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**Abstract**

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## ON THE CHOICE OF A PARAMETER IN SOLVING FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS BY THE REGULARIZATION METHOD

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1. Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space,  $F$  a linear normed space, and  $A$  some linear bounded operator defined on  $H$  and mapping  $H$  into  $F$ . We consider the problem

$$Au = \bar{f}, \quad \bar{f} \in F \tag{1}$$

of finding the function  $\bar{u} = R[\bar{f}; A] \in H$  satisfying equation (1). Suppose that the function  $\bar{f} \in A[H] \subset F$ ; the function  $\bar{u}$  is determined uniquely by the datum  $\bar{f}$ . The collection  $\{\bar{f}; A\}$  will be called the **initial data** of problem (1).

Let  $S(A_h) = \{A_h, 0 < h \leq h_0\}$  be a family of linear bounded operators  $A_h$ , defined on  $H$ , such that  $\|A - A_h\|_{H \rightarrow F} \leq \zeta(h) \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Any collection  $\{f_\delta; A_h\}$ ,  $f_\delta \in F$ ,  $\|f_\delta - \bar{f}\|_F < \delta$ ,  $A_h \in S(A_h)$ , will be called **approximate data** of problem (1). We consider the problem of stable solution of equation (1), i.e., determination from the approximate data  $\{f_\delta; A_h\}$  of a function  $u_{\delta h} \in H$  such that  $\|\bar{u} - u_{\delta h}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta, h \rightarrow 0$ , where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the norm in  $H$ . Similar problems were considered in works <sup>(1-5)</sup>.

Suppose that it is known a priori that  $\bar{u} \in D$ , where  $D$  is some weakly closed convex set of the space  $H$  (the case  $D = H$  is allowed). Define the parametric functional <sup>(1)</sup>

$$\Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[u] = \Phi^\alpha[u; f_\delta, A_h; u^*] = \|A_h u - f_\delta\|_F^2 + \alpha \|u - u^*\|^2, \quad u \in D, \tag{2}$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  is a parameter, and  $u^* \in D$  is a prescribed function.

**Theorem 1.** There exists a unique function  $u_{\delta h}^\alpha \in D$  satisfying the relation

$$\Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[u_{\delta h}^\alpha] = \inf_{u \in D} \Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[u]. \tag{3}$$

The proof is based on the inequality

$$\alpha\|(u_1 - u_2)/2\| \leq \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[u_1] + \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[u_2] - \Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[(u_1 + u_2)/2], \quad u_1, u_2 \in H,$$

and is carried out analogously to work (3).

Define the functions

$$\varphi_{\delta h}(\alpha) = \Phi_{\delta h}^\alpha[u_{\delta h}^\alpha], \quad \gamma_{\delta h}(\alpha) = \|u_{\delta h}^\alpha - u^*\|^2,$$

$$\rho_{\delta h}(\alpha) = \|A_{hu_{\delta h}}^\alpha - f_\delta\|_F^2.$$

**Lemma 1.** For every  $\alpha > 0$  the function  $\varphi_{\delta h}(\alpha)$  is continuous, monotonically increasing, and

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_{\delta h}(\alpha) = \|A_{hu}^* - f_\delta\|_F^2.$$

**Lemma 2.** For any  $\alpha > 0$  the function  $\gamma_{\delta h}(\alpha)$  is continuous and monotonically decreasing; moreover,

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow +\infty} \gamma_{\delta h}(\alpha) = 0.$$

**Lemma 3.** For any  $\alpha > 0$  the function  $\rho_{\delta h}(\alpha)$  is continuous, monotonically increasing, and takes values in the interval

$$(\bar{\zeta}(h; \bar{u}) + \delta^2, \|A_{hu}^* - f_\delta\|_F^2], \quad \bar{\zeta}(h; \bar{u}) = \|A_h \bar{u} - A\bar{u}\|_F.$$

**Remark 1.** If the range  $Q_{A_h} = A_h(H) \subseteq F$  of each operator in the family  $S(A_h)$  is everywhere dense in  $F$ , then one may assert that the function  $\rho_{\delta h}(\alpha)$  takes values in the interval  $(0, \|A_{hu}^* - f_\delta\|_F^2)$ . This is fulfilled, for example, if  $A_h \equiv E$  and the space  $H$  is embedded in  $F$  (6), i.e., for the problem of reconstructing functions (5).

From the stated assertions it follows easily:

**Theorem 2** (discrepancy principle). Let, for any  $\delta$  and  $h$ ,  $0 < \delta \leq \delta_0$ ,  $0 < h \leq h_0$ , the condition

$$\kappa(\delta, h; \bar{u}, u^*) = (\bar{\zeta}(h; \bar{u}) + \delta)(1 + \beta(\delta, h))^{1/2} < \|A_{hu}^* - f_\delta\|_F, \quad (4)$$

be satisfied, where  $\beta = \beta(\delta, h)$ ,  $\beta(0, 0) = 0$ , is some positive bounded function continuous at the point  $(0, 0)$ .

Then there exists at least one value of the regularization parameter  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h) \geq 0$  such that

$$\rho_{\delta h}(\alpha(\delta, h)) = \kappa^2(\delta, h; \bar{u}, u^*), \quad (5)$$

and in this case

$$\lim_{\delta, h \rightarrow 0} \|u_{\delta h} - \bar{u}\| = 0.$$

**Remark 2.** If  $Q_{A_h}$  is everywhere dense in  $F$ , then in relation (4) one may set  $\beta(\delta, h) \equiv 0$ .

**Remark 3.** If the space  $F$  is Hilbert, then for sufficiently small  $\delta$  and  $h$  the value of the parameter  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta, h)$  is determined uniquely by condition (5).

**Remark 4.** If  $\zeta(h; \bar{u}) \leq \delta$ , then the discrepancy principle in fact does not depend on the sought solution  $\bar{u} = R[\bar{f}; A]$  and is quite effective.

We note that if problem (1) has a nonunique solution, then by  $\bar{u} = R[\bar{f}; A]$  one may understand the generalized normal solution <sup>(7)</sup> of this problem, which is uniquely determined by the formula

$$\bar{u} = \text{pr}_{N_A} u^* + \text{pr}_{H_A} \tilde{u}, \quad \tilde{u} = R[\bar{f}; A],$$

where  $N_A = \{u; Au = 0\}$ ,  $H_A = H \div N_A$ .

The formulated theorem is proved analogously to Theorem 4 <sup>(5)</sup>.

**2.** The following result is a refinement of Theorem 3 <sup>(5)</sup> and can serve as a basis for choosing suitable values of the regularization parameter, as well as for estimating the deviation of the regularized solution from the exact one, if some a priori information about the exact solution of problem (1) is available. Namely, the following is true.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $F$  be a unitary space, the element  $u^\alpha$  realize the lower bound of the functional  $\Phi^\alpha[u; \bar{f}, A; u^*]$ ,  $u \in H$ , and the element  $u_\delta^\alpha$  of the functional  $\Phi^\alpha[u; \bar{f}_\delta, A; u^*]$ ,  $u \in H$ . Then

$$\|u_\delta^\alpha - \bar{u}\| \leq \omega(\alpha; \bar{u}, u^*) + \delta/\sqrt{\alpha},$$

where  $\omega(\alpha; \bar{u}, u^*) = \|u^\alpha - \bar{u}\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ . If  $u^* - \bar{u} = A^*v$ , where  $v \in F$ , then  $\omega(\alpha; \bar{u}, u^*) \leq \sqrt{\alpha}\|v\|_F$ , and if  $u^* - \bar{u} = A^*A\bar{v}$ ,  $\bar{v} \in H$ , then  $\omega(\alpha; \bar{u}, u^*) \leq \alpha\|\bar{v}\|$ .

**3.** Let the function  $\bar{u} = \bar{u}(x) \in W_2^{(1)}[a, b]$  <sup>(6)\*</sup> be the (unique) solution of the integral equation

$$K[u] \equiv A(x)u(x) + \int_a^b k(x, \xi)u(\xi) d\xi = \bar{f}(x), \quad a \leq x, \xi \leq b, \quad (6)$$

where  $A = A(x)$ ,  $k = k(x, \xi)$ , and  $\bar{f} = \bar{f}(x)$  are continuous functions of their arguments. Suppose that continuous functions  $\tilde{f}(x)$  and  $\delta(x) \geq 0$  are known and are related to  $\bar{f}(x)$  by

$$|\bar{f}(x) - \tilde{f}(x)| \leq \delta(x). \quad (7)$$

Using some ideas of paper <sup>(9)</sup> and of the regularization method, we define the generalized approximate solution of equation (6) with approximate data  $\{\tilde{f}, K\}$  as the solution  $\tilde{u}(x)$  of the extremal problem

$$\|\tilde{u} - u^*\|_{W_2^{(1)}}^2 = \inf_{u \in \Omega} \|u - u^*\|_{W_2^{(1)}}^2, \quad (8)$$

where the set  $\Omega$  is defined as follows:

$$\Omega = \left\{ u \in W_2^{(1)}; \left| A(x)u(x) + \int_a^b k(x, \xi)u(\xi) d\xi - \tilde{f}(x) \right| \leq \delta(x) \right\}.$$

It is obvious that the set  $\Omega$  is closed, convex, and nonempty ( $\bar{u} \in \Omega$  by virtue of (7)).

**Theorem 4.** There exists a unique function  $\tilde{u} \in W_2^{(1)}$  realizing equality (8), i.e., the generalized approximate solution of equation (6) is uniquely determined by prescribing the functions  $\tilde{f}(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  satisfying relation (7).

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. There exists  $\delta_0 = \delta_0(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that, if the relation  $\|\delta\|_{L_2} \leq \delta_0$  is satisfied, the generalized approximate solution of equation (6) will belong to the  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of the function  $\bar{u} = \bar{u}(x)$ :  $\|\tilde{u} - \bar{u}\|_{W_2^{(1)}} < \varepsilon$ .

**Remark 5.** If  $k(x, \xi) \equiv \delta(x - \xi)$ , then we arrive at the problem of reconstructing a function  $\bar{u} \in W_2^{(1)}$ . The function  $\tilde{f}(x)$  may be interpreted as an experimentally obtained function representing  $\bar{u} = \bar{u}(x)$  with some small error in  $L_2$ . Equality (8) in this case expresses definite requirements on the process of processing experimental information. The validity of Theorems 4 and 5 is preserved.

4. Let us write the extremal problem (8) in discrete form. Suppose that on the interval  $[a, b]$  two grids of nodes ( $n \geq m$ ) are defined:  $\{x\}$ :  $a \leq x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_i < x_{i+1} < \dots < x_n \leq b$ ,  $\{\xi\}$ :  $a \leq \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_j < \xi_{j+1} < \dots < \xi_m \leq b$ .

Let us write the approximate equality

$$\int_a^b k(x, \xi) u(\xi) d\xi \approx \sum_{j=1}^m \chi_j k(x, \xi_j) u_j,$$

where  $u_j = u(\xi_j)$ ;  $\chi_j$  are the coefficients of some quadrature formula, and define the set

$$\Omega_h = \left\{ u_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, m; \left| \sum_{j=1}^m \chi_j k_{ij} u_j - \tilde{f}_i \right| \leq \Delta_i, 1 \leq i \leq n \right\},$$

where  $k_{ij} = k(x_i, \xi_j)$ ,  $\tilde{f}_i = \tilde{f}(x_i)$ , and  $\Delta_i \geq \delta_i$  are chosen so that  $\bar{u}_j = \bar{u}(\xi_j) \in \Omega_h$ .

\* The norm in the space  $W_2^{(1)}$  is defined by the relation  $\|\bar{u}\|_{W_2^{(1)}} = \|\bar{u}'\|_{L_2}^2 + \|\sqrt{q} \bar{u}\|_{L_2}^2$ , where  $q = q(x) > 0$  is a continuous function.

Then we arrive at the following problem:

Find the quantities  $\tilde{u}_j \in \Omega_h$  for which the condition

$$\Phi[\tilde{u}_1, \tilde{u}_2, \dots, \tilde{u}_m] = \inf_{u_j \in \Omega_h} \Phi[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m],$$

is satisfied,

$$\Phi[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m] = \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \left\{ \left( \frac{u_{j+1} - u_j}{\xi_{j+1} - \xi_j} \right)^2 + \frac{q_{j+1} u_{j+1}^2 + q_j u_j^2}{2} \right\} (\xi_{j+1} - \xi_j),$$

i.e., to the problem of quadratic programming<sup>(10, 11)</sup>. The presence of a priori constraints on the desired solution can in most cases be reflected in the definition of the set of admissible grid functions  $\Omega_h$ .

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