

# On Peetre's condition in the coincidence theory.

## II. Relations with other coincidence theorems and applications

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### Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

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We shall be able to prove the well-known coincidence theorem of Goebel [8] as a consequence of Theorem 2.1 [1] and the data dependence theorem related to the theorem of Goebel [2] as a consequence of Theorem 3.3. [1]

Corollary 3.3 is a new data dependence result related to a coincidence theorem from [3] involving operators which satisfy a generalized pseudo-contractivity condition.

In Section 4 we shall state and prove a general data dependence result for some fully nonlinear elliptic equations of the form

$$u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad a(x, D^2u) = f(x), \quad \text{a.a. } x \in \Omega,$$

where  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and the function  $a : \Omega \times \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy the ellipticity condition (A4) stated in that section.

Let us mention that this kind of problems was considered in [6, 9, 4], where existence results were established. In [6, 9] a stronger ellipticity condition (A5) is used.

In Section 5, for the sake of simplicity, we shall consider the elliptic equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} = f,$$

and prove that its solutions  $u(\lambda) \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  depends continuously on  $\lambda > 0$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section we collect some facts which allows us to extend the abstract results of the paper [1] from this proceedings to operators defined on some set  $X$ .

Let  $X$  be a set,  $(Y, \rho)$  be a metric space and  $g : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator.

Let us define  $d_g : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  by the following formula.

$$d_g(x_1, x_2) = \rho(g(x_1), g(x_2)), \quad \text{for all } x_1, x_2 \in X.$$

**Lemma 2.1** ([6]) *If  $g$  is bijective then  $d_g$  is a metric on  $X$ .  
Moreover, if  $(Y, \rho)$  is complete then  $(X, d_g)$  is complete.*

Let us consider  $\tilde{X}$  the factorized set of  $X$  with the equivalence relation

$$x_1 \sim x_2 \text{ iff } g(x_1) = g(x_2).$$

For  $h : X \rightarrow Y$  and some  $\tilde{x} \in \tilde{X}$ , let  $\tilde{h}(\tilde{x}) = h(x)$ , where  $x \in \tilde{x}$ . So, we obtain some operator  $\tilde{h} : \tilde{X} \rightarrow Y$ , which depends on the choice of  $x$  in  $\tilde{x}$ .

Let us notice that there exists a unique  $\tilde{g}$  corresponding to  $g$  and  $\tilde{g}$  is injective.

Let us consider also  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  an operator. The following lemma shows that we can treat the coincidence problem for  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g}$  instead of  $f, g$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *If  $\tilde{x}^* \in C(\tilde{f}, \tilde{g})$  then there exists  $x^* \in \tilde{x}^*$  such that  $x^* \in C(f, g)$ .*

Let us give now a new definition, which extend the notion of continuity in a metric space.

**Definition 2.1** *The operator  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is said to be continuous w.r.t.  $g$  if for every sequence  $(g(x_n))$  convergent in  $g(X)$  to some  $y^*$ , there exists  $x^* \in g^{-1}(y^*)$  such that the sequence  $(f(x_n))$  converges to  $f(x^*)$ .*

The following lemmata will be useful in the next section. We shall state them without proof.

**Lemma 2.3** (i) *If  $g(x_1) = g(x_2)$  implies that  $h(x_1) = h(x_2)$  then there exists a unique  $\tilde{h}$  corresponding to  $h$ .*

(ii) *If  $f$  is contraction w.r.t.  $g$  then  $\tilde{f}$  is unique and is contraction w.r.t.  $\tilde{g}$ .*

(iii) *If  $f$  is continuous w.r.t.  $g$  then there exists some  $\tilde{f}$  which is continuous w.r.t.  $\tilde{g}$ .*

**Lemma 2.4** *If  $g$  is bijective and  $f$  is continuous w.r.t.  $g$  then  $f, g : (X, d_g) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$  are continuous.*

*If  $g$  is surjective and  $f$  is contraction w.r.t.  $g$  then  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g} : (\tilde{X}, d_g) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$  are continuous.*

### 3 Coincidence theorems and data dependence results

Corollary 3.1 is the coincidence theorem of Goebel [8] and we shall prove it like a consequence of Theorem 2.1 [1].

**Corollary 3.1** [8] *Let  $X$  be a set,  $Y$  be a complete metric space and  $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ , be some operators such that the following conditions are fulfilled.*

(i)  *$g$  is surjective;*

(ii)  *$f$  is a contraction w.r.t.  $g$  with the constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ;*

*Then  $C(f, g) \neq \emptyset$ .*

*If, in addition,  $g$  is injective, then the coincidence point is unique.*

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.3,  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{g}$  can be chosen in a unique way and  $\tilde{f}$  is contraction w.r.t  $\tilde{g}$ . This implies that  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g} : (\tilde{X}, d_g) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$  are continuous (from Lemma 2.4) and satisfy condition (P) (by Example 2., [1]). Using Theorem 2.1 [1] and Lemma 2.2,  $C(f, g) \neq \emptyset$ .

Let us suppose now that  $g$  is injective and denote by  $x_1^*$  and  $x_2^*$  two coincidence points of  $f$  and  $g$ . Because  $f$  is a contraction w.r.t.  $g$  we have  $\rho(f(x_1^*), f(x_2^*)) \leq \alpha \rho(g(x_1^*), g(x_2^*))$ , so  $\rho(g(x_1^*), g(x_2^*)) \leq \alpha \rho(g(x_1^*), g(x_2^*))$ . The constant  $\alpha$  is less than 1 implies that  $\rho(g(x_1^*), g(x_2^*)) = 0$ , thus  $g(x_1^*) = g(x_2^*)$ . But  $g$  is injective, hence  $x_1^* = x_2^*$ .

In order to state the data dependence results, let us consider two pair of operators  $f_i, g_i : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $i = \overline{1, 2}$  such that there exist  $\eta_1, \eta_2$  with

$$\rho(f_1(x), f_2(x)) \leq \eta_1, \text{ for all } x \in X,$$

and

$$\rho(g_1(x), g_2(x)) \leq \eta_2 \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

Also, we shall denote by  $x_i^*$  a generic element of  $C(f_i, g_i)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, 2}$ .

**Corollary 3.2** ([2]) *Let  $X$  be a set,  $Y$  be a complete metric space and  $f_i, g_i : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $i = \overline{1, 2}$  be some operators such that the following conditions are fulfilled.*

(i)  *$g_1$  is surjective;*

(ii)  *$f_1$  is a contraction w.r.t.  $g_1$  with the constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ;*

(iii)  *$f_2, g_2$  have at least one coincidence point.*

*Then the following estimation holds*

$$\rho(g_1(x_1^*), g_1(x_2^*)) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} (\eta_1 + \eta_2).$$

**Proof.** Let us consider  $\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{g}_1 : (\tilde{X}, d_{g_1}) \rightarrow (Y, \rho)$  like in Corollary 3.1. which are continuous and satisfy condition (P).

Because  $\tilde{g}_1$  is bijective,  $C(\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{g}_1) = \{\tilde{x}_1^*\}$ .

Let us choose  $\tilde{f}_2$  and  $\tilde{g}_2$  such that, for  $\tilde{x}_2^* \in \tilde{X}$  with  $x_2^* \in \tilde{x}_2^*$ ,  $\tilde{f}_2(\tilde{x}_2^*) = f_2(x_2^*)$  and the same for  $g_2$ . Then  $\tilde{x}_2^* \in C(\tilde{f}_2, \tilde{g}_2)$ .

Thus, we can apply Theorem 3.2 [1].

**Corollary 3.3** *Let  $X$  be a set,  $Y$  be a Banach space and  $f_i, g_i : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $i = \overline{1, 2}$  be some operators such that the following conditions are fulfilled.*

(i)  $f_1$  is continuous w.r.t.  $g_1$ ;  $g_1$  is bijective;

(ii)  $f_1$  is a strong pseudo-contraction w.r.t.  $g_1$  with the constant  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ;

(iii)  $f_2, g_2$  have at least one coincidence point.

Then the following estimation holds

$$\|g_1(x_1^*) - g_1(x_2^*)\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha}(\eta_1 + \eta_2).$$

**Proof.** The operator  $f$  is a strong pseudocontraction w.r.t.  $g$  [3] with the constant  $\alpha$ , if for all  $x_0, x_1^* \in X$  the following relation hold.

$$\langle f_1(x_0) - f_1(x_1^*), j(g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)) \rangle \leq \alpha \|g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)\|^2.$$

The existence of a coincidence point for  $f_1$  and  $g_1$  is assured by Theorem 3.1 [3]. For  $x_1^* \in C(f_1, g_1)$  the following implications hold.

$$\|g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \langle g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*) - (f_1(x_0) - f_1(x_1^*)), j(g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)) \rangle$$

$$\implies \|g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \langle g_1(x_0) - f_1(x_0), j(g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)) \rangle$$

$$\implies d_{g_1}(x_0, x_1^*) = \|g_1(x_0) - g_1(x_1^*)\| \leq \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \|g_1(x_0) - f_1(x_0)\| = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \varphi_1(x_0).$$

If in the last inequality we put  $x_0 \in C(f_1, g_1)$  then  $\varphi(x_0) = 0$  and, hence,  $d_{g_1}(x_0, x_1^*) = 0$ . Then  $x_0 = x_1^*$  or  $C(f_1, g_1) = \{x_1^*\}$ . Also, using Remark 1 [1], this last inequality assures that  $f_1, g_1 : (X, d_{g_1}) \rightarrow (Y, d_{|\cdot|})$  fulfill condition (P). Since all the hypothesis of Theorem 3.2 [1] are fulfilled, the conclusion holds with constants  $\alpha$  and  $k = 1$ .

## 4 A general data dependence result for some fully nonlinear elliptic equations

Let  $\Omega$  be a  $C^2$  bounded domain from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{M}_n$  the space of  $n \times n$  real matrix;  $|\cdot|_m$  is the euclidian norm from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $trN = \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{ii}$  is the trace of the  $n \times n$  matrix  $N = (\xi_{ij})$ .

For a function  $a : \Omega \times \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  let us list the following hypothesis.

(A1)  $a(\cdot, M)$  is measurable for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}_n$ .

(A2)  $a(x, \cdot)$  continuous for almost every  $x \in \Omega$  and there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$|a(x, N)| \leq \alpha (|N|_{n^2} + |trN|),$$

for almost every  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $N \in \mathcal{M}_n$ .

(A3)  $a(\cdot, 0) = 0$ .

(A4) there exist  $\delta$  and  $\gamma > 0$  with  $\gamma + \delta < 1$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad [trN - (a(x, M + N) - a(x, M))] trN \leq \gamma |N|_{n^2}^2 + \delta |trN|^2,$$

for almost every  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}_n$ .

The main result in [6] states that, if  $a$  satisfies (A1)-(A3) and the ellipticity condition

(A5) there exist  $\alpha', \delta'$  and  $\gamma' > 0$  with  $\gamma' + \delta' < 1$  such that

$$|trN - \alpha' (a(x, M + N) - a(x, M))| \leq \gamma' |N|_{n^2} + \delta' |trN|,$$

for almost every  $x \in \Omega$  and for all  $M, N \in \mathcal{M}_n$ ;  
then, for every  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  the problem

$$u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad a(x, D^2 u) = f(x), \quad \text{a.a. } x \in \Omega$$

has a unique solution. Let us notice that (A5) implies (A2) and (A4).

Using the weaker ellipticity condition (A4) instead of (A5) we shall give an existence and data dependence result for this problem. We shall use Corollary 3.3.

In order to state the main result of this section, let us consider the equations.

$$(4.2) \quad u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad a_1(x, D^2 u) = f_1(x),$$

$$(4.3) \quad u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad a_2(x, D^2 u) = f_2(x).$$

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $f_1, f_2 \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $a_1, a_2$  satisfy assumptions (A1)-(A4) with the same constants  $\delta, \gamma$  and*

$$(4.4) \quad |f_1(x) - f_2(x)| \leq \eta, \quad \text{a.a. } x \in \Omega,$$

$$(4.5) \quad |a_1(x, M) - a_2(x, M)| \leq \xi, \quad \text{a.a. } x \in \Omega, \quad \text{and for all } M \in \mathcal{M}_n.$$

*Then the following estimation holds*

$$(4.6) \quad \|u_1^* - u_2^*\|_{H^2} \leq C \frac{\sqrt{\text{mes}(\Omega)}}{1 - (\gamma + \delta)} (\eta + \xi),$$

where  $u_1^*, u_2^*$  are unique solutions of (4.2) and (4.3) and  $C > 0$  is taken such that  $\|u\|_{H^2} \leq C \|\Delta u\|_{L^2}$  for all  $u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

**Proof.** Let us denote  $X = H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $Y = L^2(\Omega)$  and, for  $i = 1$  and  $i = 2$ ,

$$F_i u = \Delta u - a_i(x, D^2 u), \quad G_i u = \Delta u - f_i.$$

Then, using (A1)-(A3), we obtain the operators  $F_i : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $G_i : X \rightarrow Y$  such that we can write the problem (4.2) as the coincidence equation

$$F_1 u = G_1 u, \quad u \in X,$$

and problem (4.3) as the coincidence equation

$$F_2 u = G_2 u, \quad u \in X.$$

We intent to apply Corollary 3.3.

Operators  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are bijective (see [7]).

Also,  $G_1^{-1}$  is continuous ([7]) and, by (A1)-(A2),  $F_1$  is continuous, too. This implies that  $F_1$  is continuous w.r.t.  $G_1$ .

In order to prove that  $F_1$  is a strong pseudo-contraction w.r.t.  $G_1$  let us consider  $u, v \in X$ . Using (A4) we obtain the following estimations.

$$\begin{aligned} (F_1 u(x) - F_1 v(x)) (G_1 u(x) - G_1 v(x)) &= [\Delta(u - v) - (a_1(x, D^2 u) - a_1(x, D^2 v))] \Delta(u - v) \leq \\ &\leq \gamma |D^2(u - v)(x)|_{n^2}^2 + \delta |\Delta(u - v)(x)|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, integrating on  $\Omega$  and using that  $\|D^2 u\|_{L^2} = \|\Delta u\|_{L^2}$  for all  $u \in X$  (Corollary 9.10 page 235, [7]), we deduce that

$$\langle F_1 u - F_1 v, G_1 u - G_1 v \rangle_{L^2} \leq \gamma \|D^2(u - v)\|_{L^2}^2 + \delta \|\Delta(u - v)\|_{L^2}^2 = (\gamma + \delta) \|\Delta(u - v)\|_{L^2}^2.$$

Hence,

$$\langle F_1 u - F_1 v, G_1 u - G_1 v \rangle_{L^2} \leq (\gamma + \delta) \|G_1 u - G_1 v\|_{L^2}^2, \quad \text{for all } u, v \in X,$$

i.e.  $F_1$  is strong pseudo-contraction w.r.t.  $G_1$  with the constant  $(\gamma + \delta)$ .

Also, from (4.4) and (4.5) we obtain that

$$(4.7) \quad \|G_1 u - G_2 u\|_{L^2} \leq \eta \sqrt{\text{mes}(\Omega)},$$

$$(4.8) \quad \|F_1 u - F_2 u\|_{L^2} \leq \xi \sqrt{\text{mes}(\Omega)}.$$

By Theorem 3.1 [3] (like in the proof of Corollary 3.3), let  $u_1^*$  be the unique coincidence point of  $F_1, G_1$  and  $u_2^*$  be the unique coincidence point of  $F_2, G_2$  (it can be proved similarly that  $F_2$  is a strong pseudo-contraction w.r.t.  $G_2$  and is continuous w.r.t.  $G_2$ ).

All the hypothesis of Corollary 3.3 are fulfilled, then we have the estimation

$$\|G_1(u_1^*) - G_1(u_2^*)\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{\text{mes}(\Omega)}}{1 - (\gamma + \delta)} (\eta + \xi).$$

Because  $G_1(u_1^*) - G_1(u_2^*) = \Delta(u_1^* - u_2^*)$  it is easy to see that (4.6) holds.

## 5 Continuity with respect to the coefficients for a linear elliptic equation

Let us consider the linear elliptic equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_1^2} + \lambda \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2} = f, \quad u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega),$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and denote by  $u(\lambda)$  its solution (see [7]). Here  $\Omega$  is a  $C^2$  bounded domain of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . It is easy to see that  $u(1)$  is the solution of

$$\Delta u = f, \quad u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega).$$

The main result of this section is the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.1**  $u(\lambda) \rightarrow u(1)$  in  $H^2(\Omega)$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow 1$ .

**Proof.** Let us denote  $X = H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega)$  and

$$F_\lambda u = (\lambda - 1) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_2^2}, \quad G(u) = f - \Delta u.$$

Then we obtain the operators  $F_\lambda, G : H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$ , such that  $u(\lambda)$  is the coincidence point of  $F_\lambda, G$ .

Let  $r > 0$ ,  $X = \{u \in H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega) \mid \|Gu\| \leq r\}$  and  $Y = G(X)$ .

Let us denote  $t = \frac{r}{r + \|f\|} \in (0, 1)$  and, from now on, consider  $\lambda$  such that  $|\lambda - 1| \leq t$ .

Let  $u, v \in X$  and  $w = u - v$ . The following estimations hold.

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \|F_\lambda u - F_\lambda v\|_{L^2}^2 &= \|F_\lambda w\|_{L^2}^2 = (\lambda - 1)^2 \int_\Omega \left( \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x_2^2} \right)^2 dx \leq \\ &\leq (\lambda - 1)^2 \int_\Omega |D^2 w|_4^2 dx = (\lambda - 1)^2 \int_\Omega |\Delta w|^2 dx = |\lambda - 1|^2 \cdot \|Gu - Gv\|_{L^2}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\|F_\lambda u - F_\lambda v\| \leq t \|Gu - Gv\|$ .

This last relation also implies that  $\|F_\lambda u\| \leq t \|Gu - f\| \leq t(r + \|f\|) = r$ . Because  $G$  is bijective,  $Y = \{y \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \|y\| \leq r\}$ . Then we have proved that  $F_\lambda u \in Y$  for all  $u \in X$ .

For applying Corollary 3.2 we consider  $F_\lambda, G : X \rightarrow Y$  and notice that we have proved that  $F_\lambda$  is contraction w.r.t.  $G$  with the constant  $t$ .

From (5.2) with  $v = 0$  we obtain

$$\|F_\lambda u - F_1 u\| = \|F_\lambda u\| \leq |\lambda - 1| \|Gu - f\| \leq |\lambda - 1|(r + \|f\|).$$

We apply now Corollary 3.3 and obtain the estimation

$$\|Gu(\lambda) - Gu(1)\| \leq \frac{1}{1-t} \cdot |\lambda - 1|(r + \|f\|).$$

Thus,  $\|u(\lambda) - u(1)\|_{H^2} \leq C \|\Delta u(\lambda) - \Delta u(1)\|_{L^2} = \|Gu(\lambda) - Gu(1)\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$  when  $\lambda \rightarrow 1$ . Hence the conclusion holds.

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