

Nonlinear Differential Equations

Practical 4: Monotone & Continuous Operators

1. Let X be a Banach space, and $A : X \rightarrow X'$ be a nonlinear operator. Then prove the following:
 - (a) A strongly monotone $\implies A$ uniformly monotone
 - (b) A uniformly monotone $\implies A$ strictly monotone
 - (c) A strictly monotone $\implies A$ monotone
 - (d) A uniformly monotone $\implies A$ (nonlinear) coercive
 - (e) A uniformly monotone $\implies A$ stable
 - (f) A Lipschitz continuous $\implies A$ continuous
 - (g) A strongly continuous $\implies A$ continuous
 - (h) A strongly continuous $\implies A$ weakly continuous
 - (i) A weakly continuous $\implies A$ demicontinuous
 - (j) A continuous $\implies A$ demicontinuous
 - (k) A demicontinuous $\implies A$ hemicontinuous
2. Let X be a Banach space, and $A, B : X \rightarrow X'$ be nonlinear operators. Then prove the following:
 - (a) A strongly monotone and B strongly monotone $\implies A + B$ strongly monotone
 - (b) A strongly monotone and B monotone $\implies A + B$ strongly monotone
3. Let $\mathbf{A} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, $m > 0$, be a symmetric positive definite matrix. Show that the operator $A : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ defined as

$$\langle Au, v \rangle = (\mathbf{A}u) \cdot v \quad \text{for all } v \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

is strongly monotone and Lipschitz continuous.

Hint. Consider the eigendecomposition of \mathbf{A} .

4. Let X be a Hilbert space, $A : X \rightarrow X'$ be strongly monotone and Lipschitz continuous, $f \in X'$ and J_X be the Riesz-isomorphism on X .
 - (a) Show that there exists a constant ε such that the mapping $T : X \rightarrow X$ defined as

$$T(u) = u - \varepsilon J_X^{-1}(Au - f)$$

is strongly contractive; i.e.,

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\| \leq k\|x - y\| \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X$$

with $k^2 = 1 + \varepsilon^2 L^2 - 2\varepsilon M$. Additionally, specify the condition on ε such that $k \in (0, 1)$.

(b) Compute the optimal value of ε such that the iteration

$$u_{m+1} = u_m - \varepsilon J_X^{-1}(Au_m - f)$$

converges fastest to the *unique* solution of $Au = f$ and the compute the contraction constant k

Hint. From Corollary 2.9 and Banach's fixed point theorem the error is given by

$$\|u - u_m\| \leq \frac{k^m}{1 - k} \|x_0 - x_1\|;$$

hence, the fastest convergence rate is given when k is close to zero.