Maximal parabolic regularity for divergence-form operators with Neumann boundary conditions in rough domains

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Elliptic operators in divergence form

 $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ open, $A \in L^{\infty}(\Omega \to \mathbb{C}^{n,n})$ a strictly elliptic matrix function, i.e. $\exists \lambda, \Lambda > 0$ s.t.

$$\begin{split} |\langle A(x)\xi,\eta\rangle| &\leq \Lambda \, |\xi| \, |\eta| \,, \quad \forall \xi,\eta \in \mathbb{C}^n \\ \operatorname{Re} \langle A(x)\xi,\xi\rangle &\geq \lambda |\xi|^2 \,, \quad \forall \xi \in \mathbb{C}^n \end{split}$$

Denote the class of all such matrices by $\mathcal{A}(\Omega)$

Consider the operator

$$L_2^A := -\mathrm{div}\,A\nabla$$

with Neumann boundary conditions on Ω :

 L_2^A is the maximal accretive operator on $L^2(\Omega)$ associated with

$$\mathfrak{a}(u,v) = \int_{\Omega} \langle A \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle_{\mathbb{C}^n}, \quad \mathrm{D}(\mathfrak{a}) = W^{1,2}(\Omega)$$

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$$\vartheta_2^* = \pi/2 - \vartheta_2$$

We are interested in:

• Contractivity, analiticity of $(T_t^A)_{t>0}$ in $L^p(\Omega)$ (p>1)

We denote by L_p^A its negative generator

- Bounded H^{∞} -functional calculus for L_{p}^{A}
- Maximal parabolic regularity for L_p^A

We are interested in results that **only depend** on the algebraic properties of the matrix A

For p > 1 define the \mathbb{R} -linear map $\mathcal{J}_p : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n$ by

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- $\Delta_{\rho}(A) > 0 \iff \Delta_{\rho}(A^*) > 0$
- $\Delta_p(A) > 0 \ \forall p > 1 \iff A$ is real-valued

Theorem (C.-Dragičević 2018)

Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be any open set $(n \ge 2)$. Let $A \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$ and p > 1. Suppose that $\Delta_p(A) > 0$. Then,

(i) $(T_t^A)_{t>0}$ is analytic and contractive in $L^p(\Omega)$

(ii) L_p^A has maximal parabolic regularity

 $\mathcal{I} = \{ p \in (1,\infty) : \Delta_{\rho}(A) > 0 \}$ is an open interval containing 2

 $p \in \mathcal{I} \iff q = p' \in \mathcal{I}$

Maximal parabolic regularity

We say that L_p^A has maximal parabolic regularity if for some r > 1, all $\tau > 0$ and all $f \in L^r((0, \tau); L^p(\Omega))$, the unique mild solution

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to the Cauchy problem

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Necessary condition: analiticity of $(T_t^A)_{t>0}$ in $L^p(\Omega)$

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Theorem (Dore-Venni and Prüss-Shor; Kalton-Weis)

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- No regularity of $\partial \Omega$, No Sobolev embeddings
- A result of Kunstmann shows that the range in the theorem is optimal for the class |Ω| < +∞, A ∈ A(Ω) (counterexamples for Δ_p(A) ≤ 0).

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 $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$, A real-valued

Ouhabaz (1992, 1996): $(T_t^A)_{t>0}$ is sub-Markovian

Kalton-Weis (2001) $\Rightarrow \omega_H(L_p^A) < \pi/2$, for all p > 1.



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(b) $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ bounded and weakly Lipschitz, $A \in \mathcal{A}(\Omega)$

• Egert (2017): $(2_{\star} - \varepsilon, 2^{\star} + \varepsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{I}(L^A)$, where $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(n, \lambda, \Lambda, \Omega)$

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- Earlier results by Blunck and Kunstmann
- Fundamental tool: modification of Blunck-Kunstmann weak type (*p*, *p*) criterion

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The proof requires Sobolev embeddings: true because one has Sobolev extension operators, in this case

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Application: solvability of the L^p Dirichlet boundary value problem for $\operatorname{div}(A\nabla)$

Theorem 1 (Reverse Hölder inequality)

If $u \in W_{loc}^{1,2}(\Omega)$ is a weak solution to $\operatorname{div}(A\nabla u) = 0$ in Ω and $p_0 := \inf\{p > 1 : A \text{ is } p\text{-elliptic}\}$ then, for any $B_{4r}(x) \subset \Omega$ and $p, q \in (p_0, p'_0 n/(n-2)),$ $\langle |u|^p \rangle_{B_r(x)}^{1/p} \lesssim \langle |u|^q \rangle_{B_{2r}(x)}^{1/q} + (E.T.)$

Constants depend only on n, p_0, Λ .

For elliptic A: counterexample by Mayboroda for q = 2 and any p > 2n/(n-2)

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Consequence:

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Generalized convexity

Identify \mathbb{C}^n with $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n$ by

 $\mathcal{V}(\xi_1+i\xi_2)=(\xi_1,\xi_2),\quad \xi_1,\xi_2\in\mathbb{R}^n$

Given $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$, consider its real form

$$\mathcal{M}(A) := \mathcal{V}A\mathcal{V}^{-1} = \left(egin{array}{cc} \operatorname{Re} A & -\operatorname{Im} A \ \operatorname{Im} A & \operatorname{Re} A \end{array}
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Fix $\Phi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^{2k}; \mathbb{R})$. Let $A_1, \ldots, A_k \in \mathbb{C}^{n,n}$.

Generalized Hessian of Φ with respect to A_1, \ldots, A_k :

$$H^{(A_1,...,A_k)}_{\Phi}(\omega) := \left(\mathcal{M}(A_1)\oplus\cdots\oplus\mathcal{M}(A_k)
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Example $\Phi = F_p = |\cdot|^p$, p > 1

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$$B_{p} := \{ u \in L^{2} \cap L^{p} : \|u\|_{p} \leq 1 \}, \quad P_{p} : L^{2} \to B_{p} \perp \text{projection}$$

 $(\mathcal{T}_t^A)_{t>0}$ contr. in $L^p(\Omega)$ iff $P_p(W^{1,2}(\Omega)) \subseteq W^{1,2}(\Omega)$ and $\operatorname{Re} \int_{\Omega} \langle A \nabla P_p u, \nabla (u - P_p u) \rangle \ge 0$

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Our 2016 proof **does not** extend to arbitrary open $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ In this case a modification of our method is needed

Major difficulties in the case $\Omega \neq \mathbb{R}^n$

- $D(L_p^A)$ is unknown
- No estimates for the kernel of T_t^A
- $T_t^A: L^{\infty}(\Omega) \to L^{\infty}(\Omega)$

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Thank you for your attention!

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