

1. Bifurcations in nonlinear PDE's

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1.1. Contraction principle in metric spaces

Def. (Metric space) A set M together with a function $d: M \times M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

1. $d(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall x, y \in M, \quad d(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$
 2. $d(x, y) = d(y, x) \quad \forall x, y \in M$
 3. $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in M$
- is called a metric space

Remark Any metric space can be organized as a topological space by defining the open sets via:

$$U \text{ is open } \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in U \exists \varepsilon_x > 0 \text{ such that } \{y \in M \mid d(x, y) < \varepsilon_x\} \subseteq U$$

Def (convergence in metric spaces) $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq M$ is convergent if $\exists x_0 \in M$ such that:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } d(x_n, x_0) < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_\varepsilon$$

Notation: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$ and x_0 is unique.

Def (fundamental sequences) $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq M$ is fundamental (Cauchy) if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$$

Def (complete metric spaces) A metric space is complete if and only if every fundamental sequence in it is convergent.

Def (contraction) A map $F: M \rightarrow M$ where (M, d) is a metric space is called a (strict) contraction if $\exists 0 \leq L < 1$ such that

$$d(F(x), F(y)) \leq L d(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in M$$

Remark Any contraction is a continuous map.

Theorem (contraction principle) Any contraction on a complete metric space has a unique fixed point. In other words, if $F: M \rightarrow M$ is a contraction and (M, d) is a complete metric space then the eq:

$$F(x) = x$$

has a unique solution.

Proof Existence of the fixed point:

Fix $x_1 \in M$ consider the sequence defined inductively

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n) \quad n \geq 1$$

Wote : $d(x_{n+1}, x_n) = d(F(x_n), F(x_{n-1}))$
 $\leq L d(x_n, x_{n-1}) \leq \dots$
 $\leq L^{n-1} d(x_2, x_1)$

Claim $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is fundamental.

Indeed for $1 \leq n < m$

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x_m) &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq d(x_n, x_{n+1}) + d(x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) + \dots + d(x_{m-1}, x_m) \\ &\leq L^{n-1} d(x_2, x_1) + L^n d(x_2, x_1) + \dots + L^{m-2} d(x_2, x_1) \\ &= L^{n-1} (1 + L + \dots + L^{m-n-1}) d(x_2, x_1) \\ &\leq L^{n-1} \frac{1}{1-L} d(x_2, x_1) \text{ because } L < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since $L^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ($0 \leq L < 1$), for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can choose $N_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\frac{L^{n-1}}{1-L} d(x_2, x_1) < \varepsilon \quad \forall n \geq N_\varepsilon$$

hence

$d(x_n, x_m) < \varepsilon \quad \forall n, m \geq N_\varepsilon$ and
 $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is fundamental

Since (M, d) is complete $\exists x_0 \in M$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$.

Pass to the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n)$$

\downarrow

x_0

\downarrow by continuity of F

$$= F(x_0)$$

\uparrow

by uniqueness of the limit

Hence x_0 is a fixed point of F .

Uniqueness of the fixed point: assume there are two solutions:

$$F(x_0) = x_0$$

$$F(x_1) = x_1$$

by contraction

\downarrow

$$\text{Then } d(x_0, x_1) = d(F(x_0), F(x_1)) \leq L d(x_0, x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-L) d(x_0, x_1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow d(x_0, x_1) = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 = x_1$$

The theorem is completely proven QED

1.2. Calculus in Banach spaces

Let X, Y be two Banach spaces over real or complex numbers and $B(X, Y)$ the space of linear, bounded operators from X into Y .

Let $F: U \rightarrow Y$, $U \subseteq X$ open be a map.

Def F has Gâteaux derivative at $u \in U$ in the direction $x \in X$ if and only if:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u + \varepsilon x) - F(u)}{\varepsilon} \text{ exists and is finite}$$

$$\text{notation } dF(u)[x] = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u + \varepsilon x) - F(u)}{\varepsilon}$$

Def F is Gâteaux differentiable at $u \in U$ if and only if it has Gâteaux derivative in any direction.

Def F is Fréchet differentiable at $u \in U$ if there exists $A \in B(X, Y)$ such that:

$$\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|F(u+x) - F(u) - Ax\|}{\|x\|} = 0$$

Notation: $A = DF(u)$ is called the Fréchet derivative.

Theorem If F is Fréchet differentiable at $u \in U$ (with Fréchet derivative A) then F is Gâteaux differentiable at u and

$$Ax = dF(u)[x] \quad \forall x \in \underline{X}$$

Proof We have:

$$\frac{F(u+\varepsilon x) - F(u)}{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon \|x\|} \frac{F(u+\varepsilon x) - F(u) - A\varepsilon x}{\|x\|} + \frac{A\varepsilon x}{\varepsilon}$$

Passing to the limit when $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ we get

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(u+\varepsilon x) - F(u)}{\varepsilon} = Ax \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Remark Gâteaux differentiable \neq

Fréchet differentiable Example:

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y}{x^4 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

$$df(0,0)[(a,b)] = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{(\varepsilon a)^2 (\varepsilon b)}{(\varepsilon a)^4 + (\varepsilon b)^2} = \begin{cases} \frac{a^2}{b} & \text{if } b \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } b = 0 \end{cases}$$

$df(0,0): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is not linear so f cannot be Fréchet differentiable.

Theorem If F is Fréchet differentiable at $u \in U$ then F is continuous at u .

Proof Let $\{x_n\} \subset U$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = u$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_n) - F(u) &= F(u + x_n - u) - F(u) = \\ &= F(u + x_n - u) - F(u) - A(x_n - u) + A(x_n - u) \\ &= \|x_n - u\| \cdot \frac{F(u + x_n - u) - F(u) - A(x_n - u)}{\|x_n - u\|} + \\ &\quad + A(x_n - u) \end{aligned}$$

Since A is bounded $A(x_n - u) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ hence

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F(x_n) - F(v)) = 0$. Since $x_n \rightarrow v$ we see

arbitrary $\Rightarrow F$ is continuous at $v \in U$. QED

Remark For $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 y}{x^6 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = 0 \end{cases}$$

We have $df(0, 0)[a, b] = 0 \quad \forall (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
hence the Gâteaux derivative is linear and bounded but f is still not Fréchet differentiable at $(0, 0)$ because it is not continuous: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n^3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \neq (0, 0)$

Theorem Let $V \subseteq U$ be a neighborhood of $v \in U$.
Assume $dF(v)[\cdot] \in B(X, Y) \quad \forall v \in V$ and
 $dF: V \rightarrow B(X, Y)$ is continuous. Then F
is Fréchet differentiable at v .

Proof We first need an extension of
the mean value theorem:

Lemma If $u, v \in X$ and F has Gâteaux derivative in direction $v-u$ for all the points in the segment:

$$[u, v] = \{x \in X \mid x = (1-t)u + tv \text{ for some } 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$$

then $\exists x \in [u, v] \setminus \{u, v\}$ such that

$$\|F(v) - F(u)\| \leq \|dF(x)[v-u]\|$$

Proof of Lemma Let $y^* \in Y^*$ such that

$\|y^*\| = 1$ and $y^*(F(v) - F(u)) = \|F(v) - F(u)\|$.
(such a functional exists via Hahn-Banach Theorem)

Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (or \mathbb{C}) $f(t) = y^* F((1-t)u + tv)$.
Now, via direct calculation, f is differentiable on $[0, 1]$:

$$f'(t) = y^* dF((1-t)u + tv)[v-u].$$

hence, via mean value theorem for f , $\exists t \in (0, 1)$:

$$f(1) - f(0) = f'(t) \quad (\text{for } f \text{ real valued})$$

$$\|f(1) - f(0)\| \leq |f'(t)| \quad (\text{for } f \text{ complex valued})$$

You both cases use now

$$|y^* F(v) - y^* F(u)| \leq |y^* dF((1-t)u + tv)[v-u]|$$

$$\Rightarrow \|F(v) - F(u)\| \leq \|y^*\| \|dF((1-t)u + tv)[v-u]\| \\ \leq \|dF((1-t)u + tv)[v-u]\|$$

The lemma is completely proven.

Back to the theorem: $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ such that:

$$B(u, \varepsilon) = \{x \in X \mid \|x - u\| < \varepsilon\} \subseteq V$$

Consider

$$G: B(u, \varepsilon) \rightarrow Y$$

$$G(v) = F(v) - F(u) - dF(u)[v-u].$$

A direct calculation shows that G is Gâteaux differentiable on $B(u, \varepsilon)$ with:

$$dG(v)[x] = dF(v)[x] - dF(u)[x]$$

(we use the linearity of $dF(u)$).

Apply previous Lemma on segments $[u, v] \subset B(u, \varepsilon)$

$\Rightarrow \forall v \in B(u, \varepsilon) \exists t_v \in (0, 1)$ such that:

$$\|G(v) - G(u)\| \leq \|dG((1-t_v)u + t_v v)[v-u]\|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \|F(v) - F(u) - dF(u)[v-u]\| \leq$$

$$\leq \|dF((1-t_v)u + t_v v) - dF(u)\| \|v-u\|$$

$$\leq \|dF((1-t_v)u + t_v v) - dF(u)\| \|v-u\|$$

hence for $v \neq u$:

$$\frac{\|F(v) - F(u) - dF(u)[v-u]\|}{\|v-u\|} \leq \|dF((1-t_v)u + t_v v) - dF(u)\|$$

For $v \rightarrow v$ we have $(1-t)v + tv \rightarrow v$ and the RHS above converges to zero due to the continuity of $dF: B(v, \varepsilon) \rightarrow B(X, \gamma)$. Hence the LHS in the relation above converges to zero as $v \rightarrow v$ which is equivalent with the existence of Fréchet derivative at v . QED.

Remark Both Gâteaux and Fréchet differentiable functions verify:

$$(i) \quad d(F+G)(v) = dF(v) + dG(v)$$

$$D(F+G)(v) = DF(v) + DG(v)$$

$$(ii) \quad d(\lambda F)(v) = \lambda dF(v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (or } \mathbb{C})$$

$$D(\lambda F)(v) = \lambda DF(v) \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (or } \mathbb{C})$$

In addition the Fréchet differential satisfies

$$(iii) \quad D(F \circ G)(v) = DF(G(v)) \circ DG(v)$$

but this property may fail for Gâteaux differentials. $d(F \circ G)(v)$ might not exist even when $dF(G(v))$ and $dG(v)$ exist !!!

Remark Integral calculus can be also recovered.

For example if $dF(\cdot)[v-u]$ is continuous on the segment $[u, v]$ then

$$F(v) - F(u) = \int_0^1 dF((1-t)u + tv)[v-u] dt$$