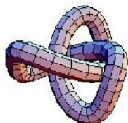


On the impact of smoothness in regularization – selected aspects –



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Nonlinear inverse problems

Let U, V be infinite dimensional Banach spaces with strong convergence \rightarrow in norms $\|\cdot\|_U, \|\cdot\|_V$, and well-defined weak convergences \rightarrow based on weak topologies.

$F : D(F) \subseteq U \longrightarrow V$ **forward operator** with domain $D(F)$.

We consider the **ill-posed nonlinear** operator equation

$$F(u) = v \quad (u \in D(F) \subseteq U, v \in V) \quad (*)$$

with solution $u^* \in \mathcal{D}(F)$ and exact right-hand side $v^* = F(u^*)$.

For the stable approximate solution of (*) we consider with stabilizing functional $\Omega : \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \subseteq U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and for noisy data v^δ assuming a deterministic noise model

$$\|v^* - v^\delta\|_V \leq \delta$$

variational regularization (Tikhonov type regularization)

$$T_\alpha^\delta(u) := \psi(\|F(u) - v^\delta\|_V) + \alpha \Omega(u) \rightarrow \min,$$

subject to $u \in \mathcal{D} := \mathcal{D}(F) \cap \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$, with $\alpha > 0$, minimizers u_α^δ , and an **index function** ψ defined on $[0, \infty)$ (continuous, strictly increasing, $\psi(0) = 0$).

Assumption 1

- U, V are reflexive Banach spaces.
- F is weakly-weakly continuous and $\mathcal{D}(F)$ is weakly closed, hence F is weakly closed.
- Ω is convex and weakly lower semi-continuous.
- $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(F) \cap \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \neq \emptyset$.
- For every $\alpha > 0$ and $c \geq 0$ the sets

$$\mathcal{M}_\alpha(c) := \left\{ u \in \mathcal{D} : T_\alpha^0(u) \leq c \right\},$$

are weakly sequentially pre-compact in the sense that every sequence $\{u_k\}$ in $\mathcal{M}_\alpha(c)$ has a subsequence, which is weakly convergent in U to some element from U .

We exploit for Ω with subdifferential $\partial\Omega$ the **Bregman distance** $D_\xi(\cdot, u)$ of Ω at $u \in U$ and $\xi \in \partial\Omega(u) \subseteq U^*$ defined as

$$D_\xi(\tilde{u}, u) := \Omega(\tilde{u}) - \Omega(u) - \langle \xi, \tilde{u} - u \rangle_{U^*, U} \quad (u, \tilde{u} \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \subseteq U).$$

The set

$$\mathcal{D}_B(\Omega) := \{u \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega) : \partial\Omega(u) \neq \emptyset\}$$

is called Bregman domain. An element $u^* \in \mathcal{D}$ is called an **Ω -minimizing solution** if

$$\Omega(u^*) = \min \{\Omega(u) : F(u) = v^*, u \in \mathcal{D}\} < \infty.$$

Such Ω -minimizing solutions exist under Assumption 1 if (*) has a solution $u \in \mathcal{D}$.

For results on **existence, stability and convergence** see

▷ H./KALTENBACHER/P./SCHERZER 2007, ▷ PÖSCHL 2008.

Example: Standard situation in Hilbert spaces

U, V **Hilbert spaces**, $\psi(t) = t^2$,

$\Omega(u) := \|u - \bar{u}\|_U^2$, u^* is called \bar{u} -minimum norm solution

$$T_\alpha^\delta(u) := \|F(u) - v^\delta\|_V^2 + \alpha \|u - \bar{u}\|_U^2$$

$\mathcal{D}(\Omega) = \mathcal{D}_B(\Omega) = U$, since $\partial\Omega(u)$ is singleton

$$\xi := \Omega'(u^*) = 2(u^* - \bar{u})$$

$$D_\xi(\tilde{u}, u) = \|\tilde{u} - u\|_U^2$$

Example: Regularization with differential operators

U, V Hilbert spaces, $\psi(t) = t^2$,

$\Omega(u) := \|Bu\|_U^2$ with unbounded s.a. operator $B : \mathcal{D}(B) \subset U \rightarrow U$

$$T_\alpha^\delta(u) := \|F(u) - v^\delta\|_V^2 + \alpha \|Bu\|_U^2$$

$\mathcal{D}(\Omega) = \tilde{U}$ Hilbert space with stronger norm $\|u\|_{\tilde{U}} := \|Bu\|_U$

$$\xi := \Omega'(u^*) = 2B^2u^*$$

$$D_\xi(\tilde{u}, u) = \|B(\tilde{u} - u)\|_U^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{D}_B(\Omega) = \mathcal{D}(B^2)$$

Example: Power type penalties in Banach spaces

U, V **Banach spaces**, $\psi(t) = t^p$ ($p > 1$), $\Omega(u) := \frac{\|u\|_U^q}{q}$ ($q > 1$),

$$T_\alpha^\delta(u) := \|F(u) - v^\delta\|_V^p + \alpha \left(\frac{1}{q} \|u\|_U^q \right) \quad (p, q > 1)$$

$\mathcal{D}(\Omega) = \mathcal{D}_B(\Omega) = U$, since $\Omega(u)$ is differentiable with

$\xi := \Omega'(u^*) = J_q(u^*)$ with $J_q : U \rightarrow U^*$ duality mapping

$$D_\xi(\tilde{u}, u) = \frac{1}{q} \|\tilde{u}\|_U^q - \frac{1}{q} \|u\|_U^q - \langle J_q(u), \tilde{u} - u \rangle_{U^*, U}$$

Assumption 2

Let F , Ω , U , V and \mathcal{D} satisfy Assumption 1.

- There exists an Ω -minimizing solution u^* which is an element of the Bregman domain $\mathcal{D}_B(\Omega)$.
- \mathcal{D} is starlike with respect to u^* , that is, for every $u \in \mathcal{D}$ there exists t_0 such that

$$u^* + t(u - u^*) \in \mathcal{D} \quad (0 \leq t \leq t_0).$$

- There is a bounded linear operator $F'(u^*) : U \rightarrow V$ such that we have for the one-sided directional derivative at u^* and for every $u \in \mathcal{D}$ the equality

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} (F(u^* + t(u - u^*)) - F(u^*)) = F'(u^*)(u - u^*).$$

The operator $F'(u^*)$ has Gâteaux derivative like properties, and there is an adjoint operator $F'(u^*)^* : V^* \rightarrow U^*$

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Proposition 1 – weak convergence

Consider an a priori choice $\alpha = \alpha(\delta) \leq \bar{\alpha}$ with

$$\alpha(\delta) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\psi(\delta)}{\alpha(\delta)} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

Then every sequence $\{u_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} := \{u_{\alpha(\delta_n)}^{\delta_n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of regularized solutions corresponding to a data sequence $\{v^{\delta_n}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of data with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \delta_n = 0$ has a subsequence $\{u_{n_k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ which is weakly convergent in U to some u^* . This limit element is always an Ω -minimizing solution of $(*)$ with $\Omega(u^*) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(u_{n_k})$.

Proposition 2 – regularized solutions stay inside level sets

Let $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$ be a parameter choice from Proposition 1,
For given $\bar{\alpha} > 0$ and Ω -minimizing solution u^* set:

$$\rho := \bar{\alpha} (1 + \Omega(u^*)).$$

Then $u^* \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$ and there exists some $\bar{\delta} > 0$ such that

$$u_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho) \quad \text{for all} \quad 0 \leq \delta \leq \bar{\delta}.$$

In recent publications the distinguished role of
variational inequalities

$$\langle \xi, u^* - u \rangle_{U^*, U} \leq \beta_1 D_\xi(u, u^*) + \beta_2 \|F(u) - F(u^*)\|_V^\kappa \quad (**)$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$ with some $\xi \in \partial\Omega(u^*)$,
two multipliers $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$, $\beta_2 \geq 0$,
and an exponent $\kappa > 0$ was elaborated.

This talk outlines the chances of such variational inequalities
and their **extensions** for ensuring **convergence rates** in
Tikhonov type regularization.

Classical theory of convergence rates in Tikhonov regularization for nonlinear ill-posed equations in Hilbert spaces due to

▷ ENGL/KUNISCH/NEUBAUER *Inverse Problems* 1989
for the standard minimization problem

$$T_\alpha^\delta(u) := \|F(u) - v^\delta\|_V^2 + \alpha \|u - \bar{u}\|_U^2 \rightarrow \min$$

separates the following both components

1. Smoothing properties and nonlinearity of the forward operator

$$\|F(u) - F(u^*) - F'(u^*)(u - u^*)\|_V \leq \frac{L}{2} \|u - u^*\|_U^2.$$

2. Solution smoothness

$$u^* - \bar{u} = F'(u^*)^* w, \quad L\|w\|_V < 1.$$

Both ingredients are **united in variational inequalities**.

This allows handling of **non-smooth** situations for u^* and F !

Theorem 1 – convergence rates & variational inequalities

Under the standing assumptions and assuming the existence of an Ω -minimizing solution from the Bregman domain $u^* \in \mathcal{D}_B(\Omega)$ let there exist an element $\xi \in \partial\Omega(u^*)$ and constants $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$, $\beta_2 \geq 0$, and $0 < \kappa \leq 1$ such that the variational inequality (***) holds for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$.

Then for $\psi(t) = t^p$ ($p > 1$) we have the convergence rate

$$D_\xi(u_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta, u^*) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^\kappa) \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0$$

for an a priori parameter choice $\alpha(\delta) \asymp \delta^{p-\kappa}$.

Sketch of a proof:

As typical for **low rate world** using $T_\alpha^\delta(u_\alpha^\delta) \leq T_\alpha^\delta(u^*)$ we obtain

$$\left\| F(u_\alpha^\delta) - v^\delta \right\|_V^p + \alpha D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) \leq \delta^p + \alpha \left(\Omega(u^*) - \Omega(u_\alpha^\delta) + D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) \right).$$

Moreover, by exploiting the inequality

$(a + b)^\kappa \leq a^\kappa + b^\kappa$ ($a, b > 0$, $0 < \kappa \leq 1$) from (***) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(u^*) - \Omega(u_\alpha^\delta) + D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) &= - \left\langle \xi, u_\alpha^\delta - u^* \right\rangle_{u^*, u} \\ &\leq \beta_1 D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) + \beta_2 \left\| F(u_\alpha^\delta) - F(u^*) \right\|_V^\kappa \\ &\leq \beta_1 D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) + \beta_2 \left(\left\| F(u_\alpha^\delta) - v^\delta \right\|_V^\kappa + \delta^\kappa \right) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| F(u_\alpha^\delta) - v^\delta \right\|_V^p + \alpha D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) \\ &\leq \delta^p + \alpha \left(\beta_1 D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) + \beta_2 \left(\left\| F(u_\alpha^\delta) - v^\delta \right\|_V^\kappa + \delta^\kappa \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Using the variant

$$ab \leq \varepsilon a^{p_1} + \frac{b^{p_2}}{(\varepsilon p_1)^{p_2/p_1} p_2} \quad (a, b \geq 0, \varepsilon > 0)$$

of Young's inequality twice with $p_1, p_2 > 1$, $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$ we get

$$\alpha D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) \leq 2\delta^p + \alpha\beta_1 D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) + \frac{2(p-\kappa)}{(p/\kappa)^{\kappa/(p-\kappa)} p} (\alpha\beta_2)^{p/(p-\kappa)}.$$

Because of $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$ this yields

$$D_\xi(u_\alpha^\delta, u^*) \leq \frac{2\delta^p + \frac{2(p-\kappa)}{(p/\kappa)^{\kappa/(p-\kappa)} p} (\alpha\beta_2)^{p/(p-\kappa)}}{\alpha(1-\beta_1)}$$

and

$$D_\xi(u_{\alpha(\delta)}^\delta, u^*) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^\kappa) \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0$$

for an a priori parameter choice $\alpha(\delta) \asymp \delta^{p-\kappa}$.

Comparison of Hölder convergence rates

$D_{\xi}(u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}, u^*) = \mathcal{O}(\delta^{\nu})$ for variational regularization with $\psi(t) = t^p$:

Low rate world $0 < \nu \leq 1$: Proof ansatz $T_{\alpha}^{\delta}(u_{\alpha}^{\delta}) \leq T_{\alpha}^{\delta}(u^*)$
under low order source conditions

$0 < \nu = \kappa \leq 1$ obtained for arbitrary reflexive Banach spaces U and V , $p > 1$, and diversified properties expressed by κ
with a priori choice $\alpha(\delta) \asymp \delta^{p-\nu}$

Enhanced rate world $\nu > 1$: Proof ansatz $T_{\alpha}^{\delta}(u_{\alpha}^{\delta}) \leq T_{\alpha}^{\delta}(u^* - z)$
under high order source conditions

$1 < \nu \leq \frac{2s}{s+1}$ obtained for s -smooth Banach space V ($s > 1$)
and a priori choice $\alpha(\delta) \asymp \delta^{(p-1)\frac{s}{s+1}}$

Upper rate limit: $\nu = \frac{4}{3}$ in Hilbert space V ($s = 2$)

Optimal rate independent of $p \geq 1$!

(▷ sc Neubauer/Hein/H./Kindermann/Tautenhahn 2009/10)

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Assumption 3

In addition to the standing assumptions we suppose here:

- Let $u^* \in \mathcal{D}$ be an Ω -minimizing solution of $(*)$.
- The operator F is Gâteaux differentiable in u^* with Gâteaux derivative $F'(u^*)$.
- The functional Ω is Gâteaux differentiable in u^* with Gâteaux derivative $\xi = \Omega'(u^*)$, i.e., the subdifferential $\partial\Omega(u^*) = \{\xi\}$ is a singleton.

The Gâteaux differentiability of F and Ω in u^* implies that there is some $t_0 > 0$ for every direction $\hat{u} \in U$ such that $u^* + t\hat{u} \in \mathcal{D}$ for all $0 \leq t \leq t_0$.

Structural conditions of F locally in u^* can be expressed by:

Definition (degree of nonlinearity)

Let $0 \leq c_1, c_2 \leq 1$ and $c_1 + c_2 > 0$. We define F to be **nonlinear of degree** (c_1, c_2) for the Bregman distance D_ξ of Ω at u^* and at $\xi \in \partial\Omega(u^*)$ if there is a constant $K > 0$ such that

$$\|F(u) - F(u^*) - F'(u^*)(u - u^*)\|_V \leq K \|F(u) - F(u^*)\|_V^{c_1} D_\xi(u, u^*)^{c_2}$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$.

Case $\kappa > 1$:

The following proposition shows that exponents $\kappa > 1$ in the variational inequality for differentiable F and Ω in principle cannot occur (\triangleright sc H./Yamamoto 2009):

Proposition 3 – exponent limitation

Under the Assumption 3 the variational inequality

$$\langle \xi, u^* - u \rangle_{U^*, U} \leq \beta_1 D_\xi(u, u^*) + \beta_2 \|F(u) - F(u^*)\|_V^\kappa \quad (**)$$

cannot hold with $\xi = \Omega'(u^*) \neq 0$ and multipliers $\beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0$ whenever $\kappa > 1$.

Case $\kappa = 1$: (\triangleright Monograph by SCHERZER ET AL. 2009)

As the next proposition shows the variational inequality (**) is closely connected with the source condition $\xi \in \mathcal{R}(F'(u^*))^*$.

Proposition 4 – source condition equivalence

Under Assumption 3 a variational inequality (**) for $\kappa = 1$ with $\xi = \Omega'(u^*)$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2 \geq 0$ implies the benchmark source condition

$$\xi = F'(u^*)^* w, \quad w \in V^*. \quad (+)$$

Let F be nonlinear of degree $(0, 1)$ in u^* , i.e., we have

$$\|F(u) - F(u^*) - F'(u^*)(u - u^*)\|_V \leq K D_\xi(u, u^*)$$

for a constant $K > 0$ and all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$. Then conversely the source condition (+) together with the smallness condition $K \|w\|_{V^*} < 1$ imply (**) with $\xi = \Omega'(u^*)$ and multipliers $0 \leq \beta_1 = K \|w\|_{V^*} < 1$, $\beta_2 = \|w\|_{V^*} \geq 0$.

Case $0 < \kappa \leq 1$:

The theorem below extends the second result of Proposition 4 to a wider class of degrees of nonlinearity. The particular case $\kappa = 1$ occurs only for the complementary situation $c_1 > 0$.

Theorem 2 – utility of $c_1 > 0$

Under Assumption 3 let F be nonlinear in u^* of degree

$$(c_1, c_2) \quad \text{with} \quad 0 < c_1 \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq c_2 < 1, \quad c_1 + c_2 \leq 1.$$

Then without requiring any additional condition the benchmark source condition (+) implies a variational inequality (**) with

$$\kappa = \frac{c_1}{1 - c_2},$$

$$\xi = \Omega'(u^*) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \beta_1 < 1, \quad \beta_2 \geq 0.$$

Extended results for a Hilbert space situation

Assumption 4

- U and V are Hilbert spaces
- $\psi(t) = t^2$
- $\Omega(u) := \|u - \bar{u}\|_U^2$ with reference element $\bar{u} \in U$

Definition (degree of nonlinearity in Hilbert space)

Let $c_1, c_2 \geq 0$ and $c_1 + c_2 > 0$. We define F to be nonlinear in u^* of degree (c_1, c_2) if there is a constant $K > 0$ such that

$$\|F(u) - F(u^*) - F'(u^*)(u - u^*)\|_V \leq K \|F(u) - F(u^*)\|_V^{c_1} \|u - u^*\|_U^{2c_2}$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$.

Proposition 5 – general source conditions

Let the operator F mapping between the Hilbert spaces U and V be nonlinear of degree (c_1, c_2) in u^* with $c_1 > 0$ and let $\xi = 2(u^* - u^*)$ satisfy the general source condition

$$\xi = (F'(u^*)^* F'(u^*))^{\eta/2} w, \quad 0 < \eta < 1, \quad w \in U. \quad (++)$$

Then we have the variational inequality (**) with exponent

$$\kappa = \min \left\{ \frac{2\eta c_1}{1 + \eta(1 - 2c_2)}, \frac{2\eta}{1 + \eta} \right\}$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$ and multipliers $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1, \beta_2 \geq 0$.

An exponent $\kappa = \frac{2\eta}{1+\eta}$ in Proposition 5 indicates order optimal convergence rates with respect to the general source condition $(++)$. This is the case if the condition

$$1 + \eta(1 - 2c_2 - c_1) \leq c_1$$

is satisfied. It can hold for $0 < \eta < 1$ only if either $c_1 = 1$ or for $0 < c_1 < 1$ if $c_1 + c_2 > 1$ and η is large enough.

Converse assertions concluding from $(**)$ with exponents $0 < \kappa < 1$ to Hölder source conditions of type $(++)$ are of interest. We have some result for $F := A \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ **linear** using \triangleright NEUBAUER 1987:

Proposition 6 – converse result

Let $F := A \in \mathcal{L}(U, V)$ be a bounded linear operator with non-closed range mapping between the Hilbert spaces U, V and let $\xi = 2(u^* - \bar{u})$ satisfy a variational inequality

$$\langle \xi, u^* - u \rangle_U \leq \beta_1 \|u - u^*\|_U^2 + \beta_2 \|A(u - u^*)\|_V^\kappa$$

with some

$$0 < \kappa < 1$$

for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$ and multipliers $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1, \beta_2 \geq 0$, then a Hölder source condition

$$\xi = (A^*A)^{\eta/2} w, \quad w \in U,$$

is valid for all

$$0 < \eta < \frac{\kappa}{2 - \kappa} < 1.$$

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Now we return to the Banach space setting!

If there is no $c_1 > 0$ such that F is nonlinear of degree (c_1, c_2) for the Bregman distance D_ξ of Ω at u^* and at $\xi \in \partial\Omega(u^*)$, we can **moderate** as follows:

Boundary layer condition for the nonlinearity of F at u^*

$$\|F'(u^*)(u - u^*)\|_V \leq K \sigma(\|F(u) - F(u^*)\|_V) \quad (\text{BLC})$$

for some **concave** index function σ , $K > 0$, and all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$.

$\sigma(t) = t^{c_1}$ ($0 < c_1 \leq 1$): (BLC) implies degree of nonlinearity $(c_1, 0)$.

Interesting (BLC) case: $t^\nu = o(\sigma(t))$ as $t \rightarrow 0$ for all $\nu > 0$.

An adaption of (**) with respect to (BLC) is the **extended variational inequality**

$$\langle \xi, u^* - u \rangle_{U^*, U} \leq \beta_1 D_\xi(u, u^*) + \beta_2 \varphi(\|F(u) - F(u^*)\|_V). \quad (***)$$

with $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$, $\beta_2 \geq 0$, and some **concave** index function φ .

Assumption 5

- There exist $\bar{a}, \bar{b} > 0$ such that

$$\psi(z_1 + z_2) \leq \bar{a}\psi(z_1) + \bar{b}\psi(z_2) \quad (z_1, z_2 \in [0, \infty)).$$

- There is an index function f such that

$$\psi(s) = \int_0^{\varphi(s)} f(t) dt \quad (s \geq 0).$$

The existence of an index function f can be ensured for **strictly convex** ψ with $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \psi'(s) = 0$ and **concave** φ whenever both functions are twice differentiable for positive arguments:

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f(s) = \left[\frac{\psi'}{\varphi'} \circ \varphi^{-1} \right] (s) = \left[\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} \right]' (s) \quad (s > 0).$$

Theorem 3 – rates for extended variational inequalities

Under Assumption 5 assume that an extended variational inequality (***) is valid with $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$, $\beta_2 \geq 0$, and concave index function φ for all $u \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{\alpha}}(\rho)$.

Then we have the convergence rate

$$D_{\xi}(u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}, u^*) = \mathcal{O}(\varphi(\delta)) \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0$$

for an a priori parameter choice $\alpha(\delta) = \frac{1}{a\beta_2} f(\varphi(\delta))$.

The proof is essentially based on Young's inequality in the form

$$ab \leq \int_0^a f(t) dt + \int_0^b f^{-1}(\tau) d\tau \quad (a, b \geq 0).$$

▷ BoT/H. JIEA 2010

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Extended variational inequalities based on the benchmark source condition and on approximate source conditions

Here we are going to formulate **sufficient conditions** for extended variational inequalities:

Theorem 4 – benchmark source condition case

Let for u^* and $\xi = \Omega'(u^*)$ the benchmark source condition

$$\xi = F'(u^*)^* w, \quad w \in V^* \quad (+)$$

and the nonlinearity condition (BLC) with some index function σ be satisfied. Then an extended variational inequality (***) holds with two multipliers $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$, $\beta_2 > 0$ and with the index function $\varphi = \sigma$.

The **distance function**

$$d(R) := \min_{w \in V^*: \|w\|_{V^*} \leq R} \|\xi - F'(u^*)^* w\|_{U^*}$$

measures the **degree of violation** of ξ with respect to the benchmark source condition $\xi = F'(u^*)^* w$, $w \in V^*$.

Proposition 9 – decay of distance function

Let ξ satisfy the requirements

$$\xi \notin \mathcal{R}(F'(u^*)^*)$$

and

$$\xi \in \overline{\mathcal{R}(F'(u^*)^*)}^{\|\cdot\|_{U^*}}.$$

Then $d(R)$ ($0 \leq R < \infty$) is a non-increasing positive function tending to zero as $R \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem 5 – approximate source condition case

Let u^* and $\xi = \Omega'(u^*)$ satisfy the nonlinearity condition (BLC) with some index function σ , but fail to satisfy the benchmark source condition (+), i.e., $d(R)$ is a positive function for all $R \geq 0$. If $F'(u^*)$ is injective and the Bregman distance is q -coercive with $2 \leq q < \infty$ and some constant $c_q > 0$ such that

$$D_\xi(u, u^*) \geq c_q \|u - u^*\|_U^q,$$

then an extended variational inequality (***) holds with two multipliers $0 \leq \beta_1 < 1$, $\beta_2 > 0$ and with the index function

$$\varphi(0) = 0, \quad \varphi(t) = \left[d\left(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma(t))\right) \right]^{q^*} \quad (t > 0),$$

where $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q^*} = 1$ and $\Psi(R) := \frac{d(R)^{q^*}}{R}$.

Example: Get logarithmic rates over two different ways

Consider in extended variational inequality (***)

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (t = 0) \\ C [\log(1/t)]^{-\mu} & (0 < t \leq e^{-\mu-1}) \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 3 we obtain a convergence rate

$$D_{\xi}(u_{\alpha(\delta)}^{\delta}, u^*) = \mathcal{O}([\log(1/\delta)]^{-\mu}) \quad \text{as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$

(I) Case $\sigma = \varphi$ characterizes a very weak logarithmic structural condition (BLC).

It gives by Theorem 4 such φ in $(***)$ whenever the benchmark source condition $(+)$ is satisfied.

(II) Case $\sigma(t) = t$ characterizes $c_1 = 1$ and hence a strong nonlinearity condition. The logarithmic function φ is obtained by Theorem 5 if with

$$d(R) = (\log R)^{-\nu} \quad (\nu > 0)$$

the distance function decay to zero as $R \rightarrow \infty$ is very slow. However, since we have for large R and for $\varepsilon > 0$ a constant $K > 0$ with

$$\Psi(R) = \frac{1}{R(\log R)^{\nu q^*}} \geq \frac{K}{R^{1+\varepsilon}},$$

this implies $\Psi^{-1}(t) \geq \hat{K}t^{-1/(1+\varepsilon)}$ for sufficiently small $t > 0$. Hence we have that φ with $\mu = \nu q^*$.

Some conjecture:

We conjecture that **no convergence rates** can be proven when the structure of nonlinearity at u^* is **too rough** and **(+) is violated**, i.e., $d(R) > 0$ ($R \geq 0$).

What does roughness mean here?

(BLC) cannot be satisfied for any index function σ ?