

Friedrichs systems in a Hilbert space framework: solvability and multiplicity

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

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Assumptions:

$d, r \in \mathbb{N}$, $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ open and bounded with Lipschitz boundary;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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To **solve** $Tu = f$ for $f \in L$.



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Shortcomings:

- no satisfactory well-posedness result,
- no intrinsic (unique) way to pose boundary conditions.



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

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In the rest we work with closed T and \tilde{T} .

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- (i) *There exists an adjoint pair of bijective realisations with signed boundary map relative to (T, \tilde{T}) . Moreover, there is an adjoint pair (T_r, T_r^*) of bijective realisations with signed boundary map relative to (T, \tilde{T}) such that*

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

- (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 $\ker T^* = \{0\}$.*

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

(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 $(A_r^*)^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dom } A_1 &= \text{dom } A_r \dot{+} \ker A_1 & \text{and} & & \text{dom } A'_1 &= \text{dom } A_r^* \dot{+} \ker A'_1 \\ p_r &= A_r^{-1} A_1, & p_{r'} &= (A_r^*)^{-1} A'_1, \\ p_k &= \mathbb{1} - p_r, & p_{k'} &= \mathbb{1} - p_{r'}, \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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.

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

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

Theorem (Antonić, E., Michelangeli, 2017)

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 3 (First order ode 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

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

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

Define

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) simplifies to check

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

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

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

...thank you for your attention :)



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