

A CONSTRUCTION OF AN ORTHOGONAL
BASIS IN SOME SOBOLEV SPACES

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Abstract: It is used the method of orthogonal sequences of Bergmann [2], [4] and Vekua [5], to find an orthogonal basis in the Sobolev space $H_0^1(D)$, where D is a quarter of circle. The elements of the basis are the solutions of some eigenvalue boundary problem.

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1. Introduction

In practise arise real difficulties in the problem of finding a base in Hilbert spaces. We give here a method of elimination of these difficulties using Bergman's method of double orthogonal sequences [2], [3], [4].

Let $(H, (\cdot, \cdot))$, $(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be real, separable Hilbert spaces and denote by $\|\cdot\|$, $|\cdot|$ the corresponding norms, respectively. In what follows, we use the next result due to Bergmann [2].

Theorem 1. Assume that $H \subset V$ and the imbedding $H \hookrightarrow V$ is compact,

$$|x| \leq c \|x\|$$

for every $x \in H$ and for some positive constant c . Then there exist an increasing,

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unbounded sequence $(\lambda_n)_{n \geq 1}$ of positive reals and a sequence $(e_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset H$ which is orthogonal with respect to both inner products, i.e.

$$(e_m, e_n) = \lambda_n \delta_{mn} \quad , \quad \langle e_m, e_n \rangle = \delta_{mn} \quad , \quad (1.1)$$

for all positive integers m, n . Moreover, $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is complete in H .

Theorem 1 is in fact a method to find an orthogonal basis in H where the elements of the basis are the solutions of some optimization problems. Remark that from (1.1), we can derive the equalities

$$(e_m, e_n) = \lambda_n \langle e_m, e_n \rangle \quad ,$$

for all $m, n \geq 1$. Because of completeness of the system $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$, it follows that

$$(e_n, v) = \lambda_n \langle e_n, v \rangle \quad , \quad (1.2)$$

for every $n \geq 1, v \in H$. In consequence, the elements of the orthogonal basis $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$ can be considered as the solutions of the eigenvalue problem (1.2). In fact, this is an useful method to find a basis in a real separable Hilbert space, as we can see below.

The set of all functions $u \in L^2(D)$ with $u = 0$, on ∂D , having generalized derivative is denoted by $H_0^1(D)$. The space $H_0^1(D)$ also called Sobolev space is a Hilbert space relative to the scalar product

$$(u, v) = \int_D uv + \int_D \nabla u \nabla v \quad , \quad u, v \in H_0^1(D)$$

with the corresponding norm

$$\|u\| = \left(\int_D u^2 + \int_D |\nabla u|^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad , \quad u \in H_0^1(D).$$

Consider also the Hilbert space $L^2(D)$ endowed with the usual scalar product

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_D uv \quad , \quad u, v \in L^2(D)$$

and the usual norm

$$|u| = \left(\int_D u^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad , \quad u \in L^2(D).$$

The imbedding

$$H_0^1(D) \hookrightarrow L^2(D)$$

is compact because

$$|u| \leq \|u\| \quad , \quad \text{for every } u \in H_0^1(D).$$

In order to give a method to find an orthogonal basis in $H_0^1(D)$, we will use

Theorem 1. The eigenvalue problem (1.2) can be written as

$$\int_D e_n v + \int_D \nabla e_n \nabla v = \lambda_n \int_D e_n v, \text{ for every } v \in H_0^1(D), n \geq 1. \tag{1.3}$$

But $v = 0$, on ∂D , so

$$\int_D \nabla e_n \nabla v = - \int_D v \Delta e_n,$$

if e_n is twice derivable. Hence (1.3) is equivalent with

$$\int_D e_n v - \int_D v \Delta e_n = \lambda_n \int_D e_n v,$$

or

$$\int_D (\Delta e_n + (\lambda_n - 1)e_n)v = 0, \text{ for every } v \in H_0^1(D).$$

We deduce that $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$ are the eigenfunctions of the next boundary problem

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u(x) = (\lambda - 1)u(x), & \text{in } D, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(x) = 0, & \text{on } \partial D. \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

2. The Result

Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a domain having the boundary with a corner of angle π/k , where $k \geq 1/2$. A method for finding the eigenfunctions for the Laplacian is Bergman-Vekua method (e.g. [2]) which gives

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j J_{jk}(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin jkt, \tag{2.1}$$

where (r, t) are polar coordinates, J_β is Bessel function of order β and c_j and λ will be determined.

We will consider the domain D as the semiquarter of the circle ($k = 4$) with radius $r = 1$. For sake of simplicity we will impose the boundary conditions only for the points $P_1(1, \pi/6)$ and $P_2(1, \pi/12)$.

In this case, $N = 2$ and the solution is given by the formula

$$u(r, t) = c_1 J_4(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin 4t + c_2 J_8(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin 8t. \tag{2.2}$$

The boundary condition $\frac{\partial u}{\partial n}(x) = 0$ on ∂D is equivalent with

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \cos t + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \sin t = 0 \text{ on } \partial D \tag{2.3}$$

and we use the variable changes

$$x = r \cos t, \quad y = r \sin t,$$

$0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq \pi/4$. Thus

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad t = \arcsin \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \cos t + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot r \sin t, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\partial t}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \sin t + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot \frac{\cos t}{r}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

It follows from (2.2):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{c_1 \lambda}{2\sqrt{\lambda r}} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin 4t + \frac{c_2 \lambda}{2\sqrt{\lambda r}} \cdot J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin 8t, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= 4c_1 \cdot J_4(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \cos 4t + 8c_2 \cdot J_8(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \cos 8t. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

With (2.4), the boundary condition (2.3) becomes

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{2} \left(r + \frac{1}{r} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \cdot \sin 2t = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D.$$

Further, with (2.5), we derive

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{c_1 \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda r}} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin 4t + \frac{c_2 \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda r}} \cdot J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \sin 8t \\ &+ 4 \left(r + \frac{1}{r} \right) \left[c_1 \cdot J_4(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \cos 4t \sin 2t + 2c_2 \cdot J_8(\sqrt{\lambda r}) \cos 8t \sin 2t \right] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This condition with $t_1 = \pi/6, t_2 = \pi/12$ and $r = 1$, can be equivalently written as

$$\begin{cases} \left[\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 4J_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right] c_1 + \left[-\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 8J_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right] c_2 = 0, \\ \left[\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) + 4J_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right] c_1 + \left[\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 8 \cdot J_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) \right] c_2 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Now we are interested in finding nontrivial solutions (c_1, c_2) , so the attached determinant must vanishes,

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 4J_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) & -\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 8J_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) \\ \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) + 4J_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) & \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) - 8 \cdot J_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Hence we must have

$$\begin{aligned} &\lambda \sqrt{3} \cdot J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) + 4(\sqrt{3} - 1) \sqrt{\lambda} J'_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) \\ &+ 2(1 - \sqrt{3}) \sqrt{\lambda} J_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) J'_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) + 32 J_4(\sqrt{\lambda}) J_8(\sqrt{\lambda}) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Figure 1: Zoom of the graphic

To solve (2.6) we use the formula see Abramowitz and Stegun

$$J'_m(x) = J_{m-1}(x) - \frac{4}{x}J_m(x).$$

For the estimation of the approximative solutions we use the asymptotic expansion of the Bessel functions as in Ikonomou, Köhler and Jacob. Let $\nu \in \mathbf{R}$ and let $p \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $\nu - p \leq \frac{1}{2}$. We approximate:

$$J_\nu(x) \simeq J_{\nu,p}(x),$$

where

$$J_{\nu,p}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi x}} \sum_{i=1}^2 e^{\sigma_k i \varphi_\nu(x)} P_k(x, \nu, p) \quad \text{with} \quad \varphi_\nu(x) = x - \frac{\nu\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4},$$

$$P_k(x, \nu, p) = \sum_{m=0}^{m-1} \frac{a_{\nu,m}}{(2\sigma_k i x)^m} \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma_1 = 1, \quad \sigma_2 = -1,$$

and

$$a_{\nu,m} = \frac{(1/2 - \nu)_m (1/2 + \nu)_m}{m!} \quad \text{with} \quad (x)_m = x(x+1)(x+2)\dots(x+m+1).$$

According to Ikonomou, Köhler and Jacob by denoting

$$\varepsilon(x) = J_\mu(x)J_\nu(x) - J_{\mu,q}(x)J_{\nu,p}(x), \quad \text{where} \quad \nu - p \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \mu - q \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

we have the following estimation:

$$|\varepsilon(x)| = \mathbf{O}(x^{-1-\min(p,q)}) \text{ for } x \longrightarrow \infty.$$

Also is demonstrated that for $p \geq 6$ and $x \geq 5\pi$ we have $|\varepsilon(x)| \leq 10^{-5}$.

Here are given the roots between 0 and 1000 calculated with a precision of 10^{-4} :

0 35.1878 160.4981 203.7812 252.6651 321.0005 365.7062 455.8866 498.7461
609.7921 651.6186 783.0960 824.2727 975.9514.

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