

Homework 8

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Exercise (2). Suppose that the hypotheses of the Generalized Lax-Milgram theorem are satisfied. Suppose that $x_{0,1}$ and $x_{0,2}$ in \mathcal{X} are such that the sets $X + x_{0,1} = X + x_{0,2}$. Prove that the solutions $u_1 \in X + x_{0,1}$ and $u_2 \in X + x_{0,2}$ of the abstract variational problem agree. What does this say about Dirichlet BVP?

Exercise (4). BVP for $u(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Write as a variational problem and show there exists a unique solution. Carefully define function spaces and identify where f must lie.

$$\begin{cases} -u_{xx} + e^y u = f & (x, y) \in (0, 1)^2 \\ u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(1, y) = \cos y & y \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

Exercise (9). Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary, $f \in L^2(\Omega)$, $\alpha > 0$. Consider the Robin problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + u = f & x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \alpha u = 0 & x \in \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

1. Formulate a variational principle $B(u, v) = (f, v)$ for $v \in H^1(\Omega)$.
2. Show that this problem has a unique weak solution.

Exercise (13). Suppose $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is a bounded Lipschitz domain. Consider the Stokes problem for vector u and scalar p :

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + \nabla p = f & x \in \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot u = 0 & x \in \Omega \\ u = 0 & x \in \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

where the first equation holds for each coordinate. This problem is a saddle-point problem in which we minimize some energy subject to the constraint $\nabla \cdot u = 0$. However, if we work over the constrained space, we can handle this problem. Let

$$H = \left\{ v \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^d : \nabla \cdot v = 0 \right\}$$

1. Show that H is a Hilbert space.
2. Determine an appropriate Sobolev space for f and formulate an appropriate VP for constrained Stokes.
3. Show that there is a unique solution to the VP.

Exercise (14). Let $\mathcal{H} = H_0^1(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$ and consider the solution $(u, v) \in \mathcal{H}$ to the differential problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f + a(v - u) & x \in \Omega \\ v - \Delta v = g + a(u - v) & x \in \Omega \\ u = 0, \nabla v \cdot n = \gamma & x \in \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

where $a \in L^\infty(\Omega)$.

1. Develop an appropriate weak or variational form for the problem. In what Sobolev spaces should f, g, γ lie?
2. Prove that there exists a unique solution provided that $a \geq 0$.