

**Enclosure Methods for Elliptic
Partial Differential Equations**

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Consider boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + F(x, u, \nabla u) &= 0 & \text{on } \Omega \\ u &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\Delta u + F(x, u, \nabla u, \dots) &= 0 & \text{on } \Omega \\ u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ domain with some regularity, F given nonlinear smoothness

AIM: Derive conditions for existence of a solution “close” and explicit neighborhood of some approx

“Conditions”: either of general type, to be verified more special, to be verified automatically on a compu

General concept:

Transformation into *fixed-point equation*

$$u = Tu$$

and computation of appropriate set U such that

$$\boxed{TU \subset U}$$

and moreover, T has certain properties (e.g. contractive or compactness)

Application of some Fixed-Point Theorem (Banach, Schauder, etc.)

\rightsquigarrow *Existence* of a solution $u^* \in U$

The set U provides *enclosure*

Abstract formulation

Let $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_X), (Y, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_Y)$ Hilbert spaces

Let $\mathcal{F} : X \rightarrow Y$ continuously (Fréchet) differentiable map

problem :

$$u \in X, \mathcal{F}(u) = 0$$

Aim now (first): Existence and bounds for this abstract

Let $\omega \in X$ approximate solution,

$$L := \mathcal{F}'(\omega) : X \rightarrow Y \text{ (linear, bounded)}$$

Suppose that constants δ and K , and a nondecreasing $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ have been computed such that

a) $\|\mathcal{F}(\omega)\|_Y \leq \delta,$

b) $\|u\|_X \leq K\|Lu\|_Y$ for all $u \in X,$

c1) $\|\mathcal{F}'(\omega + u) - \mathcal{F}'(\omega)\|_{\mathcal{B}(X,Y)} \leq g(\|u\|_X)$ for all $u \in X$

c2) $g(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow 0^+$

Need in addition (note that L is one-to-one by b))

d) $L : X \rightarrow Y$ onto

Here, two ways for obtaining d):

1) $\widehat{X} \supset X$ Banach space, embedding $E_{\widehat{X}}^{\widehat{X}} : X \hookrightarrow \widehat{X}$ co

$$\mathcal{F} = L_0 + \mathcal{G}, \quad L_0 : X \rightarrow Y \text{ linear, bounded, bijective}$$
$$\mathcal{G} : \widehat{X} \rightarrow Y \text{ continuously differentiable}$$

$$\text{Then } Lu = r \Leftrightarrow u = \underbrace{-L_0^{-1} \mathcal{G}'(\omega) E_{\widehat{X}}^{\widehat{X}}}_{\text{compact!}} u + L_0^{-1} r \rightsquigarrow Fr$$

2) $Y = X'$ dual space, $\Phi : X \rightarrow X'$ canonical isomorphism

$$\text{i.e. } (\Phi u)[v] = \langle u, v \rangle_X \quad \text{for } u \in X, v \in X'$$

Assume that $\Phi^{-1}L : X \rightarrow X$ is *symmetric* (i.e. $(Lu)[v] = (Lv)[u]$)
for all $u, v \in X$

Then $\Phi^{-1}L$ selfadjoint, one-to-one \Rightarrow range $(\Phi^{-1}L)$ dense
 \Rightarrow range (L) dense

Moreover,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} D(L) = X \text{ closed} \\ L \text{ bounded} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} L \text{ closed} \\ L \text{ one-to-one} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L \text{ invertible}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} L^{-1} \text{ closed} \\ L^{-1} \text{ bounded by b)} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow D(L^{-1}) \text{ closed} \Rightarrow \text{range}(L^{-1}) \text{ dense}$$

Transformation of $\mathcal{F}(u) = 0$ into fixed-point problem.

$$\mathcal{F}(u) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}'(\omega)[u - \omega] = -\mathcal{F}(\omega) - [\mathcal{F}(u) - \mathcal{F}(\omega)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{F}'(\omega)}_{=L}[v] = -\mathcal{F}(\omega) - [\mathcal{F}(\omega + v) - \mathcal{F}(\omega) - \mathcal{F}'(\omega)[v]]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v = -L^{-1} \left\{ \mathcal{F}(\omega) + [\mathcal{F}(\omega + v) - \mathcal{F}(\omega) - \mathcal{F}'(\omega)[v]] \right\}$$

Let $V := \{v \in X : \|v\|_X \leq \alpha\}$, $\alpha > 0$ to be chosen

Then $T(V) \subset V$ if $\delta \leq \frac{\alpha}{K} - G(\alpha)$, $G(t) := \int_0^t g(s) ds$

Need either i) T compact (\rightsquigarrow Schauder's Fixed-Point Theorem)

or ii) T contractive (\rightsquigarrow Banach's Fixed-Point Theorem)

ad i) $\widehat{X} \supset X$, $E_{\widehat{X}}$ compact, $\mathcal{F} = L_0 + \mathcal{G}$ as before

ad ii) additional contraction condition

$$Kg(\alpha) < 1$$

Theorem: For some $\alpha \geq 0$, let $\delta \leq \frac{\alpha}{K} - G(\alpha)$, and let i) or ii)

Then, there exists a solution $u \in X$ of $\mathcal{F}(u) = 0$ satisfying

$$\|u - \omega\|_X \leq \alpha$$

Applications to second-order boundary value problems

$$-\Delta u + F(x, u) = 0 \text{ on } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

A) **strong solutions:** $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ($n \leq 3$) *bounded* and H^2 -*regular* (Poisson's problem uniquely solvable), F g

$$X = H^2(\Omega) \cap \mathring{H}^1(\Omega), \quad Y = L^2(\Omega),$$

$$L_0 = -\Delta, \quad \mathcal{G}(u)(x) := F(x, u(x)) \quad (\widehat{X} = C(\overline{\Omega}))$$

a) $\| -\Delta \omega + F(\cdot, \omega) \|_{L^2} \leq \delta$ *explicitly or by verified q*

b) $\|u\|_{H^2} \leq K \|Lu\|_{L^2}$ ($u \in X$):

eigenvalue bounds, Sobolev embeddings, a priori

c) $\left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(x, \omega(x) + y) - \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(x, \omega(x)) \right| \leq \tilde{g}(|y|)$

$$-\Delta u + F(x, u) = 0 \text{ on } \Omega, u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

B) **weak solutions:** $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ Lipschitz

$$X = \mathring{H}^1(\Omega), \langle u, v \rangle_X := \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle_{L^2} + \sigma \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2}, Y =$$

Fréchet differentiability requires *growth conditions*
however exponential growth if $n \leq 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \| -\Delta \omega + F(\cdot, \omega) \|_{H^{-1}} &\leq \| -\operatorname{div}(\nabla \omega - \rho) \|_{H^{-1}} + \| d\text{iv} \rho - F(\cdot, \omega) \|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \| \nabla \omega - \rho \|_{L^2} + \hat{c} \| d\text{iv} \rho - F(\cdot, \omega) \|_{L^2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho \in H(\operatorname{div}; \Omega) \text{ approximation to } \nabla \omega, \| u \|_{L^2} \leq \hat{c} \| \rho \|_{L^2}$$

$$\text{b) } Lu = -\Delta u + cu, \quad c(x) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(x, \omega(x))$$

Let $\Phi : X \rightarrow Y$, $\Phi u := -\Delta u + \sigma u$ canonical isomet

$\Phi^{-1}L$ is *symmetric*, so

$$\|u\|_X \leq K \|Lu\|_Y = K \|\Phi^{-1}Lu\|_X \text{ for } u \in X$$

$$\iff K \geq \left[\min \{ |\lambda| : \lambda \in \text{spectrum of } \Phi^{-1}L \} \right]^{-1}$$

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eigenvalue bounds:

$$\Phi^{-1}Lu = \lambda u \iff -\Delta u + \sigma u = \frac{1}{1-\lambda}(\sigma - c(x))u,$$

choose $\sigma > c(x)$ ($x \in \Omega$)

$$\Delta\Delta u + \mu\Delta u + F(x, u) = 0 \text{ on } \Omega, \quad u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ Lipschitz, F given C^1 -function, $\mu \geq 0$

$$X := \mathring{H}^2(\Omega), \quad \langle u, v \rangle_X := \langle \Delta u, \Delta v \rangle_{L^2} + \sigma \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2}, \quad Y := L^2(\Omega)$$

$$\text{a) } \|\Delta\Delta\omega + \mu\Delta\omega + F(\cdot, \omega)\|_{H^{-2}} \leq \|\Delta(\Delta\omega + \mu\omega - \rho)\|_{L^2} + \|\Delta\rho + F(\cdot, \omega)\|_{L^2}$$

$$\leq \|\Delta\omega + \mu\omega - \rho\|_{L^2} + \widehat{c} \|\Delta\rho + F(\cdot, \omega)\|_{L^2},$$

$\rho \in L^2(\Omega)$ s.t. $\Delta\rho \in L^2(\Omega)$, ρ approximation to $\Delta\omega + \mu\omega$

$$\|u\|_{L^2} \leq \widehat{c} \|u\|_X \text{ for } u \in X.$$

$$b) Lu = \Delta\Delta u + \mu\Delta u + cu, \quad c(x) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(x, \omega(x))$$

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\rightsquigarrow need bounds for essential spectrum (analytical) and *eigenvalue bounds*:

$$\Phi^{-1}Lu = \lambda u \iff \Delta\Delta u + \sigma u = \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \left(-\mu\Delta u + (\sigma - \mu)u \right)$$

choose $\sigma > c(x)$ ($x \in \Omega$)

Eigenvalue bounds

weak EVP $\langle u, v \rangle_X = \lambda b(u, v)$ for all $v \in X$

where b bounded, Hermitian, positive bilinear form on

Upper eigenvalue bounds: Rayleigh-Ritz

Let $\tilde{u}_1, \dots, \tilde{u}_N \in X$ linearly independent. Define $N \times N$

$$A_0 := (\langle \tilde{u}_i, \tilde{u}_j \rangle_X), \quad A_1 := (b(\tilde{u}_i, \tilde{u}_j))$$

$\Lambda_1 \leq \Lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \Lambda_N$ eigenvalues of the matrix EVP

$$A_0 x = \Lambda A_1 x.$$

Then, if $\Lambda_N < \underline{\sigma}_{\text{ess}} := \inf\{\text{essential spectrum}\}$, there are at least N eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$ below $\underline{\sigma}_{\text{ess}}$, and

$$\lambda_i \leq \Lambda_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$$

Lower eigenvalue bounds: Temple-Lehmann

Let $\tilde{u}_1, \dots, \tilde{u}_N$ and $\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_N < \underline{\sigma}_{\text{ess}}$ as before.

Let $w_1, \dots, w_N \in X$ satisfy

$$\langle w_i, v \rangle_X = b(\tilde{u}_i, v) \text{ for all } v \in X \quad (*)$$

and let $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that

$$\Lambda_N < \rho \leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda_{N+1} \quad , \text{ if } \lambda_{N+1} < \underline{\sigma}_{\text{ess}} \text{ exists} \\ \underline{\sigma}_{\text{ess}} \quad , \text{ otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \quad (**)$$

Define, besides A_0 and A_1 ,

$$A_2 := (\langle w_i, w_j \rangle_X),$$

and let $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq \mu_N < 0$ be the eigenvalues of

$$(A_0 - \rho A_1)x = \mu(A_0 - 2\rho A_1 + \rho^2 A_2)x.$$

Then, $\lambda_i \geq \rho \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 - \mu_{N+1-i}} \right) \quad (i = 1, \dots, N)$

(*) often difficult in practice; considerable improvement by Goe

(**) *homotopy method*

homotopy method for obtaining ρ such that

$$\boxed{\Lambda_N < \rho \leq \lambda_{N+1}} .$$

Let $(b_t)_{t \in [t_0, t_1]}$ family of bilinear forms on X such that

- i)** for $s \leq t$: $b_s(u, u) \geq b_t(u, u)$ ($u \in X$)
- ii)** for each t : The eigenvalue problem $\langle u, v \rangle_X = \lambda b_t(u, v)$ for all $u, v \in X$ has at least $N + 1$ eigenvalues $\lambda_1^{(t)} \leq \dots \leq \lambda_{N+1}^{(t)}$ below its essential spectrum
- iii)** for $t = t_0$, the eigenvalues of (EVP_t) , or at least bounds to them, are known
- iv)** for $t = t_1$, problem (EVP_t) is the *given* one

Consequences: By i), ii), and the min-max-principle $\lambda_k^{(t)}$ increasing in t for fixed $k \in \{1, \dots, N + 1\}$.

In particular, $\lambda_{N+1}^{(t_0)} \leq \lambda_{N+1}^{(t_1)} = \lambda_{N+1}$.

Thus, $\boxed{\rho := \lambda_{N+1}^{(t_0)}}$ can be chosen $\boxed{\text{if } \Lambda_N < \lambda_{N+1}^{(t_0)}}$.

The last condition requires that problem (EVP_{t_0}) (solvable in closed form) and the given one are sufficiently close.