

Diff. Equations

(1) Variational formulation for BVP:

$$\text{Consider } \begin{cases} Lu(x) := -u''(x) + c(x)u'(x) + d(x)u(x) = f(x), \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0. \quad x \in [a, b]. \end{cases}$$

We want to get its weak formulation:

1) Multiply both sides with suitable test func.

2) Integrate both sides:

$$\int_a^b (-u''v + cu'v + duv) dx = \int_a^b f v dx. \quad v \in V$$

3) Partial integrate on highest order part.

$$\int_a^b (u'v' + cu'v + duv) dx - u'v|_a^b = \int_a^b f v dx.$$

We want the sol. space = test func space V .

\Rightarrow Assume $v(a) = v(b) = 0$.

Also $u'v' \in L^1 \Rightarrow u, v \in H_0^1$. i.e. $\text{span } V = H_0^1$.

And assume $c, d \in L^\infty(a, b)$ to let the integral makes sense. (It can be weakened: $c \in L^2$, $d \in L^1$).

$f \in (H_0^1(a, b))^*$ since $H^1(a, b) \hookrightarrow C([a, b])$

Rmk: We can assume V is smooth enough that assures it can be recovered to original equation. e.g. $V = C^\infty$. Then: by FTCV: the weak sol. is true sol.

4) For $\int f v$ part: We assume $f \in L^2$.

\Rightarrow We get $\int_a^b (u'v' + cu'v + kuv) = \int_a^b f v$. $v \in H_0^1$.

Define: $a(u, v) := \int_a^b (u'v' + cu'v + kuv)$: $V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle := \int_a^b f v$. $\tilde{f} \in V^*$, $v \in V$.

Rmk: By Poincaré & Hölder inequal.:

$$\langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle \leq \|f\|_{0,2} \|v\|_{1,2}.$$

\Rightarrow it's BLD on H_0^1 . So $V^* = H^{-1}$.

Also, $a(u, \cdot)$ is also BLD on H_0^1 for

$$\forall u \in V = H_0^1 \Rightarrow a(u, \cdot) \in H^{-1}.$$

Set $\langle Au, v \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a(u, v)$. $A: V \rightarrow V^*$. $\forall u, v \in V$.

Then it becomes operator eq.: $\langle Au, v \rangle = \langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle$.

i.e. $Au = \tilde{f}$ in V^* .

e.g. i) On $(-1, 1)$. Let $c, k \in C^\infty(-1, 1)$. $V = H_0^1$.

$$f = I_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} - I_{\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}}.$$

$$J_1: |\langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle| \lesssim \|v\|_{0,2} \stackrel{\text{Poincaré}}{\lesssim} \|v\|_{H_0^1}. \text{ BLO on } V.$$

ii) On $(-1, 1)$. $f = \delta_0$. Dirac measure.

For $V = H_0^1$. Note $H_0^1 \subset C[-1, 1]$. So def:

$\langle \tilde{\delta}_0, v \rangle = v(0)$. for $v \in H_0^1$ is well-def. And

$$|\langle \tilde{\delta}_0, v \rangle| \leq |v(0)| \leq \|v\|_{C[-1, 1]} \leq \|v\|_{H_0^1}$$

iii) Different from i), ii), we replace $u(a) =$

$u(b) = 0$ by $u'(a) = \alpha$. $u'(b) = \beta$. (Neumann)

And its variation formulation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} - \int u'' v + \square &= \int u' v' + \square - u'(b) v(b) + u'(a) v(a) \\ &= \int f v \end{aligned}$$

For $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$. $V = H^1$. We set

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) &:= \int u' v' + \alpha u' v + \beta u v = \langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle \\ &:= \int f v + \beta v(b) - \alpha v(a). \end{aligned}$$

Rem: i) Note for $\alpha = \beta = 0$. We have formulation

$$a(u, v) = \int f v \text{ on larger space } H^1.$$

ii) $V = \{v \in H^1 \mid u(a) = \alpha, u(b) = \beta\}$ isn't

LS. But it's complete in H^1 :

For (un) Cauchy in $H' \Rightarrow \exists u \in H'$

st. $u_n \xrightarrow{H'} u$. Desired:

$$|u(a) - \alpha| \leq \|u - u_n\|_{C[a,b]} \leq \|u - u_n\|_{H'} \rightarrow 0$$

Since $H'(a,b) \hookrightarrow C[a,b]$

Consider general BVP
$$\begin{cases} -u'' + cu' + ku = f \\ u(a) = \alpha, u(b) = \beta. \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow Idea: Transfer inhomogeneous Dirichlet boundary condition to homogeneous case.

Set $r \in C^2$ st. $r(a) = \alpha, r(b) = \beta$. And consider

$$\tilde{u} = u - r \in H_0^1(a,b).$$

$$a(\tilde{u}, v) = a(u, v) - a(r, v) = \langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle - a(r, v)$$

$$=: \langle \hat{f}, v \rangle. \text{ Reduce to homo case!}$$

(2) Lax-Milgram:

Def: $a: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. bilinear, $A: V \rightarrow V^*$. linear.

i) a is bdd if $\exists \beta > 0, |a(u, v)| \leq \beta \|u\| \|v\|$.

ii) a is strictly positive if $a(u, u) > 0, \forall u$

(For A : we define $\langle Au, u \rangle > 0, \forall u$)

iii) a is strongly positive if $\exists c > 0$, st.

$$a(u, u) \geq c \|u\|^2, \forall u \in V.$$

(For $A: \langle Au, u \rangle \geq c \|u\|^2, \forall u$)

Prmk: ii) \Rightarrow iii) if $\dim V = \infty$. (When $\dim V$

$< \infty$, it's true) e.g. $(e_n) \subset \ell^2$ o.n.b.

Set $\alpha(e_n, e_m) = 2^{-m} \delta_{mn}$. $\alpha(e_n) \rightarrow 0$.

iv) α is symmetric if $\alpha(u, v) = \alpha(v, u)$.

(For $A: \langle Au, v \rangle = \langle Av, u \rangle$)

Prmk: On BVP above, α is defined to

be symmetric if $c = 0$.

Thm. (Lax - Milgram)

V is Banach. $A: V \rightarrow V^*$ strongly positive

$(\langle Au, u \rangle \geq \mu \|u\|^2)$ B.L.V. $\Rightarrow A$ is bijection.

Cor. If $\alpha(\cdot, \cdot)$ linear, b.l.v. strongly positive.

Then: for $f \in V^*$, $\alpha(u, v) = \langle f, v \rangle, \forall v \in V$.

has unique s.l. u .

Pf: $Au \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \alpha(u, \cdot): u \in V \mapsto V^*$ satisfy cond.

Pf: Define $(u, v)_\alpha \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{1}{2} (\langle Au, v \rangle + \langle Av, u \rangle)$ is

bilinear and symmetric. $\|u\|_\alpha \stackrel{\Delta}{=} (u, u)_\alpha^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

$\Rightarrow \|\cdot\|_\alpha \sim \|\cdot\|$ by b.l.v. & strong positive

$S: (U, (\cdot, \cdot)_A)$ is Hilbert space.

By Riesz: $\exists I: U^* \xrightarrow{\sim} U$ isometric isom.

st. $(If, u)_A = (f, u)$. $\forall f \in U^*, u \in U$.

Consider $\phi(u) = u + 2I(f - Au)$. $2 > 0$. So:

$\forall f \in U^*, u$ is sol. of $Au = f \Leftrightarrow \phi(u) = u$.

Note $\|\phi(u) - \phi(v)\|^2 = \|u - v\|^2 + 2^2 \|Au - Av\|^2 + \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$

$\leq \|u - v\|^2 + 2^2 \|A\|^2 \|u - v\|^2 - 22\mu \|u - v\|^2$.

Choose 2 small enough $\Rightarrow \phi$ is contract.

Then apply Banach fixed pt Thm.

Cor. $A^{-1}: U^* \rightarrow U$ exists on above and

it's strongly positive BLO.

eg. Consider $\begin{cases} -u'' + cu' + \lambda u = f & \text{on } (a, b) \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0. \end{cases}$ where $c, \lambda \in C^\infty$.

$$\Rightarrow \langle Au, v \rangle \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \int u'v' + cu'v + \lambda uv$$

$$= \langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \int f v. \text{ So } A \text{ is BLO.}$$

$$\text{By } |\langle Au, v \rangle| \leq (1 + C\|c\|_\infty + C^2\|\lambda\|_\infty) \|u\|_{1,2} \|v\|_{1,2}.$$

For strongly positive:

i) $c \equiv \lambda = 0$. $2 \Rightarrow Au$ is strongly positive

$$2) \quad C=0, \lambda=-1. \quad \langle Au, u \rangle = \|u\|_{1,2}^2 - \|u\|_{0,2}^2$$

$$\text{By Poincaré} \quad \|u\|_{0,2} \leq (b-a)^{-1/2} \|u\|_{1,2}.$$

\therefore Strongly positive prop. depend on (a, b) .

e.g. On $(0, 2)$, take $u = \sin(x)$. Then:

$$\langle Au, u \rangle = 0. \quad \text{it's not strongly positive.}$$

Thm. For $Au = f$ with Dirichlet boundary. $V =$

$$H_0^1(a, b). \quad f \in V^*, \quad c, c', \lambda \in L^\infty(a, b). \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\exists \epsilon > -2/(b-a)^2. \quad \lambda(x) - \frac{1}{2}c'(x) \geq \epsilon, \quad \forall x. \quad \text{Then:}$$

there exists unique sol. for the equation

Pf: Note $\int c u' u = - \int c' \cdot \frac{1}{2} u^2$

$$\Rightarrow \langle Au, u \rangle = \|u\|_{1,2}^2 + \int \left(\lambda - \frac{c'}{2} \right) u^2$$

e.g. For $f \in H^{-1}(a, b)$, $p, q \in C[a, b]$ satisfies:

$$p(x) \geq \mu, \quad q(x) > -2\mu/(b-a)^2. \quad \text{Then:}$$

$$\begin{cases} -(p(x)u'(x))' + q(x)u(x) = f(x), & x \in (a, b) \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Pf: Directly apply Lax-Milgram Thm.

Remark: (Regularity Theory).

$$\text{Note for } \begin{cases} -u'' = f & \text{on } (a, b) \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0 \end{cases}$$

We can only require $f \in H^1$. Then the sol. u will fall on $H_0^{-1+2} = H_0^1$.

For $f \in L^2$. Then $u \in H_0^{0+2} = H_0^2$.

For $f \in H^k$. $\Rightarrow u \in H^{k+2}$.

(3) Nonlinear Case:

Def: $A: V \rightarrow V^*$ is strongly mono. if $\exists \mu > 0$ s.t.

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq \mu \|u - v\|^2, \quad \forall u, v \in V.$$

Thm. (Zarantonello for nonlinear case)

For V Hilbert space. $A: V \rightarrow V^*$ is Lip.

Conti. and strongly mono. $\Rightarrow A$ is bijection.

Besides, A^{-1} is Lip-conti. and strongly mono.

Pf: Consider $\phi: V \rightarrow V$. $\phi(u) = u + 2I(Au - f)$
for $2 > 0$ as before.

$$\|\phi(u) - \phi(v)\|^2 =$$

$$\|u - v\|^2 - 22 \langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle + \|Au - Av\|^2$$

Proceed as before: We can find $2 > 0$

s.t. ϕ is contraction.

e.g.
$$\begin{cases} -(\psi(|u'|)u')' + cu' + \lambda u = f & \text{on } (a,b) \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0. \end{cases}$$

where $\psi \in C^1(K^{>0}, K^+)$. Satisfies: $\exists M, m > 0$.

i) $|\psi(x)| \leq M$. ii) $\psi(s)s - \psi(t)t \stackrel{s \geq t \geq 0}{\geq} m(s-t)$.

iii) $|\psi(s)s - \psi(t)t| \leq M|s-t|$. $\forall s, t \geq 0$.

So $\psi(t)t$ is Lip-Conti. \uparrow . And we assume $c, c', d \in L^\infty$. $f \in L^2$.

\Rightarrow Variation reformulation:

$$\int_a^b \psi(|u'|)u'v' + cu'v + \lambda uv = \int f v \stackrel{A}{=} \langle \tilde{f}, v \rangle$$

Choose $V = H_0^1(a,b)$. Denote LHS = $\langle Au, v \rangle$.

We claim: A is Lip-Conti. & strongly mono.

i) For Lip-Conti.

Only consider $\int (\psi(|u'|)u' - \psi(|w'|)w')v'$

If $u', w' \geq 0$. Then: by prop. of ψ .

\Rightarrow it $\stackrel{ii)}{\leq} m \int |u' - w'|u' \leq \|u - w\|_{L^2} \|u\|_{L^\infty}$.

For $u' \geq 0$, $w' < 0$. (Also $u' < 0$, $w' \geq 0$) Then:

it $\leq \int |\psi(u')u' + \psi(-w')(-w')| |v|$.

$$i) \int m (u' - w') |v|$$

ii) For strongly mono.:

$$\langle Au - Aw, u - w \rangle = \int (\psi(w')u' - \psi(w')w') (u - w)' + C \left(\frac{1}{2} (u - w)^2 \right)' + \lambda (u - w)^2 \stackrel{A}{=} A + B + C.$$

$$B = \int -\frac{c'}{2} (u - w)^2. \text{ For } A:$$

$$\text{If } u' \geq w' \geq 0. \quad A \stackrel{iii)}{\geq} \int m (u' - w')^2.$$

$$\text{Note } \|u - w\|_{0,2}^2 \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \|u - w\|_{1,2}^2$$

$$\text{So: When } \lambda - \frac{c'}{2} \geq \underline{\lambda} > -m/2 / (b-a)^2 \text{ on } (a,b)$$

We have it's strongly mono.