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PROPRIETES DE DIFFERENTIABILITE POUR DES
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RESUME :

On étudie la différentiabilité d'une solution u_a au problème de contrôle optimal :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} My_t + Ly = v(t)\varphi(x-a) \text{ dans } \Omega \times (0,T) \\ y(0) = 0 \text{ dans } \Omega \\ y|_{\Sigma} = 0 \\ j(a) = \text{minimum} \int_0^T \|v\|^2_{L^2(0,T)} + \|y(T;v)-z\|^2_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ \text{soumis à } v \in L^2(0,T) \end{array} \right.$$

par rapport au point a .

Pour le cas où φ est une "identité approchée" indéfiniment différentiable, on trouve que j est indéfiniment différentiable.

Lorsque φ est la masse de Dirac en a , $\delta(x-a)$, on montre que $j(a)$ est différentiable si $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ et $z \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$.

Differentiability Properties of
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Abstract

We study the differentiability of the solution u_a to the optimal
control problem

$$\begin{aligned} My_t + Ly &= v(t)\varphi(x - a) \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, T) \\ y(0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ y|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \\ j(a) &= \text{minimum } \|v\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \|y(T; v) - z\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ &\text{subject to } v \in L^2(0, T) \end{aligned}$$

with respect to the point a . For the case φ an infinitely differentiable
"approximate identity", we find that j is infinitely differentiable. For
 φ the Dirac measure at a , $\delta(x - a)$, we show that $j(a)$ is differentiable
if $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $z \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$.

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1. Introduction.

In this paper we study the following problem. Let Ω be a nonempty bounded open subset of \mathbb{R}^D , $p = 2$ or 3 , with a smooth boundary Γ , and let $Q = \Gamma \times (0, T)$, $\Sigma = \Gamma \times (0, T)$, and $a \in \Omega$. Consider the pseudo-parabolic problem

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} M y_t + Ly &= v(t)\phi(x - a) \quad \text{in } Q \\ y(x, 0; v) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ y(x, t; v) &= 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

where $M = M(x)$ and $L = L(x)$ are second order symmetric uniformly elliptic operators. The function ϕ may be an "approximate identity" with the properties:

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi &\in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^D), \quad \text{supp } \phi(x - a) \subset B(a, \varepsilon) \subset \Omega \quad \text{where } B(a, \varepsilon) \\ &= \{y \in \mathbb{R}^D : \|y - a\| \leq \varepsilon\}, \quad \phi \geq 0, \quad \int_{\Omega} \phi(x - a) dx = 1 \quad \text{or may be the Dirac} \\ &\text{measure at } a, \quad \delta(x - a). \quad \text{Together with the equation (1), we study} \\ &\text{the optimization problem} \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{minimize } J(v) &= \int_0^T v^2(t) dt + \int_{\Omega} (y(x, T; v) - z(x))^2 dx \\ \text{subject to } v &\in L^2(0, T) \end{aligned}$$

with $z \in L^2(\Omega)$.

The differential equation (1) arises in the modelling of various physical systems such as flow of fluid in fissured strata [2] and the flow of second order fluids [6]. We refer to the work of Carroll and Showalter [3] for an extensive bibliography concerning these equations.

The control problem embodied in (1) and (3) is studied in [7, 8]. There the existence of a unique solution u_a is established. Furthermore, it is shown that the function from Ω into R defined by $a \rightarrow j(a) = J(u_a)$ is continuous from Ω to R . Here we determine differentiability properties of this function. More specifically for the case of the Dirac measure we show that for $\Omega \subset R^2$ and $z \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$, the function $a \rightarrow j(a)$ is differentiable. In the approximate identity case the differentiability properties are independent of the space dimension and the smoothness of z . Section 2 considers the case for an approximate identity and section 3 treats the Dirac function case.

2. The case for an approximate identity.

We begin with the equations that characterize the solution of the control problem (1) and (3), c.f. [7, 8].

Proposition 1. The control problem (1) and (3) where φ satisfies (2) has a unique solution characterized by the system

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4) \quad & My_t + Ly = u_a(t)\varphi(x - a) \quad \text{in } Q \\
 & y(\cdot, 0; u_0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
 & y(x, t; u_a) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -Mq_t + Lq = 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\
 (5) \quad & q(\cdot, T; u_a) = M^{-1}(y(\cdot, T; u_a) - z(\cdot)) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
 & q(x, t; u_a) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(6) \quad u_a(t) + \int_{\Omega} q(x, t; u_a) \varphi(x - a) dx = 0 \quad \text{a.e. in } (0, T).$$

As a function of $a \in \Omega$, we have

$$(7) \quad j(a) = J(u_a) = \|u_a\|_{L^2(0, T)}^2 + \|y(\cdot, T; u_a) - z(\cdot)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

We calculate the gradient of j to obtain

$$(8) \quad \nabla j(a) = (j_{a_1}(a), j_{a_2}(a), j_{a_3}(a))$$

where

$$(9) \quad j_{a_i}(a) = 2(u_a, \delta_{a_i} u_a)_{L^2(0, T)} + 2(y(T; u_a) - z, \delta_{a_i} y(T; u_a))_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

for $i = 1, 2, 3$, and show that equation (9) makes sense.

We consider j_{a_1} , the other derivatives being similar. Set $\eta_1 = \delta_{a_1} y$, $\zeta_1 = \delta_{a_1} q$, $\varphi_1 = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial a_1}$, and $w_1 = \delta_{a_1} u_a$. Taking the variation of equations (4)-(6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) \quad & M \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t} + L\eta_1 = w_1 \varphi(x - a) - u_a \varphi_1(x - a) \quad \text{in } Q \\
 & \eta_1(0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \eta_1|_{\Sigma} = 0 \\
 (11) \quad & -M \frac{\partial \zeta_1}{\partial t} + L\eta_1 = 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\
 & \zeta_1(T) = M^{-1} \eta_1(T) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
 & \zeta_1|_{\Sigma} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(12) \quad w_1(t) + \int_{\Omega} \zeta_1(x, t) \varphi(x - a) dx - \int_{\Omega} q(x, t) \varphi_1(x - a) dx = 0$$

Multiplying (10) by q and integrating, we have

$$(y(T; u_a) - z, \eta_1(T))_{L^2(\Omega)} = \int_0^T (w_1(t) \int_{\Omega} q(x,t) \varphi(x-a) dx - u_a(t) \int_{\Omega} q(x,t) \varphi_1(x-a) dx) dt .$$

Thus, we may rewrite equation (9) for $i = 1$ as

$$(13) \quad j_{a_1}(a) = 4 \int_0^T w_1(t) u_a(t) dt - 2 \int_0^T u_a(t) \int_{\Omega} q(x,t) \varphi_1(x-a) dx dt .$$

Lemma 2. Equation (13) defines $j_{a_1}(a)$ if the system (10)-(12) has a unique solution.

We approach the problem of proving the existence and uniqueness of a solution of (10)-(12) by considering the following quadratic control problem.

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} M \frac{\partial \eta_1(v)}{\partial t} + L \eta_1(v) &= v(t) \varphi(x-a) - u_a(t) \varphi_1(x-a) \quad \text{in } Q \\ \eta_1(0, v) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \eta_1(v)|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \|v\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \|\eta_1(T; v)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \\ & - 2(v, \int_{\Omega} q(x,t) \varphi_1(x-a) dx)_{L^2(0,T)} \end{aligned}$$

subject to $v \in L^2(0, T)$.

Remark 3. Note that since φ is smooth, the solution of (14) has trace at time T in $L^2(\Omega)$ for any $v \in L^2(0, T)$. That is, $\eta_1(\cdot, T; v) \in L^2(\Omega)$ for any $v \in L^2(0, T)$.

The functional in (15) makes sense, and the following is a standard result.

Lemma 4. There exists a unique solution w_1 to problem (15).

By taking the variation of (15) at w_1 and introducing equation (11), we obtain equation (12). Hence, we have proved the following.

Lemma 5. There exists a unique solution to the system (10)-(12).

It follows then from Lemmas 2 and 5.

Theorem 6. The partial derivative $j_{a_1}(a)$ is given by equation (13).

Remark 7. Note if φ satisfies (2) then the set Ω may be taken to be in \mathbb{R}^p . By inspecting the previous arguments, we can see that further differentiability is possible depending on the differentiability of φ . In particular, if φ is infinitely differentiable, then so is j .

3. The delta function case.

We now study the problem for $\varphi = \delta$.

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} My_t + Ly &= v(t)\delta(x - a) \text{ in } Q \\ y(0) &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega \\ y|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

where Ω is in \mathbb{R}^2 and Γ is smooth.

Remark 8. Since for $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^p$, it follows $H^n(\Omega) \subset C^0(\bar{\Omega})$ if $n > \frac{p}{2}$, [1]. For $p = 2$, we see that $H^{3/2}(\Omega) \subset C^0(\bar{\Omega})$ and $\delta \in (H^{3/2}(\Omega))^*$. Further, by interpolation it follows that $y \in H^1(0, T; H^{1/2}(\Omega))$ so that the trace $y(\cdot, T; v) \in H^{1/2}(\Omega)$ for each v in $L^2(0, T)$.

From the above remark, it is clear that the minimization problem (3) makes sense. In [7] it is shown that there exists a unique solution u_a in $L^2(0, T)$, in fact in $C^\infty(0, T)$.

Proposition 9. There exists a unique solution u_a for the problem given by

(16) and (3) that is characterized by the system

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} My_t + Ly &= u_a(t)\delta(x - a) \quad \text{in } Q \\ y(0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ y|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} -Mq_t + Lq &= 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\ q(T) &= M^{-1}(y(T; u_a) - z) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ q|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(19) \quad u_a(t) + q(a, t; u_a) = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, T) .$$

As in the previous section we (formally) calculate $j_{a_1}(a)$ and the variation of equations (17)-(19) to obtain the system of equations

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} M \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial t} + L\eta_1 &= w_1(t)\delta(x - a) - u_a(t)\delta_1(x - a) \quad \text{in } Q \\ \eta_1(0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \eta_1|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} -M \frac{\partial \zeta_1}{\partial t} + L\zeta_1 &= 0 \quad \text{in } Q \\ \zeta_1(T) &= M^{-1}\eta_1(T) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \zeta_1|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(22) \quad w_1(t) + \zeta_1(a, t) = q_{x_1}(a, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } (0, T) ,$$

and

$$(23) \quad j_{a_1}(a) = -2 \int_0^T u_a(t) \zeta_1(a, t) dt + 4 \int_0^T w_1(t) q(a, t) dt .$$

We seek to provide the proper setting for these equations. Because of the irregularity involved, we prove existence of a solution of the system (20)-(22) by transposition [4, 5].

We begin with some observations concerning the regularity of the solution of (17)-(19) that follow from interpolation and results in [5].

Lemma 10. The solution $y(u_a)$ of equation (17) belongs to $H^1(0,T;H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega))$. The solution q of equation (18) belongs to $H^k(0,T;H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{5/2}(\Omega))$ for $k \geq 0$ if $z \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$.

Remark 11. The map $t \rightarrow q(\cdot, t)$ is an infinitely differentiable map of $(0,T)$ into $H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{5/2}(\Omega)$. Hence, $t \rightarrow q(a, t)$ is continuous and in $L^2(0,T)$. Further, with $q_{x_1}(\cdot, t) \in H^{3/2}(\Omega)$ for each t , we see that $t \rightarrow q_{x_1}(a, t)$ is continuous and in $L^2(0,T)$.

For equations (20)-(22) with the variation w_1 in $L^2(0,T)$ and with δ_1 belonging to $H^{-5/2}(\Omega)$, the right side of equation (20) is in $L^2(0,T;H^{-5/2}(\Omega))$. Thus, we seek a solution η_1 in $H^1(0,T;H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega))$.

Remark 12. In this case we have only $\eta_1(T)$ in $H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$. Hence, the method of demonstrating the existence of a solution to the variational equations that is used in section is not applicable here.

However, we note that if $\eta_1(\cdot, T)$ is in $H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)$, the solution ζ_1 of equation (21) belongs to $H^p(0,1;H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{3/2}(\Omega))$. Accordingly, for each $a \in \Omega$, $\zeta_1(a, t)$ is defined and is a continuous function of t in $[0, T]$.

Lemma 13. If there exists a solution to the system of equation (20)-(22) with $\zeta_1(a, t)$ in $L^2(0,T)$, then formula (23) has meaning.

We prove the existence of a solution to (20)-(22) by transposition. To this end, we consider the following system.

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} -M\psi_t + L\psi &= \theta \quad \text{in } Q \\ \psi(T) &= M^{-1}\alpha(T) \quad \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi|_{\Sigma} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(25) \quad & M\alpha_t + L\alpha = \beta - \psi(a,t)\delta(x-a) \quad \text{in } Q \\
& \alpha(0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
& \alpha|_{\Sigma} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

where $\theta \in L^2(0,T;H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega))$ and $\beta \in L^2(0,T;H^{-3/2}(\Omega))$.

Multiplying equation (20) by ψ and using equation (22), we integrate to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(26) \quad & \int_{\Omega} \eta_1(x,T)\alpha(x,T)dx + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \eta_1(x,t)\theta(x,t)dxdt \\
& = \int_0^T (q_{x_1}(a,t) - \zeta_1(a,t))\psi(a,t)dt \\
& - \int_0^T u_a(t)\psi_{x_1}(a,t)dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, multiplying equation (21) by α and integrating, we find that

$$(27) \quad \int_{\Omega} \eta_1(x,T)\alpha(x,T)dx = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \zeta_1(x,t)\beta(x,t)dxdt - \int_0^T \psi(a,t)\zeta_1(a,t)dt.$$

Combining equations (26) and (27), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(28) \quad & \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \zeta_1(x,t)\beta(x,t)dt + \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \eta_1(x,t)\theta(x,t)dt \\
& = \int_0^T q_x(a,t)\psi(a,t)dt - \int_0^T u_a(t)\psi_{x_1}(a,t)dt
\end{aligned}$$

Lemma 14. If for every pair (θ, β) in $L^2(0,T;H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\Omega)) \times L^2(0,T;H^{-3/2}(\Omega))$ there exists a unique solution of (24) and (25), then the solution (ζ_1, η_1) in $L^2(0,T;H^{3/2}(\Omega)) \times L^2(0,T;H^{-1/2}(\Omega))$ of (20)-(22) is defined by equation (28).

We now show that the system of equations (24) and (25) has a unique solution. Thus, we consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned}
(29) \quad & M\alpha_t(v) + L\alpha(v) = \beta - v(t)\delta(x-a) \quad \text{in } Q \\
& \alpha(0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\
& \alpha|_{\Sigma} = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

With $\beta \in L^2(0,T;H^{-3/2}(\Omega))$ given, the equation (29) defines $\alpha \in H^1(0,T;H^{1/2}(\Omega))$, c.f. [7], by interpolation [5]. Hence, it follows that the trace $\alpha(\cdot,T)$ belongs to $H^{1/2}(\Omega)$, [5], and, as in the previous section, we introduce the minimization problem

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} \quad \|v\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 + \|\alpha(T;v)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + 2(\theta, \alpha(v))_{L^2(Q)} \\ & \text{subject to} \quad v \in L^2(0,T) . \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, there exists a unique solution u to problem (30), see [4, 7]. Again, a characterization may be obtained by taking the variation at u of the functional in (30). We have

$$(31) \quad (u,v)_{L^2(0,T)} + (\alpha(T;u), (\delta\alpha)(T))_{L^2(\Omega)} + (\theta, (\delta\alpha))_{L^2(Q)} = 0$$

where the variations satisfy

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} M(\delta\alpha)_t + L(\delta\alpha) &= -v(t)\delta(x-a) \quad \text{in } Q \\ (\delta\alpha)(0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ (\delta\alpha)|_{\Sigma} &= 0 . \end{aligned}$$

We introduce the adjoint equation

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} -M\psi_t + L\psi &= \theta \quad \text{in } Q \\ \psi(T) &= M^{-1}\alpha(T;u) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \psi|_{\Sigma} &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

and we note that, with $\theta \in L^2(0,T;H^{1/2}(\Omega))$, the solution ψ of (24) belongs to $H^1(0,T;H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{5/2}(\Omega))$. Multiplying (32) by ψ and integrating, we see that

$$\int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \psi (M(\delta\alpha)_t + L(\delta\alpha)) dx dt = - \int_0^T v(t) \psi(a,t) dt$$

so that

$$(\alpha(T;u), (\delta\alpha)(T))_{L^2(\Omega)} + (\theta, (\delta\alpha))_{L^2(Q)} = -\int_0^T v(t)\psi(a,t)dt .$$

Hence, we see that

$$(u - \psi(a, \cdot), v)_{L^2(0,T)} = 0$$

for all $v \in L^2(0,T)$, and we have

$$(33) \quad u(t) = \psi(a,t)$$

almost everywhere in $[0,T]$. The characterizing equations then are given by

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} M\alpha_t + L\alpha &= \beta - \psi(a,t)\delta(x-a) \quad \text{in } Q \\ \alpha(0) &= 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \alpha|_{\Sigma} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} -M\psi_t + L\psi &= \theta \quad \text{in } Q \\ \psi(T) &= M^{-1}\alpha(T) \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \psi|_{\Sigma} &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

and we have shown that the system of equations (24) and (25) has a solution.

If $\theta = 0$ and $\beta = 0$, we have by multiplying (25) by ω and integrating that

$$\|\alpha(T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|\psi(a, \cdot)\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 = 0$$

so that $\psi = 0$ and $\alpha = 0$.

Proposition 15. If $\beta \in L^2(0,T;H^{-3/2}(\Omega))$ and $\theta \in L^2(0,T;H^{1/2}(\Omega))$, there

exists a unique solution (α, ψ) of (24) and (25) with $\psi \in H^1(0, T; H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^{5/2}(\Omega))$ and $\alpha \in H^1(0, T; H^{1/2}(\Omega))$.

From Proposition 15 and Lemma 14, we deduce the following.

Corollary 16. There exists a solution ζ_1 such that $\zeta_1(a, \cdot)$ belongs to $L^2(0, T)$, in fact, in $C(0, T)$.

Thus, from Lemma 13 we conclude the following.

Theorem 17. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and $z \in H^{1/2}(\Omega)$. Then $j_{a_1}(a)$ is well-defined and is given by equation (23).

Remark 18. An analogous argument holds for $j_{a_2}(a)$, and thus, $\nabla j(a)$ is defined for each $a \in \Omega$.

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