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1 Lecture 1

Convex Sets and their separation

Let V be a vector space, $u, v \in V$. Then

- The line segment between u and v is $[u, v] = \{\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v : \lambda \in [0, 1]\}$.
- $A \subseteq V$ is convex iff $A = \{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i : \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1, \lambda_i \geq 0, u_i \in A\}$.
- ϕ is convex.
- $A \subseteq V$, $co(A) =$ convex hull of $A =$ smallest convex set containing $A = \{\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i u_i : \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1, \lambda_i \geq 0, u_i \in A\}$
- V' denotes the set of linear functional on V .
- A hyperplane $H \subseteq V$ is defined by $H = \{u \in V : l(u) = \alpha \text{ for some } l \in V', \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\}$. If $l(u) = \alpha$ is replaced by $l(u) < \alpha$ or $l(u) > \alpha$ ($l(u) \geq \alpha$ or $l(u) \leq \alpha$), then we have open (closed) half spaces.

Separation of convex sets

Let V be a topological vector space (tvs) over the reals, $u, v \in V, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Here, we have $(u, v) \rightarrow u + v, (u, \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha v$ are continuous. V is called locally convex space (lcs)¹ if it has a fundamental sysytem of neighborhoods of zero consisting of convex sets.

- If $A \subseteq V$ is convex, then so are $\overset{\circ}{A}, \bar{A}$.
- If $u \in \overset{\circ}{A}, v \in \bar{A}$, then $[u, v] \subseteq \overset{\circ}{A}$ and $\bar{\overset{\circ}{A}} = \bar{A}$.

DEFINITION 1

- (Internal Points) A is convex, a point $u \in A$ is called an internal point of A if every line passing through u intersects A in two distinct points u_1 and u_2 such that $u \in (u_1, u_2)$.
 - Every interior point is internal.
 - If $\overset{\circ}{A} \neq \phi$, then every internal point to A is interior.
- $A \subseteq V, \overline{co}(A) =$ closed convex hull of $A =$ intersection of all closed convex sets containing A .
- In a locally convex space (lcs), a hyperplane H is closed iff its representing functional is continuous.

DEFINITION 2

(Separation of sets by hyperplanes) $A, B \subseteq V$. A hyperplane H is said to (strictly) separates A and B if each one of them is contained in one of the (open) half spaces determined by H .

THEOREM 3 (Hahm-Banach theorem) V is a vs, M is an affine set of $V, \phi \neq A \subseteq V$ convex, there exists a hyperplane H such that $M \subseteq H$ and $A \cap H \neq \phi$.

COROLLARY 4

- If $\phi \neq A \subseteq V$ is open and convex, $\phi \neq B \subseteq V$ is convex. Then there exists a hyperplane that separates A and B .

COROLLARY 5

- $C(\text{convex}), B \subseteq V$ (lcs), $C \cap B = \phi, C \neq \phi, B \neq \phi$ and B is compact. Then there exists a hyperplane H which strictly separates A and B .

DEFINITION 6

(Supporting hyperplanes) $A \subseteq V, u \in A$. If there exists H such that A lies on one side of H and $u \in H$, then u is called a supporting hyperplane of A at u and u is called the supporting point.

¹A normed space is lcs

COROLLARY 7.

- If $A \subseteq V$ (tvs), $A \neq \phi$ is convex. Then every point in the boundary of A is a supporting point.

COROLLARY 8

- If V (lcs), $M \subseteq V$ is closed and convex. Then M is the intersection of all closed hyperlanes containing it. boundary of A is a supporting point.

$\sigma(V, V')$ is called the weakest topology. V is a T_2 locally convex space in this topology. $\sigma(V, V')$ is the weakest topology in which V is T_2 locally convex. In a locally convex space, every closed convex set is also weakly closed.

2 Lecture 2

Convex Functions:

Definition:(convex function)

Let V be a real vector space, and let $A \subseteq V$ be convex. Then $F : A \rightarrow \bar{R} = [-\infty, \infty]$, is said to be convex iff $\forall \lambda \in [0, 1], u, v \in A, F(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) \leq \lambda F(u) + (1 - \lambda)F(v)$ whenever the r.h.s. is defined.

Definition:(effective domain)

The effective domain of F is defined as $dom F = \{u \in A : F(u) < \infty\}$

Definition:(Indicator function)

If $A \subseteq V$, then $\chi_A(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u \in A \\ \infty & \text{if } u \notin A \end{cases}$ is called the indicator function of a set A .

Definition:(Extension function)

If F is defined on $A \subseteq V \rightarrow R$, then $\tilde{F} : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ which is given by

$$\tilde{F} = \begin{cases} F(u) & \text{if } u \in A \\ \infty & \text{if } u \notin A \end{cases} \text{ is an extension of } F \text{ on } \bar{R}$$

Exercises:

- i) Prove that if F is convex, then $S_a = \{u \in A : F(u) \leq a\}$ and $S_{\bar{a}} = \{u \in A : F(u) < \bar{a}\}$ are convex, where $a \in R$.
- ii) Prove that if F is convex, then $dom F$ is too.
- iii) Prove that if F is convex, then \tilde{F} is too.
- iv) Theorem χ_A is convex iff A is convex.

Theorem:

If F is convex and $F(\bar{u}) = -\infty$ for some $\bar{u} \in V$, then on any half line starting from \bar{u} , either

$$F(v) = -\infty \quad \forall v \in [\bar{u}, \infty) \quad \text{or} \\ \exists v \in (\bar{u}, \infty) \text{ such that } |F(v)| < \infty \quad \text{and} \\ F(w) = \begin{cases} -\infty & w \in [\bar{u}, v) \\ \infty & w \in (v, \infty) \end{cases}$$

Proof:

Assume $\exists v \in (u, \infty)$ such that $|F(v)| < \infty$.

Let $w \in [\bar{u}, v)$, then $w = \lambda v + (1 - \lambda)\bar{u}$ where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ and

$$F(w) \leq \lambda F(v) + (1 - \lambda)F(\bar{u}) = -\infty$$

For $w \in (v, \infty)$ we have $v = (1 - \lambda)\bar{u} + \lambda w$ $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ and

$$F(v) \leq \lambda F(w) + (1 - \lambda)F(\bar{u}) \quad \text{assume here that } |F(w)| < \infty$$

so $F(w) \geq \frac{1}{\lambda}[F(v) - (1 - \lambda)F(\bar{u})] = \infty$ (contradiction!)(Try to consider different cases).

Definition:(proper function)

A function $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ is called proper if $-\infty \notin dom F$ i.e. $F(u) > -\infty \quad \forall u \in V$.

Definition:(epigraph of a function)

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ be a function. The epigraph of is given by:

$$epi F = \{(v, a) \in V \times R : F(v) \leq a\}$$

Note that the projection of epi onto V is $dom F$.

If $(v, a) \in epi F$, then $F(v) \leq a < \infty$ i.e. $v \in dom F$.

If $v \in dom F$, then $(v, F(v)) \in epi F$.

Proposition:

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ be a function. Then

- i) F is convex iff $epi F$ is convex.

- ii) F is convex, $\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda F$ is convex.
- iii) F, G are convex $\Rightarrow F + G$ are convex (provided that $\infty - \infty = \infty$).
- iv) $(F_i)_{i \in I}, F(u) = \sup F_i(u) \Rightarrow F$ is convex where each F_i is convex.

Definition:(lower semicontinuous functions)

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ be a function. Then it is called l.s.c. if $\lim_{u \rightarrow \bar{u}} F(u) \geq F(\bar{u}) \quad \forall u \in V$.

end of Lec# 2

3 Lecture 3

Recall that a function $F : V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is lower semicontinuous if

$$\liminf_{u \rightarrow \bar{u}} F(u) \geq F(\bar{u})$$

LEMMA 9

F is lsc iff $S_a = \{u \in V : F(u) \leq a\}$ is closed in V .

Proof. The necessary condition was done in the previous lecture. For sufficient condition, suppose that S_a for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and let $\bar{u} \in V$ and $a = \liminf_{u \rightarrow \bar{u}} F(u)$.

Case 1: If $a = \infty$ then nothing to prove.

Case 2: If a is finite ($|a| < \infty$), take a sequence $\{u_n\}$ such that $u_n \rightarrow \bar{u}$. For each k , we can find n_k such that

$$F(u_{n_k}) \leq a + \frac{1}{k}$$

these $u_{n_k} \in S_{a+\frac{1}{k}}$ and we have

$$u_{n_k} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^k S_{a+\frac{1}{i}}$$

and since $\bigcap_{i=1}^k S_{a+\frac{1}{i}}$ is closed and $u_{n_k} \rightarrow \bar{u}$ then

$$u \in \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} S_{a+\frac{1}{i}} = S_a$$

$\therefore F(\bar{u}) \leq a = \liminf_{u \rightarrow \bar{u}} F(u)$

Case 3: If $a = -\infty$ consider $S_n = \{u \in V : F(u) \leq -n\}$. ■

PROPOSITION 10

F is lsc iff $\text{epi}F$ is closed.

Proof. Let $\phi : V \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ be defined by

$$\phi(u, a) = F(u) - a$$

Now, let $(u_n, a_n) \rightarrow (u, a)$; that is $u_n \rightarrow u$ and $a_n \rightarrow a$. Then

$$\liminf \phi(u_n, a_n) = \liminf F(u_n) - a_n \geq F(u) - a = \phi(u, a)$$

So $\phi(u, a)$ is lsc, then by previous lemma the set $\{(u, a) : \phi(u, a) \leq \alpha\}$ is closed for each $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$. In particular, if $\alpha = 0$, the set

$$\{(u, a) : \phi(u, a) \leq 0\} = \{(u, a) : F(u) \leq a\}$$

is closed; which is the epigraph of f .

Now suppose that $\text{epi}F$ is closed. Then the set

$$\{(u, a) \in V \times \mathbb{R} : \phi(u, a) \leq r\} = \{(u, a) \in V \times \mathbb{R} : F(u) \leq a+r\} = \{(u, a) \in V \times \mathbb{R} : F(u) \leq a\} - \{(0, r) : r \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is closed. Therefore, ϕ is lsc. It remains to show that F is lsc if ϕ is. For this let $\{u_n\}$ be a sequence such that $u_n \rightarrow \bar{u}$ and consider

$$\liminf_{u_n \rightarrow \bar{u}} F(u_n) - a = \liminf F(u_n) - \liminf a = \liminf (F(u_n) - a) = \liminf \phi(u_n, a) \geq \phi(u, a) = F(u) - a$$

Therefore F is lsc. ■

LEMMA 11

If $(F_i)_{i \in I}$ is a family of lsc functions, then $F(u) = \sup_{i \in I} F_i(u)$ is as well lsc.

Proof. Claim: $\text{epi}F = \bigcap \text{epi}F_i$. To show this,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } (u, a) \in \text{epi}F &\Leftrightarrow F(u) \leq a \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sup F_i(u) \leq a \\ &\Leftrightarrow F_i(u) \leq a \quad \forall i \\ &\Leftrightarrow (u, a) \in \text{epi}F_i \quad \forall i \\ &\Leftrightarrow (u, a) \in \bigcap \text{epi}F_i \end{aligned}$$

So F is lsc. ■

DEFINITION 12

A function \bar{F} is called the lsc regularization of F if it is the greatest lsc minorant of F (i.e. $\bar{F}(u) \leq F(u)$ for all $u \in V$).

THEOREM 13 If $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$. Then

- (a) $\text{epi}\bar{F} = \overline{\text{epi}F}$.
- (b) $\bar{F}(u) = \liminf F(u)$.

Proof.

(a) Read the book.

(b) Let $(u, a) \in \text{epi}\bar{F}$, then $(u, a) \in \overline{\text{epi}F}$ and there exists a sequence (u_n, a_n) in $\text{epi}F$ such that $(u_n, a_n) \rightarrow (u, a)$. Now for each n we have $\bar{F}(u_n) \leq F(u_n) \leq a_n$ and

$$\bar{F}(u) \leq \liminf \bar{F}(u_n) \leq \liminf F(u_n) \leq \liminf a_n = a = \bar{F}(u)$$

Therefore $\bar{F}(u) = \liminf F(u)$ as desired. ■

COROLLARY 14

The function $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is lsc and convex iff F is weakly lsc and convex.

Proof.

- F is lsc and convex $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}F$ is convex and closed
- $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}F$ is the intersection of all half spaces containing it.
- $\Leftrightarrow \text{epi}F$ is weakly lsc and convex.
- $\Leftrightarrow F$ is weakly lsc and convex.

which concludes the proof. ■

PROPOSITION 15

If $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is lsc and convex and $F(\bar{u}) = -\infty$ for some $\bar{u} \in V$, then F can not take any finite value.

Proof. Assume $|F(u)| < \infty$. Let $u_n = \alpha_n \bar{u} + (1 - \alpha_n)u, \alpha_n \rightarrow 0$ then

$$F(u_n) = F(\alpha_n \bar{u} + (1 - \alpha_n)u) \leq \alpha_n F(\bar{u}) + (1 - \alpha_n)F(u) = -\infty$$

which is a contradiction. ■

4 Lecture 4

Continuity of Convex Function

PROPOSITION 16

$F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$, If F is Convex and bounded above in a nbhd of a point $u \in V$, then F is continuous at u .

Proof. Assume $u = 0$, and $F(0) = 0$, let W be nbhd of 0 and F is bounded by $a < \infty$ on W . Let $W_1 = W \cap -W$, let $\epsilon > 0$ be given, let $v \in \epsilon W_1$.

$$F(v) = F\left(\frac{\epsilon v}{\epsilon}\right) \leq \epsilon F\left(\frac{v}{\epsilon}\right) \leq \epsilon a,$$

also, $-v \in W_1$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{2}v \\ 0 &= F(0) \leq \frac{1}{2}F(v) + \frac{1}{2}F(-v) \implies \\ -F(v) &\leq F(-v) = F\left(\epsilon \frac{-v}{\epsilon}\right) \leq \epsilon F\left(\frac{-v}{\epsilon}\right) \leq \epsilon a, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$|F(v)| \leq \epsilon a \implies F \text{ is continuous at } 0.$$

■

PROPOSITION 17

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ be a convex function, TFAE

(i) \exists an open, non-empty $O \subseteq V$, s.t. F is bounded above (by $a < \infty$) on V and $F(O) \neq \{-\infty\}$.

(ii) $\widehat{\text{dom}F} \neq \emptyset$, F is continuous and proper on $\widehat{\text{dom}F}$.

Proof. Clearly (ii) \implies (i). Conversely for (i) \implies (ii), $\widehat{\text{dom}F} \neq \emptyset$ since $O \subseteq \text{dom}F$. Let $u \in \widehat{\text{dom}F}$ and choose $v \in O$ s.t. $|F(v)| < \infty$. since u is a internal point of the convex set $\widehat{\text{dom}F}$, there exists a $w_1 \in \widehat{\text{dom}F}$ s.t. $u \in (w_1, v)$

$$u = \alpha w_1 + (1 - \alpha)v \in \alpha w_1 + (1 - \alpha)O,$$

let $z \in \alpha w_1 + (1 - \alpha)O$

$$z = \alpha w_1 + (1 - \alpha)z_2 \text{ where } z_2 \in O,$$

$$F(z) \leq \alpha F(w_1) + (1 - \alpha)F(z_2) \leq \alpha F(w_1) + (1 - \alpha)a$$

therefore F is bounded above on the open nbhd $\alpha w_1 + (1 - \alpha)O$ of u . Then F is continuous at u . ■

COROLLARY 18

$F : V \rightarrow R$ convex, V is finite dimension, then F is continuous on $\widehat{\text{dom}F}$.

Proof. If $\widehat{\text{dom}F} \neq \emptyset$, then $\widehat{\text{dom}F}$ contains an interior point. $\widehat{\text{dom}F}$ contains $(n + 1)$ affinely independent vectors $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n+1})$. For $u \in \widehat{\text{dom}F}$, there exists an open set of the form $I_1 \times I_2 \times \dots \times I_n$, u can be written as $u = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i u_i$ s.t. $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i = 1$, then

$$F(u) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \lambda_i F(u_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} F(u_i),$$

therefor F is bounded above on a nbhd of u . ■

COROLLARY 19

Let V be a normed space, $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ is a a proper convex function. TFAE:

(i) \exists an open set $O \subseteq V$ on which F is bounded in O .

(ii) $\widehat{\text{dom}F} \neq \emptyset$, and F is locally Lipschitz on $\widehat{\text{dom}F}$.

5 Lecture 5

Theorem:

Let V be a real vector space and let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$. Then the following are equivalent:

(1) $\exists \emptyset \neq O \subseteq V$ such that F is bounded above in O .

(2) $\overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F \neq \emptyset$, F is locally Lipschitz on $\overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F$

Proof:

(1) \Rightarrow (2)

Let $u \in \overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F$. Then, F is continuous at u . So F is absolutely bounded (by a) in a ball $\overline{B(u, r)}$, $r > 0$. Let $v \in$

$$\begin{aligned} B(u, r). \text{ Write } v &= (1 - \lambda)u + \lambda w_1 \\ \Rightarrow v - u &= \lambda(w_1 - u) \\ \Rightarrow \|v - u\| &= \lambda r \\ \Rightarrow F(v) - F(u) &= F((1 - \lambda)u + \lambda w_1) - F(u) \\ &\leq (1 - \lambda)F(u) + \lambda F(w_1) - F(u) \\ &= \lambda(F(w_1) - F(u)) < 2a \frac{\|u - v\|}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Now if $u = (1 - \bar{\lambda})v + \bar{\lambda}w_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u - v &= \bar{\lambda}(w_2 - v) \Rightarrow \bar{\lambda} = \frac{\|u - v\|}{r + \|u - v\|} \\ F(u) - F(v) &\leq 2a\bar{\lambda} = 2a \frac{\|u - v\|}{r + \|u - v\|} \leq \frac{2a}{r} \|u - v\| \Rightarrow \\ |F(u) - F(v)| &\leq \frac{2a}{r} \|u - v\| \end{aligned}$$

For any $v \in \overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F$ cover $[u, v]$ by a finite set $B(u_i, r_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ for which $u_1 = u$, $u_n = v$ and $u_{i+1} \in B(u_i, r_i)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(u) - F(v)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |F(u_{i+1}) - F(u_i)| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2a_i}{r_i} \|u_{i+1} - u_i\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{2a_i}{r_i} c_i \|u - v\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } c_i = \frac{\|u_{i+1} - u_i\|}{\|u - v\|}$$

Definition:(Cafs)

A caf is the pointwise (pw) supremum of a continuous affine functionals.

Definition:($\Gamma(V)$)

$\Gamma(V)$ is the set of functions $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ which are the pw superma of families of cafs.

Note:

- (1) ∞ and $-\infty \in \Gamma(V)$
- (2) $\Gamma_{\circ}(V) = \Gamma(V) \setminus \{-\infty, \infty\}$.
- (3) $F \in \Gamma(V) \Rightarrow F$ is convex and l.s.c.

Proposition:

The following are equivalent:

- (i) $F \in \Gamma(V)$
- (ii) F is convex and l.s.c. and if F assumes the value of $-\infty$, then $F \equiv -\infty$

Proof:

(ii) \Rightarrow (i)

Suppose that F is convex and l.s.c. If $F \equiv -\infty$, $F \in \Gamma(V)$ and if $F \equiv \infty$, $F \in \Gamma(V)$.
If F is proper and (F is not $\equiv \infty$). Let $u \in V$. Then we have two cases:

Case(1): $F(u) < \infty$

Let $\bar{a} < F(u)$. Then \exists a hyperplane $H : L(v) + \alpha a + \beta = 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ that strictly separate $\text{epi } F$ and (u, \bar{a}) . i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} L(v) + \alpha a + \beta &> 0 \quad \forall (v, a) \in \text{epi } F \quad \text{and} \\ L(v) + \alpha \bar{a} + \beta &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

Claim that $\alpha > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } (u, F(u)) \in \text{epi } F \text{ we have } L(u) + \alpha F(u) + \beta &> 0 \\ \text{and } -L(u) - \alpha \bar{a} - \beta &> 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha(F(u) - \bar{a}) > 0 &\Rightarrow \alpha > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } F(v) &> -\frac{1}{\alpha}(L(v) + \beta) \quad \forall v \in V \\ \Rightarrow \bar{a} &< -\frac{1}{\alpha}(L(u) + \beta) < F(u) \end{aligned}$$

Case (2): $F(u) = \infty$

This means that \exists a hyperplane $H : L(u) + \alpha a + \beta = 0$ that strictly separate $\text{epi } F$ and (u, \bar{a}) . If $\alpha \neq 0$, we are back to case (1).

If $\alpha = 0$, then $H : L(u) + \beta = 0$

and $L(u) + \beta < 0$ if we substitute with (u, \bar{a}) .

From case(1) we can find a caf minorant $m(v) + \gamma$

$$F(v) \geq m(v) + \gamma \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$\therefore F(v) \geq m(v) + \gamma - c(L(v) + \beta) \quad \forall c \geq 0$$

We want to choose c such that

$$\begin{aligned} m(u) + \gamma - c(L(u) + \beta) &> \bar{a} \\ c &> \frac{\bar{a} - m(u) - \gamma}{-(L(u) + \beta)} \\ &\Rightarrow F \in \Gamma(V) \end{aligned}$$

end of Lec# 5

6 Lecture 6

Γ -regularization

Definition: Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$, a function $G \in \Gamma(V)$ is called the Γ regularizer of F if G is the pointwise supremum of all caf minorant of F .

Remark:s

* If G is the $\Gamma - reg F$, then G is lower semicontinuous and convex.

* note that $G = \Gamma - reg F$ iff G is the greatest minorant in $\Gamma(V)$ of F .

* G is a minorant and if $\tilde{G} \in \Gamma(V)$ is a minorant of F , then $G \geq \tilde{G}$. on the other hand, suppose that G is the greatest minorant of F in

$\Gamma(V)$. Let G_1 be the $\Gamma - reg F \implies G_1 \geq G$, but by hypothesis $G \geq G_1 \implies G = G_1$.

Proposition: Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$, F has a caf minorant, $G = \Gamma - reg F \implies epiG = \bar{co} epiF$

Proof:

$epiG \supseteq \bar{co} epiF$. on the other hand, assume $(\bar{v}, \bar{a}) \notin \bar{co} epiF \implies$ there exists a caf $l(u) + \alpha a + \beta$ strictly separating (\bar{v}, \bar{a}) and $\bar{co} epiF$.

$\therefore l(\bar{v}) + \alpha \bar{a} + \beta < 0$ and $l(v) + \alpha a + \beta > 0 \forall (v, a) \in \bar{co} epiF. (\bar{v}, F(\bar{v})) \in epiF \subseteq \bar{co} epiF \implies l(\bar{v}) + \alpha F(\bar{v}) + \beta > 0$ and $-l(\bar{v}) - \alpha \bar{a} - \beta > 0$

adding these inequalities

$$\implies \alpha(F(\bar{v}) - \bar{a}) > 0 \implies \alpha > 0$$

for

$$(v, F(v) \in epiF \implies l(v) + \alpha F(v) + \beta > 0 \implies F(v) > \frac{-1}{\alpha}(l(v) + \beta) \implies G(v) > \frac{-1}{\alpha}(l(v) + \beta) \forall v \in domF \implies G(\bar{v}) > \frac{-1}{\alpha}(l(\bar{v}) + \beta)$$

remark:

$F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}, \bar{F} = lsc reqF$ and $G = \Gamma - reg F \implies$

1) $G \leq \bar{F} \leq F$

2) if F is convex, with one caf minorant, then $G = \bar{F}$. indeed;

$$F \text{ is convex} \implies \bar{F} \text{ convex}, epi \bar{F} = \overline{epi F}, \bar{F} \in \Gamma(V) \implies \bar{F} \leq G \implies G = \bar{F}$$

1.4 polar Functions

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$, suppose $\langle u, u^* \rangle - \alpha$ is a minorant of F . the polar function $F^* : V^* \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is defined by

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Polar Functions

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Note that for any caf minorant $\langle u, u^* \rangle - \alpha$ of F we have

$$\langle u, u^* \rangle - \alpha \leq \langle u, u^* \rangle - F^*(u^*)$$

Properties of the polar function

- 1) $F^*(0) = - \inf_{u \in V} F(u)$
- 2) $F \leq G \implies G^* \leq F^*$
- 3) $\left(\inf_{i \in I} F_i \right)^* = \sup_{i \in I} F_i^*$
- 4) $\left(\sup_{i \in I} F_i \right)^* \leq \inf_{i \in I} F_i^*$
- 5) $(\lambda F)^*(u^*) = \lambda F^*\left(\frac{u^*}{\lambda}\right), \lambda > 0$
- 6) $(F + a)^* = F^* - a$
- 7) $(F_a)^*(u^*) = F^*(u^*) + \langle a, u^* \rangle$ where $F_a(u) = F(u - a)$

*Bipolar Function

The bipolar function is defined by

$$F^{**}(u) = \sup_{u^* \in V^*} \langle u, u^* \rangle - F^*(u^*)$$

Remarks:

- 1) $F^{**} \in \Gamma(V)$
- 2) $F = \Gamma - \text{reg } F$

Proof of (2)

Step 1: we show it is a minorant of F

$$\begin{aligned} F^*(u^*) &\geq \langle u, u^* \rangle - F(u) \implies \langle u, u^* \rangle - F^*(u^*) \leq F(u) \implies \sup_{u^* \in V^*} \langle u, u^* \rangle - F^*(u^*) \leq F(u) \\ &\implies F^{**}(u) \leq F(u) \implies F^{**} \text{ is a minorant of } F \therefore F \leq \Gamma - \text{reg } F \end{aligned}$$

on the other hand

$$\sup_{u^* \in V^*} \sup_{\alpha} \langle u, u^* \rangle - \alpha \leq \langle u, u^* \rangle - F^*(u^*) \implies \sup_{u^* \in V^*} \sup_{\alpha} \langle u, u^* \rangle - \alpha \leq \langle u, u^* \rangle - F^*(u^*) \implies \Gamma - \text{reg } F \leq F^{**}$$

hence, $F^{**} = \Gamma - \text{reg } F$.

Cor 1: If $F \in \Gamma(V) \implies F^{**} = F$

Cor2: $F^{***} = F^*$

EFS(1): compute $(\ln x)^*$

answer: $(\ln x)^* = \infty$

EFS(2): If $F(x) = |x^2 - 1|$, compute F^* .

answer: $F^*(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \end{cases}$

Remark: the mapping $F \rightarrow F^*$ is a bijection between $\Gamma(V)$ and $\Gamma(V^*)$ indeed;

Define $T : \Gamma(V) \rightarrow \Gamma(V^*)$ by $TF = F^*$

1) T is one-to-one: assume $TF = TG$ for $F, G \in \Gamma(V) \implies F^* = G^* \Leftrightarrow F^* = G^* \Leftrightarrow F = G$

2) T is on to. indeed; suppose $G \in \Gamma(V^*) \implies G^* \in \Gamma(V)$ and $TG = G^* = G$

Dual Functions

two functions $F \in \Gamma(V)$ and $G \in \Gamma(V^*)$ are called induality if $F^* = G$ and $G^* = F$

* $\infty \in \Gamma(V)$ is dual with $-\infty \in \Gamma(V^*)$.

** $\pm\infty$ are dual with $\mp\infty$

*** the mapping $F \mapsto F^*$ is a bijection between $\Gamma_0(V)$ and $\Gamma_0(V^*)$

Examples:

1) $\chi_A(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u \in A \\ \infty & \text{if } u \notin A \end{cases}$

$$\chi_A^*(u) = \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* \rangle - \chi_A(u) = \sup_{u \in A} \langle u, u^* \rangle$$

* $\chi_A^*(u)$ is lower semicontinuous, convex and positive homogeneous

** χ_A^* is called the support function of A

EFS(3): show that $\chi_A^* = \chi_{\bar{A}}$

2) let $\Phi \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R})$ be an even function and let $\Phi^* \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{R})$ be the polar function of Φ . Let V be a normed space,

Define $F \in \Gamma(V)$ and $G \in \Gamma(V^*)$ by

$$F(u) = \Phi(\|u\|) \text{ and } G(u) = \Phi^*\left(\left\|\frac{u^*}{\|u^*\|}\right\|\right), \text{ then } F \text{ and } G \text{ are dual.}$$

indeed;

$$\begin{aligned} F^*(u^*) &= \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* \rangle - \Phi(\|u\|) = \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} \langle u, u^* \rangle - \Phi(t) = \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} \sup_{\|v\|=1} t \langle v, u^* \rangle - \Phi(t) \\ &= \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} t \left\|\frac{u^*}{\|u^*\|}\right\| - \Phi(t) = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} t \left\|\frac{u^*}{\|u^*\|}\right\| - \Phi(t) = \Phi^*\left(\left\|\frac{u^*}{\|u^*\|}\right\|\right) = G(u) \implies G \in \Gamma(V^*) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $G^*(u) = F(u)$.

3) let $\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{p} |x|^p$ and $\Phi^*(t) = \frac{1}{q} |t|^q$ where $1 < p, q < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$.

$$\Phi^*(t) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} tx - \frac{1}{p} |x|^p$$

let $f(x) = x - \frac{1}{p} |x|^p$.

Case1: $x = 0 \implies f'_m = 0$

Case2: $x \neq 0$

$$f'(x) = t - |x|^{p-1} \frac{x}{|x|} = 0 \implies t = x |x|^{p-2} \implies f_m = x^2 |x|^{p-2} - \frac{1}{p} |x|^p = |x|^p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{1}{q} |x|^p$$
$$|t| = |x|^{p-1} \implies |t|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} = |x|^p \implies |t|^q = |x|^p \implies f_m = \frac{1}{q} |t|^q$$

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Subdifferentiability

The function $F : V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is called subdifferentiable at $u \in V$ if there exists a $u^* \in V^*$ such that $\forall v \in V, \langle u - v, u^* \rangle + F(u)$ is a caf minorant of F . The set of all subgradients (may be empty) at u is denoted by $\partial F(u)$.

PROPOSITION 20

$u^* \in \partial F(u)$ iff $F(u) + F^*(u^*) = \langle u, u^* \rangle$.

Proof. If $u^* \in \partial F(u)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - u, u^* \rangle &\leq F(v) \\ -\langle u, u^* \rangle + F(u) &\leq -\langle v, u^* \rangle + F(v) \\ \langle u, u^* \rangle - F(u) &\geq \langle v, u^* \rangle - F(v) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over all $v \in V$, we get

$$F^*(u^*) \geq \langle u, u^* \rangle - F(u) \geq \sup_{v \in V} \langle v, u^* \rangle - F(v) \geq F^*(u^*)$$

This shows that $F(u) + F^*(u^*) = \langle u, u^* \rangle$.

Now if $F(u) + F^*(u^*) = \langle u, u^* \rangle$, then $F(u) + \langle v, u^* \rangle - F(v) \leq F(u) + F^*(u^*) = \langle u, u^* \rangle$. Hence

$$F(v) \geq \langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(u)$$

Which implies that $u^* \in \partial F(u)$. ■

PROPOSITION 21

$u^* \in \partial F(u)$, then $F^{**}(u) = F(u)$ and $u^* \in \partial F^{**}(u)$.

Proof. If $u^* \in \partial F(u)$, then $\langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(u) \leq F^{**}(u) \leq F(v)$ (because from previous proposition, we have $F(u) + F^*(u^*) = \langle u, u^* \rangle$ also $\langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(u) \leq F(v)$). Now

$$\langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(u) = \langle v, u^* \rangle - \langle u, u^* \rangle + F(u) = \langle v, u^* \rangle + F^*(u^*) \leq F^{**}(u)$$

So $\langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(u) \leq F^{**}(u) \leq F(v)$

From this we conclude that $u^* \in \partial F^{**}(u)$. Furthermore, at $v = u$, we have

$$F(u) \leq F^{**}(u) \leq F(u) \Rightarrow F^{**}(u) = F(u)$$

Now if $F^{**}(u) = F(u)$, then $\partial F(u) = \partial F^{**}(u)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial F(u) &= \{u^* \in V^* : F(u) + F^*(u) = \langle u, u^* \rangle\} \\ &= \{u^* \in V^* : F(u) + F^*(u) \leq \langle u, u^* \rangle\} \\ &= \{u^* \in V^* : F^*(u) - \langle u, u^* \rangle \geq F(u)\} \end{aligned}$$

Since $F^* \in \Gamma(V^*)$ (hence F^* is lsc and convex), then $\partial F(u)$ is closed and convex and $\sigma(V^*, V)$ closed. ■

THEOREM 22 If $F : V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ is convex, continuous and finite at $u \in V$, then $\partial F(v) \neq \emptyset$ for all $v \in \overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F$. In particular $\partial F(u) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof.

1. $\overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F \neq \emptyset$, F is continuous on $\overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F$ and is proper over V .
2. $\overset{\circ}{\text{epi}} F \neq \emptyset$ ($u \in \overset{\circ}{\text{dom}} F$, F is bounded in a neighbourhood \mathcal{O}_u i.e. $F(v) \leq m$ for all $v \in \mathcal{O}_u$ that means $\mathcal{O}_u \times (m + \epsilon, \infty) \in \overset{\circ}{\text{epi}} F$).

3. The set of points $(u, F(u)) \forall u \in \text{dom} F$ are boundary points of $\text{epi} F$. $\text{epi} F = \overset{\circ}{\text{epi} F} + \text{bd}(\text{epi} F)$.
4. $(u, F(u))$ is a support point for $\text{epi} F$ for each $u \in \text{dom} F$.
5. Let $v \in \overset{\circ}{\text{dom} F}$. Since $(v, F(v))$ is a support point for $\text{epi} F$, then there is a hyperplane H :

$$\langle w, u^* \rangle + \alpha a + \beta = 0$$

such that $(v, F(v)) \in H$ and $\langle w, u^* \rangle + \alpha a + \beta \geq 0$ for all $(w, a) \in \text{epi} F$.

$$(v, F(v)) \in H \Rightarrow \beta = -\langle v, u^* \rangle - \alpha F(v)$$

So H is

$$\langle w - v, u^* \rangle + \alpha(a - F(v)) = 0$$

α must be positive; take \bar{a} sufficiently large then $(v, \bar{a}) \in \overset{\circ}{\text{epi} F}$ So

$$\alpha(\bar{a} - F(v)) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha \geq 0$$

Assume that $\alpha = 0$. Then $\langle w, u^* \rangle + \beta = 0$ for all $(w, a) \in H$.

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9 Lecture 9

We have seen in the previous lecture that if $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ is convex, finite ($u \in V, |F(u)| < \infty$) and continuous at u . Then $\partial F(u) \neq \emptyset$ for all $u \in \overset{\circ}{\text{dom}}$. The following inequality is satisfied for each $u^* \in \partial F(u)$

$$\langle v - u, u^* \rangle + \alpha(a - F(u)) \geq 0, \quad \forall (v, a) \in \text{epi}F$$

So for $(v, F(v))$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - u, u^* \rangle + \alpha(F(v) - F(u)) &\geq 0 \\ F(v) &\geq \langle v - u, -\frac{1}{\alpha}u^* \rangle + F(u) \end{aligned}$$

So $-\frac{1}{\alpha}u^* \in \partial F(u)$; which shows that $\partial F(u) \neq \emptyset$

Relation with Gâteaux derivative

$F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}, u \in V$. If there exists $u^* \in V^*$ such that

$$F'(u, v) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(u + \lambda v) - F(u)}{\lambda} = \langle v, u^* \rangle, \quad \forall v \in V$$

Then u^* is called the Gâteaux derivative of F at u , denoted by $F'(u)$. $F'(u, v)$ is called the directional derivative of F at u in the direction of v . If F is convex, then the above limits always exist; since $\frac{F(u + \lambda v) - F(u)}{\lambda}$ is a nondecreasing function of λ (check it).

PROPOSITION 23

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}, u \in V$. If $F'(u)$ exists, then $\partial F(u) = \{F'(u)\}$. Conversely, if F is continuous and finite at u and $\partial F(u)$ consists of only one subgradient, then $F'(u)$ exists and $\partial F(u) = \{F'(u)\}$.

Proof. $F'(u)$ exists; that is

$$\langle v, F'(u) \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(u - \lambda v) - F(u)}{\lambda} \leq \frac{F(u - \lambda v) - F(u)}{\lambda}, \quad \forall \lambda \geq 0$$

Let $u + \lambda v = w$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \frac{w - u}{\lambda}, F'(u) \rangle &\leq \frac{F(w) - F(u)}{\lambda} \\ \langle w - u, F'(u) \rangle + F(u) &\leq F(w) \\ \therefore F'(u) &\in \partial F(u) \end{aligned}$$

Now, suppose $u^* \in \partial F(u)$

$$\langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(u) \leq F(v), \quad v \in V$$

Let $\lambda > 0$, put $v = u + \lambda w$. So we have for all $w \in V$ (using the convexity of F)

$$\langle w, u^* \rangle + F(u) \leq \frac{F(u + \lambda w) - F(u)}{\lambda} \leq \frac{F(u + \lambda_0 w) - F(u)}{\lambda_0} \quad \text{where } \lambda_0 > \lambda$$

This shows that $F'(u)$ exists. Taking the limit as $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ we have

$$\langle w, u^* \rangle \leq \langle w, F'(u) \rangle \quad \forall w \in V$$

So $u^* = F'(u)$ (since $\langle -w, u^* \rangle \leq \langle -w, F'(u) \rangle \Rightarrow \langle w, u^* \rangle \geq \langle w, F'(u) \rangle$) ■

LEMMA 24

Let $F : A \subseteq V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$, where A is a convex set, F is Gâteaux differentiable on A . Then $A = \text{int} A$.

Proof. Let $u \in A$. Since $F'(u)$ exists, then

$$\langle v, F'(u) \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(u + \lambda v) - F(u)}{\lambda}$$

Hence, for any $v \in V, u + \lambda v \in A$ for sufficiently small λ . So u is an internal to A . ■

PROPOSITION 25

Let $F : A \subseteq V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where A is a convex set, F is Gâteaux differentiable on A . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) F (strictly) convex on A .
- (ii) $F(v) \geq F(u) + \langle F'(u), v - u \rangle$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Suppose that F is strictly convex.

$$\langle w, F'(u) \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(u + \lambda w) - F(u)}{\lambda} \leq \frac{F(u + \lambda w) - F(u)}{\lambda}, \quad \forall \lambda > 0$$

Let $u + \lambda w = v$, then

$$\langle \frac{v - u}{\lambda}, F'(u) \rangle \leq \frac{F(v) - F(u)}{\lambda}$$

So,

$$F(v) \geq \langle v - u, F'(u) \rangle + F(u)$$

Since v is an internal point of A (by previous lemma). Then for $v = \alpha v_1 + (1 - \alpha)u$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha F(v_1) + (1 - \alpha)F(u) &> F(v) \geq \langle \alpha v_1 + (1 - \alpha)u - u, F'(u) \rangle + F(u) \\ \alpha F(v_1) &> \alpha \langle v_1 - u, F'(u) \rangle + \alpha F(u) \\ F(v_1) &> \langle v_1 - u, F'(u) \rangle + F(u) \end{aligned}$$

This proves the first direction. ■

10 Lecture 10

Let $F : A \subseteq V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where A is convex. F' exists on A . F is convex iff

$$F(v) \geq F(u) + \langle F'(u), v - u \rangle, \quad \forall u, v \in A$$

proposition proof continued. Let $u, v \in A$

$$(1) \quad F(v) \geq F[u + \lambda(v - u)] + (1 - \lambda)\langle F'[u + \lambda(v - u)], v - u \rangle$$

$$(2) \quad F(u) \geq F[u + \lambda(v - u)] + \lambda\langle F'[u + \lambda(v - u)], u - v \rangle$$

Multiplying (1) by λ and (2) by $1 - \lambda$ and adding we get

$$F[(1 - \lambda)u + \lambda v] \leq (1 - \lambda)F(u) + \lambda F(v)$$

which completes the proof of the proposition. ■

PROPOSITION 26

Let $F : A \subseteq V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, A is convex, F' exists on A . Then F is convex F' is monotone. That is

$$\langle F'(u) - F'(v), u - v \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall u, v \in A$$

Subdifferential Calculus

Let $F : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$. Then

- $\partial(\lambda F)(u) = \lambda \partial F(u), \quad \forall \lambda > 0.$
- $\partial(F_1 + F_2)(u) \supseteq \partial F_1(u) + \partial F_2(u).$

Now choose $u^* \in \partial F_1(u), v^* \in \partial F_2(u)$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} F_1(v) & \geq & F_1(u) + \langle v - u, u^* \rangle, \quad \forall v \in V \\ F_2(v) & \geq & F_2(u) + \langle v - u, v^* \rangle, \quad \forall v \in V \\ \hline \text{Adding} & & \\ (F_1 + F_2)(v) & \geq & (F_1 + F_2)(u) + \langle v - u, u^* + v^* \rangle, \quad \forall v \in V \end{array}$$

PROPOSITION 27

Let $F_1, F_2 \in \Gamma(V), \bar{u} \in \text{dom} F_1 \cap \text{dom} F_2, F_1$ is continuous at \bar{u} , then

$$\partial(F_1 + F_2)(\bar{u}) = \partial F_1(\bar{u}) + \partial F_2(\bar{u})$$

Proof. Let $u^* \in \partial(F_1 + F_2)(\bar{u})$. Then

$$-\langle v - \bar{u}, u^* + v^* \rangle - F_1(\bar{u}) + F_1(v) \geq F_2(\bar{u}) - F_2(v)$$

Let $G(v) = -\langle v - \bar{u}, u^* + v^* \rangle - F_1(\bar{u}) + F_1(v)$ and define

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \{(v, a) \in V \times \mathbb{R} : G(v) \leq a\} = \text{epi} G \\ C_2 &= \{(v, a) \in V \times \mathbb{R} : F_2(\bar{u}) - F_2(v) \geq a\} \end{aligned}$$

$\overset{\circ}{C}_1 \neq \emptyset, \overset{\circ}{C}_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$ (If not, let $(v, a) \in \overset{\circ}{C}_1 \cap C_2$. Then $G(v) < a$ and $F_2(\bar{u}) - F_2(v) \geq a$). Therefore there exist $v^* \in V^*, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, v^* \rangle + \alpha a + \beta &\geq 0, & \forall (v, a) \in C_1 \\ \langle v, v^* \rangle + \alpha a + \beta &\leq 0, & \forall (v, a) \in C_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since $(\bar{u}, 0) \in C_1 \cap C_2$. Then $\langle \bar{u}, v^* \rangle + \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = -\langle \bar{u}, v^* \rangle$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - \bar{u}, v^* \rangle + \alpha a &\geq 0, & \forall (v, a) \in C_1 \\ \langle v, v^* \rangle + \alpha a &\leq 0, & \forall (v, a) \in C_2 \end{aligned}$$

We can show that $\alpha > 0$. Now for $(v, G(v)) \in C_1$, we have

$$\langle v - u, v^* \rangle + \alpha G(v) \geq 0 \Rightarrow G(v) \geq \langle v - u, -\frac{1}{\alpha} v^* \rangle$$

That is

$$-\langle v - u, u^* + v^* \rangle - F_1(u) + F_1(v) \geq \langle v - u, -\frac{1}{\alpha} v^* \rangle \Rightarrow F_1(v) \geq F_1(u) + \langle v - u, u^* - \frac{1}{\alpha} v^* \rangle$$

Thus $u^* - \frac{1}{\alpha} v^* \in \partial F_1(u)$. On the other hand, for $(v, F_2(u) - F_2(v)) \in C_2$

$$\langle v - u, v^* \rangle + \alpha(F_2(u) - F_2(v)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow F_2(v) \geq F_2(u) + \langle v - u, \frac{1}{\alpha} v^* \rangle$$

Therefore $\frac{1}{\alpha} v^* \in \partial F_2(u)$ and so $u^* \in \partial F_1(u) + \partial F_2(u)$. ■

PROPOSITION 28

$A : U \rightarrow V$ is a continuous linear operator, $F \in \Gamma(V)$. If F is continuous and finite at Au , then

$$\partial F \circ A = A^* \partial F(Au)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{A} & V & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{R} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ & & Au & & \\ & & F \circ A & & \end{array}$$

Proof. Suppose $u^* \in A^* \partial F(Au)$ and let $u^* = A^* v^*$ where $v^* \in \partial F(Au)$. Then

$$F(v) \geq F(Au) + \langle v - Au, v^* \rangle, \quad \forall v \in V$$

In particular for $v = Aw, w \in U$

$$F(Aw) \geq F(Au) + \langle Aw - Au, v^* \rangle, \quad \forall w \in U$$

So,

$$(F \circ A)(w) \geq (F \circ A)(u) + \langle w - u, A^* v^* \rangle$$

Therefore $A^* v^* = u^* \in \partial \partial (F \circ A)(u)$.

Conversely, let $u^* \in \partial (F \circ A)(u)$. Then

$$(F \circ A)(v) \geq (F \circ A)(u) + \langle v - u, u^* \rangle, \quad \forall v \in U$$

Let $C_1 = \{(Av, \langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(Au)) : v \in U\}$. Clearly C_1 is convex and $C_1 \cap \overset{\circ}{\text{epi}F} = \emptyset$. Hence there exist $v^* \in V^*, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v, v^* \rangle + \alpha a + \beta &\geq 0 & \forall (v, a) \in \text{epi}F \\ \langle v, v^* \rangle + \alpha a + \beta &\leq 0 & \forall (v, a) \in C_1 \end{aligned}$$

Now for $(Au, F(Au))$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Au, v^* \rangle + \alpha F(Au) + \beta &= 0 \\ \beta &= -\langle Au, v^* \rangle - \alpha F(Au) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \langle v - Au, v^* \rangle + \alpha(a - F(Au)) &\geq 0 & \forall (v, a) \in \text{epi}F \\ \langle v - Au, v^* \rangle + \alpha(a - F(Au)) &\leq 0 & \forall (v, a) \in C_1 \end{aligned}$$

We can show in the same manner as before that $\alpha > 0$. Since $(Av, \langle v - u, u^* \rangle + F(Au)) \in C_1$ we have

$$\langle Av - Au, v^* \rangle + \alpha \langle v - u, u^* \rangle \leq 0 \Rightarrow \langle v - u, A^* v^* - \alpha u^* \rangle \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Therefore $A^* v^* + \alpha u^* = 0$ (since a linear functional that keeps the same sign for the whole space must be zero). So

$$u^* = A^* \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha} v^*\right) \in A^* \partial F(Au)$$

Which completes the proof. ■

11 Lecture 11

Minimization of Convex Functions and Variational Inequalities

Recall that :

1. a normed vector space X is called reflexive if $X = X^{**}$.
2. A Banach space is reflexive if its unit ball is compact in the weak topology.
3. Hilbert spaces and L^p spaces ($1 < p < \infty$) are reflexive.

Let V be a reflexive Banach space (with norm $\|\cdot\|$) and $\phi \neq C$ is closed convex subset of V . The function $F : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, is convex and *l.s.c* and proper. $\hat{F} : V \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{R}}$ is the convex extension of F to all V .

$$\hat{F}(u) = \begin{cases} F(u) & \text{if } u \in C \\ +\infty & \text{if } u \notin C \end{cases}$$

\hat{F} is convex and *l.s.c*.

Consider the minimization problem:

$$(*) \quad \alpha = \inf_{v \in C} F(v) = \inf_{v \in V} \hat{F}(v)$$

DEFINITION 29

an element $u \in C$, s.t. $F(u) = \alpha$ is called a solution of the problem (*).

PROPOSITION 30 (1)

The set of solution of (*) is closed and convex set (possibly empty).

Proof. Proof. Consider the set

$$\{u \in V : \hat{F}(u) \leq \alpha\}$$

since \hat{F} is convex and *l.s.c* the set is convex and closed. ■ ■

PROPOSITION 31 (2)

If C is bounded or F is coercive , then (*) has at least one solution. It has a unique solution if F is strictly convex.

Proof. Let $\{u_n\}$ be a sequence in C s.t.

$$F(u_n) \rightarrow \alpha = \inf_{v \in C} F(v)$$

- If C is bounded then $\{u_n\}$ is bounded.
- If F is coercive then $F(u_n) \rightarrow \alpha \neq \infty$, then $F(u_n)$ is bounded above, the subsequence $\{u_{n_k}\} \xrightarrow{weakly} u$.
- C is closed $\Rightarrow C$ is weakly closed $\Rightarrow u \in C$.
- F is convex and *l.s.c* $\Rightarrow F$ weakly *l.s.c*.
- $F(u_n) \leq \liminf F(u_n) = \lim F(u_n) = \alpha >$
- Then $F(u) = \alpha$. u is a solution.

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PROPOSITION 32 (3)

Consider $F : C \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, F' exists, $u \in C$, The following are Equivalent:

(i)

u minimizes F on C .

(ii)

$$\langle F'(u), v - u \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C.$$

(iii)

$$\langle F'(v), v - u \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in C.$$

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

$$\langle F'(u), v - u \rangle = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u + \lambda(v - u)) - F(u)}{\lambda} \geq 0$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)

$$F(u) \geq F(v) + \langle F'(v), u - v \rangle$$

$$F(v) \geq F(u) + \langle F'(u), v - u \rangle$$

Adding them

$$0 \geq \langle F'(v), u - v \rangle + \langle F'(u), v - u \rangle$$

$$\langle F'(v), v - u \rangle \geq \langle F'(u), v - u \rangle \geq 0$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} F(v) &\geq F(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) + \langle F'(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), \lambda(v - u) \rangle \\ &= F(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) + \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda} \langle F'(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), (1 - \lambda)(v - u) \rangle \\ &\geq F(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) = \phi(\lambda) \\ F(v) &\geq \phi(1) = F(u) \\ &\Rightarrow F(u) \text{ is a minimum.} \end{aligned}$$

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REMARK 33

$$F(u) = a(u, u) - 2 \langle l, v \rangle$$

- $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous bilinear form ($|a(u, v)| \leq \|u\| \|v\|$),
- $a(u, u) \geq \gamma \|u\|^2, \gamma > 0$.
- $l \in V^*$ (continuous linear functional)
- F is strictly convex, Coercive, Then F has a unique minimum.
- if $u \neq v$

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) + a(v, u) &< a(u, u) + a(v, v) \\ 0 &< a(u - v, u - v) \end{aligned}$$

- F is strictly convex, $u \neq v, \lambda \in (0, 1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} F(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) &= a(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v, \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) - 2 \langle l, \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v \rangle \\ &= \lambda^2 a(u, u) + \lambda(1 - \lambda)(a(u, v) + a(v, u)) + (1 - \lambda)^2 a(v, v) \\ &\quad - 2\lambda \langle l, u \rangle - 2(1 - \lambda) \langle l, v \rangle \\ &< \lambda^2 a(u, u) + \lambda(1 - \lambda)(a(u, u) + a(v, u)) + (1 - \lambda)^2 a(v, v) \\ &\quad - 2\lambda \langle l, u \rangle - 2(1 - \lambda) \langle l, v \rangle \\ &= \lambda a(u, u) + \lambda(1 - \lambda)a(v, v) - 2\lambda \langle l, u \rangle - 2(1 - \lambda) \langle l, v \rangle \\ &\Rightarrow F \text{ is strictly convex} \end{aligned}$$

- F is coercive,

$$\begin{aligned} F(u) &= a(u, u) - 2 \langle l, u \rangle \\ &\geq \gamma \|u\|^2 - 2 \langle l, u \rangle \\ &\geq \gamma \|u\|^2 - 2 \|l\| \|u\| \rightarrow \infty, \text{ as } \|u\| \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Then we have a unique minima.

- If F is considered on a bounded set C , then we only required $a(u, u) > 0$.

12 Lecture 12

Assumptions : V is a reflexive Banach space, $\emptyset \neq C \subseteq V$ is closed and convex, $F : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex and lower semicontinuous.

Result: under the above assumptions if C is bounded or F is coercive, $a(u, u)$ is a bilinear continuous form satisfying

$a(u, u) \geq \gamma \|u\|^2, \gamma > 0, l \in V^*$, then $F(u) = a(u, u) - 2 \langle l, u \rangle$ has a unique minimizer.

Proposition1: If $F : \emptyset \neq C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex, F' exists on $C, u \in C$. **TFAE**

- (i) u minimize F on C
- (ii) $\langle F'(u), v - u \rangle \geq 0$ for all $u \in C$
- (iii) $\langle F'(v), v - u \rangle \geq 0$ for all $v \in C$

Finding the derivative of $F(u) = a(u, u) - 2 \langle l, u \rangle$, indeed;

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(u + \lambda v) - F(u)}{\lambda} &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{a(u + \lambda v, u + \lambda v) - 2 \langle l, u + \lambda v \rangle - a(u, u) + 2 \langle l, u \rangle}{\lambda} \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{a(u, u) + \lambda a(u, v) + \lambda a(v, u) + \lambda^2 a(v, v) - 2 \langle l, u \rangle - 2 \lambda \langle l, v \rangle - a(u, u) + 2 \langle l, u \rangle}{\lambda} \\ &= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\lambda a(u, v) + \lambda a(v, u) + \lambda^2 a(v, v) - 2 \lambda \langle l, v \rangle}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle F'(u), v \rangle = a(v, u) + a(u, v) - 2 \langle l, v \rangle$$

Remark: if $a(u, u)$ is symmetric, then $\langle F'(u), v \rangle = 2a(u, v) - 2 \langle l, v \rangle$

Characterization of the minimizer

$u \in C$ minimizes F iff

- (i) $a(u, v - u) - \langle l, v - u \rangle \geq 0$
- (ii) $a(v, v - u) - \langle l, v - u \rangle \geq 0$

proposition 2: let $F_1, F_2 : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be convex functions, C convex, F'_1 exists, $u \in C$, **TFAE**

- (i) u minimizes $F = F_1 + F_2$
- (ii) $\langle F'_1(u), v - u \rangle + F_2(v) - F_2(u) \geq 0$ for all $v \in C$
- (iii) $\langle F'_1(v), v - u \rangle + F_2(v) - F_2(u) \geq 0$ for all $v \in C$

proof

$$(i) \Rightarrow (ii) \quad 0 \leq \frac{F_1((1-\lambda)u + \lambda v) - F_1(u)}{\lambda} + \frac{F_2((1-\lambda)u + \lambda v) - F_2(u)}{\lambda} \leq \frac{F_1(u + \lambda(v-u)) - F_1(u)}{\lambda} + \frac{(1-\lambda)F_2(u) + \lambda F_2(v) - F_2(u)}{\lambda} \leq \frac{F_1(u + \lambda(v-u)) - F_1(u)}{\lambda} + F_2(v) - F_2(u) \text{ by taking the limit as } \lambda \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ we get (ii)}$$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) using the convexity of F_1

$$F_1(v) \geq F_1(u) + \langle F'_1(u), v - u \rangle$$

$F_1(u) \geq F_1(v) + \langle F'_1(v), u - v \rangle$ by adding these two inequalities we obtain

$$0 \geq \langle F'_1(u), v - u \rangle + \langle F'_1(v), u - v \rangle \Rightarrow \langle F'_1(v), v - u \rangle \geq \langle F'_1(u), v - u \rangle \Rightarrow \langle F'_1(v), v - u \rangle + F_2(v) - F_2(u) \geq \langle F'_1(u), v - u \rangle + F_2(v) - F_2(u) \geq 0$$

(iii) \Rightarrow (i)

since C is convex $\Rightarrow \lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v \in C, \lambda \in (0, 1)$ using (iii) we have

$$\langle F'_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), (1 - \lambda)(v - u) \rangle + F_2(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) - F_2(u) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (\text{by using the convexity of } F_2)$$

$$(1 - \lambda) \langle F'_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), (v - u) \rangle + (1 - \lambda)(F_2(v) - F_2(u)) \geq 0 \text{ (dividing by } (1 - \lambda)) \text{ we have}$$

$$\langle F'_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), (v - u) \rangle + F_2(v) - F_2(u) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \langle F'_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), (v - u) \rangle \geq F_2(u) - F_2(v) \text{ but}$$

$$F_1(v) \geq F_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) + \langle F'_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v), \lambda(v - u) \rangle \geq F_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) + \lambda(F_2(u) - F_2(v)) \Rightarrow$$

$$F_1(v) + \lambda F_2(v) \geq F_1(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v) + \lambda F_2(u) \text{ (by letting } \lambda \rightarrow 1^- \text{) we get } F_1(v) + F_2(v) \geq F_1(u) + F_2(u) \Rightarrow F(v) \geq F(u)$$

which completes the proof.

Example1: Proximity Mapping

Let V be a Hilbert space, $x \in V, \varphi \in \Gamma_0(V)$. Define $F(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u - x\|^2 + \varphi(u)$. set $F_1(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u - x\|^2$ and $F_2(u) = \varphi(u)$

i) F is strictly convex since F_1 is strictly convex.

ii) F is coercive, indeed; since $\varphi \in \Gamma_0(V)$, there exists a $l \in V^*, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\varphi(u) \geq \langle l, u \rangle + \alpha \implies F(u) \geq \frac{1}{2} \|u - x\|^2 + \langle l, u \rangle + \alpha \implies$

$F(u) \geq \frac{1}{2} (\|u\| - \|x\|)^2 - \|l\| \|u\| - |\alpha| \implies F(u) \longrightarrow \infty$ as $u \longrightarrow \infty$. hence F is coercive. By proposition 1 F has a unique minimizer.

Evaluating the derivative of $F_1(u)$.

$$F_1'(u) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F_1(u+\lambda v) - F_1(u)}{\lambda} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \|u+\lambda v-x\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|u-x\|^2}{\lambda} = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \|u-x\|^2 + \lambda \langle u-x, v \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 \|v\|^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|u-x\|^2}{\lambda} = \langle u-x, v \rangle$$

by using proposition 2 : u is a minimizer if and only if

i) $\langle u-x, v-u \rangle + \varphi(v) - \varphi(u) \geq 0$ and ii) $\langle v-x, v-u \rangle + \varphi(v) - \varphi(u) \geq 0$.

Special case: if C is a non empty closed convex subset of $V, x \in v$

Define $F(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u - x\|^2 \implies \tilde{F}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u - x\|^2 + \chi_C(u)$ by using the above argument we have

$\langle u-x, v-u \rangle + \chi_C(v) - \chi_C(u) \geq 0$ and $\langle v-x, v-u \rangle + \chi_C(v) - \chi_C(u) \geq 0 \implies$

$\langle u-x, v-u \rangle \geq 0$ for all $v \in C$ and $\langle v-x, v-u \rangle \geq 0$ for all $v \in C$. the mapping $x \longrightarrow u$ is called proximity mapping and we write

$u = \text{prox } x$.

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The Direct Study of Certain Variational Inequalities

$\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0, \forall v \in V$ where V is a reflexive Banach space, $A: V \rightarrow V^*$, where $f \in V^*$ is given and $\Phi: V \rightarrow \bar{R}$.

i) Φ is proper, lsc and convex.

ii) A is weakly continuous on finite dimensional subspaces of V .

iii) A is a monotone. i.e. $\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq 0, \forall u, v \in V$.

iv) A is coercive: $\exists v_0 \in V$ such that: $\frac{\langle Av, v - v_0 \rangle + \Phi(v)}{\|v\|} \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|v\| \rightarrow \infty$.

Problem:

Find $u \in V$ such that $\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0, \forall v \in V$ (call this *).

Theorem:

Problem (*) has at least one solution.

Proof:

step (1):

Assume V is finite dimensional (FD) and $(\text{dom } \Phi)$ is bounded. Also we assume here that V has a Hilbert space structure).

(*) may be rewritten as follows:

$$\langle u - (u - Au + f), v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0, \forall v \in V$$

where $u = \text{Prox}_\Phi(u - Au + f)$

Define $T: V \rightarrow \text{dom } \Phi \subseteq \text{cl}(\text{dom } \Phi)$ by

$$Tu = \text{Prox}_\Phi(u - Au + f)$$

The idea here is to show that T has a fixed point. If we can show that $\text{Prox}_\Phi: V \rightarrow \text{dom } \Phi$ is continuous then T has a fixed point by Brouwer's fixed point theorem. For that let $f_1, f_2 \in V, u_1 = \text{Prox}_\Phi f_1, u_2 = \text{Prox}_\Phi f_2$ then:

$$\langle u_1 - f_1, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0$$

$$\langle u_2 - f_2, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0$$

$$\langle u_1 - f_1, u_2 - u_1 \rangle + \Phi(u_2) - \Phi(u_1) \geq 0$$

$$\langle u_2 - f_2, u_1 - u_2 \rangle + \Phi(u_1) - \Phi(u_2) \geq 0 \text{ by summing the last two inequalities we get:}$$

$$\langle (u_1 - f_1) - (u_2 - f_2), u_2 - u_1 \rangle \geq 0 \text{ or by rearranging:}$$

$$\langle (u_1 - u_2) - (f_1 - f_2), u_2 - u_1 \rangle \geq 0 \implies$$

$$\|u_2 - u_1\|^2 \leq -\langle f_1 - f_2, u_2 - u_1 \rangle \leq \|f_1 - f_2\| \|u_2 - u_1\| \implies \|u_2 - u_1\| \leq \|f_1 - f_2\|$$

Therefore it is continuous and so T has a fixed point $u \in \text{cl}(\text{dom } \Phi)$ and because $u = Tu \in \text{dom } \Phi$ since range T is in $\text{dom } \Phi$

\therefore (*) has a solution.

Step (2):

Now assume only that V is FD.

For $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, define $\Phi_n(u) = \begin{cases} \Phi(u) & \text{if } \|u\| \leq n \\ \infty & \text{if } \|u\| \geq n \end{cases}$

Note that $\text{dom } \Phi_n \subseteq \overline{B(0, n)}$.

By step (1) the problem $\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle + \Phi_n(v) - \Phi_n(u) \geq 0$ has a solution $u_n \in \text{dom } \Phi_n \subseteq \overline{B(0, n)}$

i.e. $\langle Au_n - f, v - u_n \rangle + \Phi_n(v) - \Phi_n(u_n) \geq 0, \forall v \in V$.

Now claim that $\{u_n\}$ is bounded. If we assume not then we have:

$$\langle Au_n - f, v_0 - u_n \rangle + \Phi_n(v_0) - \Phi(u_n) \geq 0 \text{ (note here that } \Phi_n(u_n) = \Phi(u_n) \text{ since } \|u_n\| \leq n)$$

$$\implies \langle Au_n, u_n - v_0 \rangle + \Phi(u_n) \leq \Phi_n(v_0) - \langle f, v_0 - u_n \rangle$$

note here that for sufficiently large $n \geq \|v_0\|$, we have $\Phi_n(v_0) = \Phi(v_0)$ and so

$$\langle Au_n, u_n - v_0 \rangle + \Phi(u_n) \leq \Phi(v_0) - \langle f, v_0 - u_n \rangle \text{ and by dividing every thing by } \|u_n\| \text{ we get:}$$

$$\frac{\langle Au_n, u_n - v_0 \rangle + \Phi(u_n)}{\|u_n\|} \leq \frac{\Phi(v_0)}{\|u_n\|} + \|f\| \left(1 + \frac{\|v_0\|}{\|u_n\|}\right) \text{ which } \rightarrow \|f\| \leq \infty \text{ as } \|u_n\| \rightarrow \infty \text{ and this of course}$$

contradicts the coercivity. Hence, $\{u_n\}$ is bounded.

Now, since $\{u_n\}$ is bounded in a FD space, there exists a subsequence $\{u_{n_j}\}$ and a $u \in V$ such that $u_{n_j} \rightarrow u$ and $A_{u_j} \rightarrow A_u$ by continuity of A .

Letting $v \in V \Rightarrow \langle Au_{n_j} - f, v - u_{n_j} \rangle + \Phi_{n_j}(v) - \Phi(u_{n_j}) \geq 0$

Then for sufficiently large n_j with $\|v\| \leq n_j$ we have $\Phi_{n_j}(v) = \Phi(v)$

\therefore taking the limit of both sides as $j \rightarrow \infty$ we get

$\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0$ and this completes the proof.

Remark :

If $Au_n \rightarrow Au$ then $\langle Au_n, u \rangle \rightarrow \langle Au, u \rangle$ but it is not always true that $\langle Au_n, u_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle Au, u \rangle$ whenever $u_n \rightarrow u$. Actually

this can not happen unless we impose the condition of boundedness on either Au_n or u_n . Note on the following:

$$\langle Au_n, u_n \rangle = \langle Au_n, u - u + u_n \rangle = \langle Au_n, u \rangle + \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \rightarrow \langle Au, u \rangle + \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle$$

But $|\langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle| \leq \|Au_n\| \|u_n - u\| \dots (**)$

And since $\|u_n - u\| \rightarrow 0$ as $u_n \rightarrow u$ then the r.h.s of $(**)$ will not vanish unless $\|Au_n\|$ is bounded.

Similar argument can be done on Au_n to have u_n being bounded.

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The Direct Study of Certain Variational Inequalities (continue)

$\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0, \forall v \in V$ where V is a reflexive Banach space, $A : V \rightarrow V^*$, where $f \in V^*$ is given and $\Phi : V \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$.

i) Φ is proper, lsc and convex.

ii) A is weakly continuous on finite dimensional subspaces of V .

iii) A is a monotone. i.e. $\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq 0, \forall u, v \in V$.

iv) A is coercive: $\exists v_o \in V$ such that: $\frac{\langle Av, v - v_o \rangle + \Phi(v)}{\|v\|} \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|v\| \rightarrow \infty$.

Problem:

Find $u \in V$ such that $\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq 0, \forall v \in V$ (call this *).

THEOREM 34 Problem (*) has at least one solution.

Proof:

step (3):

Assume V is of infinite dimension i.e. $\dim V = \infty$

Let $\{V_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of FD subspaces of V containing v_o that satisfies $\frac{\langle Av, v - v_o \rangle + \Phi(v)}{\|v\|} \rightarrow \infty$

as $\|v\| \rightarrow \infty$ where $V_n \subseteq V_{n+1}$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} V_n = V$. (Note here that having $\{V_n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ being just a family of

subspaces is not enough to have such v_o in all of $V_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)

Now, for each $n \exists$ a $u_n \in V_n$ s.t.

$$\langle Au_n - f, v - u_n \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u_n) \geq 0, \forall v \in V_n$$

and by the discussion made before about the coercivity of A , we have $\{u_n\}$ is bounded.

$\therefore u_n \rightharpoonup u_o$ for some $u_o \in V$.

Digression to investigate monotonicity:

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle Au, u - v \rangle \geq \langle Av, u - v \rangle$$

By putting $u = u_m, v = u_o$, we get $\langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle \geq \langle Au_o, u_m - u_o \rangle$, and by taking the lim of both sides as $m \rightarrow \infty$, we have (insert a note): $\liminf \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle \geq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\liminf \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle \geq 0 \dots (***)$$

Also, we already have: $\langle Au_n - f, v - u_n \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u_n) \geq 0$.

so, by fixing n and letting $m \geq n$ we have:

$$\langle Au_m - f, v - u_m \rangle + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u_m) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \Phi(v) - \Phi(u_m) \geq \langle f, v - u_m \rangle + \langle Au_m, u_m - v \rangle \dots (***)$$

Note here that

i) since Φ lsc and convex then $\Phi(u_o) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(u_n)$.

ii) $\overline{\lim}(-\Phi(u_n)) = -\liminf \Phi(u_n)$

iii) $\overline{\lim}(a - \Phi(u_n)) = \overline{\lim}(a + (-\Phi(u_n))) = a + \overline{\lim}(-\Phi(u_n)) = a - \liminf \Phi(u_n)$

Now taking lim of both sides of (***) we get:

$$\Phi(v) - \Phi(u_o) \geq \langle f, v - u_o \rangle + \overline{\lim} \langle Au_m, u_m - v \rangle.$$

Note here that $\overline{\lim}$ of LHS of (***) = $\overline{\lim}(\Phi(v) - \Phi(u_m)) = \Phi(v) - \underline{\lim} \Phi(u_m) = \Phi(v) - \Phi(u_o)$.

Also, since n is arbitrary, we have the above inequality is true for all n .

Let $v \in V$ and let $v_n \rightarrow v$ then

$$\Phi(v_n) - \Phi(u_o) \geq \langle f, v_n - u_o \rangle + \overline{\lim} \langle Au_m, u_m - v_n \rangle.$$

Take $\underline{\lim}$ for both side as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(v) - \Phi(u_o) &\geq \langle f, v - u_o \rangle + \underline{\lim}_n \overline{\lim}_m \langle Au_m, u_m - v_n \rangle \\ &\geq \langle f, v - u_o \rangle + \overline{\lim}_m \underline{\lim}_n \langle Au_m, u_m - v_n \rangle \\ &= \langle f, v - u_o \rangle + \overline{\lim}_m \langle Au_m, u_m - v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V. \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we let $v = u_o$ in the above inequality (since it is true $\forall v \in V$) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq \overline{\lim}_m \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle \\ \Rightarrow 0 &\geq \underline{\lim}_m \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle \geq \underline{\lim} \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle \geq 0 \text{ (by(***)above)} \geq \overline{\lim} \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle. \\ \therefore \lim \langle Au_m, u_m - u_o \rangle &= 0 \dots \dots \dots (***) \end{aligned}$$

By going back to monotonicity of A i.e. $\langle Au, u - v \rangle \geq \langle Av, u - v \rangle$ and letting $u = u_m, v = (1 - \alpha)u_o + \alpha w$ then

$$\begin{aligned} u_m - v &= u_m - (1 - \alpha)u_o - \alpha w \\ &= u_m - u_o + \alpha(u_o - w) \\ &= (1 - \alpha)(u_m - u_o) + \alpha(u_m - w) \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Au_m, (1 - \alpha)(u_m - u_o) + \alpha(u_m - w) \rangle &\geq \langle Av, u_m - u_o + \alpha(u_o - w) \rangle \\ \Rightarrow (1 - \alpha)\langle Au_m, (u_m - u_o) \rangle + \alpha\langle Au_m, u_m - w \rangle &\geq \langle Av, u_m - u_o \rangle + \alpha\langle Av, u_o - w \rangle \end{aligned}$$

taking $\underline{\lim}$ for both sides gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \underline{\lim} \langle (Au_m, u_m - w) \rangle &\geq \alpha \underline{\lim} \langle Av, u_o - w \rangle \text{ or:} \\ \underline{\lim} \langle (Au_m, u_m - w) \rangle &\geq \underline{\lim} \langle Av, u_o - w \rangle \text{ and by taking } \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \Rightarrow \text{(by using the continuity } v \rightarrow u_o \text{ as} \end{aligned}$$

$\alpha \rightarrow 0$

we have $v \rightarrow u_o$ and so $Av \rightarrow Au_o$.

$$\overline{\lim} \langle Au_m, u_m - w \rangle \geq \underline{\lim} \langle Au_m, u_m - w \rangle \geq \langle Au_o, u_o - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in V$$

and by (***) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(w) - \Phi(u_o) &\geq \langle f, w - u_o \rangle + \langle Au_o, u_o - w \rangle \text{ or} \\ \langle Au_o - f, w - u_o \rangle + \Phi(w) - \Phi(u_o) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

i.e. it has a solution

Special Cases:

case (1):

$A : C \subseteq V \rightarrow V^*$. C is closed and convex. A is a monotone, weakly continuous on a FD subset of C and coercive. Then, there exists a $u \in C$ such that $\langle Au - f, v - u \rangle \geq 0$

proof:

By extending A to the whole space as

$$\overline{A}u = \begin{cases} Au & \text{if } u \in C \\ \infty & \text{if } u \notin C \end{cases}$$

and by using Φ being the indicator function on C , we have the result directly by the previous theorem.

case (2):

$A : V \rightarrow V^*$ with same assumption as above i.e. monotone.,etc. $\Rightarrow \exists u \in V$ s.t. $Au = f$

proof:

By putting $V = C$ in case (1) and letting $v = u + w$ and so $v - u = w$ we get:

$$\langle Au - f, w \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in V^* \Rightarrow$$

$$\langle Au - f, -w \rangle \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow$$

$$\langle Au - f, w \rangle = 0 \quad \forall w \in V^* \Rightarrow$$

$$Au = f$$

case (3):

$A : V \rightarrow V^*$ where V is a Hilbert space with $V = V^*$. A is linear and bounded with $\langle Au, u \rangle \geq \alpha \|u\|^2$. Then given $f \in V$, there exists a unique $u \in V$ s.t. $Au = f$.

proof:

Note here that a bounded operator is continuous iff it is weakly continuous.

Monotonicity of A:

$$\langle Au - Av, u - v \rangle = \langle A(u - v), u - v \rangle \geq \alpha \|u - v\|^2 \geq 0$$

Coercivity of A:

$$\frac{\langle Au, u \rangle}{\|u\|} \geq \frac{\alpha \|u\|^2}{\|u\|} = \alpha \|u\| \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } \|u\| \rightarrow \infty$$

So, by case (2) the existence is obtained. The uniqueness of u is obtained easily $\langle Au, u \rangle \geq \alpha \|u\|^2$

Assume $\exists u_1, u_2$ such that $Au_1 = f = Au_2$. Then:

$$\langle Au_1 - Au_2, u_1 - u_2 \rangle = \langle A(u_1 - u_2), u_1 - u_2 \rangle \geq \alpha \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$0 = \langle f - f, u_1 - u_2 \rangle \geq \alpha \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 \quad \forall \alpha \Rightarrow$$

$$0 = \|u_1 - u_2\|^2 \Rightarrow u_1 = u_2 \quad \text{i.e. } u \text{ is unique.}$$

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Duality in convex optimization

Setting: V, Y are topological vector spaces, V^*, Y^* are their dual, $F : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and

$$(P) \quad \inf_{u \in V} F(u)$$

- The inf for problem (P) will be denoted by $\inf P$.
- A solution of (P) is any $u \in V$ such that $F(u) = \inf P$.
- Problem (P) is called nontrivial if $\exists u_0 \in V$ such that $F(u_0) < \infty$. If $F \in \Gamma_0(V)$, then (P) is nontrivial.

Suppose $\Phi : V \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\Phi(u, 0) = F(u)$. The problem

$$(P_p) \quad \inf_{u \in V} \Phi(u, p)$$

is called the perturbed problem of (P) with respect to Φ ($P_0 = P$). The problem

$$(P^*) \quad \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \{-\Phi(0, p^*)\}$$

is called the dual of (P) with respect to Φ ².

PROPOSITION 35

$$-\infty \leq \sup P^* \leq \inf P \leq \infty$$

Proof. $\sup P^* = \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \{-\Phi^*(0, p^*)\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^*(0, p^*) &= \sup_{(u, p) \in V \times Y} \{\langle p, p^* \rangle - \Phi(u, p)\} \\ &\geq \sup_{u \in V} -\Phi(u, 0) \\ &= -\inf_{u \in V} F(u) \end{aligned}$$

So, $\sup P^* \leq \inf P$. ■

PROPOSITION 36

If P is nontrivial then

$$-\infty \leq \sup P^* \leq \inf P < \infty$$

If P^* is nontrivial then

$$-\infty < \sup P^* \leq \inf P \leq \infty$$

If P and P^* are nontrivial then

$$-\infty < \sup P^* \leq \inf P < \infty$$

² $\Phi : V \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \langle (v^*, p^*), (v, p) \rangle = \langle v, v^* \rangle + \langle p, p^* \rangle$

$$\Phi^*(v^*, p^*) = \sup_{(v, p) \in V \times Y} \langle (v^*, p^*), (v, p) \rangle - \Phi(v, p) = \sup_{(v, p) \in V \times Y} \langle v, v^* \rangle + \langle p, p^* \rangle - \Phi(v, p)$$

Reiteration of duality

The problem

$$(P_{u^*}^*) \quad \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \{-\Phi(u^*, p^*)\}$$

is called the associated perturbed problem of P^* . The bidual problem

$$(P^{**}) \quad \inf_{u \in V} \{\Phi^{**}(u, 0)\}$$

This process terminates. Indeed, $P^{***} = P^*$.

- If $P^{**} = P$ ($Q^{**} = Q$), then P, P^* are the dual of each other.
- If $\Phi \in \Gamma(V, Y)$ then $P^{**} = P$ and P is nontrivial.

Normal problems and stable problems

$\Phi \in \Gamma_0(V \times Y)$ define $h(p) = \inf P_p = \inf \Phi(u, p)$.

LEMMA 37

$h : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex.

Proof. Let $p, q \in Y$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Assume that $\lambda h(p) + (1 - \lambda)h(q)$ is defined. If either $h(p)$ or $h(q)$ is infinite, nothing to prove. Assume $h(p)$ and $h(q)$ are finite. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given, there exists a $u_1 \in V$ such that

$$\Phi(u, p) \leq h(p) + \epsilon$$

and there exists $u_2 \in V$ such that

$$\Phi(u, q) \leq h(q) + \epsilon$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} h[\lambda h(p) + (1 - \lambda)h(q)] &\leq Q[\lambda(u_1, p) + (1 - \lambda)(u_2, q)] \\ &\leq \lambda Q(u_1, p) + (1 - \lambda)Q(u_2, q) \\ &\leq \lambda h(p) + (1 - \lambda)h(q) + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since ϵ is arbitrary h is convex. ■

LEMMA 38

For all $p^* \in V^*$

$$h^*(p^*) = \Phi^*(0, p^*)$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} h^*(p^*) &= \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p^*, p \rangle - h(p) \\ &= \sup_{p \in Y} \{\langle p^*, p \rangle - \inf_{u \in V} \Phi(u, p)\} \\ &= \sup_{(u, p) \in V \times Y} \{\langle p^*, p \rangle - \Phi(u, p)\} \\ &= \sup_{(u, p) \in V \times Y} \{\langle u, 0 \rangle + \langle p^*, p \rangle - \Phi(u, p)\} = \Phi^*(0, p^*) \end{aligned}$$

■

LEMMA 39

$\sup P^* = h^{**}(0)$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sup P^* &= \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \{-\Phi^*(0, p^*)\} \\ &= \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \{-h^*(p^*)\} \\ &= \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \{\langle 0, p^* \rangle - h^*(p^*)\} = \Phi(0, p^*) \end{aligned}$$

■

REMARK 40

$$\sup P^* \leq \inf P \Leftrightarrow h^{**}(0) \leq h(0)$$

DEFINITION 41

The problem (P) is called normal if $h(0) \in \mathbb{R}$ and h is lsc at 0.

PROPOSITION 42

Problem (P) is normal iff $\sup P^* = \inf P \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Assume that (P) is normal. Let \bar{h} be the lsc regularization of h . Then

$$(3) \quad h^{**} \leq \bar{h} \leq h$$

$\bar{h}(0) = h(0)$, \bar{h} is convex, lsc and finite at 0. So

$$\bar{h} \neq -\infty \Rightarrow \bar{h} \in \Gamma_0(Y) \Rightarrow \bar{h}^{**} = \bar{h}$$

From 3

$$h^* \leq \bar{h}^* \leq h^{***} = h^*$$

but $h^* = \bar{h}^*$. So $h^{**} = \bar{h}^{**} = \bar{h}$ and $h^{**}(0) = \bar{h}(0) = h(0)$. That is

$$\sup P^* = \inf P$$

Now assume $\sup P^* = \inf P \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $h^{**}(0) = h(0)$. Let \bar{h} be the lsc regularization of h

$$h^{**} \leq \bar{h} \leq h$$

So h is lsc at 0, i.e.

$$h(0) = \bar{h}(0) = \liminf_{p \rightarrow 0} h(p)$$

■

LEMMA 43

P^* is normal iff $\inf P = \sup P^*$

Proof. By proposition (42) P^* is normal iff $\inf P^{**} = \sup P^*$ i.e. $\inf P = \sup P^*$ ■

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(Stable Problems)

DEFINITION 44

Problem P is called stable if $h(0) \in \mathbf{R}, \partial h(0) \neq \emptyset$.

LEMMA 45

The set of solution of P^* coincides with $\partial h^{**}(0)$.

Proof. Suppose p^* is a solution of P^* , then

$$-h^*(p^*) = -\Phi(0, p^*) = \sup_{q^* \in Y} -\Phi(0, q^*) = h^{**}(0).$$

Fix $p \in Y$, then,

$$\sup_{q^* \in Y} \langle p, q^* \rangle - h^*(q^*) \geq h^*(p^*) + \langle p^*, p \rangle$$

i.e.:

$$h^{**}(p) \geq -h^*(p^*) + \langle p^*, p \rangle = h^{**}(0) + \langle p^*, p \rangle$$

Then, $p^* \in \partial h^{**}(0)$.

On the other hand, let $p^* \in \partial h^{**}(0)$, then

$$h^{**}(p) \geq h^{**}(0) + \langle p^*, p \rangle \quad \forall p \in Y$$

$$-h^{**}(0) \geq \langle p^*, p \rangle - h^{**}(p)$$

$$-h^{**}(0) \geq h^{**}(p^*) = h^*(p^*)$$

$$h^{**}(0) \leq -h^*(p^*)$$

$$\sup_{q^* \in Y} -h^*(q^*) \leq -h^*(p^*)$$

Therefore,

$$-h^*(p^*) = \sup_{q^* \in Y} -h^*(q^*) \quad q^* \in Y$$

Then, p^* is a solution of P^* . ■

PROPOSITION 46

P is stable iff P is normal and P^* has a solution.

Proof. Suppose P is stable, then P is normal (since $\partial h(0) \neq \emptyset \implies h$ is *l.s.c* at 0). Furthermore, $p^* \in \partial h(0) = \partial h^{**}(0)$, therefore, p^* is a solution of P^* by previous lemma. Conversely if P is normal and P^* has a solution p^* , then

$$p^* \in \partial h^{**}(0) = \partial h(0),$$

since h is *l.s.c* at 0. Then P is stable. ■

PROPOSITION 47

The Following Conditions are equivalent:

- (I) P and P^* are normal and have some solutions,
- (II) P and P^* are stable,
- (III) P is stable and has some solutions.

Proof. (I) \implies (II),

Assume (I), P^* is normal and P has a solution $\implies P^*$ is normal and P^{**} has a solution, $\implies P^*$ is stable. Similarly, P is normal and P^* has a solution $\implies P$ is stable. (II) \implies (I) direct. (III) \implies (I) follows directly from previous proposition. ■

PROPOSITION 48

A stability criterion.

Assume Φ is convex, that $\inf \mathbf{P} \in \mathbf{R}$. $\Phi(u_0, \cdot)$ is bounded above at 0 for some $u_0 \in \mathbf{V}$. Then \mathbf{P} is stable.

Proof.

$$h(p) = \inf_{u \in \mathbf{V}} \Phi(u, p) \leq \Phi(u_0, p),$$

and $h(0) \in \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow h$ is bounded above at 0, $\Rightarrow h$ is continuous at 0, $\Rightarrow \partial h(0) \neq \emptyset$. Then \mathbf{P} is stable. ■

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Summary

$$P: \inf_{u \in v} F(u)$$

$$\Phi: V \times Y \longrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}} \text{ such that } \Phi(u, 0) = F(u)$$

$$P: \inf_{u \in v} \Phi(u, 0)$$

The dual problem

$$P^*: \sup_{\bar{p} \in \bar{Y}} -\Phi(0, \bar{p})$$

$$\text{Sup } P^* \leq \inf P$$

$$-\Phi(0, \bar{p}) \leq \sup P^* \leq \inf P \leq \Phi(u, 0) \Rightarrow \Phi(u, 0) + \Phi(0, \bar{p}) \geq 0$$

$$h(p) = \inf_{u \in v} \Phi(u, p)$$

- If $h(0) \in \mathbb{R}$ and h is lower semicontinuous at $0 \Rightarrow P$ is normal

- P is normal $\Leftrightarrow \inf P = \sup P^* \Leftrightarrow P^*$ is normal

- $h(0) \in \mathbb{R}, \partial h(0) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow P$ is stable

- P is stable iff P^* is normal and has some solutions

- the set of solution of P^* coincides with $\partial h(0)$

- P, P^* are normal and have same solutions $\Leftrightarrow P$ and P^* are stable $\Leftrightarrow P$ is stable and has solutions.

Criterion for stability

Φ is convex, $h(0) \in \mathbb{R}, \Phi(u, \cdot)$ bounded above in a nbhd of $0 \Rightarrow P$ is stable

$$h(p) \leq \Phi(u, p)$$

Criterion for existence

V is a reflexive Banach space, $\Phi(\cdot, 0)$ is coercive $\Rightarrow P$ has a solution

Extremality relation and Existence

Lemma1: $\bar{u} \in V$ is a solution of P and \bar{p} is a solution of P^* and $\inf P = \sup P^*$ iff $\Phi(\bar{u}, 0) + \Phi(0, \bar{p}) = 0$

Proof: if $\bar{u} \in V$ is a solution of P and \bar{p} is a solution of P^* and $\inf P = \sup P^*$, then $-\Phi(0, \bar{p}) = \sup P^*$

$$= \inf P = \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) \Rightarrow \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) + \Phi(0, \bar{p}) = 0$$

conversely assume $\Phi(\bar{u}, 0) + \Phi(0, \bar{p}) = 0$ for some $\bar{u} \in V$ and some $\bar{p} \in Y$ then

$$-\Phi(0, \bar{p}) \leq \sup P^* \leq \inf P \leq \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) = -\Phi(0, \bar{p})$$

and hence, the result is obtained.

Lagrangians and Saddle points

Definition: $L: V \times Y \longrightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ defined by $-L(u, P) = \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, \bar{p} \rangle - \Phi(u, p)$ is called the Lagrangian.

Note: $-L(u, P) = \Phi_u(\bar{p})$ where $\Phi_u(p) = \Phi(u, p)$

Lemma

1- for $u \in V, L(u, \cdot)$ is concave and u.s.c.

2- if Φ is convex, then for any $\bar{p} \in Y, L(\cdot, \bar{p})$ is convex

Proof: (part 2)

$$L(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v, \bar{p}) = \inf_{p \in Y} -\langle p, \bar{p} \rangle + \Phi((\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v), p) \leq -\langle \lambda p + (1-\lambda)q, \bar{p} \rangle + \Phi((\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v), \lambda p + (1-\lambda)q) \leq \lambda(-\langle p, \bar{p} \rangle + \Phi(u, p)) + (1-\lambda)(-\langle q, \bar{p} \rangle + \Phi(u, q))$$

fix q and take the inf over $p \implies$

$$L(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v, \bar{p}) \leq \lambda L(u, \bar{p}) + (1-\lambda)(-\langle q, \bar{p} \rangle + \Phi(u, q))$$

now take inf over $q \implies$

$$L(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v, \bar{p}) \leq \lambda L(u, \bar{p}) + (1-\lambda)L(v, \bar{p}) \text{ and hence, } L(\cdot, \bar{P}) \text{ is convex.}$$

\bar{P} in terms of L

$$\Phi^*(u, \bar{p}) = \sup_{u \in V, p \in Y} \langle u, \bar{p} \rangle + \langle p, \bar{p} \rangle - \Phi(u, p)$$

$$\Phi^*(0, \bar{p}) = \sup_{u \in V} \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, \bar{p} \rangle - \Phi(u, p) = \sup_{u \in V} -L(u, \bar{p}) = -\inf_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p}) \implies -\Phi^*(0, \bar{p}) = \inf_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p}) \implies \bar{P} :$$

$$\sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} \inf_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p})$$

P in terms of L

$$\Phi(u, 0) = \Phi_u(0) = \sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} \langle 0, \bar{p} \rangle - \Phi_u(\bar{p}) = \sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} -\Phi_u(\bar{p}) = \sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} L(u, \bar{p}) \implies P : \inf_{\bar{p} \in Y} \sup_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p})$$

Definition: (Saddle point)

$(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in V \times Y$ is called a saddle point of L if $L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq L(u, \bar{p})$ for all $u \in V, \bar{p} \in Y$.

Lemma2: $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in V \times Y$ is called a saddle point of L iff \bar{u} is a solution of P and \bar{p} is a solution of \bar{P} and $\inf P = \sup \bar{P}$

Proof:

$$(\implies) \text{ assume } (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \text{ is a saddle point} \implies \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) = \sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq \inf_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p}) = -\Phi^*(0, \bar{p}) \implies \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) +$$

$$\Phi^*(0, \bar{p}) \leq 0 \text{ but } \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) + \Phi^*(0, \bar{p}) \geq 0$$

$$\implies \Phi(\bar{u}, 0) + \Phi^*(0, \bar{p}) = 0 \text{ and we get the extremality condition, so } \inf P = \sup \bar{P}.$$

(\impliedby) assume \bar{u} is a solution of P and \bar{p} is a solution of \bar{P} and $\inf P = \sup \bar{P}$

$$\Phi(\bar{u}, 0) = \sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq \inf_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p}) = -\Phi^*(0, \bar{p})$$

$$L(u, \bar{p}) \geq \inf_{u \in V} L(u, \bar{p}) = L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \sup_{\bar{p} \in Y} L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \text{ and hence, } (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \text{ is a saddle point.}$$

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$$J(u, p) : V \times Y \rightarrow \bar{R}, \quad A \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Y)$$

Define $F : V \rightarrow \bar{R}$ by $F(u) = J(u, Au)$

$$\underline{p} \inf_{u \in V} F(u)$$

$$\underline{P} \inf_{u \in V} J(u, Au)$$

Define $\Phi : V \times Y \rightarrow \bar{R}$ by $\Phi(u, p) = J(u, Au - p)$

Clearly if J is convex, then Φ is convex.

If $J \in \Gamma_0(V \times Y)$, then $\Phi \in \Gamma_0(V \times Y)$

To show that $\Phi(u, p) = J(u, Au - p)$ is l.s.c. we have

$$\lim_{(u,p) \rightarrow (u_0,p_0)} \Phi(u, p) = \lim_{(u,p) \rightarrow (u_0,p_0)} J(u, Au - p) \quad (\text{note if we put } w = Au - p \Rightarrow w_0 = Au_0 - p_0 \text{ and as}$$

$(u, p) \rightarrow (u_0, p_0)$ we have by continuity of A that $(u, w) \rightarrow (u_0, w_0)$). So we get:

$$\lim_{(u,w) \rightarrow (u_0,w_0)} J(u, w) = J(u_0, w_0) = \Phi(u_0, w_0)$$

The dual problem:

$$\Phi(u^*, p) = \sup_{(u,p)} (\langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle p, p^* \rangle - J(u, Au - p)) \quad (\text{set } q = Au - p)$$

$$= \sup_u \sup_q \langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle Au - q, p^* \rangle - J(u, q)$$

$$= \sup_u \sup_q \langle u, u^* + A^*p^* \rangle + \langle q, -p^* \rangle - J(u, q)$$

$$= J^*(u^* + A^*p^*, -p^*) \Rightarrow \Phi^*(0, p^*) = J^*(A^*p^*, -p^*)$$

So the dual problem can be written as :

$$P^* : \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} - J^*(A^*p^*, -p^*)$$

Stability:

If $\inf P = h(p)$ is finite and $J(u_0, \cdot)$ is bounded above in a nbhd of 0, then P is stable, and $\inf P = \sup P^*$ and P^* has solutions.

Existence:

If V is a reflexive Banach space, $J(u, Au) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|u\| \rightarrow \infty$. Then P has solutions

Extremality:

\bar{u} is a solution of P and \bar{p}^* is a solution of P^* iff $J(\bar{u}, A\bar{u}) + J^*(A^*\bar{p}^*, -\bar{p}^*) = 0$ iff $(A^*\bar{p}^*, -\bar{p}^*) \in \partial J(\bar{u}, A\bar{u})$

Note: $F(u) + F^*(u^*) = \langle u, u^* \rangle$ iff $u^* \in \partial F(u)$
 $\langle (\bar{u}, A\bar{u}), (A^*\bar{p}^*, -\bar{p}^*) \rangle = \langle \bar{u}, A^*\bar{p}^* \rangle + \langle A\bar{u}, -\bar{p}^* \rangle = 0$

Lagrangian of P:

$$-L(u, p^*) = \sup_{p \in Y} (\langle p, p^* \rangle - J(u, Au - p)) = \sup_{q \in Y} \langle Au - q, p^* \rangle - J(u, q) = \langle Au, p^* \rangle - \sup_{q \in Y} \langle q, -p^* \rangle - J_u(u) = \langle Au, p^* \rangle + J_u^*(-p^*)$$

If $J(u, p) = F(u) + G(p)$

$$J^*(u^*, p^*) = F^*(u^*) + G^*(p^*) = J^*(u^*, p^*) = \sup_{(u,p)} (\langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle p, p^* \rangle - J(u, p)) = \sup_u \sup_p (\langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle p, p^* \rangle - F(u) - G(p))$$

$$G(p)$$

$$= F^*(u^*) + G^*(p^*)$$

$$P: \inf_{u \in V} F(u) + G(Au)$$

$$P^*: \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} - [F^*(A^*p^*) + G^*(-p^*)]$$

Stability:

inf P is finite, $F(u_0) + G(\cdot)$ is bounded in a nbhd of Au_0

Existence:

V is reflexive Banach-space

$$F(u) + G(Au) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \|u\| \rightarrow \infty$$

Extremality:

\bar{u} is a solution of P and \bar{p}^* is a solution of P^* iff

$$J(\bar{u}, A\bar{u}) + J^*(A^*\bar{p}^*, -\bar{p}^*) = 0$$

$$F(\bar{u}) + G(A\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*) = 0$$

$$[F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*)] + [G(A\bar{u}) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*)] = 0$$

$$[F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) - \langle \bar{u}, A^*\bar{p}^* \rangle] + [G(A\bar{u}) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*) - \langle A\bar{u}, -\bar{p}^* \rangle] = 0$$

$$\therefore F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) = \langle \bar{u}, A^*\bar{p}^* \rangle \text{ and } G(A\bar{u}) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*) = \langle A\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle \text{ iff } A^*\bar{p}^* \in \partial F(\bar{u}) \text{ and } -\bar{p}^* \in \partial G(A\bar{u})$$

Now :

$$\text{If } Y = \prod_1^m Y_i \quad Y^* = \prod_1^m Y_i^*$$

$$p \in Y \rightarrow p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m), \quad p_i \in Y_i$$

$$G(p) = \sum_1^m G_i(p_i) \quad G_i : Y_i \rightarrow \bar{R}$$

$$A : V \rightarrow Y$$

$$Au = (A_1u, A_2u, \dots, A_mu)$$

The extremality condition takes the form:

\bar{u} is a solution of P, \bar{p}_i^* is a solution of P^* iff

$$F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) + \sum_1^m G_i(A_j\bar{u}) + \sum_1^m G_i^*(-\bar{p}_i^*) = 0$$

$$F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) = \langle \bar{u}, A^*\bar{p}^* \rangle,$$

$$G_i(A_i\bar{u}) + G_i^*(-\bar{p}_i^*) = \langle A_i\bar{u}, -\bar{p}_i^* \rangle, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

end of lec#18

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Important Special Cases II

DEFINITION 49

Let C be a subset of a linear space Y , then C is

- a cone if $\lambda C \subset C$ for all $\lambda > 0$.
- a pointed cone if it is a cone containing zero.
- a salient cone if it is a pointed cone with $C \cap (-C) = \{0\}$.

DEFINITION 50

A cone C of a linear space Y induces a partial ordering defined by $p \geq 0$ iff $p \in C$.

This means if $p \leq q$, then $q - p \in C$. If C is salient, then \leq is an ordering relation. If \leq is an ordering relation on Y compatible with the linear structure of Y (That is: $\lambda p \leq \lambda q, \forall \lambda > 0$ and $p + v \leq q + v, \forall v \in Y$ if $p \leq q$). Then $\{p \in Y : p \geq 0\}$ is a salient pointed cone.

DEFINITION 51

The polar cone of a cone C is the set

$$C^* = \{p^* \in Y^* : \langle p^*, p \rangle \geq 0 \forall p \in C\}$$

LEMMA 52

If C is a convex pointed cone, then

- (i) C^* is closed (in $\sigma(Y^*, Y)$).
- (ii) $C^{**} = C$.
- (iii) $p \in C$ iff $p \in C$ iff $\langle p^*, p \rangle \geq 0$ for all $p^* \in C^*$.

Proof.

1. To show that C^* is closed, we write

$$\begin{aligned} C^* &= \{p^* \in Y^* : \langle p^*, p \rangle \geq 0 \forall p \in C\} \\ &= \bigcap_{p \in C} \{p^* \in Y^* : \langle p^*, p \rangle \geq 0\} \\ &= \bigcap_{p \in C} \{p^{-1}[0, \infty)\} \end{aligned}$$

Since p is continuous in the topology $\sigma(Y^*, Y)$; C is closed.

2. $C \subset C^{**}$ is clear. To show that $C^{**} \subset C$; let $q \in C^{**}$, then $\langle q, p^* \rangle \geq 0$ for all $p^* \in C^*$. Assume that $q \notin C$, so there exists $x \neq 0 \in Y^*$ such that $\langle x, p \rangle \geq \alpha$ for all $p \in C$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle x, q \rangle < \alpha$. Since $0 \in C$, then $\alpha \leq 0$. Hence $\langle x, q \rangle < 0$, but this can not happen; since $x \in C^*$. To show that, assume otherwise then there exists $p' \in C$ such that $\langle x, p' \rangle < 0 \Rightarrow \lambda \langle x, p' \rangle = \langle x, \lambda p' \rangle < 0$. But for sufficiently small λ , we have $\langle x, \lambda p' \rangle < \alpha$ which is a contradiction. So $x \in C^*$, but again this is a contradiction. Thus $q \in C$.
3. $p \in C \Rightarrow p \geq 0 \Rightarrow \langle p^*, p \rangle \geq 0 \forall p^* \in C^* \Rightarrow p \in C^{**} = C$.

■

The problem considered

Let $\phi \neq \emptyset \subset V$ be closed and convex, $J : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ convex and lsc, C closed convex cone in Y , \leq the partial ordering induced by C . $B : A \rightarrow Y$ satisfy the following:

(B1) B is convex with respect to \leq .

(B2) For each $p^* \in C^*$, $\langle p^*, B(\cdot) \rangle : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is lsc.

(B3) The set $\{u \in A : B(u) \leq 0\} \neq \emptyset$.

Primal problem

$$\inf_{\substack{u \in A \\ Bu \leq 0}} J(u)$$

Perturbation problem

$$\Phi(u, p) = \begin{cases} J(u) & \text{if } u \in A, Bu \leq p, \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 53

The set $\mathcal{E} = \{(u, p) \in V \times Y : u \in A, Bu \leq p\}$ is closed and convex.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= \{(u, p) \in V \times Y : u \in A, \langle p^*, Bu - p \rangle \leq 0 \forall p^* \in C^*\} \\ &= \bigcap_{p^* \in C^*} \{(u, p) \in V \times Y : u \in A, \langle p^*, Bu - p \rangle \leq 0\} \cap (A \times Y) \end{aligned}$$

which is closed; since $u \mapsto \langle p^*, Bu - p \rangle$ is lsc by (B2). To show the convexity of \mathcal{E} , let $(u, p), (v, q) \in \mathcal{E}$ where $u, v \in A$ and $p, q \in Y$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Then

$$\lambda(u, p) + (1 - \lambda)(v, q) = (\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v, \lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q)$$

Since A is convex $\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v \in A$. Now B is convex

$$B[\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v] \leq \lambda Bu + (1 - \lambda)Bv \leq \lambda p + (1 - \lambda)q.$$

Hence $\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v \in \mathcal{E}$ which proves that \mathcal{E} is convex. ■

We can rewrite ϕ as

$$\phi(u, p) = \hat{J}(u) = \chi_{\mathcal{E}} \quad \text{where } \hat{J}(u) = \begin{cases} J(u), & u \in A \\ +\infty, & u \notin A \end{cases}$$

PROPOSITION 54

$\phi \in \Gamma_0(V \times Y)$

1. ϕ does not take the value $-\infty$.
2. $\phi \neq +\infty$ ($\phi(u, 0) < +\infty$).
3. ϕ is convex.
4. ϕ is lsc.

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Important Special Case (II)

The dual problem

For $p^* \in Y$,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^*(0, p^*) &= \sup_{u \in V} \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, p^* \rangle - \Phi(u, p) \\ &= \sup_{u \in V} \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, p^* \rangle - \hat{J}(u) - \chi_\epsilon(u, p) \\ &= \sup_{u \in A} \sup_{Bu \leq p} \langle p, p^* \rangle - J(u);\end{aligned}$$

Let $q = p - Bu$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^*(0, p^*) &= \sup_{u \in A} \sup_{q \geq 0} \langle q + Bu, p^* \rangle - J(u) \\ &= \sup_{u \in A} \sup_{q \geq 0} \langle q, p^* \rangle + \langle Bu, p^* \rangle - J(u) \\ &= \sup_{u \in A} \langle Bu, p^* \rangle - J(u) + \sup_{q \geq 0} \langle q, p^* \rangle \\ &= \sup_{u \in A} \langle Bu, p^* \rangle - J(u) + \chi_{C^*}(-p),\end{aligned}$$

then,

$$-\Phi^*(0, p^*) = \inf_{u \in A} -\langle Bu, p^* \rangle + J(u) - \chi_{C^*}(-p),$$

Thus the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}P^* &= \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \inf_{u \in A} -\langle Bu, p^* \rangle + J(u) - \chi_{C^*}(-p) \\ &= \sup_{p^* \leq 0} \inf_{u \in A} -\langle Bu, p^* \rangle + J(u).\end{aligned}$$

Stability

$\inf P \in \mathbf{R}$, for some $u_0 \in A$, $Bu_0 \in -C^\circ$ (the interior of C). Then P is stable.

Existence

Assume V is a reflexive Banach space, $J(u) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|u\| \rightarrow \infty$, $u \in A$, Then P has a solution.

Extremality

$$\inf P = \sup P^*,$$

the extremality relation

$$\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle = 0.$$

because:

$$\inf P = J(\bar{u}), \quad \bar{u} \in A, \quad B\bar{u} \leq 0,$$

$$(*) \quad \sup P^* = \inf_{u \in A} -\langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle + J(u), \quad \bar{p}^* < 0$$

and

$$(**) \quad J(\bar{u}) = \inf_{u \in A} -\langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle + J(u) \leq -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + J(\bar{u})$$

then we have

$$\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle \leq 0,$$

from (*) and (**) we have

$$\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle \geq 0,$$

Then, we have the extremality relation

$$\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle = 0.$$

The Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}
 -L(u, p^*) &= \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, p^* \rangle - \Phi(u, p) \\
 &= \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, p^* \rangle - \hat{J}(u) - \chi_\epsilon(u, p) \\
 &= -\hat{J}(u) + \sup_{Bu \leq p} \langle p, p^* \rangle \\
 &= -\hat{J}(u) + \sup_{q \geq 0} \langle Bu, p^* \rangle - \langle q, p^* \rangle \\
 &= -\hat{J}(u) + \langle Bu, p^* \rangle + \chi_{C^*}(-p^*).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$L(u, p^*) = \hat{J}(u) - \langle Bu, p^* \rangle - \chi_{C^*}(-p^*).$$

Proposition $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) \in V \times Y^*$ is a saddle point of L if and only if $\bar{u} \in A, \bar{p}^* \leq 0$, and

$$(1) \quad J(\bar{u}) - \langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle \leq J(\bar{u}) - \langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle \leq J(u) - \langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle, \quad \forall u \in A, \forall \bar{p}^* \leq 0.$$

Proof: assume (\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) is a saddle point of L , (let $u \in A$ and $\bar{p}^* \leq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) - \chi_{C^*}(-\bar{p}^*) &\leq -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) - \chi_{C^*}(-\bar{p}^*) \\
 &\leq -\langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(u) - \chi_{C^*}(-\bar{p}^*),
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\infty < -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) &\leq -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) - \chi_{C^*}(-\bar{p}^*) \\
 &\leq -\langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(u) - \chi_{C^*}(-\bar{p}^*),
 \end{aligned}$$

the left most and right most parts of the inequalities give $\bar{p}^* \leq 0$, and the second and the third parts give $\bar{u} \in A$.

$$-\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) \leq -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) \leq -\langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(u).$$

Assume $\bar{u} \in A$ and $\bar{p}^* \leq 0$ and (1) is satisfied,

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) &= -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}), \\
 L(u, \bar{p}^*) &= -\langle Bu, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(u), \\
 L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) &= -\langle B\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle + \hat{J}(\bar{u}) - \chi_{C^*}(-\bar{p}^*),
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) \leq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) \leq L(u, \bar{p}^*),$$

then (\bar{u}, \bar{p}^*) is a saddle point of L .

Kuhn-Tucker theorem $V = V^* = \mathbf{R}^n, Y = Y^* = \mathbf{R}^m, A \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$ is closed convex set.

$$J : A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, \quad \text{convex and l.s.c.}$$

the cone C ,

$$C = \{p \in \mathbf{R}^m : p_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}.$$

$C^* = C$,

the function $B : A \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$ is defined by $Bu = (B_1u, B_2u, \dots, B_mu)$, and

$$B_i : A \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \quad \text{convex and l.s.c.}$$

$$B_i u_0 < 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ for some } u_0 \in A.$$

the primal problem is

$$P \quad \inf_{u \in A, B u \leq 0} J(u)$$

$\bar{u} \in A$ is a solution of P iff there exists $\bar{p} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \bar{p} \leq 0$ such that (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point of L , in this case

$$\sum_{i=1}^m p_i B_i \bar{u} = 0,$$

note that P is stable, if \bar{u} is a solution of P therefor P^* has a solution $\bar{p} \leq 0$, and (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point of L . On the other hand if $\bar{p} \leq 0$ such that (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point of L , \bar{u} is a solution of P . By the previous proposition, $\bar{u} \in A$.

$$\bar{p} \leq 0 \Rightarrow \bar{p}_i \leq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$B \bar{u} \leq 0 \Rightarrow B_i \bar{u} \leq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m p_i B_i \bar{u} = 0 \Rightarrow p_i B_i \bar{u} = 0,$$

if $B_i \bar{u} < 0$ then $p_i = 0$ and if $p_i < 0$ then $B_i \bar{u} = 0$.

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Applications of Duality to the calculus of variations

Preliminaries

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be open, sometimes we require regularity on Ω .

Regularity: Ω is said to be of class C^r if the boundary Γ is an r -times continuously differential manifold of dimension $(n - 1)$ and Ω lies locally in one side of Γ .

For $x \in \Gamma$, $\nu(x) = (\nu_1(x), \nu_2(x), \dots, \nu_n(x))$ will denote the outward normal to Ω .

Differentiation, Multiindex Notation.

for $j = (j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

$$D^j u = D^{j_1} D^{j_2} \dots D^{j_n} u = \frac{\partial^{|j|}}{\partial x_1^{j_1} \partial x_2^{j_2} \dots \partial x_n^{j_n}} \text{ where } |j| = j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_n.$$

Example: let $j = (1, 2, 4, 0) \in \mathbb{N}^4$,

$$D^j u = \frac{\partial^7 u}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2^2 \partial x_3^4}$$

Remark: $D^{(0,0,\dots,0)} = I$

Space $L^\alpha(\Omega)$, $1 \leq \alpha < \infty$

$L^\alpha(\Omega) = \left\{ u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \int_\Omega |u(x)|^\alpha dx < \infty \right\}$ is a Banach space under the norm $\|u\|_{L^\alpha(\Omega)} = \left(\int_\Omega |u(x)|^\alpha dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$.

Space $L^\infty(\Omega)$

$L^\infty(\Omega) = \left\{ u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \text{Ess. sup}_{x \in \Omega} |u(x)| < \infty \right\}$ is a Banach space under the norm $\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = \text{Ess. sup}_{x \in \Omega} |u(x)|$

The Dual spaces of $L^\alpha(\Omega)$

$(L^\alpha(\Omega))^* = L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)$ where $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha'} = 1$

Special case: if $\alpha = 2 \implies \alpha' = 2$, $L^2(\Omega)$ is a Hilbert space with inner product $\langle u, v \rangle = \int_\Omega u(x)v(x)dx$

The Soblev Spaces $w^{m,\alpha}(\Omega)$, $w_0^{m,\alpha}(\Omega)$ where $1 \leq \alpha < \infty$ and $m \geq 1$ is an integer.

$w^{m,\alpha}(\Omega) = \left\{ u \in L^\alpha(\Omega) : D^k u \in L^\alpha(\Omega), |k| \leq m \right\}$ is a Banach Space under the norm $\|u\|_{w^{m,\alpha}(\Omega)} = \left(\sum_{|j| \leq m} \int_\Omega |D^j u(x)|^\alpha dx \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$

$w_0^{m,\alpha}(\Omega)$ is the closure of $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ in the norm of $w^{m,\alpha}(\Omega)$.

The Trace Operator : suppose $\Omega \in C^{m+2}$

The operator $\gamma : (\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{m-1}) : w^{m,\alpha}(\Omega) \rightarrow L^\alpha(\Gamma)$ defined by

$$\gamma_0 u = u|_\Gamma, \gamma_1 u = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}|_\Gamma, \dots, \gamma_{m-1} u = \frac{\partial^{m-1} u}{\partial \nu^{m-1}}|_\Gamma \text{ where } \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \nabla u \cdot \nu|_\Gamma \text{ and } \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial \nu^k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \frac{\partial^{k-1} u}{\partial \nu^{k-1}}|_\Gamma = \nabla \left(\frac{\partial^{k-1} u}{\partial \nu^{k-1}} \right) \cdot \nu|_\Gamma \text{ is called}$$

the Trace Operator.

γ is linear and continuous operator, also $\text{Ker } \gamma = w_0^{m,\alpha}(\Omega)$

Poincare' Inequality (assume Ω to be bounded)

For all $u \in w_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega)$, $\|u\|_{L^\alpha(\Omega)} \leq c \|D^i u\|_{L^\alpha(\Omega)}$ where c is a constant depends on Ω and α . i.e $c(\Omega, \alpha)$.

Green's Formula (Integration by Parts)

let $u \in w^{1,\alpha}(\Omega)$ and $v \in w^{1,\alpha'}(\Omega)$, then $\int_\Gamma uv \nu_i d\Gamma = \int_\Omega (u D_i v + v D_i u) dx$ (1) where ν_i is the i th component of ν .

if we replace v by $D_i v$ in (1)

$$\int_\Gamma D_i v \nu_i d\Gamma = \int_\Omega (u D_i^2 v + D_i v D_i u) dx, \text{ sum for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \text{ we get } \int_\Gamma u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} d\Gamma = \int_\Omega (u \Delta v + \nabla u \cdot \nabla v) dx$$

also if interchanged u and v we get $\int_\Gamma v \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} d\Gamma = \int_\Omega (v \Delta u + \nabla v \cdot \nabla u) dx$ subtracting we get, $\int_\Gamma (u \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu}) d\Gamma$

$$\int_\Omega (u \Delta v - v \Delta u) dx$$

also, replace v by v_i in (1) $\implies \int_\Gamma u v_i \nu_i d\Gamma = \int_\Omega (u D_i v_i + v_i D_i u) dx$ or $\int_\Gamma u v \cdot \nu d\Gamma = \int_\Omega (u \nabla \cdot v + v \cdot \nabla u) dx$.

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Carathéodory Mappings

DEFINITION 55 (CARATHÉODORY MAPPINGS)

Let $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be an open Borel set ³, E and F Banach spaces, $g : \Omega \times E \rightarrow F$. g is called a Carathéodory mapping if

1. $g(\cdot, \zeta)$ is measurable for each $\zeta \in E$.
2. $g(x, \cdot)$ is continuous for almost all $x \in \Omega$.

Let $\mathcal{M}(\Omega, E)$ be the set of measurable functions $u : \Omega \rightarrow E$, $\mathfrak{m}(\Omega, F)$ the set of measurable functions $v : \Omega \rightarrow F$. Define $K : \mathfrak{m}(\Omega, E) \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}(\Omega, F)$ by

$$(Ku)(x) = g(x, u(x)), \quad x \in \Omega$$

PROPOSITION 56

If $K : L^p(\Omega, E) \rightarrow L^r(\Omega, F)$. Then K is continuous ⁴ with respect to the norms of $L^p(\Omega, E)$, $L^r(\Omega, F)$.

For $E = \mathbb{R}^m$, $F = \mathbb{R}$, $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m [u(x) = (u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x))]$, assume $u \in L^{\alpha_1} \times L^{\alpha_2} \times \dots \times L^{\alpha_n} = V$. Also assume $Ku(x) = g(x, u(x))$ maps V into $L^r(\Omega)$. We can then define $G : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$G(u) = \int_{\Omega} Ku(x) dx = \int_{\Omega} g(x, u(x)) dx$$

The conjugate function $G^* : V^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where

$$V^* = L^{\alpha'_1} \times L^{\alpha'_2} \times \dots \times L^{\alpha'_n}$$

where $\frac{1}{\alpha_i} + \frac{1}{\alpha'_i} = 1$ for all i is given through the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 57

$$G^*(u^*) = \int_{\Omega} g^*(x, u^*(x)) dx$$

where

$$g^*(x, y) = \sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^m} \eta \cdot y - g(x, u)$$

First Examples

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ open, given $f \in L^2(\Omega)$,

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

Variational Form

$V = H_0^1(\Omega)$, let $v \in V$

$$\int_{\Omega} -\Delta uv dx = \int_{\Omega} f u dx$$

³For any topological space X , the Borel sigma algebra of X is the σ -algebra \mathcal{B} generated by the open sets of X . In other words, the Borel sigma algebra is equal to the intersection of all sigma algebras \mathcal{A} of X having the property that every open set of X is an element of \mathcal{A} . An element of \mathcal{B} is called a Borel subset of X , or a Borel set.

⁴Given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that for all $u, v \in L^p(\Omega, E)$ we have

$$\|u - v\|_{L^p(\Omega, E)} \leq \delta \Rightarrow \|Ku - Kv\|_{L^r(\Omega, F)} \leq \epsilon$$

That is

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} \|u(x) - v(x)\|_E^p dx \right)^p \leq \delta \Rightarrow \left(\int_{\Omega} \|Ku(x) - Kv(x)\|_F^r dx \right)^r \leq \epsilon$$

$\langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle = \langle f, u \rangle$ for all $v \in V$. This is equivalent to

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle$$

Side Notes:

- Green's Form

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla v dx = \int_{\Omega} f u dx$$

- $\langle u, v \rangle + \sum \langle p_i u, p_i v \rangle = \langle u, v \rangle + \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle$.

- To find the Gâteaux derivative of $F(u)$, we evaluate

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} F(u + tv) \right|_{t=0}$$

So

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla(u, tv)\|^2 - \langle f, u + tv \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 + t \langle u, \nabla v \rangle + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \|\nabla v\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle - \langle f, tv \rangle$$

Differentiating

$$\langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle + t \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, v \rangle \Big|_{t=0} = \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle - \langle f, v \rangle = \min J(u)$$

where

$$J(u) = -\langle f, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 = F(u) + G(Au)$$

That is

$$F(u) = -\langle f, u \rangle, \quad Au = \nabla u, \quad G(p) = \frac{1}{2} \|p\|^2$$

Now, we have $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$, $Y = [L^2(\Omega)]^n = Y^*$, $A : V \rightarrow Y$ and $V^* = H^{-1}(\Omega)$ (just the dual space of V). Also

$$\phi(u, p) = F(u) + G(Au - p)$$

which belongs to $\Gamma_0(V \times Y)$; since F is convex and G is convex and continuous. We now find the dual problem; so we need to find first F^* .

$$F^*(u^*) = \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle f, u \rangle = \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* + f \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } u + f = 0 \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then G^* . Since $G(p) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \|p(x)\|^2 dx$, we have

$$G^*(p^*) = \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{2} |p(x)|^2 \right)^* dx$$

To find $\left(\frac{1}{2} |p(x)|^2 \right)^*$ let us define $g : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2$$

Then

$$g^*(x, y) = \sup_{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n} \eta y - \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2$$

To find the supremum, we shall find the derivative, then equate with zero. Let $\tilde{F}(\eta) = \eta y - \frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2$, then

$$\tilde{F}(\eta + t\zeta) = (\eta + t\zeta) \cdot y - \frac{1}{2} \|\eta + t\zeta\|^2 = \eta y + t\zeta y - \frac{1}{2} (\|\eta\|^2 + 2t\eta\zeta + t^2\|\zeta\|^2)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{d}{dt} \tilde{F}(\eta + t\zeta) \right|_{t=0} &= 0 \\ \eta y - \eta \zeta - t|\zeta|^2 \Big|_{t=0} &= \zeta y - \zeta \eta = \zeta(y - \eta) = 0, \quad \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{aligned}$$

So for $\eta = y$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} g^*(x, y) &= |y|^2 - \frac{1}{2}|y|^2 = \frac{1}{2}|y|^2 \\ \therefore G^*(p^*) &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}|p^*(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2}\|p^*(x)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let us find $A^* : Y^* \rightarrow V^*$

$$\langle Au, p \rangle = \langle \nabla u, p \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot p dx \stackrel{\text{Green's}}{=} - \int_{\Omega} u \nabla p dx = \langle u, A^* p \rangle$$

So,

$$A^* p = -\nabla \cdot p$$

Summary:

$F(u)$	$= -\langle f, u \rangle$
$F^*(u^*)$	$= \begin{cases} 0 & u^* = -f \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
$G(p)$	$= \frac{1}{2}\ p\ ^2$
$G^*(p^*)$	$= \frac{1}{2}\ p^*\ ^2$
$A(u)$	$= \nabla u$
$A^*(p)$	$= \nabla \cdot p$

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Dirichlet Problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\Delta u = f \quad \text{on } \Omega \\
 & u = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \\
 & \inf \left(\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle \right) \\
 & V = H_0^1(\Omega), \quad Y = L^2(\Omega)^n, \quad V^* = H_0^{-1}(\Omega), \quad Y^* = Y \\
 & F : V \rightarrow R \text{ is defined by } F(n) = -\langle f, u \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F^*(u^*) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u^* = -f \\ \infty & \text{other wise} \end{cases}$$

$$G(p) = \frac{1}{2} \|p\|^2$$

$$G^*(p^*) = \frac{1}{2} \|p^*\|^2$$

Now P is given as:

$\inf \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle$
 where $J(u, p) = \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle$ is continuous, coercive (by Poin Care' inequality), and strictly convex which implies that P has a unique solution and P is stable $\Rightarrow P^*$ has a solution and $\inf P = \sup P^*$.

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi(0, p^*) &= J^*(A^*p^*, -p^*) = F^*(A^*p^*) + G^*(-p^*) \\
 \Rightarrow P^* \text{ is given by: } & \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} - [F^*(A^*p^*) + G^*(-p^*)] = \sup_{A^*p^* = -f} - G^*(-p^*) = \sup_{A^*p^* = -f} - \frac{1}{2} \|p^*\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

and since $p^* \rightarrow \|p^*\|^2$ is continuous, coercive, strictly convex, P^* has a unique solution.

Note here that we can find the clear relation between P and P* For the extramility condition as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) &= \langle \bar{u}, A^*\bar{p}^* \rangle \Rightarrow -\langle f, \bar{u} \rangle = -\langle f, \bar{u} \rangle \text{ (trivial equation)} \\
 \text{and } G(A\bar{u}) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*) &= \langle A\bar{u}, \bar{p}^* \rangle \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{u}^*\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{p}^*\|^2 + \langle \bar{p}^*, \nabla \bar{u} \rangle = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \|\nabla \bar{u} + \bar{p}^*\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla \bar{u} = -\bar{p}^* \\
 \inf P = \sup P^* &= -G^*(-\bar{p}^*) = -\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{p}^*\|^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \|\nabla \bar{u}\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

The nonlinear Dirichlet Problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \inf \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \|\nabla u\|^\alpha - \langle f, u \rangle \right) \\
 & \text{with } u \in W_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega), \quad f \in W_0^{-1,\alpha'}(\Omega), \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha'} = 1 \text{ and } 1 < \alpha < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{let } f : R \rightarrow R \text{ be defined by } & f(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} |x|^\alpha \text{ then} \\
 & f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in R} xy - \frac{1}{\alpha} |x|^\alpha = \frac{1}{\alpha'} |y|^{\alpha'} \quad \text{and the sup occurs at } \bar{x} \\
 & \text{where } \bar{x} | \bar{x} |^{\alpha-2} = y
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof: (EFS)

$$V = W^{1,\alpha}(\Omega), \quad Y = L^\alpha(\Omega)^n, \quad Y^* = L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)^n, \quad V^* = W^{-1,\alpha'}(\Omega)$$

$$F(n) = -\langle f, u \rangle$$

$$F^*(u^*) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u^* = -f \\ \infty & \text{other wise} \end{cases}$$

$$G(p) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \|p\|_{L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)^n}^\alpha$$

$$G^*(p^*) = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \|p^*\|_{L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)^n}^{\alpha'} \quad (\text{to show})$$

Define: $g(\eta) = \frac{1}{\alpha} |\eta|^\alpha \Rightarrow \mathbf{g}^*(\eta) = \sup_{\eta \in Y} \eta \cdot y - g(\eta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sup_{\eta \in Y} \eta \cdot y - \frac{1}{\alpha} |\eta|^\alpha \\ &= \sup_{\eta \in Y} \eta \cdot y - \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum |\eta_i|^\alpha \\ &= \sup_{\eta \in Y} \sum \eta_i y_i - \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum |\eta_i|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

and by equating all partial derivative to zero we get:

$$y_i = |\eta_i|^{\alpha-1} \frac{\eta_i}{|\eta_i|} = |\eta_i|^{\alpha-2} \eta_i \Rightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{g}^*(y) = \frac{1}{\alpha'} |y|_{\alpha'}^{\alpha'}$$

i.e. $G^*(p^*) = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \|p^*\|_{L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)^n}^{\alpha'} \quad \#$

and so P^* becomes:

$$\sup_{A^* p^* = -f} - \frac{1}{\alpha'} \|p^*\|_{L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)^n}^{\alpha'} \quad \text{note here as exactly as before (coercivity, strict convexity...)}$$

we have P has unique solution, and P^* is so.
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The non-linear Dirichlet problem

$$P^* \quad \inf_{\frac{1}{\alpha} \|u\|^\alpha} - \langle f, u \rangle$$

$$u \in V = W_0^{1,\alpha}(\Omega), \quad f \in V^* = W^{-1,\alpha'}(\Omega), \quad Y = L^\alpha(\Omega)^n, \quad Y^* = L^{\alpha'}(\Omega)^n$$

$$F(u) = - \langle f, u \rangle, \quad G(p) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \|p\|^\alpha \quad G^*(p^*) = \frac{1}{\alpha'} \|p^*\|^{\alpha'},$$

Extremality

$$G(A\bar{u}) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*) + \langle \bar{p}^*, A\bar{u} \rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \|A\bar{u}\|^\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha'} \|\bar{p}^*\|^{\alpha'} + \langle \bar{p}^*, A\bar{u} \rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_{\Omega} \sum |D_i \bar{u}|^\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha'} \int_{\Omega} \sum |\bar{p}_i^*|^{\alpha'} + \int_{\Omega} \sum \bar{p}_i^* D_i \bar{u} = 0$$

$$\sum \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{\alpha} |D_i \bar{u}|^\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha'} |\bar{p}_i^*|^{\alpha'} + \bar{p}_i^* D_i \bar{u} = 0,$$

⇒

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} |D_i \bar{u}|^\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha'} |\bar{p}_i^*|^{\alpha'} + \bar{p}_i^* D_i \bar{u} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

then the extremality relation

$$\bar{p}_i^* = -D_i \bar{u} |D_i \bar{u}|^{\alpha-2}.$$

now, $A = \nabla, A^* = -div,$

$$A^* p^* = -f$$

$$-\nabla \cdot \bar{p}^* = -f$$

$$\sum D_i \bar{p}_i^* = f$$

$$f = - \sum D_i (D_i \bar{u} |D_i \bar{u}|^{\alpha-2}), \quad \gamma_0 \bar{u} = 0$$

The Neumann Problem

$$V = H^1(\Omega), \quad V^* = (H^1(\Omega))^*, \quad Y = L^2(\Omega)^{n+1} = Y^*$$

$$P \quad \inf_{u \in H^1(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} (\|u\|^2 + \|\nabla u\|^2) - \langle f, u \rangle$$

$$F(u) = - \langle f, u \rangle, \quad Au = \langle u, \nabla u \rangle, \quad G(p) = \frac{1}{2} \|p\|^2,$$

$$F^*(u^*) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u^* = -f \\ \infty & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

as before we have,

$$G^*(p^*) = \frac{1}{2} \|p^*\|^2$$

$$P^* \quad \sup_{A^* p^* = -f} - \frac{1}{2} \|p^*\|^2,$$

Extremality

$$G(A\bar{u}) + G^*(-\bar{p}^*) + \langle \bar{p}^*, A\bar{u} \rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|A\bar{u}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\bar{p}^*\|^2 + \langle \bar{p}^*, A\bar{u} \rangle = 0,$$

or

$$\|A\bar{u} + \bar{p}^*\| = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}^* &= -A\bar{u} = - \langle \bar{u}, \nabla \bar{u} \rangle \\ \bar{p}_1^* &= -\bar{u}, \quad \underbrace{\bar{p}_2^* = -\nabla \bar{u}}_{n-\text{dim.}}\end{aligned}$$

Now, let $u \in H^1(\Omega), v \in Y$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Au, v \rangle &= \langle (u, \nabla u), (v_1, v_2) \rangle \\ &= \langle u, v_1 \rangle + \langle \nabla u, v_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle u, v_1 \rangle + \langle u, -\text{div } v_2 \rangle + \langle \gamma_0 u, \gamma_0 v_2 \cdot \nu \rangle_\Gamma = \langle u, A^* v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

for $v = \bar{p}^*, A^* \bar{p}^* = -f$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, A^* \bar{p}^* \rangle &= - \langle u, \bar{u} \rangle + \langle u, \Delta \bar{u} \rangle + \langle \gamma_0 u, \gamma_0 v_2 \cdot \nu \rangle_\Gamma \\ \langle u, -f \rangle &= - \langle u, \bar{u} \rangle + \langle u, \Delta \bar{u} \rangle + \langle \gamma_0 u, \gamma_0 v_2 \cdot \nu \rangle_\Gamma, \quad \forall u \in H^1(\Omega),\end{aligned}$$

in particular, for $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u, -f \rangle &= \langle u, -\bar{u} + \Delta \bar{u} \rangle \\ \langle u, -f + \bar{u} - \Delta \bar{u} \rangle &= 0, \quad \forall u \in H_0^1(\Omega)\end{aligned}$$

so we have

$$-\Delta \bar{u} + \bar{u} - \Delta \bar{u} = f, \quad \text{in } (H^1(\Omega))^*$$

and for $uu \in H^1(\Omega)$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \gamma_0 u, \gamma_0 (-\nabla \bar{u} \cdot \nu) \rangle_\Gamma &= 0, \\ \langle \gamma_0 u, -\gamma_0 \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \nu} \rangle_\Gamma &= 0, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial \nu} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma.\end{aligned}$$

The Stokes Problem

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega)^n, \quad V^* = H^{-1}(\Omega)^n, \quad Y = Y^* = L^2(\Omega),$$

Given $f \in V^*$, find $u \in V, p \in L^2(\Omega)$, such that

$$\begin{aligned}-\Delta u + \nabla p &= f \\ \nabla \cdot u &= 0 \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma.\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$W = \{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n : \nabla \cdot u = 0\},$$

this is a Hilbert space.

The minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned}P &= \inf_{u \in W} \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle \\ &= \inf_{u \in V} \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2 - \langle f, u \rangle + \chi_{\{0\}}(\nabla \cdot u)\end{aligned}$$

$$A = \text{div}, \quad F(u) = - \langle f, u \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2$$

$$G(p) = \chi_{\{0\}}(p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p = 0 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$G^*(p^*) = \sup_{p \in Y} \langle p, p^* \rangle - G(p) = 0$$

$$F^*(u) = \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle f, u \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|\nabla u\|^2$$

$$= \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* \rangle + \langle f, u \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2$$

$$= \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, u^* + f \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2 = \|u^* + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}$$

the problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{u \in V} \langle u, v^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \|u\|^2 \\ &= \sup_{\alpha} \sup_{\|u\|=\alpha} \langle u, v^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \\ &= \sup_{\alpha} \sup_{\|v\|=1} \alpha \langle v, v^* \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 \\ &= \sup_{\alpha} \alpha \|v^*\| - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|v^*\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem: $-\Delta : H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Omega)$ is an isometric isomorphism.

Proof:

we know that, for each $f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$,

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f \\ \gamma_0 u &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

has a unique solution $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$.

This implies that $-\Delta$ is 1-to-1 and on-to. we need to show it is an isometry, indeed;

$$\|-\Delta u\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} = \|f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} = \sup_{\substack{v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \\ v \neq 0}} \frac{\langle f, v \rangle}{\|v\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}} = \sup_{\substack{v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \\ v \neq 0}} \frac{\langle -\Delta u, v \rangle}{\|\nabla v\|} = \sup_{\substack{v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \\ v \neq 0}} \frac{\langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle}{\|\nabla v\|} = \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}$$

* Let $L_0^2(\Omega) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega) : \int u = 0\}$

note that $L_0^2(\Omega)$ is a Hilbert subspace of $L^2(\Omega)$, indeed;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } u_n &\in L_0^2(\Omega) \rightarrow u \\ u_n &\rightarrow u \implies \langle u_n, v \rangle \rightarrow \langle u, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in L^2(\Omega) \\ &\implies \langle u_n, 1 \rangle \rightarrow \langle u, 1 \rangle \implies \int u = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma: $\nabla : H_0^1(\Omega)^n \rightarrow L_0^2(\Omega)$ is an isomorphism.

Proof:

1- $R(\nabla) \subseteq L_0^2(\Omega)$, for $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ we need to show $\int \nabla \cdot u = 0$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot u = \langle \nabla \cdot u, 1 \rangle = \langle u, \nabla 1 \rangle = 0$$

2- ∇ is bounded, indeed;

$$\|\nabla \cdot u\|_{L^2}^2 = \left\| \sum \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \right\|^2 = \int \left| \sum \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \leq n \sum \int \left| \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \right|^2 \leq n \sum \int |\nabla u_i|^2 = n \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2 \implies \|\nabla \cdot\| \leq \sqrt{n}$$

3- ∇ is onto

$$(\nabla \cdot)^* = -\nabla : L_0^2(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Omega)^n$$

we show that $-\nabla$ is 1-to-1

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla u &= 0 \text{ in } H^{-1}(\Omega)^n \implies u = c \text{ (constant)} \\ \int c &= 0 \implies c \int 1 = 0 \implies c = 0 \end{aligned}$$

4- ∇ is 1-to-1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } \nabla \cdot u &= 0 \text{ for some } u \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n \implies \langle \nabla \cdot u, v \rangle = 0 \quad \forall v \in L_0^2(\Omega) \\ &\text{since } \nabla \cdot \text{ is onto} \\ \implies v &= \nabla \cdot w \text{ for some } w \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n \implies \langle \nabla \cdot u, \nabla \cdot w \rangle = 0 \quad \forall w \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n \\ \implies \langle u, -\Delta w \rangle &= 0 \quad \forall w \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n \implies \langle u, f \rangle = 0 \quad \forall f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)^n \implies u = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Stokes Problem

Let $V = H_0^1(\Omega)^n$, $V^* = H^{-1}(\Omega)^n$, $Y = L_0^2(\Omega) = Y^*$.
we need to find $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n, p \in L_0^2(\Omega)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + \nabla p = f, \\ f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)^n \nabla \cdot u = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $W = \{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n : \nabla \cdot u = 0\}$

$$P : \inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)^n} \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2 - \langle f, u \rangle + \chi_{\{0\}}(\nabla \cdot u)$$

$$F(u) = \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2 - \langle f, u \rangle$$

$$A : \nabla \cdot : H_0^1(\Omega)^n \rightarrow L_0^2(\Omega)$$

$$A^* : -\nabla : L_0^2(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Omega)^n$$

$$G(p) = \chi_{\{0\}}(p) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p = 0 \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$G^*(u^*) = 0$$

$$F^*(u^*) = \frac{1}{2} \|u^* + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2$$

$$P^* : \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} \frac{-1}{2} \|-\nabla p^* + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2$$

P has a unique solution and P^* has a unique solution .

Extremality Condition

$$F(\bar{u}) + F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) = \langle A^*\bar{p}^*, \bar{u} \rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{u}\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2 - \langle f, \bar{u} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|-\nabla \bar{p}^* + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = \langle -\nabla \bar{p}^*, \bar{u} \rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|\bar{u}\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)^n}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|-\nabla \bar{p}^* + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = \langle -\nabla \bar{p}^* + f, \bar{u} \rangle$$

since $-\Delta$ is an isometry \implies

$$\frac{1}{2} \|-\Delta \bar{u}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|-\nabla \bar{p}^* + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = \langle -\nabla \bar{p}^* + f, \bar{u} \rangle$$

$$\|-\Delta \bar{u} + \nabla \bar{p}^* - f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = 0$$

$$-\Delta \bar{u} + \nabla \bar{p}^* = f$$

The Direct Proof of The Existence of a Solution for P^*

Suppose P_m is a minimizing sequence

$$\|-\nabla p_m + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 \longrightarrow \alpha = \inf \|-\nabla p + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2$$

$\implies \|\nabla p_m\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}$ is bounded $\implies \nabla p_m \rightharpoonup F$ weak convergence

$$\langle -\nabla p_m, v \rangle \rightharpoonup \langle F, v \rangle$$

\implies

$$\{\langle -\nabla p_m, v \rangle\}$$

is bounded \implies

$$\langle -\nabla p_m, v \rangle = \langle p_m, \nabla \cdot v \rangle \quad \text{by Green's Formula}$$

$$\{\langle p_m, \nabla \cdot v \rangle\} \quad \text{is bounded for each } v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

$$\implies \{\langle p_m, w \rangle\} \quad \text{is bounded for each } w \in L_0^2(\Omega)$$

By the uniform boundedness principle, $\{p_m\}$ is uniformly bounded in $L_0^2(\Omega)$.so,

$$p_m \rightharpoonup p_0 \quad (\text{subsequence})$$

$$-\nabla p_m \rightharpoonup -\nabla p_0$$

claim:

$$\|-\nabla p_0 + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = \alpha, \text{ indeed;}$$

$$\|-\nabla p_0 + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = \langle -\nabla p_0 + f, -\nabla p_0 + f \rangle = \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \langle -\nabla p_0 + f, -\nabla p_0 + f \rangle \leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|-\nabla p_0 + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n} \|-\nabla p_m + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}$$

\implies

$$\|-\nabla p_0 + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \implies \|-\nabla p_0 + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 \leq \alpha \implies \|-\nabla p_0 + f\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)^n}^2 = \alpha$$

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Mosolev Problem

$$\begin{aligned} V &= H_0^1(\Omega) & V^* &= H^{-1}(\Omega) & Y &= L^1(\Omega)^n & Y^* &= L^\infty(\Omega)^n \\ A &= \nabla & A^* &= -\operatorname{div} & f &\in V^* \text{ given} & \alpha, \beta &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

Before we state the problem, we should verify that $A : V \rightarrow Y$ is continuous. Indeed,

$$A : H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)^n$$

is so. When Ω is finite we have $L^2(\Omega) \subset L^1(\Omega)$ and from Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int |f| &\leq \sqrt{\int |f|^2} \sqrt{\int 1} \\ \int |f| &\leq C \sqrt{\int |f|^2} \\ \|f\|_1 &\leq C \|f\|_2 \\ \therefore \|\nabla u\|_1 &\leq \|\nabla u\|_2 \\ &\leq k \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \end{aligned}$$

So $A : V \rightarrow Y$ is continuous. The primal problem is

$$\inf_{u \in V} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_V^2 + \beta \|\nabla u\|_Y - \langle f, u \rangle \right) \left(= \inf_{u \in V} \left\{ \int \frac{\alpha}{2} |\nabla u|^2 + \beta \int |\nabla u| - \int f u \right\} \right)$$

Now, let

$$\begin{aligned} F(u) &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_V^2 - \langle f, u \rangle \\ F^*(u^*) &= \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|u^* + f\|_{V^*}^2 \\ G(p) &= \beta \|p\|_Y \end{aligned}$$

To find G^* , let $f(x) = \beta|x|$ ($x \in \mathbb{R}^n$). Then

$$f^*(y) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^n} x \cdot y - \beta|x|$$

Now let $h(x) = x \cdot y - \beta|x|$, then

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= y - \beta \frac{x}{|x|}, & |x| &= \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} \\ h'(x) &= 0 \Rightarrow y = \beta \frac{x}{|x|} \Rightarrow |y| = \beta \\ x \cdot y - \beta|x| &= x \cdot y - |y||x| \leq |y||x| - |y||x| = 0 \\ x &= 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = \gamma y \end{aligned}$$

So if $|y| = \beta$, $x = \gamma y$ then $f^*(y) = 0$. If $|y| \neq \beta$ we do not have critical points
case 1: $|y| < \beta$

$$xy - \beta|x| \leq |x||y| - \beta|x| = |x|(|y| - \beta) < 0$$

in this case $f^*(y) = 0$ as well.

case 2: $|y| > \beta$

Take $x = \lambda y$, $\lambda > 0$

$$xy - \beta|x| = \lambda|y|^2 - \beta\lambda|y| = \lambda|y|(|y| - \beta) > 0$$

so

$$f^*(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & |y| \leq \beta \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and we have

$$G^*(p^*) = \begin{cases} 0, & |p^*(x)| \leq \beta \text{ a.e on } \Omega \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0, & \|p^*(x)\|_\infty \leq \beta \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dual problem

$$\sup_{p^* \in \bar{Y}^*} -F^*(A^*p^*) - G^*(p^*) = \sup_{\|p^*(x)\|_\infty \leq \beta} -\frac{1}{2\alpha} \|\nabla \cdot p^* + f\|_{V^*}^2$$

This problem has solutions; because $\|\nabla \cdot p^* + f\|_{V^*}^2$ is convex over a bounded closed convex set $\|p^*(x)\|_\infty \leq \beta$.

Extremality conditions

$$\begin{aligned} F(\bar{u}) &+ F^*(A^*\bar{p}^*) &= \langle A^*\bar{p}^* + f, \bar{u} \rangle \\ \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\bar{u}\|_{V^*}^2 &+ \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|A^*\bar{p}^* + f\|_{V^*}^2 &= \langle A^*\bar{p}^* + f, \bar{u} \rangle \\ \|\alpha\Delta\bar{u}\|_{V^*}^2 &+ \|\nabla \cdot \bar{p}^* + f\|_{V^*}^2 &= 2\langle -\nabla \cdot \bar{p}^* + f, -\alpha\Delta\bar{u} \rangle \\ -\alpha\Delta\bar{u} &+ \nabla \cdot \bar{p}^* &= f \end{aligned}$$

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Mossolov's problem (another method of dualization).

The given Problem is

$\inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} (\frac{\alpha}{2} \|u\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)}^2 + \beta \|\nabla u\|_{L^1(\Omega)^n} - \langle f, u \rangle)$ with the following assumptions:

$$V = H_0^1(\Omega), \quad Y = L^2(\Omega)^n, \quad V^* = H_0^{-1}(\Omega), \quad Y^* = Y,$$

$$A = \nabla, \quad A^* = -\operatorname{div} \quad \text{where } \alpha, \beta \geq 0$$

Note that in the previous lecture this Mossolov's problem was solved with a choice of F and G. Here in this lecture the choice of F and G is different. i.e (another method of dualization).

Now, let $F(u) = -\langle f, u \rangle$.

Then

$$F^*(u^*) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u^* = -f \\ \infty & \text{other wise} \end{cases}$$

This is done before. (see previous lectures)

$$G(p) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \|p\|_{L^2(\Omega)^n}^2 + \beta \|p\|_{L^1(\Omega)^n} = \int_{\Omega} (\frac{\alpha}{2} |p|^2 + \beta |p|) dx$$

we want to find: $G^*(p^*)$. To do so we first start with the following lemma.

Lemma:

Let $g(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 + \beta |x|$ where $g : R^n \rightarrow R$, then

$$g^*(y^*) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|y^*| - \beta)_+^2 \quad \text{where } S_+ = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{other wise} \end{cases}$$

and the sup is attained at $\bar{x} = \frac{y}{\alpha|y|} (|y| - \beta)_+$

Proof:

Let $f(x) = x \cdot y - \frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 - \beta |x|$ (note that $f : R^n \rightarrow R$ and f' is the grad (∇))

then $f'(x) = y - \alpha x - \beta \frac{x}{|x|}$

By setting $f'(x) = 0$ we get: $y = \alpha x + \beta \frac{x}{|x|} = (\alpha + \frac{\beta}{|x|})x \dots\dots(1)$

We want to solve for (x). To do so, multiply (1) by x then by y (note: multiplying here means dot product).

Multiplying by x gives:

$$x \cdot y = \alpha |x|^2 + \beta |x| = (\alpha |x| + \beta) |x|$$

Multiplying by y gives:

$$\begin{aligned} |y|^2 &= (\alpha + \frac{\beta}{|x|})x \cdot y \\ &= (\alpha + \frac{\beta}{|x|})(\alpha |x| + \beta) |x| \\ &= (\alpha |x| + \beta)^2 \\ \Rightarrow |y| &= (\alpha |x| + \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = \frac{1}{\alpha} (|y| - \beta)$$

This requires that $|y| \geq \beta$. Otherwise there are no critical points.

Assume now that $|y| \geq \beta$.

From (1)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\frac{1}{\alpha}(|y| - \beta)})x \\ &= (\alpha + \frac{\alpha\beta}{(|y| - \beta)})x \\ &= \frac{\alpha|y|}{|y| - \beta}x \quad \Rightarrow x = \frac{y}{\alpha|y|} (|y| - \beta) \quad \text{and} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{\max} = (\alpha |x| + \beta) |x| - \frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 - \beta |x|$$

$$= \frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 = \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|y| - \beta)^2$$

Note here that for $|y| \leq \beta$, there is no critical values and $f_{\max} = 0$ since

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot y - \frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 - \beta |x| &\leq |x| |y| - \frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 - \beta |x| \\ &\leq -\frac{\alpha}{2} |x|^2 \\ &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$f_{\max} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|y| - \beta)_+^2 \quad \text{and occurs when } \bar{x} = \frac{y}{\alpha|y|} (|y| - \beta)_+$$

So,

$$G^*(p^*) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{\Omega} (|p^*| - \beta)_+^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\alpha} (\| |p^*| - \beta \|_{L^2(\Omega)^n}^2) \quad \text{and}$$

the Dual Problem would be:

$$P^*: \sup_{p^* \in Y^*} -F(A^*p^*) - G^*(-p^*)$$

$$= \sup_{A^*p^* = -f} \frac{1}{2\alpha} (\| |p^*| - \beta \|_{L^2(\Omega)^n}^2)$$

note that $A^*p^* = -f$ is closed and convex set

and also $\| |p^*| - \beta \|_{L^2(\Omega)^n}^2$ is continuous, coercive, strictly convex which all implies that P^* has a unique solution.

*****The clear relation between P and P^* can be found by using the extremality condition. The relation is given as: $\nabla \bar{u} = \frac{-\bar{p}^*}{\alpha|\bar{p}^*|} (|p^*| - \beta)_+$ and the justification is left as an exercise.**

end of lec#27

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Duality by the Minimax Theorem Saddle points of a function: Properties

PROPOSITION 58

If $L : A \times B \rightarrow R$,

$$\inf_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p) \geq \sup_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p).$$

Proof.

$$L(v, p) \geq \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p) \quad \forall v \in A, \forall p \in B,$$

then

$$\sup_{p \in B} L(v, p) \geq \sup_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p),$$

then we have

$$\inf_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p) \geq \sup_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p).$$

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DEFINITION 59

a point $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in A \times B$ is called a saddle point of L on $A \times B$ if

$$L(\bar{u}, p) \leq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq L(u, \bar{p}), \quad \forall u \in A, \forall p \in B.$$

PROPOSITION 60

if $\exists \alpha \in R$ s.t.

$$L(\bar{u}, p) \leq \alpha \quad \forall p \in B,$$

and

$$L(u, \bar{p}) \geq \alpha \quad \forall u \in A,$$

then (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point of L and

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \alpha.$$

Proof.

$$L(u, \bar{p}) \geq \alpha \quad \forall u \in A$$

\implies

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq \alpha$$

and

$$L(\bar{u}, p) \leq \alpha \quad \forall p \in B$$

then

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq \alpha$$

then we have

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \alpha$$

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PROPOSITION 61

1) if $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in A \times B$ is a saddle point of L , then

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \max_{p \in B} \min_{u \in A} L(u, p) = \min_{u \in A} \max_{p \in B} L(u, p)$$

2)

$$\text{If } \max_{p \in B} \min_{u \in A} L(u, p) = \min_{u \in A} \max_{p \in B} L(u, p) = \alpha,$$

then L has a saddle point $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in A \times B$ and $L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \alpha$.

Proof. 1) suppose (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point of L , then

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \leq L(u, \bar{p}) \implies$$

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \inf_{u \in A} L(u, \bar{p}) = \min_{u \in A} L(u, \bar{p}) \leq \sup_{p \in B} \min_{u \in A} L(u, p),$$

and

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq L(\bar{u}, p) \implies$$

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \sup_{p \in B} L(\bar{u}, p) = \max_{p \in B} L(\bar{u}, p) \geq \inf_{u \in A} \max_{p \in B} L(u, p),$$

since, inf and sup are attained we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{u \in A} \max_{p \in B} L(u, p) &= \max_{p \in B} L(\bar{u}, p) = L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \\ &= \min_{u \in A} L(u, \bar{p}) = \sup_{p \in B} \min_{u \in A} L(u, p) \end{aligned}$$

\implies

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \max_{p \in B} \min_{u \in A} L(u, p) = \min_{u \in A} \max_{p \in B} L(u, p).$$

2) Assume

$$\max_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p) = \min_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p) = \alpha,$$

we have,

$$\alpha = \inf_{u \in A} L(u, \bar{p}) \leq L(u, \bar{p}), \quad \forall u \in A$$

and

$$= \sup_{p \in B} L(\bar{u}, p) \geq L(\bar{u}, p), \quad \forall p \in B,$$

then L has saddle point. ■

PROPOSITION 62

the set of saddle points of L on $A \times B$ is of the form $A_o \times B_o$.

Proof. We need to show that if (u_1, p_1) and $(u_2, p_2) \in A \times B$ are saddle points then (u_1, p_2) is saddle point. we know that

$$L(u_1, p_1) = L(u_2, p_2) = \alpha$$

now,

$$\begin{aligned} L(u_1, p_2) &\leq \alpha, \text{ and} \\ L(u_1, p_2) &\geq \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

then we have (u_1, p_2) is saddle point. ■

Assumptions on L :

Assume V, Z are reflexive Banach spaces, and

$$A \subseteq V \quad \text{is closed, convex and non empty,}$$

$$B \subseteq Z \quad \text{is closed, convex and non empty,}$$

the function L satisfies:

$$\text{for each } u \in A, L(u, \cdot) \text{ is concave, u.s.c. on } B,$$

$$\text{for each } p \in B, L(\cdot, p) \text{ is convex, l.s.c. on } A.$$

PROPOSITION 63

Under the above assumptions, the set $A_o \times B_o$ is convex. if $L(u, \cdot)$ is strictly concave, then B_o contains at most one element. if $L(\cdot, p)$ is strictly convex, then A_o contains at most one element.

Proof. Assume $A_o \times B_o \neq \Phi$, and let $(u_1, p_1), (u_2, p_2) \in A_o \times B_o, \lambda \in [0, 1]$.

$$\begin{aligned} & L(\lambda(u_1, p_1) + (1 - \lambda)(u_2, p_2)) \\ &= L(\lambda u_1 + (1 - \lambda)u_2, \lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2) \\ &\leq \lambda L(u_1, \lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2) + (1 - \lambda)L(u_2, \lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2) \\ &\leq \lambda L(u_1, p_1) + (1 - \lambda)L(u_2, p_2) = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

If $L(u, \cdot)$ is strictly concave, let $u \in A_o, p_1, p_2 \in B_o, \lambda \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= L(u, \lambda p_1 + (1 - \lambda)p_2) > \lambda L(u, p_1) + (1 - \lambda)L(u, p_2) \\ &= \lambda \alpha + (1 - \lambda)\alpha = \alpha, \end{aligned}$$

which is impossible ($\alpha > \alpha$). Similarly If $L(\cdot, p)$ is strictly convex, let $u_1, u_2 \in A_o, p_1 \in B_o, \lambda \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\alpha = L(u_1 + (1 - \lambda)u_2, p_1) < \lambda L(u_1, p_1) + (1 - \lambda)L(u_2, p_1) = \alpha.$$

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Characterization of a saddle point (differentiable functions)

PROPOSITION 64

Assume $L = l + m$, where

$$\begin{aligned} & l(u, \cdot) \text{ is concave, Gateaux-diff. w.r.t. } p, \\ & l(\cdot, p) \text{ is convex, Gateaux-diff. w.r.t. } u, \\ & m(u, \cdot) \text{ is concave,} \\ & m(\cdot, p) \text{ is convex,} \end{aligned}$$

then $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in A \times B$ is a saddle point of L if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial l}{\partial u}(\bar{u}, \bar{p}), u - \bar{u} \right\rangle + m(u, \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) &\geq 0, \forall u \in A, \\ \left\langle \frac{\partial l}{\partial p}(\bar{u}, \bar{p}), p - \bar{p} \right\rangle + m(\bar{u}, p) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) &\leq 0, \forall p \in B, \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Assume (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point, $\lambda \in (0, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\lambda} [L(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - L(\bar{u}, \bar{p})] \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} [l(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) + m(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p})] \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{l(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p})}{\lambda} + \frac{m(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p})}{\lambda} &\geq 0 \\ \frac{l(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p})}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda m(u, \bar{p}) + (1 - \lambda)m(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p})}{\lambda} &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

cancelling and taking the limits as $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial l}{\partial u}(\bar{u}, \bar{p}), u - \bar{u} \right\rangle + m(u, \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq 0, \forall u \in A,$$

the proof of the second one is analogous.

on the other hand assume the inequalities hold, let $u \in A, \lambda \in (0, 1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} l(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) &\leq \lambda l(u, \bar{p}) + (1 - \lambda)l(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \\ &= \lambda [l(u, \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p})]. \end{aligned}$$

now,

$$\begin{aligned} L(u, \bar{p}) - L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) &= l(u, \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) + m(u, \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \\ &\geq \frac{l(\bar{u} + \lambda(u - \bar{u}), \bar{p}) - l(\bar{u}, \bar{p})}{\lambda} + m(u, \bar{p}) - m(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$L(u, \bar{p}) \geq L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}),$$

in the same way, we could prove that

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \geq L(\bar{u}, p),$$

so, (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point. ■

COROLLARY 65

Assume $L(u, \cdot)$ is concave, cateaux-differentiabe and $L(\cdot, p)$ is convex, cateaux-differentiabe, then (\bar{u}, \bar{p}) is a saddle point of L on $A \times B$ if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial u}(\bar{u}, \bar{p}), u - \bar{u} \right\rangle &\geq 0, \forall u \in A, \\ \left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial p}(\bar{u}, \bar{p}), p - \bar{p} \right\rangle &\leq 0, \forall p \in B. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let $m = 0$. ■

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Existence of Saddle points

Proposition 1

Assume V, Y are reflexive Banach spaces. $A \subset V, B \subset Y$ are convex, closed and nonempty. $L : A \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

- (1) $L(u, \cdot)$ is concave and upper semicontinuous for each $u \in A$
- (2) $L(\cdot, p)$ is convex and lower semicontinuous for each $p \in B$.
- (3) If A and B are bounded, then L possesses at least one saddle point $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in A \times B$ such that

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \max_{p \in B} \min_{u \in A} L(u, p) = \min_{u \in A} \max_{p \in B} L(u, p)$$

Proposition 2

If instead of (3) we have

- (4)
 - a) there exists a $p_0 \in B$ such that $L(u, p_0) \rightarrow \infty$ as $\|u\| \rightarrow \infty, u \in A$
 - b) there exists $u_0 \in A$ such that $L(u_0, p) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $\|p\| \rightarrow \infty, p \in B$,
 then L possesses at least one saddle point $(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) \in A \times B$ such that

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \min_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p) = \max_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p)$$

Proposition 3

if instead of (3) we have A is either finite or 4(a) holds, then

$$\min_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p) = \sup_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p)$$

Proposition 4

if instead of (3) we have B is either finite or 4(b) holds, then

$$\inf_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p) = \max_{p \in B} \inf_{u \in A} L(u, p)$$

Application to Duality

(P) $\inf_{u \in V} F(u)$ or $\inf_{u \in \text{dom} F} F(u)$
we try to write

$$F(u) = \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p)$$

the Primal problem becomes

$$\inf_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in B} L(u, p)$$

How? we consider two cases

Case (1) : $F(u) = F_0(u) + F_1(u)$ with $F_1(u)$ proper, lower semicontinuous and convex ($F_1 \in \Gamma_0(V)$)

$$F_1^{**}(u) = F_1(u) = \sup_{u^* \in V^*} \langle u, u^* \rangle - F_1^*(u^*)$$

$$L(u, p) = \langle u, p \rangle - F_1^*(p) + F_0(u)$$

$$F(u) = \sup_{p \in V^*} \langle u, p \rangle - F_1^*(p) + F_0(u)$$

The primal problem becomes

$$\inf_{u \in A} \sup_{p \in \hat{V}} \left\{ \langle u, p \rangle - F_1^*(p) + F_0(u) \right\}$$

Case (2) : $F(u) = F_0(u) + F_1(Su)$ with $S : V \rightarrow Y$ ($Y = Z$) S can be nonlinear, $F_1 \in \Gamma_0(V)$

$$F_1(Su) = \sup_{p \in Z} \langle Su, p \rangle - F_1^*(p)$$

$$\langle Su, p \rangle - F_1^*(p) + F_0(u)$$

The primal problem becomes

$$\inf_{u \in V} \sup_{p \in Z} L(u, p)$$

Example: The Mossolev Problem

$$\inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\Omega)^n}^2 + \beta \|\nabla u\|_{L^1(\Omega)^n} - \langle f, u \rangle$$

$$F(u) = \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} |\nabla u|^2 + \beta |\nabla u| - fu \right) dx$$

$$S = -\nabla$$

$$F_1(p) = \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} |p|^2 + \beta |p| \right) dx$$

$$L(u, p) = \int_{\Omega} \left(-p \cdot \nabla u - \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|p| - \beta)_+^2 - fu \right) dx$$

the primal problem (P)

$$\inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \sup_{p \in L^2(\Omega)^n} \int_{\Omega} \left(-p \cdot \nabla u - \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|p| - \beta)_+^2 - fu \right) dx$$

the dual problem (P*)

$$\sup_{p \in L^2(\Omega)^n} \inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} \left(-p \cdot \nabla u - \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|p| - \beta)_+^2 - fu \right) dx$$

(P)

$$\inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} (u \operatorname{div} p - fu) dx = \inf_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div} p - f) u dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \operatorname{div} p - f = 0 \\ -\infty & \text{other wise} \end{cases}$$

(P*) is

$$\sup_{\substack{p \in L^2(\Omega)^n \\ \operatorname{div} p = f}} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int_{\Omega} (|p| - \beta)_+^2 dx$$

Extremality

$$L(\bar{u}, \bar{p}) = \inf_{u \in V} \sup_{p \in Z} L(u, p) = \sup_{p \in Z} \inf_{u \in V} L(u, p)$$

$$\int_{\Omega} -\bar{p}\nabla\bar{u} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|\bar{p}| - \beta)_+^2 - f \bar{u} \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} |\nabla\bar{u}|^2 + \beta |\nabla\bar{u}| - f \bar{u} \right) dx$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(-\bar{p}\nabla\bar{u} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|\bar{p}| - \beta)_+^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} |\nabla\bar{u}|^2 - \beta |\nabla\bar{u}| \right) dx = 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$-\bar{p}\nabla\bar{u} - \frac{1}{2\alpha} (|\bar{p}| - \beta)_+^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} |\nabla\bar{u}|^2 - \beta |\nabla\bar{u}| = 0$$

$$\nabla\bar{u} = \frac{-\bar{p}}{\alpha|\bar{p}|} (|\bar{p}| - \beta)_+$$

$$\operatorname{div} \bar{p} = f$$