

Lecture 22 (Carathéodory Mappings)

DEFINITION 1 (CARATHÉODORY MAPPINGS)

Let $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^m$ be an open Borel set ¹, E and F Banach spaces, $g : \Omega \times E \longrightarrow F$. 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 $u : \Omega \longrightarrow E$, $\mathfrak{m}(\Omega, F)$ the set of measurable functions $v : \Omega \longrightarrow F$. Define $K : (\Omega, F) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{m}(\Omega, F)$ by

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

PROPOSITION 2

If $K : L^p(\Omega, E) \longrightarrow L^r(\Omega, F)$. Then K is continuous ² with respect to the norms of $L^p(\Omega, E)$, $L^r(\Omega, F)$.

For $E = \mathbb{R}^m$, $F = \mathbb{R}$, $u : \Omega \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^m [u(x) = (u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x))]$, 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 $L'(\Omega)$. We can then define $G : V \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

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

The conjugate function $G^* : V^* \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 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 3

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

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 $v \in V$

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

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

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

¹For 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.

²Given $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ 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

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

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 $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$, $Y = [L^2(\Omega)]^n = Y^*$, $A : V \longrightarrow Y$ 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 $g : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 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 $\tilde{F}(\eta) = \eta y - \frac{1}{2} |\eta|^2$, 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

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

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

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

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

So,

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

Summary:

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