

# Existence & uniqueness for linear equations

Def'n Schwartz class  $S = \{f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}_{\alpha, \beta} : |\hat{x}^\alpha \partial^\beta f(\hat{x})| < C_{\alpha, \beta}\}$

Th'm Fourier transform maps  $S$  to  $S$ .

$S$  is dense in  $H^s$  and  $L^p$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .

Th'm Let  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 < T < \infty$ . Assume condition 1 ( $\infty, \mathbb{R}^{1+n}$ ). Assume  $\varepsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{4})$  and  $G$  is  $\varepsilon$  close to  $\eta$ .

If  $u \in C([0, T]; H^{s+1}) \cap C^1([0, T]; H^s)$

and  $L u \in L^1([0, T]; H^s)$ ,

then  $\exists C_{s, T} : \forall t \in [0, T]$

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \|\partial^\alpha u^{(t)}\|_{H^s} \leq C_{s, T} \left( \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \|\partial^\alpha u^{(0)}\|_{H^s} + \int_0^t \|L u(\tau, \cdot)\|_{H^s} d\tau \right)$$

~~(0)~~  $s$ -Energy estimate

pf  $C$  will denote a constant depending on  $C^{ij}, B^i, A, F$  and varying from line to line.

By density, it is sufficient to show this for  $u \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Case 1  $s=0$

Consider  $\Sigma_t = \{t\} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $T = -\partial_t$

$$\begin{aligned} E[u](t) &= \int_{\Sigma_t} \mathcal{L}^u \, d^n \vec{x} \\ &\geq (1-\varepsilon) \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_t} |u|^2 \, d^n \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$E[u](0) \leq (1+\varepsilon) \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_0} |u|^2 \, d^n \vec{x}$$

By the energy estimate in divergence-form

$$\begin{aligned} E[u](t) - E[u](0) &\leq \int \left( \partial_i C^{ik} \partial_k u - B^i \partial_i u - (A+I)u \right) \partial_0 u - \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_0 C^{lm} \right) \partial_l u \partial_m u + (Lu) \partial_0 u \\ &\leq c \int |u|^2 + |Lu|^2 \, d^n x dt \end{aligned}$$

$$E[u](t) \leq \underbrace{E[u](0) + c \int_0^t \int_{\Sigma_{t'}} |u|^2 \, d^n x dt'} + \int_0^t c E[u](t') dt'$$

By Gronwall's inequality

$$(1) \quad E[u](t) \leq (E[u](0) + C \int_0^T \|u\|^2 dx dt') e^{\int_0^t C dt'} \\ \leq C (E[u](0) + C \int_0^T \|u\|^2 dx dt').$$

Case 2  $s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Since  $|G^{00} - -1| \leq \frac{1}{4}$  and  $G^{00}$  is smooth,

$$\tilde{G} = \frac{G}{G^{00}}, \quad \tilde{B} = \frac{B}{G^{00}}, \quad \tilde{A} = \frac{A}{G^{00}}, \quad \text{and } \tilde{L} \text{ from these,}$$

they also satisfy condition 1 ( $(\infty, \mathbb{R}^{1+n})$ ) and  $\tilde{G}$  is  $2\epsilon$  close to  $\eta$  with  $2\epsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$

Thus, we may ~~assume~~ now assume  $G^{00} = -1$ .

Given  $k$ , let

$$|u|_{1,k} = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} |\partial^\alpha \partial^\beta u|$$

$$E_k[u] = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} E[\partial^\beta u]$$

Observe

$$(2) \quad C^{-1} \sum_{|k| \leq 1} \|\partial_x^k u\|_{H^k}^2 \leq E_k[u] \leq C \sum_{|k| \leq 1} \|\partial_x^k u\|_{H^k}^2$$

For  $|\beta| \leq s$ ,  $[L, \partial_x^\beta] = L \partial_x^\beta - \partial_x^\beta L$  is an order  $s+1$  differential operator with at most 1 time derivative.

$$\therefore |[L, \partial_x^\beta] u| \leq C |u|_{1,s}$$

Since  $L \partial_x^\beta u = \partial_x^\beta L u + [L, \partial_x^\beta] u$ , by (1) applied to  $\partial_x^\beta u$

$$E[\partial_x^\beta u](t) \leq E[\partial_x^\beta u](0) + C \int_0^t \|\partial_x^\beta L u\|^2 + \|[L, \partial_x^\beta] u\|^2 dx dt' \quad (\text{alternative s-energy estimate}) \\ + C \int_0^t E[\partial_x^\beta u](t') dt'$$

Summing in  $\beta$

$$E_s[u](t) \leq E_s[u](0) + C \int_0^t \|L u\|_{H^s}^2 dt' \\ + C \int_0^t \int |u|_{1,s}^2 dx dt' + C \int_0^t E_s[u](t') dt' \\ \leq E_s[u](0) + C \int_0^t \|L u\|_{H^s}^2 dt'$$

$$+ C \int_0^t E_s[u](t') dt' \\ \text{By Gronwall's: } E_s[u](t) \leq C (E_s[u](0) + \int_0^t \|L u\|_{H^s}^2 dt') \quad (3)$$

Case 3  $s \in \mathbb{Z}^-$ . Let  $k = -s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Since  $u(t, x) \in \mathcal{S}_x$ ,  $\hat{u}(t, \xi) \in \mathcal{S}_\xi$ ,  $(1+|\xi|^2)^{-k} \hat{u}(\xi) \in \mathcal{S}_\xi$ .

Define  $v = (1-\Delta)^{-k} u$  to be  $\mathcal{F}_x^{-1} \left( (1+|\xi|^2)^{-k} \hat{u}(t, \xi) \right) \in \mathcal{S}_x$

Observe

$$\begin{aligned} \|v(t)\|_{H^k} &= \|(1-\Delta)^{k/2} v(t)\|_{L^2} = \|(1-\Delta)^{-k/2} u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ &= \|u(t)\|_{H^{-k}} = \|u(t)\|_{H^s} \end{aligned}$$

Applying (3) with  $v_k$  replacing  $u, s$

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} \int |\partial^\alpha \partial^\beta v(t)|^2 dx \\ & \leq \sum_{|\alpha| \leq 1} \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} \int |\partial^\alpha \partial^\beta v(t)|^2 dx + \int_0^t \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} |\partial^\beta L v|^2 dx dt' \end{aligned}$$

Note

$(1-\Delta)^k L v = L u + [(1-\Delta)^k, L] v$  and  $[(1-\Delta)^k, L]$  is of

order  $2k+1$  with at most 1  $t$  derivative.

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} |\partial^\beta L v|^2 dx &= \|L v\|_{H^k}^2 \\ &= \|(1-\Delta)^k L v\|_{H^{-k}}^2 \end{aligned}$$



## Theorem

Assume cond'n 1 ( $\infty, \mathbb{R}^{1+n}$ ),  $\varepsilon \in [0, \frac{1}{4}]$ , and  $G$  is  $\varepsilon$  close to  $\eta$ .

Let  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $T \in (0, \delta)$

For  $f \in H^s(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $g \in H^{s-1}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , and  $F \in L^1([0, T]; H^{s-1}(\mathbb{R}^n))$

then there is a unique

$$u \in C^0([0, T]; H^s) \cap C^1([0, T]; H^{s-1}) \quad (\text{Unique here}).$$

such that

$$Lu = F \quad \text{for } t \in (0, T)$$

$$(IVP) \quad \begin{cases} u|_{t=0} = f \\ \partial_t u|_{t=0} = g \end{cases}$$

pf let  $L^p(H^s)$  and  $C^k(H^s)$  denotes  $L^p([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $C^k([0, T]; H^s(\mathbb{R}^n))$ .

### Step 1 Uniqueness

If  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  solve (IVP), then  $L(u_1 - u_2) = 0$  and  $(u_1 - u_2)|_{t=0} = 0$

and  $\partial_t(u_1 - u_2)|_{t=0} = 0$ . By the  $s$ -energy estimate,  $\|E_s[u_1 - u_2](t)\| = 0$

$\forall t \geq 0$ , so  $(u_1 - u_2)(t, x) = 0 \quad \forall (t, x)$ .

Step 2  $L^\infty$  existence with  $f=0=g$  in the wrong space

Let  $L^\infty u = \partial_i \partial_j (G_{ij}^\ddot{u}) - \mathcal{Q} \cdot (B^\ddot{u}) + Au$ , so  $L^\infty$  is the formal adjoint of  $L$ . Note  $L^\infty$  also satisfies condition  $I(\infty, \mathbb{R}^n)$  with

$G$   $\varepsilon$  close to  $\eta$ .

For  $\psi \in C_0^\infty((-\infty, T) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ , by the  $s$ -energy estimate for  $L^*$  with  $T$ - $t$  replacing  $t$  and  $-s-1$  replacing  $s$ .

$$\|\psi(t)\|_{H^{-s}} \leq 0 + C \int_0^T \|\psi\|_{H^{-s-1}} dt'$$

Thus, for  $F \in L^1([0, T]; H^s)$  extend  $F$  as 0 for  $t < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle F, \psi \rangle_{L^1 \times L^\infty} &= \left| \int_0^T \langle F(t'), \psi(t') \rangle_{L^1 \times L^\infty} dt' \right| \\ &\leq \|F\|_{L^1(H^s)} \|\psi\|_{L^\infty(H^{-s})} \\ &\leq C \int_0^T \|F\|_{H^{-s-1}} dt' \end{aligned}$$

By Hahn-Banach & HW 2.3  $\exists w \in (L^1([0, T]; H^{-s-1}))^*$  st  $\forall \psi \in C_0^\infty((-\infty, T) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$

$$W(L^\infty \psi) = \int_0^T \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} F dx dt'$$



Recall for  $p \in [1, \infty)$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$  for  $p > 1$  and  $p' = \infty$  if  $p = 1$  and for  $X$  a Banach space.

$$(L^p(I, X))^* = L^{p'}(I, X^*)$$

$$\text{and } (H^s)^* = H^{-s}$$

Thus,  $\exists u \in L^s([0, T]; H^{s+1})$  (i.e.  $u = w$ ) such that

$$\langle u, L^* \varphi \rangle = \langle F, \varphi \rangle$$

By def'n,  $u$  is a weak solution of (IVP) with  $f = g = 0$ .

If  $\text{supp } \varphi \subset (-\infty, 0) \times \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$\langle u, L^* \varphi \rangle = \langle F, \varphi \rangle = 0, \text{ so } u(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0.$$

Step 3  $C^0$  existence for  $f = g = 0$  &  $F \in C_0^\infty$ .

Again pass to  $\tilde{G} = \frac{g}{g_{00}}$ .

Let  $v = \partial_t u$ . From  $L u = F$

$$(5) \quad \partial_t v + 2 \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{G}_j^{i0} \partial_j v + \tilde{B}^0 v = - \sum_{j,k=1}^n \tilde{G}_j^{ik} \partial_j \partial_k u - \sum_{j,k=1}^n \tilde{B}_j^{ik} \partial_j u - \tilde{A} u + F$$

The RHS is in  $L^\infty(H^{s-1})$  since  $u \in L^\infty(H^{s+1})$  &  $F \in C_0^\infty$

Applying  $\partial^\beta$  with  $|\beta| \leq s-1$ , multiplying by  $\partial^\beta v$  & integrating in  $\mathbb{R}^{1+n}$ ,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|v(t)\|_{H^{s-1}}^2 \leq C \left( \max_j |\partial_j C^{j0}| \|v\|_{H^{s-1}}^2 + \|v\|_{H^{s-1}}^2 + \|v\|_{H^{s-1}} \|u\|_{H^{s+1}} \right)$$

By Girenwall's inequality,  $\partial_t u = v \in L^\infty(H^{s-1})$ ,  $\partial_t^2 u = \partial_t v \in L^\infty(H^{s-2})$ .

By ~~the~~ integration,  $u \in C^{s,0}(H^{s-1}) \cap C^1(H^{s-2})$ .

Since  $F \in C_0^\infty$ , we can simply replace  $s \mapsto s+2$ , to get

$$u \in C^0(H^s) \cap C^1(H^{s-1}).$$

Step 4 Existence for  $f=g=0$  in the right space

Let  $F_m \in C_0^\infty$  converge to  $F$  in  $L^1(H^{s-1})$

For each  $F_m$ , there is a solution  $u_m \in C^0(H^s) \cap C^1(H^{s-1})$

From the  $s$ -energy estimate (with  $s$  replaced by  $s-1$ ), the  $u_m$  are Cauchy in  $C^0(H^s) \cap C^1(H^{s-1})$  and hence converge there.

### Step 5 General f, g

Let  $u_0(t, x) = f(x) + tg(x)$ , which has the correct data and is in  $L^1(H^{s-1})$ . Solve

$$L_v = F - Lu_0$$

$$v|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\partial_t v|_{t=0} = 0$$

Now,  $u = v + u_0 \in C^0(H^s) \cap C^1(H^{s-1})$  solves IVP.  $\square$

Remark  $u \in C^0(H^s) \cap C^1(H^{s-1}) \cap C^2(H^{s-2})$

Thus,  $\partial_j \partial_k u \in C^0(H^{s-2})$

and  $Lu = F$  holds in  $C^0(H^{s-2})$  if  $F \in C^0(H^{s-2})$

not merely in the weak sense.

# Local Existence for Quasilinear Equations

Def'n Condition  $ZQ(\Omega)$  is condition  $1Q(\Omega)$  and ~~that~~ that for all multiindices  $\alpha$ , there are constants  $C_\alpha$  such that  $|\partial^\alpha C^{\ddot{u}}| < C_\alpha$ ,  $|\partial^\alpha B^i| < C_\alpha$ ,  $|\partial^\alpha A| < C_\alpha$ ,  $|\partial^\alpha F| < C_\alpha$  (Here  $\alpha$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}^{(1+n)+1+(1+n)}$ )

Remark:  $u^2$  fails to satisfy this, but  $u^2 \in \tilde{Z}[-N, N]$  with  $\tilde{Z}[-N, N]$  smooth,  $1 \in [-N, N]$ , and  $0$  outside  $[-N-1, N+1]$ , can be used to approximate solutions & does satisfy the condition.

Lemma [s-chain rule] Assume condition  $ZQ(\Omega)$ .

$$\text{Let } |w|_s(t, x) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq s} |\partial^\alpha w|(t, x)$$

Let  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $|\alpha| \leq s$ , then  $\exists C: \forall v, w \in C^\infty(\Omega) \quad v(t, x) \in \Omega$

$$|F(v, \partial v)|_{0, s} \leq C \left( 1 + |v|_{1, s+\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{s-1} |v|_{1, s}$$

$$|[\partial^\alpha G_m(v, \partial v)] \partial_x^\alpha w| \leq C \left( 1 + |v|_{s+\frac{3}{2}} \right)^s |w|_{1, s} + C \left( 1 + |v|_{s+\frac{3}{2}} \right)^{s-1} |w|_{s+\frac{3}{2}} |v|_{1, s}$$

$$1+s \mapsto 1, s$$

$$\frac{s+3}{2} \mapsto 1, \frac{s+1}{2}$$

$$|[\partial^\alpha, B^k(v, \partial v)] \partial_x w| \leq C \left(1 + |v|_{\frac{s+3}{2}}\right)^s |w|_s \\ + C \left(1 + |v|_{\frac{s+3}{2}}\right)^{s-1} |w|_{\frac{s+3}{2}} |v|_{s+1}$$

$$|[\partial^\alpha, A^k(v, \partial v)] w| \leq C \left(1 + |v|_{\frac{s+3}{2}}\right) |w|_{s-1} \\ + C \left(1 + |v|_{\frac{s+3}{2}}\right)^{s-1} |w|_{\frac{s+3}{2}} |v|_{s+1}$$

pf By induction on  $s$ , for  $|\alpha| \leq s$ ,  $\partial^\alpha F(v, \partial v)$  can be

written as a sum of terms, each of which has at most  $s$  ~~linear~~ factors and the total number of derivatives on factors of  $v$  or  $\partial v$  is  $s$ . Thus, the most derivatives on any factor of  $v$  or  $\partial v$  is  $s$ , all remaining factors have at most  $\lceil \frac{s}{2} \rceil$  derivatives. ~~Thus~~ With the uniform bound on derivatives of  $F$ , this proves the first part.

$[\partial^\alpha, G^{l,m}]$  can be written as a sum of order  $k \leq s-1$  differential operators with coefficients involving  $s-k$  derivatives of  $G^{l,m}$ . If  $k \geq \frac{s-1}{2}$ , then estimating  $\partial^\beta G^{l,m}$  with  $|\beta| \leq s-k$

as in the previous paragraph gives terms on the ~~first~~ line. If  $k \leq \frac{s-1}{2}$ , then at most  $\frac{s+3}{2}$  derivatives are applied to  $w$ , and the terms are controlled by the second line.

There's only ever one  $\partial_t$  in each factor.

The B&A terms are similar.

