

Exercises for Section 4

Lemma 0.1 (Analyticity from derivative bounds) *If $u \in C^\infty(D)$ and there exist $C_1, C_2 > 0$ such that*

$$\|\partial^\alpha u\|_{L^2(D)} \leq C_1(C_2)^{|\alpha|} |\alpha|! \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \quad (0.1)$$

then u is real analytic in D .

1. Prove Lemma 0.1 via the following steps.

(a) Show that the result follows if there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that

$$\|\partial^\alpha u\|_{L^\infty(D)} \leq \tilde{C}_1(\tilde{C}_2)^{|\alpha|} (|\alpha| + n_0)!. \quad (0.2)$$

Hint: bound the Lagrange form of the remainder in the Taylor-series up to $n - 1$ terms, i.e.,

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=n} \frac{(x-x')^\alpha}{\alpha!} (\partial^\alpha u(x' + c(x-x'))),$$

for some $c \in (0, 1)$, and use the consequence of the binomial theorem that

$$\sum_{|\alpha|=n} \frac{n!}{\alpha!} = d^n. \quad (0.3)$$

Solution: By (0.2) and (0.3),

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{|\alpha|=n} \frac{(x-x')^\alpha}{\alpha!} (\partial^\alpha u(x' + c(x-x'))) \right| &\leq \sum_{|\alpha|=n} \frac{n!}{\alpha!} (n+1) \dots (n+n_0) \tilde{C}_1(\tilde{C}_2)^n |x-x'|^n, \\ &= \tilde{C}_1(n+1) \dots (n+n_0) (d\tilde{C}_2|x-x'|)^n, \end{aligned}$$

which $\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if $|x-x'| < (d\tilde{C}_2)^{-1}$.

(b) Prove (0.2) using the Sobolev embedding theorem (see, e.g., [1, Theorem 3.26]).

Solution: Let $n_0 := \lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil$. Then, by the Sobolev embedding theorem (see, e.g., [1, Theorem 3.26]), (0.1), and the fact that $|\alpha+\beta| = |\alpha| + |\beta|$, there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\partial^\alpha u\|_{L^\infty(D)} &\leq C \sum_{|\alpha| \leq n_0} \|\partial^{\alpha+\beta} u\|_{L^2(D)} \leq C C_1 C_2^{|\alpha|} \left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq n_0} C_2^{|\alpha|} (|\alpha| + |\alpha|)! \right), \\ &\leq C C_1 C_2^{|\alpha|} (|\alpha| + n_0)! \left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq n_0} C_2^{|\alpha|} \right), \end{aligned}$$

so that (0.2) holds with $\tilde{C}_2 := C_2$ and $\tilde{C}_1 := C C_1 \left(\sum_{|\alpha| \leq n_0} C_2^{|\alpha|} \right)$.

2. (Proof of the bound on the solution of the ‘‘modified Helmholtz equation’’.) Given $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and A and n satisfying Assumption 1.1 with $\Omega_- = \emptyset$, let $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be the solution of $-k^{-2} \nabla \cdot (A \nabla u) + n u = f$ in \mathbb{R}^d . Prove that u exists, is unique, and satisfies the bound

$$\|u\|_{H_k^1(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq \frac{1}{\min \{A_{\min}, n_{\min}\}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

for all $k > 0$. Hint: consider the variational problem satisfied by u . Solution: $u \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is the solution of the variational problem

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} k^{-2} (A \nabla u) \cdot \bar{\nabla v} + n u \bar{v} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f \bar{v} \quad \text{for all } v \in H^1(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

The sesquilinear form on the left-hand side is continuous and coercive on $H^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ (compare to the sesquilinear form in Question 1 from the exercises in §2), with coercivity constant $\min\{A_{\min}, n_{\min}\}$ in the $H_k^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ norm. The result then follows from the Lax–Milgram theorem.

References

[1] W. C. H. McLean. *Strongly elliptic systems and boundary integral equations*. Cambridge University Press, 2000.