ there exists $\lambda > 0$ such that $\Phi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right) \in L^1$. Now, by Young inequality and (22), we have

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\begin{aligned}
&\lambda D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u_{n_k}, \dot{u}_{n_k}) \cdot \frac{v(t)}{\lambda} \\
&\leqslant \lambda\left[\Psi(D_y\mathcal{L}(\cdot, u_{n_k}, \dot{u}_{n_k})) + \Phi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right)\right] \\
&\leqslant \lambda M(b + h) + \lambda\Phi\left(\frac{v}{\lambda}\right) \in L^1
\end{aligned}
\tag{23}
$$

Finally, from the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem, we deduce

$$\int_0^T D_y\mathcal{L}(t, u_{n_k}, \dot{u}_{n_k}) \cdot v\, dt \to \int_0^T D_y\mathcal{L}(t, u, \dot{u}) \cdot v\, dt \tag{24}$$

which contradicts the inequality (21). This completes the proof of step 2.

Step 3. We will prove (17). For $u \in \mathcal{E}^\Phi$ and $0 \neq v \in W^1L^\Phi$, we define the function

$$H(s, t) := \mathcal{L}(t, u(t) + sv(t), \dot{u}(t) + s\dot{v}(t)).$$

For $|s| \leqslant s_0 := \min\{\left(1 - d(\dot{u}, E^\Phi)\right)/\|v\|_{W^1L^\Phi}, 1 - d(\dot{u}, E^\Phi)\}$, using triangle inequality we get $d\left(\dot{u} + s\dot{v}, E^\Phi\right) < 1$ and thus $\dot{u} + s\dot{v} \in \Pi(E^\Phi, 1)$. These facts imply, in virtue of Theorem 3.4 item 1, that $I(u + sv)$ is well defined and finite for $|s| \leqslant s_0$.

We also have $\|u + sv\|_{W^1 L^\Phi} \leqslant \|u\|_{W^1 L^\Phi} + s_0\|v\|_{W^1 L^\Phi}$; then, by Lemma 3.3, there exists $M > 0$ such that $\|a(u + sv)\|_{L^\infty} \leqslant M$.

Let $\lambda > 0$ such that $\Phi(\frac{\dot{v}}{\lambda}) \in L^1$. On the other hand, if $\dot{v} \in L^\Phi$ and $|s| \leqslant s_0 \lambda^{-1}$, from the convexity and the parity of Φ, we get

$$\Phi(\dot{u} + s\dot{v}) = \Phi\left((1 - s_0)\frac{\dot{u}}{1 - s_0} + s_0\frac{s}{s_0}\dot{v}\right) \leqslant (1 - s_0)\Phi\left(\frac{\dot{u}}{1 - s_0}\right) + s_0\Phi\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\dot{v}\right)$$

$$\leqslant (1 - s_0)\Phi\left(\frac{\dot{u}}{1 - s_0}\right) + s_0\Phi\left(\frac{\dot{v}}{\lambda}\right) \in L^1$$

As $\dot{u} \in \Pi(E^\Phi, 1)$ then

$$d\left(\frac{\dot{u}}{1 - s_0}, E^\Phi\right) = \frac{1}{1 - s_0}d(\dot{u}, E^\Phi) < 1$$

and therefore $\frac{\dot{u}}{1-s_0} \in C^\Phi$.

Now, applying (19), (23), the fact that $v \in L^\infty$ and $\dot{v} \in L^\Phi$, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
|D_s H(s,t)| &= \left|D_x\mathcal{L}(t, u + sv, \dot{u} + s\dot{v}) \cdot v + \lambda D_y\mathcal{L}(t, u + sv, \dot{u} + s\dot{v}) \cdot \frac{\dot{v}}{\lambda}\right| \\
&\leqslant M\left\{[b(t) + \Phi(\dot{u} + s\dot{v})]|v|\right\} \\
&\quad + \lambda\left[\Psi(D_y\mathcal{L}(t, u + sv, \dot{u} + s\dot{v})) + \Phi\left(\frac{\dot{v}}{\lambda}\right)\right] \\
&\leqslant M\left\{[b(t) + \Phi(\dot{u} + s\dot{v})]|v|\right\} + \lambda M[b(t) + \Phi(\dot{u} + s\dot{v})] + \lambda\Phi\left(\frac{\dot{v}}{\lambda}\right) \\
&= M[b(t) + \Phi(\dot{u} + s\dot{v})](|v| + \lambda) + \lambda\Phi\left(\frac{\dot{v}}{\lambda}\right) \in L^1.
\end{aligned}
\tag{25}
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FALTA PASAR DESDE LA PÁGINA 8 DEL APUNTE

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