

FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS
With Applications in Numerical Analysis

(Lecture notes for AMa 204)

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Contents of the Lecture Notes

1. Why Functional Analysis?

- (a) A partial differential equation from (bio)physics
- (b) Existence and uniqueness of solutions – well-posedness?
- (c) Discretization by the finite element method – what is the error?
- (d) Convergence of the multigrid method – how do we analyze this?

2. Basic Set Theory, Real Analysis, and Topology

- (a) Set theory, orderings, Zorn's lemma, and all that
- (b) Functions, surjections, injections, bijections
- (c) Sequences, series, limits, continuous functions, compact sets, uniform continuity
- (d) Differentiation, (Riemann) integration, Inverse and Implicit Function Theorems
- (e) Fields, Topologies, topological spaces, Hausdorff spaces, metrics, metric spaces
- (f) Cauchy sequences, closed sets, complete spaces
- (g) Completion of an arbitrary metric space
- (h) Linear (vector) spaces, topological vector spaces
- (i) Norms, equivalent norms, normed spaces, Banach spaces
- (j) Inner-products, induced norms, inner-product spaces, Hilbert spaces
- (k) A fundamental tool in analysis: the Contraction Mapping Theorem
- (l) Brouwer, Schauder, and Leray-Schauder Fixed-point Theorems
- (m) Some applications of fixed-point theorems
- (n) Lipschitz continuity, Lipschitz-continuous boundaries of open sets, and the cone test
- (o) Pointwise, uniform, strong, and weak convergence of functions

3. Hilbert Space Geometry

- (a) The fundamental Cauchy-Schwarz and triangle inequalities
- (b) The Pythagorean formula and the parallelogram law
- (c) Orthogonality and orthogonal complements
- (d) Closed subspaces of a Hilbert (or Banach) space
- (e) The Orthogonal Complement Theorem
- (f) Convex sets and The Closest Point Theorem
- (g) The (Hilbert Space) Projection Theorem
- (h) The Riesz Representation theorem
- (i) The dual space of a Hilbert space and the dual norm
- (j) The Characterization Theorem
- (k) Orthogonal and orthonormal systems, orthonormal sequences
- (l) The Extended Pythagorean formula and Bessel's inequality
- (m) Generalized Fourier series and the Series Convergence Theorem
- (n) Complete sequences and the Complete Sequence Theorem
- (o) Separable Hilbert Spaces
- (p) The Countable Dense Subset Theorem
- (q) The associated scalar field and “real” Hilbert spaces

4. Linear and Nonlinear Operators

- (a) Mappings of spaces and the four fundamental subspaces
- (b) Linear operators as mappings of spaces, inverse mappings
- (c) Continuity of the norm and inner-product as operators on normed and inner-product spaces
- (d) Continuity and linear operators; boundedness, continuity at a point
- (e) The bound of a linear operator and the operator norm
- (f) The (Hilbert) adjoint operator, self-adjoint operators
- (g) Identity, null, invertible, isometric, and positive operators
- (h) Compact operators
- (i) Projection operators
- (j) Bounded and unbounded operators
- (k) An example of a bounded linear operator: an integral operator
- (l) An example of an unbounded linear operator: a differential operator
- (m) Linear and bilinear forms: continuity (boundedness), coercivity, symmetry, positivity
- (n) The operator norm of linear and bilinear forms
- (o) Quadratic forms and the Polarization Identity
- (p) The Equality of Forms Theorem
- (q) The Bounded Bilinear Form Theorem
- (r) The Bounded Operator Theorem
- (s) The Lax-Milgram Theorem
- (t) The Lions-Stampachia Theorem, and the relationship to Lax-Milgram and minimization
- (u) Nonlinear operators: first variation, G(Gateaux)-variation, G-differential, G-derivative
- (v) The F(Frechet)-differential, F-derivative, Gradients and potential mappings
- (w) Calculating G-derivatives and F-derivatives of nonlinear operators
- (x) Euler Conditions
- (y) Monotone operators and the Nonlinear Lax-Milgram Theorem

5. Additional Topics in Functional Analysis

- (a) Dual spaces again, duality pairing, isomorphisms and isometries
- (b) Gelfand Triples and the pivot space
- (c) Extensions of operators and forms
- (d) Continuous and compact operators (“completely continuous” operators)
- (e) Continuous and compact imbeddings of abstract spaces, imbedding operators
- (f) Compactly imbedded subspaces of a Hilbert spaces and density
- (g) Intermediate spaces of Hilbert (or Banach) spaces
- (h) Interpolation inequalities and interpolation spaces
- (i) Hilbert scales of spaces
- (j) The spectral theory of self-adjoint linear operators
- (k) The Hilbert-Schmidt Theorem
- (l) The Spectral Theorem
- (m) The Hahn-Banach Theorem
- (n) The Closed-Graph Theorem (and the Open Mapping Theorem)
- (o) The Principle of Uniform Boundedness

6. Measure and Integration

- (a) Set functions and the Banach-Tarski Paradox
- (b) Borel fields, σ -algebras, and measurable sets
- (c) Measures and the Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{R}^n
- (d) Open sets $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$ as domains of functions
- (e) Measurable functions
- (f) Sets of measure zero and the “almost everywhere” (AE) notion
- (g) Step functions, characteristic functions, simple functions
- (h) The Lebesgue and Riemann integrals; Lebesgue and Riemann integrable functions
- (i) Fatou’s lemma and the Monotone Convergence Theorem
- (j) Lebesgue’s Dominated Convergence Theorem
- (k) The $L^p(\Omega)$ spaces as equivalence classes of functions, and the $L^p(\Omega)$ norms
- (l) Young’s inequality, Holder’s inequality, and Minkowski’s inequality
- (m) The analogous discrete ℓ^p spaces and analogous inequalities
- (n) The $L^p(\Omega)$ spaces are Banach spaces (the Riesz-Fischer Theorem)
- (o) The special case of the Hilbert space $L^2(\Omega)$ and its inner-product

7. Distributions, Weak Derivatives, and Sobolev Spaces

- (a) Some additional function spaces ($C^k(\Omega)$, $\bar{C}^k(\Omega)$, $C_0^k(\Omega)$, ...) and their (Banach) norms
- (b) The (Schwartz) Theory of Distributions
- (c) “Test” functions and the spaces $L_{loc}^1(\Omega)$, $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$, $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$
- (d) Distributions as bounded linear functionals in $\mathcal{D}'(\Omega)$ over the space $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$
- (e) Conditions for sets Ω : the cone condition, Lipschitz continuous boundaries, the “space” $\mathcal{C}^{0,1}$
- (f) The “weak derivative” and the space of k -times weakly differentiable functions $W^k(\Omega)$
- (g) The Sobolev spaces $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ based on $W^k(\Omega)$ and $L^p(\Omega)$
- (h) The norms and semi-norms in the spaces $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ and the myriad of common notations
- (i) The spaces $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ are Banach spaces (no proof; pointers to Adams)
- (j) The special Hilbert space case of $p = 2$: $H^k(\Omega) = W^{k,2}(\Omega)$, and the inner-product

8. The Sobolev Imbedding, Compactness, Density, Extension, and Trace Theorems

- (a) Review of the formal “completion” of an arbitrary metric space
- (b) The Sobolev spaces $H^{k,p}(\Omega)$ based on the completion of $C^k(\Omega)$ in the $W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ norm
- (c) $H^{k,p}(\Omega) = W^{k,p}(\Omega)$ (the Meyers-Serrin Theorem; no proof, pointer to Adams)
- (d) Continuous and compact operators; continuous and compact imbeddings of abstract spaces
- (e) The Sobolev Imbedding Theorems and implications for the finite element interpolant
- (f) Compact Imbeddings, Density Theorems, and Extension Theorems
- (g) The Sobolev Integral Identity and Poincaré-like inequalities
- (h) Generalizing results (e.g., the Divergence Theorem) to Sobolev spaces using density arguments
- (i) The Trace Theorem and fractional order Sobolev spaces
- (j) Variational formulation of elliptic partial differential equations
- (k) The problem of delta functions: bounded linear functionals and Sobolev imbedding theorems
- (l) **Extended Example:** An analysis of the linearized and nonlinear Poisson-Boltzmann equations

Reference Material

Below is a list of what I feel are some of the most important reference books for the “intersection” area of functional analysis with numerical analysis and the modern theory elliptic partial differential equations.

- General numerical analysis: [10, 11, 22, 40, 48]
- General numerical treatment of elliptic equations: [18, 20, 43]
- Finite element theory: [3, 4, 6, 9, 18, 39, 42]
- Finite element implementation: [3, 5, 23]
- Iterative methods for linear problems: [19, 49, 50, 52]
- Iterative methods for nonlinear problems: [13, 25, 35, 41]
- Multigrid and domain decomposition methods: [8, 17, 46]
- Linear elliptic equations: [2, 15, 18, 34, 37, 44, 47]
- Nonlinear elliptic equations: [14, 15, 38]
- Real analysis: [24, 28, 36, 45]
- Functional analysis: [7, 12, 25, 27, 33, 51]
- Operator and matrix theory [16, 19, 21, 26, 29, 49]
- Sobolev and Besov spaces: [1, 30, 31, 32]

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