

Hilbert space approach to PDEs of Friedrichs type

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$(L, \langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle_L)$ complex Hilbert space ($L' \equiv L$), $\| \cdot \|_L := \sqrt{\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle_L}$
 $\mathcal{D} \subseteq L$ dense subspace

Definition

Let $T, \tilde{T} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow L$. The pair (T, \tilde{T}) is called a **joint pair of abstract Friedrichs operators** if the following holds:

$$(T1) \quad (\forall \phi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}) \quad \langle T\phi | \psi \rangle_L = \langle \phi | \tilde{T}\psi \rangle_L;$$

$$(T2) \quad (\exists c > 0)(\forall \phi \in \mathcal{D}) \quad \|(T + \tilde{T})\phi\|_L \leq c\|\phi\|_L;$$

$$(T3) \quad (\exists \mu_0 > 0)(\forall \phi \in \mathcal{D}) \quad \langle (T + \tilde{T})\phi | \phi \rangle_L \geq \mu_0\|\phi\|_L^2.$$

Example 1 (Classical Friedrichs operators)

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ open and bounded with Lipschitz boundary

$$L := L^2(\Omega)^r, \mathcal{D} := C_c^\infty(\Omega)^r$$

Let $\mathbf{A}_k \in W^{1,\infty}(\Omega; M_{r \times r})$, $k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, and $\mathbf{C} \in L^\infty(\Omega; M_{r \times r})$ satisfy (a.e. on Ω):

$$(F1) \quad \mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{A}_k^*;$$

$$(F2) \quad (\exists \mu_0 > 0) \quad \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{C}^* + \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k \mathbf{A}_k \geq \mu_0 \mathbf{I}.$$

Define $T, \tilde{T} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow L$ by

$$T\mathbf{u} := \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k (\mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\tilde{T}\mathbf{u} := - \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k (\mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{u}) + \left(\mathbf{C}^* + \sum_{k=1}^d \partial_k \mathbf{A}_k \right) \mathbf{u}$$

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$$(V2) \quad V = D(\tilde{V})^0, \quad \tilde{V} = D(V)^0.$$

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$L = L^2(\Omega)^{d+1}$, $W = L^2_{\operatorname{div}}(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega)$

- $V = L^2_{\operatorname{div}}(\Omega) \times H^1_0(\Omega) \dots$ Dirichlet boundary condition ($u = 0$ on Γ)
- $V = L^2_{\operatorname{div},0}(\Omega) \times H^1(\Omega) \dots$ Neumann boundary condition ($\mathbf{p} \cdot \nu = \nabla u \cdot \nu = 0$ on Γ)

$$(P) \quad \begin{cases} u'(t) + T_1 u(t) = f \\ u(0) = u_0 \end{cases},$$

where $u : [0, \tau] \rightarrow L$, for $\tau > 0$, is the unknown function, while the right-hand side $f : \langle 0, \tau \rangle \rightarrow L$ (or $f : \langle 0, \tau \rangle \times L \rightarrow L$ in the semi-linear case), the initial data $u_0 \in L$ and the abstract Friedrichs operator T_1 (an extension of T as before), not depending on the time variable t , are given.

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$$u(t) = S(t)u_0 + \int_0^t S(t-s)f(s)ds, \quad t \in [0, \tau],$$

where $(S(t))_{t \geq 0}$ is a contraction C_0 -semigroup generated by $-T_1|_V$.

- b) If additionally $u_0 \in V$ and $f \in W^{1,1}(\langle 0, \tau \rangle; L) \cup (C([0, \tau]; L) \cap L(\langle 0, \tau \rangle; V))$, with V equipped by the graph norm, then the above weak solution is the classical solution of (P) on $[0, \tau]$.
- c) If $f : [0, \tau] \times L \rightarrow L$ is continuous and locally Lipschitz in the last variable, with Lipschitz constant not depending on the first variable, then for every $u_0 \in L$ there exists τ_{max} , such that the semi-linear problem (P) has unique mild solution $u \in C([0, \tau_{max}]; L)$.

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$$\text{condition (V2)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} W_0 \subseteq V \subseteq W, \quad W_0 \subseteq \tilde{V} \subseteq W \\ V \text{ and } \tilde{V} \text{ closed in } W \\ (\tilde{T}^*|_V)^* = T^*|_{\tilde{V}} \\ (T^*|_{\tilde{V}})^* = \tilde{T}^*|_V. \end{cases}$$

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Let (T, \tilde{T}) be a joint pair of closed abstract Friedrichs operators on the Hilbert space L .

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$$W_0 + \ker T^* \subseteq \operatorname{dom} T_r \quad \text{and} \quad W_0 + \ker \tilde{T}^* \subseteq \operatorname{dom} T_r^* .$$

- (ii) *If both $\ker \tilde{T}^* \neq \{0\}$ and $\ker T^* \neq \{0\}$, then the pair (T, \tilde{T}) admits uncountably many adjoint pairs of bijective realisations with signed boundary map. On the other hand, if either $\ker \tilde{T}^* = \{0\}$ or $\ker T^* = \{0\}$, then there is exactly one adjoint pair of bijective realisations with signed boundary map relative to (T, \tilde{T}) . Such a pair is precisely (\tilde{T}^*, \tilde{T}) when $\ker \tilde{T}^* = \{0\}$, and (T, T^*) when $\ker T^* = \{0\}$.*

$$A_0 \subseteq (A'_0)^* =: A_1 \quad \text{and} \quad A'_0 \subseteq (A_0)^* =: A'_1$$

(A_r, A_r^*) are closed, satisfy $A_0 \subseteq A_r \subseteq A_1$, equivalently $A'_0 \subseteq A_r^* \subseteq A'_1$, and are invertible with everywhere defined bounded inverses A_r^{-1} and $(A_r^*)^{-1}$

$$\text{dom } A_1 = \text{dom } A_r \dot{+} \ker A_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{dom } A'_1 = \text{dom } A_r^* \dot{+} \ker A'_1$$

$$p_r = A_r^{-1} A_1, \quad p_{r'} = (A_r^*)^{-1} A'_1,$$

$$p_k = \mathbf{1} - p_r, \quad p_{k'} = \mathbf{1} - p_{r'},$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (A, A^*) \\ A_0 \subseteq A \subseteq A_1 \\ A'_0 \subseteq A^* \subseteq A'_1 \end{array} \right\} \longleftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (B, B^*) \\ \mathcal{V} \subseteq \ker A_1 \text{ closed} \\ \mathcal{W} \subseteq \ker A'_1 \text{ closed} \\ B : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W} \text{ densely defined} \end{array} \right.$$

$$B \mapsto A_B : \text{dom } A_B = \left\{ u \in \text{dom } A_1 : p_k u \in \text{dom } B, P_{\mathcal{W}}(A_1 u) = B(p_k u) \right\},$$

$$A \mapsto B_A : \text{dom } B_A = p_k \text{dom } A, \quad \mathcal{V} = \overline{\text{dom } B_A}, \quad B_A(p_k u) = P_{\mathcal{W}}(A_1 u),$$

where $P_{\mathcal{W}}$ is the orthogonal projections from L onto \mathcal{W} .

Important: A is injective, resp. surjective, resp. bijective, if and only if so is B .

When A_B corresponds to B as above, then

$$\text{dom } A_B = \left\{ w_0 + (A_r)^{-1}(B\nu + \nu') + \nu \left| \begin{array}{l} w_0 \in \text{dom } A_0 \\ \nu \in \text{dom } B \\ \nu' \in \ker A'_1 \ominus \mathcal{W} \end{array} \right. \right\},$$

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We shall apply this theory on a joint pair of closed abstract Friedrichs systems.

For simplicity here we use the notation of Grubb's universal classification.

(A_0, A'_0) a joint pair of closed abstract Friedrichs operators, $A_1 := (A'_0)^*$, $A'_1 := A_0^*$, and let (A_r, A_r^*) be an adjoint pair of bijective realisations with signed boundary map relative to (A_0, A'_0) .

(A_B, A_B^*) a generic pair of closed extensions $A_0 \subseteq A_B \subseteq A_1$.

- $$(1) \quad \begin{array}{l} (\forall \nu \in \text{dom } B) \\ (\forall \nu' \in \ker A'_1 \ominus \mathcal{W}) \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \nu \mid A'_1 \nu \rangle_L - 2 \Re \langle p_{k'} \nu \mid B \nu \rangle_L \leq 0 \\ \langle p_{k'} \nu \mid \nu' \rangle_L = 0 \end{array} \right.$$
- $$(2) \quad \begin{array}{l} (\forall \mu' \in \text{dom } B^*) \\ (\forall \mu \in \ker A_1 \ominus \mathcal{V}) \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle A_1 \mu' \mid \mu' \rangle_L - 2 \Re \langle B^* \mu' \mid p_k \mu' \rangle_L \leq 0 \\ \langle \mu \mid p_k \mu' \rangle_L = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

Theorem

Any of the following three facts,

- (a) conditions (1) and (2) hold true, or
- (b) condition (1) holds true and $B : \text{dom } B \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ is a bijection, or
- (c) condition (2) holds true and $B^* : \text{dom } B^* \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$ is a bijection,

is sufficient for (A_B, A_B^*) to be another adjoint pair of bijective realisations with signed boundary map relative to (A_0, A_0') .

Assume further that $\text{dom } A_r = \text{dom } A_r^*$. Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (a) (A_B, A_B^*) is another adjoint pair of bijective realisations with signed boundary map relative to (A_0, A_0') ;
- (b) the mirror conditions (1) and (2) are satisfied.

Example 4 (Equation on an interval) 1/2

$$L := L^2(0, 1), \mathcal{D} := C_c^\infty(0, 1) \\ T, \tilde{T} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow L,$$

$$T\phi := \frac{d}{dx}\phi + \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{T}\phi := -\frac{d}{dx}\phi + \phi.$$

We have

$$\text{dom } \bar{T} = \text{dom } \tilde{\tilde{T}} = H_0^1(0, 1) =: W_0 \\ \text{dom } T^* = \text{dom } \tilde{\tilde{T}}^* = H^1(0, 1) =: W,$$

Define

$$A_0 := \bar{T}, \quad A'_0 := \tilde{\tilde{T}}, \quad A_1 := \tilde{\tilde{T}}^*, \quad A'_1 := T^*.$$

As ${}_{W'}\langle Du, v \rangle_W = u(1)\overline{v(1)} - u(0)\overline{v(0)}$, for

$$V := \tilde{V} := \{u \in H^1(0, 1) : u(0) = u(1)\}$$

we have that $A_r := A_1|_V$, $A_r^* = A'_1|_V$ for an adjoint pair of bijective realisations with signed boundary map.

$\ker A_1 = \text{span}\{e^{-x}\}$ and $\ker A'_1 = \text{span}\{e^x\}$, so

$$p_k u = -\frac{u(1) - u(0)}{1 - e^{-1}} e^{-x}, \quad p_{k'} u = \frac{u(1) - u(0)}{e - 1} e^x.$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \ker A_1, \mathcal{W} = \ker A'_1, B_{\alpha,\beta} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W},$$

$$B_{\alpha,\beta}e^{-x} = (\alpha + i\beta)e^x$$

where $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$.

(1) simplifies to check

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle e^{-x} | A'_1 e^{-x} \rangle_L - 2\Re \langle p_{k'} e^{-x} | B_{\alpha,\beta} e^{-x} \rangle_L \leq 0 \\ \iff & \alpha \leq -e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\{(A_{\alpha,\beta}, A_{\alpha,\beta}^*) : \alpha \leq -e^{-1}, \beta \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{(A_r, A_r^*)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom } A_{\alpha,\beta}^{(*)} &= \left\{ u \in H^1(0, 1) : \left(2e^{-1} - (+)\alpha(1+e) - i\beta(1+e) \right) u(1) \right. \\ & \quad \left. = \left(2 + \alpha(1+e) - (+)i\beta(1+e) \right) u(0) \right\} \end{aligned}$$