

Nonlinear Differential Equations

Practical 6: Pseudomonotone Operators

1. Let $A : X \rightarrow X'$ be a nonlinear operator on a real Banach space X . Show that

(a) A monotone and hemicontinuous $\implies A$ satisfies the condition (M),

Solution: Assume the left-hand side of the condition (M) holds; i.e.,

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u, \quad Au_n \rightharpoonup b, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle \leq \langle b, u \rangle.$$

We first note that for all $v \in X$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle b - Av, u - v \rangle &= \langle b, u \rangle - \langle Av, u \rangle - \langle b - Av, v \rangle \\ &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\langle Au_n, u_n \rangle - \langle Av, u_n \rangle - \langle Au_n - Av, v \rangle) \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Av, u_n - v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By monotonicity

$$\langle Au_n - Av, u_n - v \rangle \geq 0, \quad \implies \quad \langle b - Av, u - v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in X.$$

Let $v = u - tw$, where $t > 0$; then,

$$0 \leq \langle b - Av, u - v \rangle = \langle b - A(u + tw), w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

As A is hemicontinuous, as $t \rightarrow 0$,

$$\langle b - Au, w \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in X \quad \implies \quad \langle b - Au, w \rangle = 0 \quad \forall w \in X,$$

as setting $w = -w$ the condition still holds. Therefore, $b - Au = 0$, which implies $Au = b$; hence, the right-hand side of (M) is shown.

(b) A uniformly monotone $\implies A$ satisfies the condition $(S)_+$.

Solution: Assume the left-hand side of the condition $(S)_+$ holds; i.e.,

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0.$$

Then, by uniform monotonicity,

$$0 \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(\|u_n - u\|) \|u_n - u\| \geq 0.$$

Therefore, by properties of $a(\cdot)$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(\|u_n - u\|) \|u_n - u\| = 0 \quad \iff \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - u\| = 0;$$

hence, $u_n \rightarrow u$ and the right-hand side of $(S)_+$ is satisfied.

2. Let $A, B : X \rightarrow X'$ be nonlinear operators on a real Banach space X . Show that

(a) A satisfies $(S)_+$ and B strongly continuous $\implies A + B$ satisfies $(S)_+$,

Solution: Assume the left-hand side of $(S)_+$ holds for $A + B$; i.e.,

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n - (A + B)u, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0.$$

We first note that as A is strongly continuous that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle Bu_n - Bu, u_n - u \rangle| \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|Bu_n - Bu\| \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n - u\| = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n - (A + B)u, u_n - u \rangle \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n - Bu, u_n - u \rangle \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which means that the right-hand side of $(S)_+$ is satisfied for A . Then, by $(S)_+$ for A we have that $u_n \rightarrow u$, which is the right-hand side of $(S)_+$ for $A + B$.

(b) A satisfies (S) and B strongly continuous $\implies A + B$ satisfies (S) ,

Solution: Assume the left-hand side of (S) holds for $A + B$; i.e.,

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n - (A + B)u, u_n - u \rangle = 0.$$

By identical result to (2.1)

$$0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n - (A + B)u, u_n - u \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle;$$

hence, right-hand side of (S) is satisfied for A . Then, by (S) for A we have that $u_n \rightarrow u$, which is the right-hand side of (S) for $A + B$.

(c) A satisfies (M) and B strongly continuous $\implies A + B$ satisfies (M) .

Solution: Assume the left-hand side of (M) holds for $A + B$; i.e.,

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u, \quad (A + B)u_n \rightharpoonup b, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n, u_n \rangle \leq \langle b, u \rangle.$$

We want to show the three assumptions of (M) are met for A . Clearly the first assumption $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ holds. Then, as B is strongly continuous,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (A + B)u_n, v \rangle &\rightarrow \langle b, v \rangle & \forall v \in X \\ \langle Au_n, v \rangle + \langle Bu_n, v \rangle &\rightarrow \langle b, v \rangle & \forall v \in X \\ \langle Au_n, v \rangle + \langle Bu, v \rangle &\rightarrow \langle b, v \rangle & \forall v \in X \\ \langle Au_n, v \rangle &\rightarrow \langle b - Bu, v \rangle & \forall v \in X; \end{aligned}$$

therefore, $Au_n \rightharpoonup b - Bu \in X'$. This satisfies the second assumption. Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle b, u \rangle &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n, u_n \rangle \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n, u \rangle &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n \rangle \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u \rangle &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - u \rangle \\ \langle b - Bu, u \rangle &\geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n - Bu, u_n - u \rangle \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu, u_n - u \rangle \end{aligned}$$

By strong continuity of B , cf. (2.1), and $u_n \rightharpoonup u$, we have that the third assumption of (M) is satisfied; i.e.,

$$\langle b - Bu, u \rangle \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle.$$

Hence, by (M) for A , $Au = b - Bu$ which gives that the right-hand side of (M) $(A + B)u = b$ is satisfied.

3. Let $A, B : X \rightarrow X'$ be nonlinear operators on a real Banach space X . Show that

(a) A monotone and hemicontinuous $\implies A$ pseudomonotone,

Solution: By monotonicity

$$\langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle \geq 0 \quad \implies \quad \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \geq \langle Au, u_n - u \rangle \rightarrow 0;$$

therefore,

$$0 \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \geq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au, u_n - u \rangle = 0,$$

which gives that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle = 0.$$

Let $z = u + t(w - u)$, $t > 0$; then, by monotonicity,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Au_n - Az, u_n - z \rangle &\geq 0 \\ t \langle Au_n, u - w \rangle &\geq \langle -Au_n, u_n - u \rangle + \langle Az, u_n - u \rangle + t \langle Az, u - w \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

As, by left-hand side of pseudomonotone $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ and $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0$ we have that

$$\langle Az, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

As A is hemicontinuous, let $t \rightarrow 0$,

$$\langle Au, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

Hence, the right-hand side of pseudomonotone is shown.

(b) A strongly continuous $\implies A$ pseudomonotone,

Solution: As A strong continuous then $u_n \rightarrow u \implies Au_n \rightarrow Au$ and by similar result to (2.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle \\
 0 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u \rangle - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au, u_n - u \rangle \\
 0 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle - \langle Au, u \rangle \\
 \langle Au, u \rangle &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle \\
 \langle Au, u \rangle - \langle Au, w \rangle &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, w \rangle & \forall w \in X \\
 \langle Au, u - w \rangle &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle & \forall w \in X.
 \end{aligned}$$

This satisfies the right-hand side of the pseudomonotone condition.

(c) A demicontinuous and satisfies $(S)_+ \implies A$ pseudomonotone,

Solution: As $u_n \rightarrow u$ and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0 \implies \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n - Au, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0.$$

This satisfies the left-hand side of $(S)_+$; hence, $u_n \rightarrow u$. As A is demicontinuous this implies that $Au_n \rightarrow Au$. Hence, identically to the previous question as similar result to (2.1) holds for either strong convergence of u_n or Au_n ,

$$\langle Au, u - w \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X,$$

which satisfies the right-hand side of the pseudomonotone condition.

(d) A pseudomonotone and B pseudomonotone $\implies A + B$ pseudomonotone,

Solution: We have that $u_n \rightarrow u$ and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0.$$

Assume that there exists a subsequence $\{u_n\}$ such that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle = a > 0 \implies \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq -a < 0.$$

As B is pseudomonotone,

$$\langle Bu, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - w \rangle, \quad \forall w \in X;$$

hence, setting $w = u$,

$$0 = \langle Bu, 0 \rangle = \langle Bu, u - u \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq -a < 0.$$

This is a contradiction; hence,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0;$$

similarly,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0.$$

As A and B are pseudomonotone,

$$\langle Au, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X,$$

$$\langle Bu, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Bu_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

Then, $A + B$ is pseudomonotone as

$$\langle (A + B)u, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (A + B)u_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

(e) A pseudomonotone $\implies A$ satisfies (P),

Solution: Let $u_n \rightharpoonup u$ and assume that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle < 0;$$

i.e., A does not satisfy (P). Then, as A is pseudomonotone,

$$\langle Au, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

Let $w = u$; then,

$$0 = \langle Au, u - u \rangle \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle,$$

which is a contradiction.

(f) A pseudomonotone $\implies A$ satisfies (M).

Solution: Assume the left-hand side of the condition (M) holds; i.e.,

$$u_n \rightharpoonup u, \quad Au_n \rightharpoonup b, \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle \leq \langle b, u \rangle.$$

Then,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle - \langle b, u \rangle \leq 0$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n \rangle - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u \rangle \leq 0$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - u \rangle \leq 0;$$

So, the left-hand side of the pseudomonotone condition is met; hence,

$$\langle Au, u - w \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle Au_n, u_n - w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X$$

$$\langle Au, u - w \rangle \leq \langle b, u \rangle - \langle b, w \rangle \quad \forall w \in X.$$

Set $w = u - v$, and

$$\langle Au, v \rangle \leq \langle b, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in X;$$

hence, $Au = b$.