

# Functionalanalytic tools and linear equations

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All vector spaces  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \dots$  are real vector spaces with null vector  $\theta$

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a real vector space.

*A mapping  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}} = \|\cdot\| : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a norm iff  $\|\cdot\|$  is definite, homogeneous and satisfies the triangle inequality*

Let  $(\mathcal{X}, \|\cdot\|)$  be normed space.

- Open balls  $B_r(x)$  and closed balls  $\bar{B}_r(x)$  are convex sets.
- $\mathcal{X}$  is a Banach space or complete iff every Cauchy sequence converges in  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- $\mathcal{X}^* := \{\lambda : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \lambda \text{ linear and continuous}\}$  is the dual space.
- $\|\lambda\|_{\mathcal{X}^*} := \sup\{|\langle \lambda, x \rangle| : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  defines a norm in  $\mathcal{X}^*$ .
- $(\mathcal{X}^*, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}^*})$  is a Banach space.
- $\mathcal{X} \neq \{\theta\}$  iff  $\mathcal{X}^* \neq \{\theta\}$  (Theorem of Hahn-Banach).
- Examples:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^d, C[a, b], C^m(\Omega)$  if  $\Omega$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d, \dots$  (all endowed with the usual norms).
- The functionals  $\lambda \in \mathcal{X}^* \setminus \{\theta\}$  define hyperplanes  $H_{\lambda, a}$  as follows:

$$H_{\lambda, a} := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : \langle \lambda, x \rangle = a\}, a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- The functionals  $\lambda \in \mathcal{X}^* \setminus \{\theta\}$  define half spaces as follows:

$$H_{\lambda, a}^+ := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : \langle \lambda, x \rangle \geq a\}, H_{\lambda, a}^- := \{x \in \mathcal{X} : \langle \lambda, x \rangle \leq a\}, a \in \mathbb{R}.$$

# Hilbert spaces

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real vector space.

*A mapping  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle : \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an inner product iff  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  is a definite, symmetric bilinear form.*

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be real vector space endowed with the inner product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$ .

- The mapping  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{H}} := \|x\| := \sqrt{\langle x | x \rangle}, x \in \mathcal{H}$ , defines a norm in  $\mathcal{H}$  (associated to the inner product).
- If  $(\mathcal{H}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}})$  is a Banach space then  $\mathcal{H}$  is called a Hilbert space.
- We have the parallelogram identity:

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2\|x\|^2 + 2\|y\|^2, x, y \in \mathcal{H}.$$

- Examples:  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R}^1, \mathbb{R}^d$  endowed with the  $l_2$ -inner product:

$$\langle x, y \rangle := \sum_{i=1}^d x_i y_i.$$

- Example:  $C^m(\Omega)$  where  $\Omega$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  endowed with the inner product

$$\langle x, y \rangle := \int_{\Omega} x(\xi) y(\xi) d\xi.$$

But this space is no Hilbert spaces since it is not complete.

# Geometrical properties of Banach and Hilbert spaces

There are serious differences between Banach and Hilbert spaces, mainly from the geometrical point of view.

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$  and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot | \cdot \rangle$  and associated norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

- $\mathcal{X}$  is a Hilbert space iff the parallelogram identity holds.
- In  $\mathcal{H}$  we have an orthogonality relation:

$$x, y \text{ are called orthogonal iff } \langle x | y \rangle = 0.$$

- As a consequence of orthogonality: In  $\mathcal{H}$  we have the pythagorean law:

$$\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2 = \|x + y\|^2 \text{ if } x, y \text{ are orthogonal.}$$

- In  $\mathcal{H}$  we have the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$|\langle x | y \rangle| \leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{H}} \|y\|_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{H}.$$

As a consequence: We have an angle between vectors and subspaces.

- In the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  the balls are „round“, i.e. each hyperplane touches a ball  $\overline{B}_r(x)$  just in one point.
- One has the Theorem of Riesz: There is an isometry  $R_{\mathcal{H}}$  from  $\mathcal{H}^*$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$  which has the property: for all  $\lambda \in \mathcal{H}^*$  there exists a uniquely determined  $y = R_{\mathcal{H}}(\lambda) \in \mathcal{H}$  with

$$\langle \lambda, x \rangle = \langle y | x \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

# Reflexivity

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}^*$  is Banach space too and we may consider the dual space  $\mathcal{X}^{**} := (\mathcal{X}^*)^*$  of  $\mathcal{X}^*$ . We know already elements of  $\mathcal{X}^{**}$  namely the functionals  $\mu_x, x \in \mathcal{X}$ :

$$\langle \mu_x, \lambda \rangle = \langle \lambda, x \rangle, \lambda \in \mathcal{X}^*.$$

This defines a mapping  $J_{\mathcal{X}} : \mathcal{X} \ni x \mapsto \mu_x \in \mathcal{X}^{**}$ .

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space.  $\mathcal{X}$  is called reflexive iff the mapping  $J_{\mathcal{X}}$  is bijective.

Actually, if  $\mathcal{X}$  is reflexive then  $J_{\mathcal{X}}$  is an isometry.

## Fact

Every Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$  is reflexive.

This follows from the existence of the Riesz-mapping and the fact that  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}^*, \mathcal{H}^{**}$  are again Hilbert spaces. Since a necessary condition for reflexivity is the completeness of a normed space (why?) we know already non-reflexive spaces.

## Examples

$l_p, L_p(\Omega), 1 < p < \infty$ , are reflexive Banach spaces.  $l_1, l_p, L_1(\Omega), L_{\infty}(\Omega)$  are not reflexive.

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space.  $\mathcal{X}$  is called separable if there exists a countable dense subset  $M$  of  $\mathcal{X}$ , i.e. its closure  $\overline{M}$  satisfies  $\overline{M} = \mathcal{X}$ .

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a Banach space. A sequence  $(x^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges weakly to  $x$  iff  $\lim_n \langle \lambda, x^n - x \rangle = 0$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathcal{X}^*$ .

## Fact (Alaoglu-Banach)

The ball  $\overline{B}_1(\theta)$  in a reflexive separable Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  is weakly sequentially compact, i.e. each sequence  $(x^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in the ball  $\overline{B}_1(\theta)$  has a weakly convergent subsequence.

The fact above is a very powerful tool. In combination with the facts

- Every closed convex subset of a Banach space is weakly closed
- The norm in a Banach space is sequentially weakly lower semicontinuous

one gets very general existence theorems for optimization problems.

## Theorem (Zarantonello)

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space and let  $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^*$  be a mapping which satisfies

- $A$  is Lipschitz-continuous with Lipschitz-constant  $L$ , i.e.  
$$\|A(u) - A(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}^*} \leq L\|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{H},$$
- $A$  is strong monotone, i.e.  
$$\langle A(u) - A(v) | u - v \rangle \geq c\|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{H}, \quad \text{with } c > 0.$$

Then  $A$  is bijective.

### Proof:

$A$  is bijective iff  $Au = \lambda$  is uniquely solvable for all  $\lambda \in \mathcal{H}^*$ .

Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{H}^*$ . Then  $Au = \lambda$  is equivalent to

$$R_{\mathcal{H}} \circ A(u) = R_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \lambda.$$

$R_{\mathcal{H}}$  Riesz-isometry from  $\mathcal{H}^*$  onto  $\mathcal{H}$ .



# Lax Milgram Lemma-1

$A' := R_{\mathcal{H}} \circ A, y := R_{\mathcal{H}} \circ \lambda$ . Then  $A' : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  and  $A'(u) = y$  is equivalent to the fixed point equation

$$F_k(u) = u \text{ where } F_k(u) := u + k(y - A'(u)), u \in \mathcal{H}.$$

with  $k \in (0, 2cL^{-1})$ . Then  $F_k$  is a contraction since for  $u, v \in \mathcal{H}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|F_k(u) - F_k(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 &= \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 - 2k\langle A'(u) - A'(v) | u - v \rangle \\ &\quad + k^2 \|A'(u) - A'(v)\|_{\mathcal{H}^*}^2 \\ &\leq \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 - 2kc\|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 + k^2L\|u - v\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \\ &= (1 + k(kL^2 - 2c))\|u - v\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the equation  $A'(u) = y$  has a uniquely determined solution for each  $y \in \mathcal{H}$ .

Actually,  $A, A^{-1}$  are continuous.

*Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a real reflexive Banach space and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real Hilbert space. The (usual) notation for a Gelfand triple is:*

$$\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$$

This notation stands for the following construction.

Assumptions:

- (1) Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a real reflexive Banach space and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a real Hilbert space.
- (2)  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $\iota : \mathcal{V} \ni x \mapsto x \in \mathcal{H}$  is continuous.
- (3)  $\text{ran}(\iota)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H}$  in the  $\mathcal{H}$ -norm-topology
- (4)  $\mathcal{H}$  is identified with its dual space  $\mathcal{H}^*$  (via the Riesz Theorem)

## Fact

- (1)  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{V}^*$  and  $\iota^* : \mathcal{H} \ni x \mapsto x \in \mathcal{V}^*$  is continuous.
- (2)  $\text{ran}(\iota^*)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{V}^*$  in the  $\mathcal{V}^*$ -norm-topology

Ad (1):  $\langle i^*(h), v \rangle := \langle h|v \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}$

Ad (2): Follows from the denseness of  $\mathcal{V}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ .

Continuity of  $\iota$ :

$$\|\iota(x)\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq c\|x\|_{\mathcal{V}}, x \in \mathcal{V}, c \geq 0.$$

Without loss of generality:  $c = 1$ . Then

$$\|x\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{H}} \leq \|x\|_{\mathcal{V}}, x \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Now the construction

$$\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \cong \mathcal{H}^* \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^* \text{ or } \mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$$

is complete.

## Examples

- $\mathcal{V} := \mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} := L_2(\Omega) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^* := H^{-1}(\Omega)$ . Here  $\mathcal{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  is the closure of  $C_0^1(\Omega)$  under the norm

$$\|f\|_{1,2} := \left( \int_{\Omega} |f(\xi)|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla f(\xi)|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where

$$C_0^1(\Omega) := \{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ continuously differentiable, } \text{supp}(f) \text{ compact}\}$$

- Let  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be a linear injective compact operator; see below. Then we have a singular value decomposition  $(\sigma_n, e^n, f^n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  where

$$\mathcal{V} := \left\{ x \in \mathcal{H} : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x | e^i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 \sigma_i^{-2} < \infty \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}^* := \left\{ x \in \mathcal{H} : \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x | e^i \rangle_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 \sigma_i^2 < \infty \right\}$$

Notice that  $\lim_i \sigma_i = 0$

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  be a Gelfand triple and let  $a : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bilinear mapping.

- $a$  is called  $\mathcal{V}$ -**continuous** iff

$$|a(u, v)| \leq \gamma_0 \|u\|_{\mathcal{V}} \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}}, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{V}.$$

- $a$  is called  $\mathcal{V}$ -**coervive** iff  $a(u, u) \geq \gamma_1 \|u\|_{\mathcal{V}}^2, u \in \mathcal{V}$ .

Here  $\gamma_0 \geq 0, \gamma_1 > 0$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  be a Gelfand triple and let  $a : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $\mathcal{V}$ -continuous and  $\mathcal{V}$ -coervive bilinear form. Then there exists a linear continuous mapping  $A : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  with

$$a(u, v) = \langle A(u), v \rangle, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{V}.$$

## Theorem (Lax-Milgram)

Let  $\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  be a Gelfand triple and let  $a : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $\mathcal{V}$ -continuous,  $\mathcal{V}$ -coercive bilinear form. Then there exists a linear continuous bijective mapping  $A : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  with

$$a(u, v) = \langle A(u), v \rangle, \quad u, v \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Moreover,

$$A^{-1} : \mathcal{V}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \text{ is continuous with } \|A^{-1}\| \leq \gamma_1^{-1}$$

and

$$D_A := \{u \in \mathcal{V} : A(u) \in \mathcal{H}\}$$

is dense in  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ .

# Linear equations

$A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ : Forward operator/Linear continuous operator

$\mathcal{X}$ : Solution space/Hilbert space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{X}}$ .

$\mathcal{Y}$ : Image space/Hilbert space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$ .

*Problem statement*

*Solve the equation  $Ax = y$*

- (1) Infinite-dimensional setting is necessary for applications
- (2) Usually,  $\text{ran}(A)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{Y}$  but not closed.
- (3) The unbounded operator  $A^{-1}$  describes the inverse problem

**Fact**

*If  $\text{ran}(A)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{Y}$  but not closed then  $A^{-1}$  is not continuous.*

# Compact operators

There is class of problems which can be considered as the generic case of an ill-posed problem, namely the solution of linear equations which are governed by compact operators.

## Definition

Let  $A : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be a linear operator between infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$ . Then  $A$  is called a **compact operator** if  $A$  maps the unit ball  $B_1(\theta)$  in  $\mathcal{X}$  into the subset  $A(B_1(\theta))$  of  $\mathcal{Y}$  whose closure is compact. □

As a rule, integral operators with a smooth kernel function and defined on functions of finite support are compact operators.

If  $A : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is the limit of a sequence of compact operators  $A_n : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  in the operator-topology then  $A$  is compact.



# Compact operators-1

For a compact operator one has a very powerful „normal form“, as we will see next; for the proof of this normal form we refer to the literature.

## Theorem (Singular value decomposition/SVD)

Let  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be an injective compact operator and assume that  $\mathcal{X}$  is infinite dimensional. Then there exist sequences  $(e^j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}, (f^j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}, (\sigma_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ , called a **singular system**, such that the following assertions hold:

- (a)  $e^j \in \mathcal{X}, f^j \in \mathcal{Y}$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (b)  $\sigma_j \in \mathbb{R}, 0 < \sigma_{j+1} < \sigma_j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}, \lim_j \sigma_j = 0$ ;
- (c)  $\langle e^j, e^k \rangle = 0, \langle f^j, f^k \rangle = 0$  for all  $j, k \in \mathbb{N}, j \neq k$ ;
- (d)  $Ae^j = \sigma_j f^j, A^* f^j = \sigma_j e^j$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (e)  $Ax = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_j \langle x, e^j \rangle f^j$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  
 $A^*y = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sigma_j \langle y, f^j \rangle e^j$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

*Control system (pde)*

$$y' = Ay + Bu(t), t \in (0, T), y(0) = y^0.$$

*$y \in \mathcal{Y}$  state,  $u(t) \in \mathcal{U}$  control action at time  $t$ ,  $y_0$  initial state and  $S(T, u)$  state at time  $T$  under the control action  $u$*

At least for parabolic systems we know:

$\text{ran}(S(T, \cdot))$  is dense in  $\mathcal{Y}$  but not closed

J.L. Lions 1986: Duality method to construct the space  $\text{ran}(S(T, \cdot))$  based on the injectivity of the adjoint  $S(T, \cdot)^*$ .

# The HUM-construction in $\mathcal{X}$

$A : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  linear, injective, continuous,  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  Hilbert spaces

- $\|\cdot\|_d : \mathcal{X} \ni x \longmapsto \|Ax\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{V}^*$  completion of  $\mathcal{X}$  in this norm
- $\mathcal{V}$  subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{V}^*$  is the space of continuous functionals on  $\mathcal{V}$
- $\mathcal{V} = \text{ran}(A^*)$
- $\mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^*$  (Gelfand triple)
  
- $\|\cdot\|_{dd} : \mathcal{X} \ni x \longmapsto \|A^*Ax\|_{\mathcal{X}} \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{U}^*$  completion of  $\mathcal{X}$  in this norm
- $\mathcal{U}$  subspace of  $\mathcal{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{U}^*$  is the space of continuous functionals on  $\mathcal{U}$
- $\mathcal{U} = \text{ran}(A^*A)$
- $\mathcal{U} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{V}^* \hookrightarrow \mathcal{U}^*$  (Gelfand triple)

## Fact

Let  $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{V} = \text{ran}(A^*)$
- (2)  $|\langle \hat{x} | x \rangle_{\mathcal{X}}| \leq \kappa \|Ax\|_{\mathcal{Y}}, x \in \mathcal{X}$ , for some  $\kappa \geq 0$ .

## Proof:

By construction, the elements of  $\mathcal{V}$  are the continuous functionals on  $\mathcal{V}^*$ , endowed with the norm  $x \mapsto \|Ax\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$ .

The fact above is used in exploiting the the Neumann-to-Dirichlet mapping which we consider later on. See for instance:



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# The HUM-construction in $\mathcal{Y}$

- $\|\cdot\|_r : \mathcal{Y} \ni y \mapsto \|A^*y\|_{\mathcal{X}} \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathcal{W}^*$  completion of  $\mathcal{Y}$  in this norm
- $\mathcal{W}$  subspace of  $\mathcal{Y}$  such that  $\mathcal{W}^*$  is the space of continuous functionals on  $\mathcal{W}$
- $\mathcal{W} = \text{ran}(A)$
- $\mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Y} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}^*$  (Gelfand triple)

Similar

$$\mathcal{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Y} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}^* \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Z}^*$$

The Gelfand triple  $\mathcal{W} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Y} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}^*$  is the construction of J.L. Lions transferred into an abstract setting

# The HUM-diagram

## Theorem

All the operators in the following diagram are isomorphisms when the subspaces  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{V}^*, \mathcal{U}^*, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{W}^*, \mathcal{Z}^*$  are endowed with the topologies introduced above.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} \mathcal{U} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{V} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{X} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{V}^* & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{U}^* \\ & & \swarrow A & & \swarrow A & & \swarrow A & & \swarrow A \\ \mathcal{Z} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{W} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{Y} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{W}^* & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{Z}^* \\ & & \swarrow A^* & & \swarrow A^* & & \swarrow A^* & & \swarrow A^* \\ \mathcal{U} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{V} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{X} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{V}^* & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{U}^* \end{array}$$

Notice that  $A$  is an extension or a restriction of the given  $A$  on several places.



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*Equation*

$$Ax = y$$

*Assumptions*

- A0)  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  Hilbert spaces
- A1)  $A : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  linear, continuous and injective
- A2)  $\text{ran}(A)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{Y}$  (but not closed in general)

*Consequences*

- A3)  $A^*$  is injective
- A4)  $\text{ran}(A^*)$  is dense in  $\mathcal{X}$



## Theorem

$$\sup\{\|x - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} : \|Ax - Ax^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \varepsilon, x, x^\dagger \in \mathcal{V}, \|x\|_{\mathcal{V}}, \|x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq E\} \\ \leq \sqrt{2}\sqrt{E\varepsilon}$$

## Proof:

$$\|A(x - x^\dagger)\|_{\mathcal{Y}} = \|x - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{V}^*}, \|x - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq \|x - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{V}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \|x - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{V}^*}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- Worst case error estimate:  $\varepsilon$  noise level
- Need of a-priori bounds  $\|x\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq E, \|x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq E$
- Importance of  $\mathcal{V}$ : space of a-priori knowledge
- Difference to the well-posed case:  $\sqrt{\varepsilon}$

Interpolation inequality: If  $v = A^*w, w \in \mathcal{Y}$ , then  $\|v\|_{\mathcal{V}} = \|w\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$ . Hence

$$\|v\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 = \langle v|v \rangle_{\mathcal{X}} = \langle Av|w \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \|Av\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \|w\|_{\mathcal{Y}} = \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}}.$$

# Method of Tikhonov

- $x^\dagger$  is the exact solution of  $Ax = y^\dagger$ .
- Noisy data:  $y^\varepsilon \in \mathcal{Y}$  with  $\|y^\dagger - y^\varepsilon\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \varepsilon$ .

## *Classical Method of Tikhonov*

$$\text{Minimize } \frac{1}{2}\|Ax - y^\varepsilon\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2}\|x\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2$$

- The existence of a minimizer is obvious.
- $\alpha > 0$  is a regularization parameter.
- Find a strategy  $\alpha = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  such that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} x^{\varepsilon, \alpha(\varepsilon)} = x^\dagger$ .
- Optimality equation:  $A^*Ax^{\varepsilon, \alpha} + \alpha x^{\varepsilon, \alpha} = A^*y^\varepsilon$

We present three convergence theorems, i.e. results for the fact

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} x^{\varepsilon, \alpha(\varepsilon)} = x^\dagger$$

where the parameter choice strategy  $\alpha = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  is specified in dependence on the source condition.

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence without source condition

## Theorem

*Suppose that the assumptions A0),A1),A2) hold and let the regularization parameter  $\alpha = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  be chosen as follows:*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \alpha(\varepsilon) = 0, \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\alpha(\varepsilon)} = 0.$$

*Then*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} x^{\varepsilon, \alpha(\varepsilon)} = x^\dagger$$

## **Proof:**

The necessary condition of optimality for the solution  $x^{\varepsilon, \alpha}$  is given by

$$A^* A x^{\varepsilon, \alpha} + \alpha x^{\varepsilon, \alpha} = A^* y^\varepsilon,$$

and we see that  $x^{\varepsilon, \alpha}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}$ .

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence without source condition-1

Since

$$A^*Ax^\dagger = A^*y^\dagger$$

holds we obtain for the error  $e^{\varepsilon,\alpha} := x^{\varepsilon,\alpha} - x^\dagger$

$$A^*Ae^{\varepsilon,\alpha} + \alpha e^{\varepsilon,\alpha} = -\alpha x^\dagger + A^*(y^\varepsilon - y^\dagger).$$

Let  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  with  $\|v\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq R$ . Then  $v = A^*w$  with  $\|w\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq R$ . We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ae^{\varepsilon,\alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \alpha\|e^{\varepsilon,\alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 &= \langle -\alpha(x^\dagger - A^*w) - \alpha A^*w, e^{\varepsilon,\alpha} \rangle_{\mathcal{X}} + \langle y^\varepsilon - y^\dagger, Ae^{\varepsilon,\alpha} \rangle_{\mathcal{Y}} \\ &\leq \alpha\|x^\dagger - A^*w\|_{\mathcal{X}}\|e^{\varepsilon,\alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}} + \alpha\|w\|_{\mathcal{Y}}\|Ae^{\varepsilon,\alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + \varepsilon\|Ae^{\varepsilon,\alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}. \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$\Delta_R := \inf\{\|x^\dagger - A^*w\|_{\mathcal{X}} \mid \|w\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq R\}.$$

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence without source condition-2

Taking the infimum with respect to  $w$  with  $\|w\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq R$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\|Ae^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \alpha\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 &\leq \alpha\Delta_R\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}} + \alpha R\|Ae^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + \varepsilon\|Ae^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \\ &\leq \alpha\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta_R^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2\right) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha R + \varepsilon)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|Ae^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 \\ &\leq \alpha\left(\frac{1}{2}\Delta_R^2 + \frac{1}{2}\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2\right) + (\alpha^2 R^2 + \varepsilon^2) + \frac{1}{2}\|Ae^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|Ae^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 \leq \alpha\left(\Delta_R^2 + 2\alpha R^2 + 2\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq \Delta_R^2 + 2\alpha R^2 + 2\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}$$

Now we apply the parameter choice strategy and the fact  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_R = 0$  due to the denseness of  $\mathcal{V} = \text{ran}(A^*)$  in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

One can see that the solution  $x^{\varepsilon, \alpha}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}$ . Therefore it is reasonable to consider a source condition in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence with source condition in $\mathcal{V}$

## Theorem

*Suppose that the assumptions A0),A1),A2) hold and that the source condition*

$$x^\dagger \in \mathcal{V}, \|x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq E \text{ for some } E > 0$$

*is satisfied. Let the regularization parameter  $\alpha = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  be chosen as follows:*

$$\alpha(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon E^{-1}, \varepsilon > 0.$$

*Then*

$$\|x^{\varepsilon, \alpha(\varepsilon)} - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq 2\sqrt{2}E^{\frac{1}{2}}\varepsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence with source condition in $\mathcal{V}$ -1

## Proof:

From the necessary condition we obtain

$$A^* A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha} + \alpha e^{\varepsilon, \alpha} = -\alpha A^* w^\dagger + A^* (y^\varepsilon - y^\dagger).$$

and

$$\|A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \alpha \|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} (\alpha \|w^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + \varepsilon)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2.$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \|A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}} &\leq \alpha \|w^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} + \varepsilon \leq \alpha E + \varepsilon, \\ \|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} &\leq \alpha \|w^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + \varepsilon \leq \alpha E + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

since the norm in  $\mathcal{V}^*$  is given as  $\|A \cdot\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$ .

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence with source condition in $\mathcal{V}$ -2

From

$$e^{\varepsilon, \alpha} = A^* \left( -w^\dagger + \frac{1}{\alpha} (y^\varepsilon - y^\dagger) \right) - \frac{1}{\alpha} A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}$$

we read off

$$\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq \|w^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{Y}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \|A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{Y}}$$

and we conclude

$$\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{V}} \leq 2 \left( E + \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} \right)$$

By the interpolation inequality we obtain

$$\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq \sqrt{2\alpha} \left( E + \frac{\varepsilon}{\alpha} \right)$$

If we choose

$$\alpha(\varepsilon) := \frac{\varepsilon}{E},$$

then we obtain finally

$$\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha(\delta)}\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{E}\varepsilon$$



# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence with source condition in $\mathcal{U}$

## Theorem

Suppose that the assumptions A0),A1),A2) hold and that the source condition

$$x^\dagger \in \mathcal{U}, \|x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq E \text{ for some } E > 0$$

is satisfied. Let the regularization parameter  $\alpha = \alpha(\varepsilon)$  be chosen as follows:

$$\alpha(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^{\frac{2}{3}} E^{-\frac{2}{3}}, \varepsilon > 0.$$

Then

$$\|x^{\varepsilon, \alpha(\varepsilon)} - x^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq 2E^{\frac{1}{3}} \varepsilon^{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

## Proof:

The proof is a little bit more tricky.

# Method of Tikhonov: Convergence with source condition in $\mathcal{U}$ -1

Let  $\alpha > 0$ . We have

$$A^* A e^{\varepsilon, \alpha} + \alpha e^{\varepsilon, \alpha} = -\alpha A^* A w^\dagger + A^*(y^\varepsilon - y^\dagger)$$

with  $\|w^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq E$ . Then  $e^{\varepsilon, \alpha} = e^1 + e^2$  where  $e^1, e^2$  solve

$$A^* A e^1 + \alpha e^1 = -\alpha A^* A w^\dagger, \quad A^* A e^2 + \alpha e^2 = A^*(y^\varepsilon - y^\dagger),$$

respectively. It is easy to see that

$$\|A e^1\|_{\mathcal{Y}} \leq \varepsilon, \quad \|e^1\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\alpha}}.$$

We have  $e^2 \in \mathcal{U}$  and since  $A^* A$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathcal{X}$  onto  $\mathcal{U}$  by construction we may consider  $e^2$  as a solution of

$$e^2 + \alpha(A^* A)^{-1} e^2 = -\alpha w^\dagger.$$

Since  $(A^* A)^{-1}$  is nonnegative we obtain the estimate

$$\|e^2\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq \alpha \|w^\dagger\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq \alpha E.$$

Therefore we have proved the estimate

$$\|e^{\varepsilon, \alpha}\|_{\mathcal{X}} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \alpha E$$

and the parameter choice strategy leads to the result.