

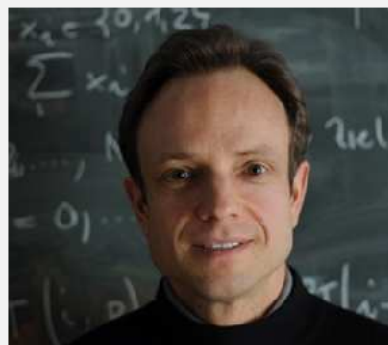
Course Video

Section 5.3: Galerkin Discretization of Non-Linear BVPs

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5.3 Galerkin Discretization of Non-Linear BVPs

5.3.1 Abstract Galerkin Discretization of Non-Linear Variational Problems

General variational equation ($\rightarrow$ Def 5.2.2.20)

$$u \in \hat{V}: a(u; v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0. \quad (5.2.2.21)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \hat{V} = U_0 + V_0 \subset V$$

Two-step approach as in Sect 2.2.1:

I. Replace $V_0 \rightarrow V_{0,h} \subset V_0$, $\dim V_{0,h} =: N < \infty$
 $\Rightarrow \hat{V} \rightarrow \hat{V}_h := U_{0,h} + V_{0,h}$

▷ Discrete variational problem:

$$u_h \in \hat{V}_h := U_{0,h} + V_{0,h}: a(u_h; v_h) = 0 \quad \forall v_h \in V_{0,h}, \quad (5.3.1.1)$$

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II. Choose ordered basis $\mathcal{B}_h = \{b_h^j\}_{j=1}^N$ of $V_{0,h}$
 $N := \dim V_{0,h}$
 $\Rightarrow$ trial function: $u_h = u_{h,0} + \sum_{\ell=1}^N \mu_\ell b_h^\ell, \mu_\ell \in \mathbb{R}$
 test function: $v_h \rightarrow b_h^1, b_h^2, \dots, b_h^N$

Second step of Galerkin discretization of variational problem

discrete variational problem $u_h \in \hat{V}_h: a(u_h; v_h) = 0 \forall v_h \in V_{0,h}$ Choosing basis $\mathcal{B}_h$ (Non-linear) system of equations $F(\vec{\mu}) = 0$, (5.3.1.4)

with coefficient vector: $\vec{\mu} = [\mu_1, \dots, \mu_h]^T \in \mathbb{R}^N$, (5.3.1.5)
 $(F(\vec{\mu}))_i = a(u_{0,h} + \sum_{j=1}^N \mu_j b_h^j; b_h^i), i = 1, \dots, N.$

Ex. 5.3.1.6 (Lagrange FEM for 2nd-order non-linear variational equations)

$u \in C_{pw}^1(\bar{\Omega}):$
 $a(u; v) := \int_{\Omega} D_2 F(x, \text{grad } u(x), u(x)) \text{grad } v(x) + D_3 F(x, \text{grad } u(x), u(x)) v(x) dx = 0$
 $\rightarrow$ Ex 5.2.2.6 $\forall v \in C_{pw}^1(\bar{\Omega}), (5.3.1.7)$

Depending on F , may be posed on "exotic" function spaces
 (May not be well-defined on $H^1(\Omega)$!)

Note: Lagr. FE space $S_o^p(\mathcal{M}) \subset C_{pw}^1(\bar{\Omega})$

Almost always suitable for Gal. disc.



$u_h \in \mathcal{S}_p^0(\mathcal{M}):$

$$\int_{\Omega} D_2 F(x, \text{grad } u_h(x), u_h(x)) \text{grad } v_h(x) + D_3 F(x, \text{grad } u_h(x), u_h(x)) v_h(x) dx = 0$$

$\forall v_h \in \mathcal{S}_p^0(\mathcal{M}), (5.3.1.8)$

[Discrete variational problem]

5.3.2 Iterative Methods in Function Space

Option: Solve NLSSE $F(\vec{p}) = 0$ by some iterative method.



Alternative:

Idea:

Design the iterative method for (5.2.2.21) before discretization!

The usual warnings apply



In many cases iterative method will only converge, if the initial guess is chosen "sufficiently" close to the (desired) solution.



Solutions of (general) discrete variational problems need not be unique: the (approximate) solution computed by a convergent iterative method may depend on the initial guess.

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5.3.2.1 Fixed-Point Iterations

Model problem, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$:

$$u \in \hat{V} \subset H^1(\Omega): \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}(x, \text{grad } u(x)) \text{grad } u(x) \cdot \text{grad } v(x) + c(u(x))u(x)v(x) \, dx \\ = \int_{\Omega} f(x)v(x) \, dx \quad \forall v \in V_0 \subset H^1(\Omega).$$

$$A: \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{d,d}, \quad c: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Examples:

(i) Elastic membrane V.P.

Find $u \in H^1(\Omega)$, $u|_{\partial\Omega} = d$, such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma(x) \mathbf{A}(\text{grad } u(x)) \text{grad } u(x) \cdot \text{grad } v(x) \, dx = - \int_{\Omega} g \rho(x) v(x) \, dx \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega), \quad (5.2.2.17)$$

where $\mathbf{A}$ is defined in (5.2.2.15).

(ii) Graph minimal surface V.P.

$$u \in C_{\text{pw}}^1(\Omega), \quad u|_{\partial\Omega} = d, \quad : \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{1 + \|\text{grad } u(x)\|_2^2} \text{grad } u(x) \cdot \text{grad } v(x) \, dx = 0 \quad \forall v \in C_{\text{pw},0}^1(\bar{\Omega}). \quad (5.2.2.29)$$



Idea:

- Iterate: $u^{(0)} \rightarrow u^{(1)} \rightarrow u^{(2)} \rightarrow \dots$
- To compute $u^{(n)}$: replace $u \leftarrow u^{(n-1)}$ until **linear** V.P.

▷ 1-point iteration:

Linearizing fixed-point iteration for (5.3.2.1)

Given $u^{(k)}$ compute $u^{(k+1)}$ as solution of the **linear** variational equation

$$u^{(k+1)} \in \hat{V} \subset H^1(\Omega): \\ \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}(x, \text{grad } u^{(k)}(x)) \text{grad } u^{(k+1)}(x) \cdot \text{grad } v(x) + c(u^{(k)}(x))u^{(k+1)}(x)v(x) \, dx \\ = \int_{\Omega} f(x)v(x) \, dx \quad \forall v \in V_0 \subset H^1(\Omega). \quad (5.3.2.3)$$

5.3.2.2. Newton's Method

Recall: Newton's Method in $\mathbb{R}^N$ for $F(\underline{x}) = 0$

Idea: **Local linearization** & iteration

$$F(\underline{x}^{(k+1)}) \approx F(\underline{x}^{(k)}) + DF(\underline{x}^{(k)})(\underline{x}^{(k+1)} - \underline{x}^{(k)}) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$\Rightarrow$ Newton iteration:

$$\begin{cases} DF(\underline{x}^{(k)}) \underline{w} = -F(\underline{x}^{(k)}) \\ \underline{x}^{(k+1)} = \underline{x}^{(k)} + \underline{w} \end{cases}, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$$

How to adapt this idea to

$$u \in \hat{V} := u_0 + V_0: a(u; v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0, \quad ? \quad (5.2.2.21)$$

Linearization:

$$a(u^{(k+1)}; v) = a(u^{(k)}; v) + D_u a(u^{(k)}; v)(u^{(k+1)} - u^{(k)}) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0$$

What is $D_u a(u, v)w$? Jacobian of $a(\cdot, \cdot)$?

Hint: For $F: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$

$$DF(\underline{x}) \underline{h} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(\underline{x} + t\underline{h}) - F(\underline{x})}{t} \quad \forall \underline{h} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

$\hat{=}$ a **directional derivative**



$$D_u a(u; v)w := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{a(u + tw; v) - a(u; v)}{t}$$

$\hookrightarrow$ still linear in $v \in V_0$

As d.d: Also **linear** in $w \in V_0$

$\Rightarrow (w, v) \mapsto D_u a(u; v)w$ is a **bilinear form** on V_0

$\triangleright$ Newton iteration for (5.2.2.21):

$$\begin{cases} w \in V_0: D_u a(u^{(k)}; v)w = -a(u^{(k)}; v) \quad \forall v \in V_0, \\ u^{(k+1)} = u^{(k)} + w \end{cases} \quad (5.3.2.9)$$

(5.3.2.9) $\hat{=}$ **linear variational problem**

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Ex. 5.3.2.10 ($D_u a(\cdot; \cdot)$ for semi-linear V.P.)

$$a(u; v) := \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \kappa(x) \mathbf{grad} u \cdot \mathbf{grad} v \, dx}_{=: b(u; v)} + \underbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega} \Psi(u) v \, dS}_{=: c(u; v)}, \quad u, v \in X \subset H^1(\Omega). \quad (5.3.2.11)$$

→ Ex. 1.8.0.6 & Ex. 5.2.2.32

Obvious: $D_u a(u; v)w = D_u b(u; v)w + D_u c(u; v)w$ (i) Easy: b *bilinear*: $D_u b(u; v)w = b(w, v)$!(ii) $c(u; v) := \int_{\partial\Omega} \Psi(u) v \, dS, \quad u, v \in X.$

$$\blacktriangleright c(u + tw; v) - c(u; v) = \int_{\partial\Omega} (\Psi(u + tw) - \Psi(u)) v \, dS, \quad u, v \in X.$$

Tool: Taylor expansion

$$c(u + tw; v) - c(u; v) = \int_{\partial\Omega} t \Psi'(u) w v \, dS + O(t^2).$$

$$\blacktriangleright D_u c(u; v)w = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{c(u + tw; v) - c(u; v)}{t} = \int_{\partial\Omega} \Psi'(u) w v \, dS.$$

 $\Leftrightarrow$ Sect. 5.2.2 (Derivation of variational equations)!

5.3.3 Galerkin Discretization of Linearized Variational Equations

Benefit of "iterations in function space":

Step-dependent (adaptive) choice of Galerkin trial/test spaces.

For iterative methods in function space different Galerkin trial/test spaces can be chosen differently in every step.

§ 5.3.3.2 (Galerkin discretization for fixed-point method)

 $u^{(k+1)} \in \hat{V} \subset H^1(\Omega):$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}(x, \mathbf{grad} u^{(k)}(x)) \mathbf{grad} u^{(k+1)}(x) \cdot \mathbf{grad} v(x) + c(u^{(k)}(x)) u^{(k+1)}(x) v(x) \, dx \\ = \int_{\Omega} f(x) v(x) \, dx \quad \forall v \in V_0 \subset H^1(\Omega). \end{aligned} \quad (5.3.2.3)$$

Discrete Galerkin trial equations

Discrete test space $V_{0,h}^{(k)} := S_p^0(\mathcal{M}^{(k)})$

(Lagrange FE space)

Discrete trial space $V_h^{(k)} := \mathcal{M}_{0,h}^{(k)} + V_{0,h}^{(k)}$ ↑
offset function

⑥ Choose bases $\mathcal{B}_h^{(k)} := \{b_k^1, \dots, b_k^{N_k}\}$ of $V_{0,h}^{(k)}$,
 $N_k := \dim V_{0,h}^{(k)}$

▷ Iterates $\vec{\mu}^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k}$ from

(5.3.3.4)

with

$$u_h^{(k)} = u_{0,h}^{(k)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_k} (\vec{\mu}^{(k)})_{\ell} b_k^{\ell}, \quad u_h^{(k-1)} = u_{0,h}^{(k-1)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_{k-1}} (\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)})_{\ell} b_{k-1}^{\ell},$$

$$\mathbf{M}(\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)}) := \begin{bmatrix} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}(x, \mathbf{grad} u_h^{(k-1)}(x)) \mathbf{grad} b_k^j(x) \cdot \mathbf{grad} b_k^i(x) + c(u_h^{(k-1)}) b_k^j(x) b_k^i(x) dx \end{bmatrix}_{i,j=1}^{N_k} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k \times N_k},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varphi}(\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)}) := \begin{bmatrix} \int_{\Omega} f(x) b_k^i(x) dx - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{A}(x, \mathbf{grad} u_h^{(k-1)}(x)) \mathbf{grad} u_{0,h}^{(k)}(x) \cdot \mathbf{grad} b_k^i(x) + c(u_h^{(k-1)}) u_{0,h}^{(k)}(x) b_k^i(x) dx \end{bmatrix}_{i=1}^{N_k} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k}.$$

§ 5.3.3.5 (Galerkin discretization for Newton's method)

V.P.:

$$u \in \hat{V} := u_0 + V_0: a(u; v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0, \quad (5.2.2.21)$$

▷ Newton iteration for (5.2.2.21):

$$\begin{cases} w \in V_0: D_u a(u^{(k)}; v) w = -a(u^{(k)}; v) \quad \forall v \in V_0, \\ u^{(k+1)} = u^{(k)} + w \end{cases} \quad (5.3.2.9)$$

Galerkin test space: $V_{0,h}^{(k)} \subset V_0$
 Galerkin trial space: $\hat{V}_h^{(k)} := u_{0,h}^{(k)} + V_{0,h}^{(k)}$

▷ Discrete linear variational equation for Newton update

$$w_h \in V_{0,h}^{(k)}: D_u a(u_h^{(k-1)}; v_h) w_h = -a(u_h^{(k-1)}; v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_{0,h}^{(k)}, \quad (5.3.3.6)$$

+ Computation of next iterate $\rightarrow$ projection/interpolation

$$u_h^{(k)} := P_h^{(k)}(u_h^{(k-1)} + w_h). \quad [u_h^{(k-1)} + w_h \notin \hat{V}_h^{(k)} \text{ possible}]$$

⑦ Choose bases $\mathcal{B}_n^{(k)} := \{b_k^1, \dots, b_k^{N_k}\}$ of $V_{0,h}^{(k)}$,
 $N_k := \dim V_{0,h}^{(k)}$

$\Rightarrow$ Newton updates $\vec{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k}$

$$\text{LSE : } \mathbf{M}(\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)}) \vec{\omega} = \vec{\varphi}(\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)}), \quad (5.3.3.7)$$

with

$$w_h = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_k} (\vec{\omega})_{\ell} b_k^{\ell}, \quad u_h^{(k-1)} = u_{0,h}^{(k-1)} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_{k-1}} (\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)})_{\ell} b_{k-1}^{\ell},$$

$$\mathbf{M}(\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)}) := [D_u a(u_h^{(k-1)}; b_k^i) b_k^j]_{i,j=1}^{N_k} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k, N_k}, \quad \vec{\varphi}(\vec{\mu}^{(k-1)}) := [-a(u_h^{(k-1)}; b_k^i)]_{i=1}^{N_k} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k}.$$

$\Rightarrow$ Next iterate $\nu^{(k)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_k}$

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^{N_k} (\vec{\mu}^{(k)})_{\ell} b_k^{\ell} = \mathbf{P}_h^{(k)}(u_h^{(k-1)} + w_h) - u_{0,h}^{(k)}. \quad (5.3.3.8)$$

Answer Review Questions 5.3.3.10 without aids!