

# 1 Appendix

**Definition (Closed Linear Operator)** (1) The graph  $G(T)$  of a linear operator  $T$  on the domain  $\mathcal{D}(T) \subset X$  into  $Y$  is the set  $\{(x, Tx) : x \in \mathcal{D}(T)\}$  in the product space  $X \times Y$ . Then  $T$  is closed if its graph  $G(T)$  is a closed linear subspace of  $X \times Y$ , i.e., if  $x_n \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  converges strongly to  $x \in X$  and  $Tx_n$  converges strongly to  $y \in Y$ , then  $x \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  and  $y = Tx$ . Thus the notion of a closed linear operator is an extension of the notion of a bounded linear operator.

(2) A linear operator  $T$  is said to be closable if  $x_n \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  converges strongly to 0 and  $Tx_n$  converges strongly to  $y \in Y$ , then  $y = 0$ .

For a closed linear operator  $T$ , the domain  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is a Banach space if it is equipped by the graph norm

$$|x|_{\mathcal{D}(T)} = (|x|_X^2 + |Tx|_Y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

**Example (Closed linear Operator)** Let  $T = \frac{d}{dt}$  with  $X = Y = L^2(0, 1)$  is closed and

$$\text{dom}(A) = H^1(0, 1) = \{f \in L^2(0, 1) : \text{absolutely continuous functions on } [0, 1] \text{ with square integrable derivative}\}.$$

If  $y_n = Tx_n$ , then

$$x_n(t) = x_n(0) + \int_0^t y_n(s) ds.$$

If  $x_n \in \text{dom}(T) \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $L^2(0, 1)$ , then letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t y(s) ds,$$

i.e.,  $x \in \text{dom}(T)$  and  $Tx = y$ .

In general if for  $\lambda I + T$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  has a bounded inverse  $(\lambda I + T)^{-1}$ , then  $T : \text{dom}(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  is closed. In fact,  $Tx_n = y_n$  is equivalent to

$$x_n = (\lambda I + T)^{-1}(y_n + \lambda x_n)$$

Suppose  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  in  $X$ , letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in this, we have  $x \in \text{dom}(T)$  and  $Tx = T(\lambda I + T)^{-1}(\lambda x + y) = y$ .

**Definition (Dual Operator)** Let  $T$  be a linear operator  $X$  into  $Y$  with dense domain  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ . The dual operator of  $T^*$  of  $T$  is a linear operator on  $Y^*$  into  $X^*$  defined by

$$\langle y^*, Tx \rangle_{Y^* \times Y} = \langle T^* y^*, x \rangle_{X^* \times X}$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  and  $y^* \in \mathcal{D}(T^*)$ .

In fact, for  $y^* \in Y^*$   $x^* \in X^*$  satisfying

$$\langle y^*, Tx \rangle = \langle x^*, x \rangle \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{D}(T)$$

is uniquely defined if and only if  $\mathcal{D}(T)$  is dense. The only if part follows since if  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(T)} \neq X$  then the Hahn-Banach theory there exists a nonzero  $x_0^* \in X^*$  such that  $\langle x_0^*, x \rangle = 0$  for all

$\mathcal{D}(T)$ , which contradicts to the uniqueness assumption. If  $T$  is bounded with  $\mathcal{D}(T) = X$  then  $T^*$  is bounded with  $\|T\| = \|T^*\|$ .

Examples Consider the gradient operator  $T : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)^n$  as

$$Tu = \nabla u = (D_{x_1}u, \dots, D_{x_n}u)$$

with  $\mathcal{D}(T) = H^1(\Omega)$ . Then, we have for  $v \in L^2(\Omega)^n$

$$T^*v = -\operatorname{div} v = -\sum D_{x_k}v_k$$

with domain  $\mathcal{D}(T^*) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega)^n : \operatorname{div} v \in L^2(\Omega) \text{ and } n \cdot v = 0 \text{ at the boundary } \partial\Omega\}$ . In fact by the divergence theorem

$$(Tu, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot v \int_{\partial\Omega} (n \cdot v)u \, ds - \int_{\Omega} u(\operatorname{div} v) \, dx = (u, T^*v)$$

for all  $v \in C^1(\Omega)$ . First, let  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  we have  $T^*v = -\operatorname{div} v \in L^2(\Omega)$  since  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  is dense in  $L^2(\Omega)$ . Thus,  $n \cdot v \in L^2(\partial\Omega)$  and  $n \cdot v = 0$ .

**Definition (Hilbert space Adjoint operator)** Let  $X, Y$  be Hilbert spaces and  $T$  be a linear operator  $X$  into  $Y$  with dense domain  $\mathcal{D}(T)$ . The Hilbert self adjoint operator of  $T^*$  of  $T$  is a linear operator on  $Y$  into  $X$  defined by

$$(y, Tx)_Y = (T^*y, x)_X$$

for all  $x \in \mathcal{D}(T)$  and  $y \in \mathcal{D}(T^*)$ . Note that if we let  $T' : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is the dual operator of  $T$ , then

$$T^*R_{Y^* \rightarrow Y} = R_{X^* \rightarrow X}T'$$

where  $R_{X^* \rightarrow X}$  and  $R_{Y^* \rightarrow Y}$  are the Riesz maps.

Examples (self-adjoint operator) Let  $X = L^2(\Omega)$  and  $T$  be the Laplace operator

$$Tu = \Delta u = \sum_{k=1}^n D_{x_k x_k} u$$

with domain  $\mathcal{D}(T) = H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Then  $T$  is self-adjoint, i.e.,  $T^* = T$ . In fact

$$(Tu, v)_X = \int_{\Omega} \Delta u v \, dx = \int_{\partial\Omega} ((n \cdot \nabla u)v - (n \cdot \nabla v)u) \, ds + \int_{\Omega} \Delta v u \, dx = (x, T^*v)$$

for all  $v \in C^1(\Omega)$ .

Let us denote by  $F : X \rightarrow X^*$ , the duality mapping of  $X$ , i.e.,

$$F(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = |x|^2 = |x^*|^2\}.$$

By Hahn-Banach theorem,  $F(x)$  is non-empty. In general  $F$  is multi-valued. Therefore, when  $X$  is a Hilbert space,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  coincides with its inner product if  $X^*$  is identified with  $X$  and  $F(x) = x$ .

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space with scalar product  $(\phi, \psi)$  and  $X$  be a real, reflexive Banach space and  $X \subset H$  with continuous dense injection. Let  $X^*$  denote the strong dual space of  $X$ .  $H$  is identified with its dual so that  $X \subset H = H^* \subset X^*$ . The dual product  $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle$  on  $X \times X^*$  is the continuous extension of the scalar product of  $H$  restricted to  $X \times H$ .

**Theorem (Aligned Element)** Let  $X$  be a normed space. For each  $x_0 \in X$  there exists an  $f \in X^*$  such that

$$f(x_0) = |f|_{X^*} |x_0|_X.$$

Proof: Let  $S = \{\alpha x_0 : \alpha \in R\}$  and define  $f(\alpha x_0) = \alpha |x_0|_X$ . By Hahn-Banach theorem there exists an extension  $F \in X^*$  of  $f$  such that  $F(x) \leq |x|$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since

$$-F(x) = F(-x) \leq |-x| = |x|,$$

we have  $|F(x)| \leq |x|$ , in particular  $|F|_{X^*} \leq 1$ . On the other hand,  $F(x_0) = f(x_0) = |x_0|$ , thus  $|F|_{X^*} = 1$  and  $F(x_0) = f(x_0) = |F||x_0|$ .  $\square$

The following proposition contains some further important properties of the duality mapping  $F$ .

**Theorem (Duality Mapping)** (a)  $F(x)$  is a closed convex subset.

(b) If  $X^*$  is strictly convex (i.e., balls in  $X^*$  are strictly convex), then for any  $x \in X$ ,  $F(x)$  is single-valued. Moreover, the mapping  $x \rightarrow F(x)$  is demicontinuous, i.e., if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$ , then  $F(x_n)$  converges weakly star to  $F(x)$  in  $X^*$ .

(c) Assume  $X$  be uniformly convex (i.e., for each  $0 < \epsilon < 2$  there exists  $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that if  $|x| = |y| = 1$  and  $|x - y| > \epsilon$ , then  $|x + y| \leq 2(1 - \delta)$ ). If  $x_n$  converges weakly to  $x$  and  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n| \leq |x|$ , then  $x_n$  converges strongly to  $x$  in  $X$ .

(d) If  $X^*$  is uniformly convex, then the mapping  $x \rightarrow F(x)$  is uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $X$ .

Proof: (a) Closeness of  $F(x)$  is an easy consequence of the follows from the continuity of the duality product. Choose  $x_1^*, x_2^* \in F(x)$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . For arbitrary  $z \in X$  we have (using  $|x_1^*| = |x_2^*| = |x|$ )  $\langle z, \alpha x_1^* + (1 - \alpha)x_2^* \rangle \leq \alpha |z| |x_1^*| + (1 - \alpha) |z| |x_2^*| = |z| |x|$ , which shows  $|\alpha x_1^* + (1 - \alpha)x_2^*| \leq |x|$ . Using  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = \langle x, x_1^* \rangle = |x|^2$  we get  $\langle x, \alpha x_1^* + (1 - \alpha)x_2^* \rangle = \alpha \langle x, x_1^* \rangle + (1 - \alpha) \langle x, x_2^* \rangle = |x|^2$ , so that  $|\alpha x_1^* + (1 - \alpha)x_2^*| = |x|$ . This proves  $\alpha x_1^* + (1 - \alpha)x_2^* \in F(x)$ .

(b) Choose  $x_1^*, x_2^* \in F(x)$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and assume that  $|\alpha x_1^* + (1 - \alpha)x_2^*| = |x|$ . Since  $X^*$  is strictly convex, this implies  $x_1^* = x_2^*$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ . From  $|F(x_n)| = |x_n|$  and the fact that closed balls in  $X^*$  are weakly star compact we see that there exists a weakly star accumulation point  $x^*$  of  $\{F(x_n)\}$ . Since the closed ball in  $X^*$  is weakly star closed, thus

$$\langle x, x^* \rangle = |x|^2 \geq |x^*|^2.$$

Hence  $\langle x, x^* \rangle = |x|^2 = |x^*|^2$  and thus  $x^* = F(x)$ . Since  $F(x)$  is single-valued, this implies  $F(x_n)$  converges weakly to  $F(x)$ .

(c) Since  $\liminf |x_n| \leq |x|$ , thus  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n| = |x|$ . We set  $y_n = x_n/|x_n|$  and  $y = x/|x|$ . Then  $y_n$  converges weakly to  $y$  in  $X$ . Suppose  $y_n$  does not converge strongly to  $y$  in  $X$ . Then there exists an  $\epsilon > 0$  such that for a subsequence  $y_{\tilde{n}}$   $|y_{\tilde{n}} - y| > \epsilon$ . Since  $X^*$  is uniformly convex there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|y_{\tilde{n}} + y| \leq 2(1 - \delta)$ . Since the norm is weakly lower semicontinuous, letting  $\tilde{n} \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain  $|y| \leq 1 - \delta$ , which is a contradiction.

(d) Assume  $F$  is not uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $X$ . Then there exist constants  $M > 0$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and sequences  $\{u_n\}, \{v_n\}$  in  $X$  satisfying

$$|u_n|, |v_n| \leq M, \quad |u_n - v_n| \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{and} \quad |F(u_n) - F(v_n)| \geq \epsilon.$$

Without loss of the generality we can assume that, for a constant  $\beta > 0$ , we have in addition  $|u_n| \geq \beta$ ,  $|v_n| \geq \beta$ . We set  $x_n = u_n/|u_n|$  and  $y_n = v_n/|v_n|$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n - y_n| &= \frac{1}{|u_n||v_n|} ||v_n|u_n - |u_n|v_n| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\beta^2} (|v_n||u_n - v_n| + ||v_n| - |u_n||v_n|) \leq \frac{2M}{\beta^2} |u_n - v_n| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously we have  $2 \geq |F(x_n) + F(y_n)| \geq \langle x_n, F(x_n) + F(y_n) \rangle$  and this together with

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x_n, F(x_n) + F(y_n) \rangle &= |x_n|^2 + |y_n|^2 + \langle x_n - y_n, F(y_n) \rangle \\ &= 2 + \langle x_n - y_n, F(y_n) \rangle \geq 2 - |x_n - y_n| \end{aligned}$$

implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F(x_n) + F(y_n)| = 2.$$

Suppose there exists an  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  and a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$  such that  $|F(x_{n_k}) - F(y_{n_k})| \geq \epsilon_0$ . Observing  $|F(x_{n_k})| = |F(y_{n_k})| = 1$  and using uniform convexity of  $X^*$  we conclude that there exists a  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that

$$|F(x_{n_k}) + F(y_{n_k})| \leq 2(1 - \delta_0),$$

which is a contradiction to the above. Therefore we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |F(x_n) - F(y_n)| = 0$ . Thus

$$|F(u_n) - F(v_n)| \leq |u_n| |F(x_n) - F(y_n)| + ||u_n| - |v_n|| |F(y_n)|$$

which implies  $F(u_n)$  converges strongly to  $F(v_n)$ . This contradiction proves the result.  $\square$

**Problem** Let  $X = C[0, 1]$  be the space of continuous functions with sup norm. Then show that  $X^* = BV(0, 1)$  = the space of (right continuous) bounded variation functions on  $[0, 1]$ , i.e. for every  $f \in X^*$  there exists  $\nu \in BV(0, 1)$  such that  $f(x) = \int_0^1 x(t) d\nu(t)$  (Riemann Stieltjes integral) for all  $x \in X$ .  $\delta_{t_0} \in X^*$  (i.e.  $\delta_{x_0}(\phi) = \phi(t_0)$  for  $\phi \in X$ ). and  $\delta_{t_0} \in F(x)$  for  $t_0 \in [0, 1]$  satisfying  $x(t_0) = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |x(t)|$ .

**Problem** Let  $A$  be a closed linear operator on a Banach space.  $D(A) = \text{dom}(A)$  is a Banach space with the graph norm

$$|x|_{D(A)} = |x|_X + |Ax|_X.$$

**Problem** Let  $c \in L^\infty(0, 1)$ . Define the linear operators  $A_1 u = -(c(x)u)_x$  in  $X = L^1(0, 1)$ . and  $A_2 u = c(x)u_x$  in  $X = L^p(0, 1)$ .

(a) Find  $\text{dom}(A_2)$  so that  $A_2$  is  $\omega$ -dissipative. — Hint:  $c' \leq M$  (bounded above) if  $p > \infty$ . If  $p = \infty$ , then no condition is necessary. Inflow  $c(0) > 0$  and Outflow  $c(1) \leq 0$ .

Find  $\text{dom}(A_1)$  so that  $A_1$  is  $\omega$ -dissipative. — Hint Assume  $c > 0$ . Since  $cu \in C[0, 1]$  one can decompose  $[0, 1]$  the sub intervals  $(t_i, t_{i+1})$  on which  $cu > 0$  or  $cu < 0$  and  $cu(t_i) = 0$  and let  $u^* = \text{sign}_0(cu) = \text{sign}_0(u)$ . Thus, we have

$$(A_1 u, u^*) = \int_0^1 (-(cu)_x u^*(x)) dx = c(0)|u(0)| - c(1)|u(1)|$$

(c) In general show that  $\text{dom}(A_1)$  and  $\text{dom}(A_2)$  are different (Hint: piecewise constant)

## 1.1 Dissipativity

In order to obtain the useful equivalent conditions for the dissipativity, we consider the derivatives of the norm  $|\cdot|$  of  $X$ , which define pairs in some way analogous to the inner product on a Hilbert space.

**Definition 1.2** We define the functions  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_+$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_- : X \times X \rightarrow R$  by

$$\langle y, x \rangle_+ = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x + \alpha y| - |x|}{\alpha}$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_- = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x| - |x - \alpha y|}{\alpha}$$

Also, we defines the functions  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_s$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_i : X \times X \rightarrow R$  by

$$\langle y, x \rangle_s = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x + \alpha y|^2 - |x|^2}{2\alpha}$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_i = \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|^2 - |x - \alpha y|^2}{2\alpha}$$

Here, we note that  $\alpha^{-1}(|x + \alpha y| - |x|)$  is an increasing function. In fact, if  $0 < \alpha < \beta$  then

$$(\beta - \alpha)|x| = |(\beta x + \alpha \beta y) - (\alpha x + \alpha \beta y)| \geq \beta|x + \alpha y| - \alpha|x + \beta y|$$

and thus

$$\beta^{-1}(|x + \beta y| - |x|) \geq \alpha^{-1}(|x + \alpha y| - |x|).$$

Moreover, since  $\alpha^{-1}(|x + \alpha y| - |x|) \geq -|y|$ , this function is bounded below. Hence,  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0^+} = \inf_{\alpha > 0}$  exists for all  $x, y \in X$ . From the definition we have

$$(1.2) \quad \langle y, x \rangle_- = -\langle -y, x \rangle_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \langle y, x \rangle_i = -\langle -y, x \rangle_s$$

Since the norm is continuous, it follows that

$$(1.3) \quad \langle y, x \rangle_s = |x| \langle y, x \rangle_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \langle y, x \rangle_i = |x| \langle y, x \rangle_-.$$

Also, from  $2|x| \leq |x + \alpha y| + |x - \alpha y|$ , we have

$$\alpha^{-1}(|x| - |x - \alpha y|) \leq \alpha^{-1}(|x + \alpha y| - |x|).$$

Thus,

$$(1.4) \quad \langle y, x \rangle_- \leq \langle y, x \rangle_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \langle y, x \rangle_i \leq \langle y, x \rangle_s$$

Moreover, we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.1** Let  $x, y \in X$ .

(1) There exists an element  $f^+$  such that

$$\langle y, x \rangle_s = \sup \{ \operatorname{Re} \langle y, f \rangle : f \in F(x) \} = \operatorname{Re} \langle y, f^+ \rangle$$

(2) There exists an element  $f^-$  such that

$$\langle y, x \rangle_i = \inf \{ \operatorname{Re} \langle y, f \rangle : f \in F(x) \} = \operatorname{Re} \langle y, f^- \rangle$$

(3)  $\langle \alpha x + y, x \rangle_q = \alpha |x| + \langle y, x \rangle_q$  for  $\alpha \in R$  where  $q$  is either  $+$  or  $-$ .

(4) For  $z \in X$

$$\langle y + z, x \rangle_- \geq \langle y, x \rangle_- + \langle z, x \rangle_- \quad \text{and} \quad \langle y + z, x \rangle_+ \leq \langle y, x \rangle_+ + \langle z, x \rangle_+$$

and thus

$$\langle y, x \rangle_- - \langle z, x \rangle_+ \leq \langle y - z, x \rangle_- \leq \langle y, x \rangle_+ - \langle z, x \rangle_-$$

(5)  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_- : X \times X \rightarrow R$  is lower semicontinuous and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_+ : X \times X \rightarrow R$  is upper semicontinuous.

**Proof:** (3) and (4) are obvious from the definition. For (5) since for each  $\alpha > 0$

$$\alpha^{-1}(|x + \alpha y| - |x|)$$

is a continuous function of  $X \times X \rightarrow R$ , the upper continuity of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_+$  follows from its definition. Since  $\langle y, x \rangle_- = -\langle -y, x \rangle_+$ ,  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_- : X \times X \rightarrow R$  is lower semicontinuous.  $\square$

Now, the following theorem gives the equivalent conditions for the dissipativeness of  $A$ .

**Theorem 1.2** Let  $x, y \in X$ . The following statements are equivalent.

(i)  $\operatorname{Re} \langle y, x^* \rangle \leq 0$ . for some  $x^* \in F(x)$ .

(ii)  $|x - \lambda y| \geq |x|$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ .

(iii)  $\langle y, x \rangle_- \leq 0$

(iv)  $\langle y, x \rangle_i \leq 0$ .

**Proof:** (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii). By the definition of  $F$ , we have

$$|x|^2 = \langle x, x^* \rangle \leq \operatorname{Re} \langle x - \lambda y, x^* \rangle \leq |x - \lambda y| |x^*|$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ . Thus, (ii) holds.

(ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i). For each  $\lambda > 0$  let  $f_\lambda \in F(x - \lambda y)$ . Then  $|f_\lambda| \neq 0$  and we set  $g_\lambda = |f_\lambda|^{-1} f_\lambda$ . Since the unit sphere of the dual space  $X^*$  is compact in the weak-star topology of  $X^*$ , we may assume that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \langle u, g_\lambda \rangle = \langle u, g \rangle \quad \text{for all } u \in X$$

where  $g$  is some element in  $X^*$ . Next, since

$$(1.7) \quad |x| \leq |x - \lambda y| = \operatorname{Re} \langle x - \lambda y, g_\lambda \rangle \leq |x| - \lambda \operatorname{Re} \langle y, g_\lambda \rangle$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ , it follows that  $\operatorname{Re} \langle y, g_\lambda \rangle \leq 0$  for all  $\lambda > 0$ , and letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \langle y, g \rangle \leq 0$ . Note that (1.7) also implies  $|x| \leq \operatorname{Re} \langle x, g \rangle$  and thus  $\langle x, g \rangle = |x|$ . This implies that  $|x|g \in F(x)$  and hence (i) holds.

Since  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha^{-1}(|x - \alpha y| - |x|)$  is an decreasing function (2) and (3) are equivalent by the definition of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_-$ .  $\square$

## 1.2 Lax-Milgram Theory and Applications

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space with scalar product  $(\phi, \psi)$  and  $X$  be a Hilbert space and  $X \subset H$  with continuous dense injection. Let  $X^*$  denote the strong dual space of  $X$ .  $H$  is identified with its dual so that  $X \subset H = H^* \subset X^*$  (i.e.,  $H$  is the pivoting space). The dual product  $\langle \phi, \psi \rangle$  on  $X^* \times X$  is the continuous extension of the scalar product of  $H$  restricted to  $H \times X$ . This framework is called the Gelfand triple.

Let  $\sigma$  is a bounded coercive bilinear form on  $X \times X$ . Note that given  $x \in X$ ,  $F(y) = \sigma(x, y)$  defines a bounded linear functional on  $X$ . Since given  $x \in X$ ,  $y \rightarrow \sigma(x, y)$  is a bounded linear functional on  $X$ , say  $x^* \in X^*$ . We define a linear operator  $A$  from  $X$  into  $X^*$  by  $x^* = Ax$ . Equation  $\sigma(x, y) = F(y)$  for all  $y \in X$  is equivalently written as an equation

$$Ax = F \in X^*.$$

Here,

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle_{X^* \times X} = \sigma(x, y), \quad x, y \in X,$$

and thus  $A$  is a bounded linear operator. In fact,

$$|Ax|_{X^*} \leq \sup_{|y| \leq 1} |\sigma(x, y)| \leq M |x|.$$

Let  $R$  be the Riesz operator  $X^* \rightarrow X$ , i.e.,

$$|Rx^*|_X = |x^*| \text{ and } (Rx^*, x)_X = \langle x^*, x \rangle \text{ for all } x \in X,$$

then  $\hat{A} = RA$  represents the linear operator  $\hat{A} \in \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ . Moreover, we define a linear operator  $\tilde{A}$  on  $H$  by

$$\tilde{A}x = Ax \in H$$

with

$$\operatorname{dom}(\tilde{A}) = \{x \in X : |\sigma(x, y)| \leq c_x |y|_H \text{ for all } y \in X\}.$$

That is,  $\tilde{A}$  is a restriction of  $A$  on  $\operatorname{dom}(\tilde{A})$ . We will use the symbol  $A$  for all three linear operators as above in the lecture note and its use should be understood by the underlining context.

**Lax-Milgram Theorem** Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $\sigma$  be a (complex-valued) sesquilinear form on  $X \times X$  satisfying

$$\sigma(\alpha x_1 + \beta x_2, y) = \alpha \sigma(x_1, y) + \beta \sigma(x_2, y)$$

$$\sigma(x, \alpha y_1 + \beta y_2) = \bar{\alpha} \sigma(x, y_1) + \bar{\beta} \sigma(x, y_2),$$

$$|\sigma(x, y)| \leq M |x| |y| \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X \quad (\text{Bounded})$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \sigma(x, x) \geq \delta |x|^2 \quad \text{for all } x \in X \text{ and } \delta > 0 \quad (\text{Coercive}).$$

Then for each  $f \in X^*$  there exist a unique solution  $x \in X$  to

$$\sigma(x, y) = \langle f, y \rangle_{X^* \times X} \quad \text{for all } y \in X$$

and

$$|x|_X \leq \delta^{-1} |f|_{X^*}.$$

Proof: Let us define the linear operator  $S$  from  $X^*$  into  $X$  by

$$Sf = x, \quad f \in X^*$$

where  $x \in X$  satisfies

$$\sigma(x, y) = \langle f, y \rangle \quad \text{for all } y \in X.$$

The operator  $S$  is well defined since if  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  satisfy the above, then  $\sigma(x_1 - x_2, y) = 0$  for all  $y \in X$  and thus  $\delta |x_1 - x_2|_X^2 \leq \operatorname{Re} \sigma(x_1 - x_2, x_1 - x_2) = 0$ .

Next we show that  $\operatorname{dom}(S)$  is closed in  $X^*$ . Suppose  $f_n \in \operatorname{dom}(S)$ , i.e., there exists  $x_n \in X$  satisfying  $\sigma(x_n, y) = \langle f_n, y \rangle$  for all  $y \in X$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $X^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$\sigma(x_n - x_m, y) = \langle f_n - f_m, y \rangle \quad \text{for all } y \in X$$

Setting  $y = x_n - x_m$  in this we obtain

$$\delta |x_n - x_m|_X^2 \leq \operatorname{Re} \sigma(x_n - x_m, x_n - x_m) \leq |f_n - f_m|_{X^*} |x_n - x_m|_X.$$

Thus  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and so  $x_n \rightarrow x$  for some  $x \in X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\sigma$  and the dual product are continuous, thus  $x = Sf$ .

Now we prove that  $\operatorname{dom}(S) = X^*$ . Suppose  $\operatorname{dom}(S) \neq X^*$ . Since  $\operatorname{dom}(S)$  is closed there exists a nontrivial  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\langle f, x_0 \rangle = 0$  for all  $f \in \operatorname{dom}(S)$ . Consider the linear functional  $F(y) = \sigma(x_0, y)$ ,  $y \in X$ . Then since  $\sigma$  is bounded  $F \in X^*$  and  $x_0 = SF$ . Thus  $F(x_0) = 0$ . But since  $\sigma(x_0, x_0) = \langle F, x_0 \rangle = 0$ , by the coercivity of  $\sigma$   $x_0 = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\operatorname{dom}(S) = X^*$ .  $\square$

Assume that  $\sigma$  is coercive. By the Lax-Milgram theorem  $A$  has a bounded inverse  $S = A^{-1}$ . Thus,

$$\operatorname{dom}(\tilde{A}) = A^{-1}H.$$

Moreover  $\tilde{A}$  is closed. In fact, if

$$x_n \in \operatorname{dom}(\tilde{A}) \rightarrow x \text{ and } f_n = Ax_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } H,$$



then since  $x_n = Sf_n$  and  $S$  is bounded,  $x = Sf$  and thus  $x \in \text{dom}(\tilde{A})$  and  $\tilde{A}x = f$ .

If  $\sigma$  is symmetric,  $\sigma(x, y) = (x, y)_X$  defines an inner product on  $X$ . and  $SF$  coincides with the Riesz representation of  $F \in X^*$ . Moreover,

$$\langle Ax, y \rangle = \langle Ay, x \rangle \text{ for all } x, y \in X.$$

and thus  $\tilde{A}$  is a self-adjoint operator in  $H$ .

Example (Laplace operator) Consider  $X = H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $H = L^2(\Omega)$  and

$$\sigma(u, \phi) = (u, \phi)_X = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \phi \, dx.$$

Then,

$$Au = -\Delta u = -\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} u + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} u\right)$$

and

$$\text{dom}(\tilde{A}) = H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega).$$

for  $\Omega$  with  $C^1$  boundary or convex domain  $\Omega$ .

For  $\Omega = (0, 1)$  and  $f \in L^2(0, 1)$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{d}{dx} y \frac{d}{dx} u \, dx = \int_0^1 f(x) y(x) \, dx$$

is equivalent to

$$\int_0^1 \frac{d}{dx} y \left( \frac{d}{dx} u + \int_x^1 f(s) \, ds \right) dx = 0$$

for all  $y \in H_0^1(0, 1)$ . Thus,

$$\frac{d}{dx} u + \int_x^1 f(s) \, ds = c \text{ (a constant)}$$

and therefore  $\frac{d}{dx} u \in H^1(0, 1)$  and

$$Au = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} u = f \text{ in } L^2(0, 1).$$

Example (Elliptic operator) Consider a second order elliptic equation

$$Au = -\nabla \cdot (a(x) \nabla u) + b(x) \cdot \nabla u + c(x)u(x) = f(x), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = g \text{ at } \Gamma_1 \quad u = 0 \text{ at } \Gamma_0$$

where  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_1$  are disjoint and  $\Gamma_0 \cup \Gamma_1 = \Gamma$ . Integrating this against a test function  $\phi$ , we have

$$\int_{\Omega} Au \phi \, dx = \int_{\Omega} (a(x) \nabla u \cdot \nabla \phi + b(x) \cdot \nabla u \phi + c(x)u \phi) \, dx - \int_{\Gamma_1} g \phi \, ds_x = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \phi(x) \, dx,$$

for all  $\phi \in C^1(\Omega)$  vanishing at  $\Gamma_0$ . Let  $X = H_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega)$  is the completion of  $C^1(\Omega)$  vanishing at  $\Gamma_0$  with inner product

$$(u, \phi) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla \phi \, dx$$

i.e.,

$$H_{\Gamma_0}^1(\Omega) = \{u \in H^1(\Omega) : u|_{\Gamma_0} = 0\}$$

Define the bilinear form  $\sigma$  on  $X \times X$  by

$$\sigma(u, \phi) = \int_{\Omega} (a(x)\nabla u \cdot \nabla \phi + b(x) \cdot \nabla u \phi + c(x)u\phi).$$

Then, by the Green's formula

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(u, u) &= \int_{\Omega} (a(x)|\nabla u|^2 + b(x) \cdot \nabla(\frac{1}{2}|u|^2) + c(x)|u|^2) \, dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (a(x)|\nabla u|^2 + (c(x) - \frac{1}{2}\nabla \cdot b) |u|^2) \, dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} \frac{1}{2} n \cdot b |u|^2 \, ds_x. \end{aligned}$$

If we assume

$$0 < \underline{a} \leq a(x) \leq \bar{a}, \quad c(x) - \frac{1}{2}\nabla \cdot b \geq 0, \quad n \cdot b \geq 0 \text{ at } \Gamma_1,$$

then  $\sigma$  is bounded and coercive with  $\delta = \underline{a}$ .

The Banach space version of Lax-Milgram theorem is as follows.

**Banach-Necas-Babuska Theorem** Let  $V$  and  $W$  be Banach spaces. Consider the linear equation for  $u \in W$

$$a(u, v) = f(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V \tag{1.1}$$

for given  $f \in V^*$ , where  $a$  is a bounded bilinear form on  $W \times V$ . The problem is well-posed in if and only if the following conditions hold:

$$\inf_{u \in W} \sup_{v \in V} \frac{a(u, v)}{|u|_W |v|_V} \geq \delta > 0 \tag{1.2}$$

$$a(u, v) = 0 \text{ for all } u \in W \text{ implies } v = 0$$

Under conditions we have the unique solution  $u \in W$  to (1.1) satisfies

$$|u|_W \leq \frac{1}{\delta} |f|_{V^*}.$$

Proof: Let  $A$  be a bounded linear operator from  $W$  to  $V^*$  defined by

$$\langle Au, v \rangle = a(u, v) \text{ for all } u \in W, v \in V.$$

The inf-sup condition is equivalent to for any  $w \in W$

$$|Aw|_{V^*} \geq \delta |w|_W,$$

and thus the range of  $A$ ,  $R(A)$ , is closed in  $V^*$  and  $N(A) = 0$ . But since  $V$  is reflexive and

$$\langle Au, v \rangle_{V^* \times V} = \langle u, A^*v \rangle_{W \times W^*}$$

from the second condition  $N(A^*) = \{0\}$ . It thus follows from the closed range and open mapping theorems that  $A^{-1}$  is bounded.  $\square$

Next, we consider the generalized Stokes system. Let  $V$  and  $Q$  be Hilbert spaces. We consider the mixed variational problem for  $(u, p) \in V \times Q$  of the form

$$a(u, v) + b(p, v) = f(v), \quad b(u, q) = g(q) \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $v \in V$  and  $q \in Q$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  is bounded bilinear form on  $V \times V$  and  $V \times Q$ . If we define the linear operators  $A \in \mathcal{L}(V, V^*)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{L}(V, Q^*)$  by

$$\langle Au, v \rangle = a(u, v) \quad \text{and} \quad \langle Bu, q \rangle = b(u, q)$$

then it is equivalent to the operator form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^* \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ p \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \\ g \end{pmatrix}.$$

Assume the coercivity on  $a$

$$a(u, u) \geq \delta |u|_V^2 \quad (1.4)$$

and the inf-sup condition on  $b$

$$\inf_{q \in Q} \sup_{u \in V} \frac{b(u, q)}{|u|_V |q|_Q} \geq \beta > 0 \quad (1.5)$$

Note that inf-sup condition that for all  $q$  there exists  $u \in V$  such that  $Bu = q$  and  $|u|_V \leq \frac{1}{\beta} |q|_Q$ . Also, it is equivalent to  $|B^*p|_{V^*} \geq \beta |p|_Q$  for all  $p \in Q$ .

Theorem (Mixed problem) Under conditions (1.4)-(1.5) there exists a unique solution  $(u, p) \in V \times Q$  to (1.3) and

$$|u|_V + |p|_Q \leq c(|f|_{V^*} + |g|_{Q^*})$$

Proof: For  $\epsilon > 0$  consider the penalized problem

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_\epsilon, v) + b(v, p_\epsilon) &= f(v), \quad \text{for all } v \in V \\ -b(u_\epsilon, q) + \epsilon |p_\epsilon|_Q &= -g(q) \quad \text{for all } q \in Q. \end{aligned} \quad (1.6)$$

By the Lax-Milgram theorem for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a unique solution. From the first equation

$$\beta |p_\epsilon|_Q \leq |f - Au_\epsilon|_{V^*} \leq |f|_{V^*} + M |u_\epsilon|_Q.$$

Letting  $v = u_\epsilon$  and  $q = p_\epsilon$  in the first and second equation, we have

$$\delta |u_\epsilon|_V^2 + \epsilon |p_\epsilon|_Q^2 \leq |f|_{V^*} |u_\epsilon|_V + |p_\epsilon|_Q |g|_{Q^*} \leq C(|f|_{V^*} + |g|_{Q^*}) |u_\epsilon|_V,$$

and thus  $|u_\epsilon|_V$  and  $|p_\epsilon|_Q$  as well, are bounded uniformly in  $\epsilon > 0$ . Thus,  $(u_\epsilon, p_\epsilon)$  has a weakly convergent subsequence to  $(u, p)$  in  $V \times Q$  and  $(u, p)$  satisfies (1.3).  $\square$

### 1.3 Distribution and Generalized Derivatives

In this section we introduce the distribution (generalized function). The concept of distribution is very essential for defining a generalized solution to PDEs and provides the foundation of PDE theory. Let  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  be a vector space of all infinitely many continuously differentiable functions  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  with compact support in  $\Omega$ . For any compact set  $K$  of  $\Omega$ , let  $\mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  be the set of all functions  $f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  whose support are in  $K$ . Define a family of seminorms on  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  by

$$p_{K,m}(f) = \sup_{x \in K} \sup_{|s| \leq m} |D^s f(x)|$$

where

$$D^s = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)^{s_1} \cdots \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)^{s_n}$$

where  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$  is nonnegative integer valued vector and  $|s| = \sum s_k \leq m$ . Then,  $\mathcal{D}_K(\Omega)$  is a locally convex topological space.

**Definition (Distribution)** A linear functional  $T$  defined on  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  is a distribution if for every compact subset  $K$  of  $\Omega$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  and a positive integer  $k$  such that

$$|T(\phi)| \leq C \sup_{|s| \leq k, x \in K} |D^s \phi(x)| \text{ for all } \phi \in \mathcal{D}_K(\Omega).$$

**Definition (Generalized Derivative)** A distribution  $S$  defined by

$$S(\phi) = -T(D_{x_k} \phi) \text{ for all } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$$

is called the distributional derivative of  $T$  with respect to  $x_k$  and we denote  $S = D_{x_k} T$ .

In general we have

$$S(\phi) = D^s T(\phi) = (-1)^{|s|} T(D^s \phi) \text{ for all } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega).$$

This definition is naturally followed from that for  $f$  is continuously differentiable

$$\int_{\Omega} D_{x_k} f \phi \, dx = - \int_{\Omega} f \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \phi \, dx$$

and thus  $D_{x_k} f = D_{x_k} T_f = T_{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f}$ . Thus, we let  $D^s f$  denote the distributional derivative of  $T_f$ .

**Example (Distribution)** (1) For  $f$  is a locally integrable function on  $\Omega$ , one defines the corresponding distribution by

$$T_f(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} f \phi \, dx \text{ for all } \phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega).$$

since

$$|T_f(\phi)| \leq \int_K |f| \, dx \sup_{x \in K} |\phi(x)|.$$

(2)  $T(\phi) = \phi(0)$  defines the Dirac delta  $\delta_0$  at  $x = 0$ , i.e.,

$$|\delta_0(\phi)| \leq \sup_{x \in K} |\phi(x)|.$$

(3) Let  $H$  be the Heaviside function defined by

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$D_{T_H}(\phi) = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} H(x)\phi'(x) dx = \phi(0)$$

and thus  $DT_H = \delta_0$  is the Dirac delta function at  $x = 0$ .

(4) The distributional solution for  $-D^2u = \delta_{x_0}$  satisfies

$$- \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u\phi'' dx = \phi(x_0)$$

for all  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . That is,  $u = \frac{1}{2}|x - x_0|$  is the fundamental solution, i.e.,

$$- \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x - x_0|\phi'' dx = \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} \phi'(x) dx - \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \phi'(x) dx = 2\phi(x_0).$$

In general for  $d \geq 2$  let

$$G(x, x_0) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4\pi} \log|x - x_0| & d = 2 \\ c_d |x - x_0|^{2-d} & d \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\Delta G(x, x_0) = 0, \quad x \neq x_0.$$

and  $u = G(x, x_0)$  is the fundamental solution to  $-\Delta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$-\Delta u = \delta_{x_0}.$$

In fact, let  $B_\epsilon = \{|x - x_0| \leq \epsilon\}$  and  $\Gamma = \{|x - x_0| = \epsilon\}$  be the surface. By the divergence theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \setminus B_\epsilon(x_0)} G(x, x_0)\Delta\phi(x) dx &= \int_\Gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu}\phi(G(x, x_0) - \frac{\partial}{\partial\nu}G(x, x_0)\phi(s)) ds \\ &= \int_\Gamma (\epsilon^{2-d}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\nu} - (2-d)\epsilon^{1-d}\phi(s)) ds \rightarrow \frac{1}{c_d}\phi(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $G(x, x_0)$  satisfies

$$- \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} G(x, x_0)\Delta\phi dx = \phi(x_0).$$

In general let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a linear differential operator and  $\mathcal{L}^*$  denote the formal adjoint operator of  $\mathcal{L}$ . A locally integrable function  $u$  is said to be a distributional solution to  $\mathcal{L}u = T$  where  $\mathcal{L}$  with a distribution  $T$  if

$$\int_\Omega u(\mathcal{L}^*\phi) dx = T(\phi)$$

for all  $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ .

**Definition (Sovolev space)** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $m \geq 0$  the Sobolev space is

$$W^{m,p}(\Omega) = \{f \in L^p(\Omega) : D^s f \in L^p(\Omega), |s| \leq m\}$$

with norm

$$\|f\|_{W^{m,p}(\Omega)} = \left( \int_{\Omega} \sum_{|s| \leq m} |D^s f|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

That is,

$$|D^s f(\phi)| \leq c \|\phi\|_{L^q} \text{ with } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

**Remark** (1)  $X = W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is complete. In fact If  $\{f_n\}$  is Cauchy in  $X$ , then  $\{D^s f_n\}$  is Cauchy in  $L^p(\Omega)$  for all  $|s| \leq m$ . Since  $L^p(\Omega)$  is complete,  $D^s f_n \rightarrow g^s$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$ . But since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} f_n D^s \phi dx = \int_{\Omega} f D^s \phi dx = \int_{\Omega} g^s \phi dx,$$

we have  $D^s f = g^s$  for all  $|s| \leq m$  and  $\|f_n - f\|_X \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(2)  $H^{m,p} \subset W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ . Let  $H^{m,p}(\Omega)$  be the completion of  $C^m(\Omega)$  with respect to  $W^{1,p}(\Omega)$  norm. That is,  $f \in H^{m,p}(\Omega)$  there exists a sequence  $f_n \in C^m(\Omega)$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  and  $D^s f_n \rightarrow g^s$  strongly in  $L^p(\Omega)$  and thus

$$D^s f_n(\phi) = (-1)^{|s|} \int_{\Omega} D_s f_n \phi dx \rightarrow (-1)^{|s|} \int_{\Omega} g^s \phi dx$$

which implies  $g^s = D^s f$  and  $f \in W^{1,p}(\Omega)$ .

(3) If  $\Omega$  has a Lipschitz continuous boundary, then

$$W^{m,p}(\Omega) = H^{m,p}(\Omega).$$

## 2 Minty–Browder Theorem

**Definition (Monotone Mapping)**

(a) A mapping  $A \subset X \times X^*$  be given. is called *monotone* if

$$\langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2 \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } [x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2] \in A.$$

(b) A monotone mapping  $A$  is called *maximal monotone* if any monotone extension of  $A$  coincides with  $A$ , i.e., if for  $[x, y] \in X \times X^*$ ,  $\langle x - u, y - v \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $[u, v] \in A$  then  $[x, y] \in A$ .

(c) The operator  $A$  is called *coercive* if for all sequences  $[x_n, y_n] \in A$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\| = \infty$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle x_n, y_n \rangle}{\|x_n\|} = \infty.$$

(d) Assume that  $A$  is single-valued with  $\text{dom}(A) = X$ . The operator  $A$  is called hemicontinuous on  $X$  if for all  $x_1, x_2, x \in X$ , the function defined by

$$t \in R \rightarrow \langle x, A(x_1 + tx_2) \rangle$$

is continuous on  $R$ .

For example, let  $F$  be the duality mapping of  $X$ . Then  $F$  is monotone, coercive and hemicontinuous. Indeed, for  $[x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2] \in F$  we have

$$\langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2 \rangle = |x_1|^2 - \langle x_1, y_2 \rangle - \langle x_2, y_1 \rangle + |x_2|^2 \geq (|x_1| - |x_2|)^2 \geq 0, \quad (2.1)$$

which shows monotonicity of  $F$ . Coercivity is obvious and hemicontinuity follows from the continuity of the duality product.

**Lemma 1** Let  $X$  be a finite dimensional Banach space and  $A$  be a hemicontinuous monotone operator from  $X$  to  $X^*$ . Then  $A$  is continuous.

Proof: We first show that  $A$  is bounded on bounded subsets. In fact, otherwise there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in  $X$  such that  $|Ax_n| \rightarrow \infty$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By monotonicity we have

$$\langle x_n - x, \frac{Ax_n}{|Ax_n|} - \frac{Ax}{|Ax_n|} \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\frac{Ax_n}{|Ax_n|} \rightarrow y_0$  in  $X^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus

$$\langle x_0 - x, y_0 \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X$$

and therefore  $y_0 = 0$ . This is a contradiction and thus  $A$  is bounded. Now, assume  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x_0$  and let  $y_0$  be a cluster point of  $\{Ax_n\}$ . Again by monotonicity of  $A$

$$\langle x_0 - x, y_0 - Ax \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Setting  $x = x_0 + t(u - x_0)$ ,  $t > 0$  for arbitrary  $u \in X$ , we have

$$\langle x_0 - u, y_0 - A(x_0 + t(u - x_0)) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in X.$$

Then, letting limit  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , by hemicontinuity of  $A$  we have

$$\langle x_0 - u, y_0 - Ax_0 \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in X,$$

which implies  $y_0 = Ax_0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2** Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $A : X \rightarrow X^*$  be a hemicontinuous monotone operator. Then  $A$  is maximal monotone.

Proof: For  $[x_0, y_0] \in X \times X^*$

$$\langle x_0 - u, y_0 - Au \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in X.$$

Setting  $u = x_0 + t(x - x_0)$ ,  $t > 0$  and letting  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , by hemicontinuity of  $A$  we have

$$\langle x_0 - x, y_0 - Ax_0 \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Hence  $y_0 = Ax_0$  and thus  $A$  is maximum monotone.  $\square$

The next theorem characterizes maximal monotone operators by a range condition.

**Minty–Browder Theorem** Assume that  $X, X^*$  are reflexive and strictly convex. Let  $F$  denote the duality mapping of  $X$  and assume that  $A \subset X \times X^*$  is monotone. Then  $A$  is maximal monotone if and only if

$$\text{Range}(\lambda F + A) = X^*$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$  or, equivalently, for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

Proof: Assume that the range condition is satisfied for some  $\lambda > 0$  and let  $[x_0, y_0] \in X \times X^*$  be such that

$$\langle x_0 - u, y_0 - v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } [u, v] \in A.$$

Then there exists an element  $[x_1, y_1] \in A$  with

$$\lambda Fx_1 + y_1 = \lambda Fx_0 + y_0. \tag{2.2}$$

From these we obtain, setting  $[u, v] = [x_1, y_1]$ ,

$$\langle x_1 - x_0, Fx_1 - Fx_0 \rangle \leq 0.$$

By monotonicity of  $F$  we also have the converse inequality, so that

$$\langle x_1 - x_0, Fx_1 - Fx_0 \rangle = 0.$$

From (2.1) this implies that  $|x_1| = |x_0|$  and  $\langle x_1, Fx_0 \rangle = |x_1|^2$ ,  $\langle x_0, Fx_1 \rangle = |x_0|^2$ . Hence  $Fx_0 = Fx_1$  and

$$\langle x_1, Fx_0 \rangle = \langle x_0, Fx_0 \rangle = |x_0|^2 = |Fx_0|^2.$$

If we denote by  $F^*$  the duality mapping of  $X^*$  (which is also single-valued), then the last equation implies  $x_1 = x_0 = F^*(Fx_0)$ . This and (2.2) imply that  $[x_0, y_0] = [x_1, y_1] \in A$ , which proves that  $A$  is maximal monotone.  $\square$

In stead of the detailed proof of "only if" part of Theorem, we state the following results.  $\square$

**Corollary** Let  $X$  be reflexive and  $A$  be a monotone, everywhere defined, hemicontinuous operator. If  $A$  is coercive, then  $R(A) = X^*$ .

Proof: Suppose  $A$  is coercive. Let  $y_0 \in X^*$  be arbitrary. By the Appland's renorming theorem, we may assume that  $X$  and  $X^*$  are strictly convex Banach spaces. It then follows from Theorem that every  $\lambda > 0$ , equation

$$\lambda Fx_\lambda + Ax_\lambda = y_0$$

has a solution  $x_\lambda \in X$ . Multiplying this by  $x_\lambda$ ,

$$\lambda |x_\lambda|^2 + \langle x_\lambda, Ax_\lambda \rangle = \langle y_0, x_\lambda \rangle.$$



and thus

$$\frac{\langle x_\lambda, Ax_\lambda \rangle}{|x_\lambda|_X} \leq |y_0|_{X^*}$$

Since  $A$  is coercive, this implies that  $\{x_\lambda\}$  is bounded in  $X$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ . Thus, we may assume that  $x_\lambda$  converges weakly to  $x_0$  in  $X$  and  $Ax_\lambda$  converges strongly to  $y_0$  in  $X^*$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ . Since  $A$  is monotone

$$\langle x_\lambda - x, y_0 - \lambda Fx_\lambda - Ax \rangle \geq 0,$$

and letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$ , we have

$$\langle x_0 - x, y_0 - Ax \rangle \geq 0,$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $A$  is maximal monotone, this implies  $y_0 = Ax_0$ . Hence, we conclude  $R(A) = X^*$ .  $\square$

**Theorem (Galerkin Approximation)** Assume  $X$  is a reflexive, separable Banach space and  $A$  is a bounded, hemicontinuous, coercive monotone operator from  $X$  into  $X^*$ . Let  $X_n = \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^n$  satisfies the density condition: for each  $\psi \in X$  and any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a sequence  $\psi_n \in X_n$  such that  $|\psi - \psi_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The  $x_n$  be the solution to

$$\langle \psi, Ax_n \rangle = \langle \psi, f \rangle \quad \text{for all } \psi \in X_n, \quad (2.3)$$

then there exists a subsequence of  $\{x_n\}$  that converges weakly to a solution to  $Ax = f$ .

Proof: Since  $\langle x, Ax \rangle / |x|_X \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|x|_X \rightarrow \infty$  there exists a solution  $x_n$  to (2.3) and  $|x_n|_X$  is bounded. Since  $A$  is bounded, thus  $Ax_n$  bounded. Thus there exists a subsequence of  $\{n\}$  (denoted by the same) such that  $x_n$  converges weakly to  $x$  in  $X$  and  $Ax_n$  converges weakly in  $X^*$ . Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \psi, Ax_n \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\langle \psi_n, f \rangle + \langle \psi - \psi_n, Ax_n \rangle) = \langle \psi, f \rangle$$

$Ax_n$  converges weakly to  $f$ . Since  $A$  is monotone

$$\langle x_n - u, Ax_n - Au \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in X$$

Note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n, Ax_n \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x_n, f \rangle = \langle x, f \rangle.$$

Thus taking limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain

$$\langle x - u, f - Au \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in X.$$

Since  $A$  is maximum monotone this implies  $Ax = f$ .  $\square$

The main theorem for monotone operators applies directly to the model problem involving the p-Laplace operator

$$-div(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u) = f \text{ on } \Omega$$

(with appropriate boundary conditions) and

$$-\Delta u + cu = f, \quad -\frac{\partial}{\partial n} u \in \beta(u). \text{ at } \partial\Omega$$

with  $\beta$  maximal monotone on  $R$ . Also, nonlinear problems of non-variational form are applicable, e.g.,

$$Lu + F(u) = f \text{ on } \Omega$$

where

$$L(u) = -div(\sigma(\nabla u) - \vec{b}u)$$

and we are looking for a solution  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ . We assume the following conditions:

(i) Monotonicity for the principle part  $L(u)$ :

$$(\sigma(\xi) - \sigma(\eta), \xi - \eta)_{R^n} \geq 0 \text{ for all } \xi, \eta \in R^n.$$

(ii) Monotonicity for  $F = F(u)$ :

$$(F(u) - F(v), u - v) \geq 0 \text{ for all } u, v \in R.$$

(iii) Coerciveness and Growth condition: for some  $c, d > 0$

$$(\sigma(\xi), \sigma) \geq c|\xi|^p, \quad |\sigma(\xi)| \leq d(1 + |\xi|^{p-1})$$

hold for all  $\xi \in R^n$ .

### 3 Convex Functional and Subdifferential

**Definition (Convex Functional)** (1) A proper convex functional on a Banach space  $X$  is a function  $\varphi$  from  $X$  to  $(-\infty, \infty]$ , not identically  $+\infty$  such that

$$\varphi((1 - \lambda)x_1 + \lambda x_2) \leq (1 - \lambda)\varphi(x_1) + \lambda\varphi(x_2)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ .

(2) A functional  $\varphi : X \rightarrow R$  is said to be lower-semicontinuous if

$$\varphi(x) \leq \liminf_{y \rightarrow x} \varphi(y) \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

(3) A functional  $\varphi : X \rightarrow R$  is said to be weakly lower-semicontinuous if

$$\varphi(x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x_n)$$

for all weakly convergent sequence  $\{x_n\}$  to  $x$ .

(4) The subset  $D(\varphi) = \{x \in X; \varphi(x) < \infty\}$  of  $X$  is called the domain of  $\varphi$ .

(5) The epigraph of  $\varphi$  is defined by  $epi(\varphi) = \{(x, c) \in X \times R : \varphi(x) \leq c\}$ .

**Lemma 3** A convex functional  $\varphi$  is lower-semicontinuous if and only if it is weakly lower-semicontinuous on  $X$ .

Proof: Since the level set  $\{x \in X : \varphi(x) \leq c\}$  is a closed convex subset if  $\varphi$  is lower-semicontinuous. Thus, the claim follows the fact that a convex subset of  $X$  is closed if and only if it is weakly closed.

**Lemma 4** If  $\varphi$  be a proper lower-semicontinuous, convex functional on  $X$ , then  $\varphi$  is bounded below by an affine functional, i.e., there exist  $x^* \in X^*$  and  $c \in R$  such that

$$\varphi(x) \geq \langle x^*, x \rangle + \beta, \quad x \in X.$$

Proof: Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $\beta \in R$  be such that  $\varphi(x_0) > c$ . Since  $\varphi$  is lower-semicontinuous on  $X$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $V(x_0)$  of  $X_0$  such that  $\varphi(x) > c$  for all  $x \in V(x_0)$ . Since the ephigraph  $\text{epi}(\varphi)$  is a closed convex subset of the product space  $X \times R$ . It follows from the separation theorem for convex sets that there exists a closed hyperplane  $H \subset X \times R$ ;

$$H = \{(x, r) \in X \times R : \langle x_0^*, x \rangle + r = \alpha\} \quad \text{with } x_0^* \in X^*, \alpha \in R,$$

that separates  $\text{epi}(\varphi)$  and  $V(x_0) \times (-\infty, c)$ . Since  $\{x_0\} \times (-\infty, c) \subset \{(x, r) \in X \times R : \langle x_0^*, x \rangle + r < \alpha\}$  it follows that

$$\langle x_0^*, x \rangle + r > \alpha \quad \text{for all } (x, c) \in \text{epi}(\varphi)$$

which yields the desired estimate.

**Theorem C.6** If  $F : X \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty]$  is convex and bounded on an open set  $U$ , then  $F$  is continuous on  $U$ .

**Proof:** We choose  $M \in R$  such that  $F(x) \leq M - 1$  for all  $x \in U$ . Let  $\hat{x}$  be any element in  $U$ . Since  $U$  is open there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that the open ball  $\{x \in X : |x - \hat{x}| < \delta\}$  is contained in  $U$ . For any  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ , let  $\theta = \frac{\epsilon}{M - F(\hat{x})}$ . Then for  $x \in X$  satisfying  $|x - \hat{x}| < \theta \delta$

$$\left| \frac{x - \hat{x}}{\theta} + \hat{x} - \hat{x} \right| = \frac{|x - \hat{x}|}{\theta} < \delta$$

Hence  $\frac{x - \hat{x}}{\theta} + \hat{x} \in U$ . By the convexity of  $F$

$$F(x) \leq (1 - \theta)F(\hat{x}) + \theta F\left(\frac{x - \hat{x}}{\theta} + \hat{x}\right) \leq (1 - \theta)F(\hat{x}) + \theta M$$

and thus

$$F(x) - F(\hat{x}) < \theta(M - F(\hat{x})) = \epsilon$$

Similarly,  $\frac{\hat{x} - x}{\theta} + \hat{x} \in U$  and

$$F(\hat{x}) \leq \frac{\theta}{1 + \theta} F\left(\frac{\hat{x} - x}{\theta} + \hat{x}\right) + \frac{1}{1 + \theta} F(x) < \frac{\theta M}{1 + \theta} + \frac{1}{1 + \theta} F(x)$$

which implies

$$F(x) - F(\hat{x}) > -\theta(M - F(\hat{x})) = -\epsilon$$

Therefore  $|F(x) - F(\hat{x})| < \epsilon$  if  $|x - \hat{x}| < \theta \delta$  and  $F$  is continuous in  $U$ .  $\square$

**Definition (Subdifferential)** Given a proper convex functional  $\varphi$  on a Banach space  $X$  the subdifferential of  $\partial\varphi(x)$  is a subset in  $X^*$ , defined by

$$\partial\varphi(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \varphi(y) - \varphi(x) \geq \langle x^*, y - x \rangle \text{ for all } y \in X\}.$$

Since for  $x_1^* \in \partial\varphi(x_1)$  and  $x_2^* \in \partial\varphi(x_2)$ ,

$$\varphi(x_1) - \varphi(x_2) \leq \langle x_2^*, x_1 - x_2 \rangle$$

$$\varphi(x_2) - \varphi(x_1) \leq \langle x_1^*, x_2 - x_1 \rangle$$

it follows that  $\langle x_1^* - x_2^*, x_1 - x_2 \rangle \geq 0$ . Hence  $\partial\varphi$  is a monotone operator from  $X$  into  $X^*$ .

**Example 1** Let  $\varphi$  be Gateaux differentiable at  $x$ . i.e., there exists  $w^* \in X^*$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\varphi(x + tv) - \varphi(x)}{t} = \langle w^*, h \rangle \quad \text{for all } h \in X$$

and  $w^*$  is the Gateaux differential of  $\varphi$  at  $x$  and is denoted by  $\varphi'(x)$ . If  $\varphi$  is convex, then  $\varphi$  is subdifferentiable at  $x$  and  $\partial\varphi(x) = \{\varphi'(x)\}$ . Indeed, for  $v = y - x$

$$\frac{\varphi(x + t(y - x)) - \varphi(x)}{t} \leq \varphi(y) - \varphi(x), \quad 0 < t < 1$$

Letting  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  we have

$$\varphi(y) - \varphi(x) \geq \langle \varphi'(x), y - x \rangle \quad \text{for all } y \in X,$$

and thus  $\varphi'(x) \in \partial\varphi(x)$ . On the other hand if  $w^* \in \partial\varphi(x)$  we have for  $y \in X$  and  $t > 0$

$$\frac{\varphi(x + ty) - \varphi(x)}{t} \geq \langle w^*, y \rangle.$$

Taking limit  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , we obtain

$$\langle \varphi'(x) - w^*, y \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in X.$$

This implies  $w^* = \varphi'(x)$ .

**Example 2** If  $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x|^2$  then we will show that  $\partial\varphi(x) = F(x)$ , the duality mapping. In fact, if  $x^* \in F(x)$ , then

$$\langle x^*, x - y \rangle = |x|^2 - \langle y, x^* \rangle \geq \frac{1}{2}(|x|^2 - |y|^2) \quad \text{for all } y \in X.$$

Thus  $x^* \in \partial\varphi(x)$ . Conversely, if  $x^* \in \partial\varphi(x)$ , then

$$\frac{1}{2}(|y|^2 - |x|^2) \geq \langle x^*, y - x \rangle \quad \text{for all } y \in X \tag{3.1}$$

We let  $y = tx$ ,  $0 < t < 1$  and obtain

$$\frac{1+t}{2}|x|^2 \leq \langle x, x^* \rangle$$

and thus  $|x|^2 \leq \langle x, x^* \rangle$ . Similarly, if  $t > 1$ , then we conclude  $|x|^2 \geq \langle x, x^* \rangle$  and therefore  $|x|^2 = \langle x, x^* \rangle$  and  $|x^*| \geq |x|$ . On the other hand, letting  $y = x + \lambda u$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  in (3.1), we have

$$\lambda \langle x^*, u \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2}(|x + \lambda u|^2 - |x|^2) \leq \lambda |u| |x| + \lambda |u|^2,$$

which implies  $\langle x^*, u \rangle \leq |u||x|$ . Hence  $|x^*| \leq |x|$  and we obtain  $|x|^2 = |x^*|^2 = \langle x^*, x \rangle$ .

**Example 3** Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of  $X$  and  $I_K$  be the indicator function of  $K$ , i.e.,

$$I_K(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in K \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Obviously,  $I_K$  is convex and lower-semicontinuous on  $X$ . By definition we have for  $x \in K$

$$\partial I_K(x) = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x^*, x - y \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } y \in K\}$$

Thus  $D(I_K) = D(\partial I_K) = K$  and  $\partial_K(x) = \{0\}$  for each interior point of  $K$ . Moreover, if  $x$  lies on the boundary of  $K$ , then  $\partial I_K(x)$  coincides with the cone of normals to  $K$  at  $x$ .

Note that  $\partial F(x)$  is closed and convex and may be empty.

**Theorem C.10** If a convex function  $F$  is continuous at  $\bar{x}$  then  $\partial F(\bar{x})$  is non empty.

**Proof:** Since  $F$  is continuous at  $x$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a neighborhood  $U_\epsilon$  of  $\bar{x}$  such that

$$F(x) \leq F(\bar{x}) + \epsilon, \quad x \in U_\epsilon.$$

Then  $U_\epsilon \times (F(\bar{x}) + \epsilon, \infty)$  is an open set in  $X \times R$  and is contained in  $\text{epi } F$ . Hence  $(\text{epi } F)^\circ$  is non empty. Since  $F$  is convex  $\text{epi } F$  is convex and  $(\text{epi } F)^\circ$  is convex. For any neighborhood  $O$  of  $(\bar{x}, F(\bar{x}))$  there exists a  $t < 1$  such that  $(\bar{x}, tF(\bar{x})) \in O$ . But,  $tF(\bar{x}) < F(\bar{x})$  and so  $(\bar{x}, tF(\bar{x})) \notin \text{epi } F$ . Thus  $(\bar{x}, F(\bar{x})) \notin (\text{epi } F)^\circ$ . By the Hahn Banach separation theorem, there exists a closed hyperplane  $S = \{(x, a) \in X \times R : \langle x^*, x \rangle + \alpha a = \beta\}$  for nontrivial  $(x^*, \alpha) \in X^* \times R$  and  $\beta \in R$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^*, x \rangle + \alpha a &> \beta \quad \text{for all } (x, a) \in (\text{epi } F)^\circ \\ \langle x^*, \bar{x} \rangle + \alpha F(\bar{x}) &= \beta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Since  $\overline{(\text{epi } F)^\circ} = \overline{\text{epi } F}$  every neighborhood of  $(x, a) \in \text{epi } F$  contains an element of  $(\text{epi } \varphi)^\circ$ . Suppose  $\langle x^*, x \rangle + \alpha a < \beta$ . Then

$$\{(x', a') \in X \times R : \langle x^*, x' \rangle + \alpha a' < \beta\}$$

is a neighborhood of  $(x, a)$  and contains an element of  $(\text{epi } F)^\circ$ , which contradicts to (3.2). Hence

$$\langle x^*, x \rangle + \alpha a \geq \beta \quad \text{for all } (x, a) \in \text{epi } F. \tag{3.3}$$

Suppose  $\alpha = 0$ . For any  $u \in U_\epsilon$  there is an  $a \in R$  such that  $F(u) \leq a$ . Then from (3.3)

$$\langle x^*, u \rangle = \langle x^*, u \rangle + \alpha a \geq \beta$$

and thus

$$\langle x^*, u - \bar{x} \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in U_\epsilon.$$

Choose a  $\delta$  such that  $|u - \bar{x}| \leq \delta$  implies  $u \in U$ . For any nonzero element  $x \in X$  let  $t = \frac{\delta}{|x|}$ . Then  $|(tx + \bar{x}) - \bar{x}| = |tx| = \delta$  so that  $tx + \bar{x} \in U_\epsilon$ . Hence

$$\langle x^*, x \rangle = \langle x^*, (tx + \bar{x}) - \bar{x} \rangle / t \geq 0.$$

Similarly,  $-tx + \bar{x} \in U_\epsilon$  and

$$\langle x^*, x \rangle = \langle x^*, (-tx + \bar{x}) - \bar{x} \rangle / (-t) \leq 0.$$

Thus,  $\langle x^*, x \rangle$  and  $x^* = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\alpha$  is nonzero. It now follows from (3.2)–(3.3) that

$$\left\langle -\frac{x^*}{\alpha}, x - \bar{x} \right\rangle + F(\bar{x}) \leq F(x)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and thus  $-\frac{x^*}{\alpha} \in \partial F(\bar{x})$ .  $\square$

**Definition (Lower semi-continuous)** (1) A functional  $F$  is lower-semi continuous if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) \geq F(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n)$$

(2) A functional  $F$  is weakly lower-semi continuous if

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n) \geq F(w - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n)$$

**Theorem (Lower-semicontinuous)** (1) Norm is weakly lower-semi continuous.

(2) A convex lower-semicontinuous functional is weakly lower-semi continuous.

Proof: Assume  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly in  $X$ . Let  $x^* \in F(x)$ , i.e.,  $\langle x^*, x \rangle = |x^*||x|$ . Then, we have

$$|x|^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x^*, x_n \rangle$$

and

$$|\langle x^*, x_n \rangle| \leq |x_n||x^*|.$$

Thus,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_n| \geq |x|.$$

(2) Since  $F$  is convex,

$$F\left(\sum_k t_k x_k\right) \leq \sum_k t_k F(x_k)$$

for all convex combination of  $x_k$ , i.e.,  $\sum \sum_k t_k = 1$ ,  $t_k \geq 0$ . By the Mazur lemma there exists a sequence of convex combination of weak convergent sequence  $(\{x_k\}, \{F(x_k)\})$  to  $(x, F(x))$  in  $X \times R$  that converges strongly to  $(x, F(x))$  and thus

$$F(x) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n). \square$$

**Theorem (Weierstrass)** If  $\varphi(x)$  is a lower-semicontinuous proper convex functional on a reflexible Banach  $X$  satisfying the coercivity  $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x) = \infty$ . Then there exists a minimizer  $x^* \in X$  of  $\varphi$ . A minimizer  $x^*$  satisfies the (necessary) condition

$$0 \in \partial\varphi(x^*).$$

Proof: Since  $\varphi(x_0)$  is coercive there exist a bounden minimizing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(x_n) = \eta = \inf_{x \in X} \varphi(x) = 0$ . Since  $X$  is reflexible, there exists a weakly convergent

subsequence  $x_{n_k}$  to  $x^* \in X$ . Since if the convex functional is lower-semicontinuous, then is weakly lower-semicontinuous. Thus,  $\eta = \varphi(x^*)$ . Since  $\varphi(x) - \varphi(x^*) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$ ,  $0 \in \partial\varphi(x^*)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem(Rockafellar)** Let  $X$  be real Banach space. If  $\varphi$  is lower-semicontinuous proper convex functional on  $X$ , then  $\partial\varphi$  is a maximal monotone operator from  $X$  into  $X^*$ .

Proof: We prove the theorem when  $X$  is reflexive. By Apuland theorem we can assume that  $X$  and  $X^*$  are strictly convex. By Minty-Browder theorem  $\partial\varphi$  it suffices to prove that  $R(F + \partial\varphi) = X^*$ . For  $x_0^* \in X^*$  we must show that equation  $x_0^* \in Fx + \partial\varphi(x)$  has at least a solution  $x_0$  Define the proper convex functional on  $X$  by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} |x|_X^2 + \varphi(x) - \langle x_0^*, x \rangle.$$

Since  $f$  is lower-semicontinuous and  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$  there exists  $x_0 \in D(f)$  such that  $f(x_0) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $F$  is monotone

$$\varphi(x) - \varphi(x_0) \geq \langle x_0^*, x - x_0 \rangle - \langle x - x_0, F(x) \rangle.$$

Setting  $x_t = x_0 + t(u - x_0)$  and since  $\varphi$  is convex, we have

$$\varphi(u) - \varphi(x_0) \geq \frac{1}{t}(\varphi(x_t) - \varphi(x_0)) \geq \langle x_0^*, u - x_0 \rangle - \langle F(x_t), u - x_0 \rangle.$$

Taking limit  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , we obtain

$$\varphi(u) - \varphi(x_0) \geq \langle x_0^*, u - x_0 \rangle - \langle F(x_0), u - x_0 \rangle,$$

which implies  $x_0^* - F(x_0) \in \partial\varphi(x_0)$ .  $\square$

We have the perturbation result.

**Theorem** Assume that  $X$  is a real Hilbert space and that  $A$  is a maximal monotone operator on  $X$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a proper, convex and lower semi-continuous functional on  $X$  satisfying  $dom(A) \cap dom(\partial\varphi)$  is not empty and

$$\varphi((I + \lambda A)^{-1}x) \leq \varphi(x) + \lambda M, \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0, x \in D(\varphi),$$

where  $M$  is some non-negative constant. Then the operator  $A + \partial\varphi$  is maximal monotone.

We use the following lemma.

**Lemma** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $m$ -dissipative operators on  $X$ . Then for every  $y \in X$  the equation

$$y \in -Ax - B_\lambda x \tag{3.4}$$

has a unique solution  $x \in dom(A)$ .

Proof: Equation (3.4) is equivalent to  $y = x_\lambda - w_\lambda - B_\lambda x_\lambda$  for some  $w_\lambda \in A(x_\lambda)$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} x_\lambda - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1}w_\lambda &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1}y + \frac{1}{\lambda+1}(x_\lambda + \lambda B_\lambda x_\lambda) \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1}y + \frac{1}{\lambda+1}(I - \lambda B)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A$  is  $m$ -dissipative, we conclude that (3.4) is equivalent to that  $x_\lambda$  is the fixed point of the operator

$$\mathcal{F}_\lambda x = (I - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} A)^{-1} (\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} y + \frac{1}{\lambda+1} (I - \lambda B)^{-1} x).$$

By  $m$ -dissipativity of the operators  $A$  and  $B$  their resolvents are contractions on  $X$  and thus

$$|\mathcal{F}_\lambda x_1 - \mathcal{F}_\lambda x_2| \leq \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1} |x_1 - x_2| \text{ for all } \lambda > 0, \quad x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{F}_\lambda$  has the unique fixed point  $x_\lambda$  and  $x_\lambda \in \text{dom}(A)$  solves (3.4).  $\square$

Proof of Theorem: From Lemma there exists  $x_\lambda$  for  $y \in X$  such that

$$y \in x_\lambda - (-A)_\lambda x_\lambda + \partial\varphi(x_\lambda)$$

Moreover, one can show that  $|x_\lambda|$  is bounded uniformly. Since

$$y - x_\lambda + (-A)_\lambda x_\lambda \in \partial\varphi(x_\lambda)$$

for  $z \in X$

$$\varphi(z) - \varphi(x_\lambda) \geq (z - x_\lambda, y - x_\lambda + (-A)_\lambda x_\lambda)$$

Letting  $\lambda(I + \lambda A)^{-1}x$ , so that  $z - x_\lambda = \lambda(-A)_\lambda x_\lambda$  and we obtain

$$(\lambda(-A)_\lambda x_\lambda, y - x_\lambda + (-A)_\lambda x_\lambda) \leq \varphi((I + \lambda A)^{-1}x) - \varphi(x_\lambda) \leq \lambda M,$$

and thus

$$|(-A)_\lambda x_\lambda|^2 \leq |(-A)_\lambda x_\lambda| |y - x_\lambda| + M.$$

Since  $|x_\lambda|$  is bounded and so that  $|(-A)_\lambda x_\lambda|$ .  $\square$