

#1) Let  $J: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $J(x) = x^4$ .  $J$  is twice differentiable, strictly convex but not elliptic, since

$$(f'(x) - f'(y), x-y) = 4(x^2 + xy + y^2)(x-y)^2 \text{ and there is no } \alpha > 0$$

such that  $4(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y-x)^2 \geq \alpha(y-x)^2 \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

#2) Since  $\sum_{i=1}^n u_i > 0$ , define new variables  $\eta_i = u_i / \sum_{i=1}^n u_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, n$ .  
 $\Rightarrow J(u) = J(\eta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \eta_i$ . we want to find the extrema of  $J(\eta)$  subject to  $\eta \in U \equiv \{\eta \in \mathbb{R}^n, \eta_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i = 1\}$   
let  $\beta_M = \max_i \{\beta_i\}$  and  $\beta_m = \min_i \{\beta_i\}$ .

we will show that

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \sup_{\eta \in U} J(\eta) = J(e_M) = \beta_M \text{ and } \inf_{\eta \in U} J(\eta) = J(e_m) = \beta_m. \quad \textcircled{**}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indeed, } J'(\eta) h = \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i h_i \Rightarrow J'(e_M)(\eta - e_M) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i (\eta_i - (e_M)_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \eta_i - \beta_M \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i}_{=1} - \beta_M \leq \beta_M \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i - \beta_M \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

This establishes  $\textcircled{*}$ . Similarly,  $J'(e_m)(\eta - e_m) \geq 0$  which establishes  $\textcircled{**}$ .

#3) First,  $x^T A x = 1 \Rightarrow x^T A x \leq 1$ . Hence

$$\sup_{x^T A x \leq 1} b^T x \geq \sup_{x^T A x = 1} b^T x.$$

Also note that the two set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x^T A x \leq 1\}$  and  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x^T A x = 1\}$  are closed and bounded  $\Rightarrow$  compact. Since  $x \mapsto b^T x$  is continuous, both suprema are attained and are finite.

We will now show that  $\sup_{x^T A x \leq 1} b^T x$  cannot be attained in the interior, i.e. for  $x$  such that  $x^T A x < 1$ . Suppose otherwise.

$$\text{let } p = \sup_{x^T A x \leq 1} b^T x = b^T z \text{ with } z^T A z < 1.$$

Consider  $x = z + \epsilon b$  for  $\epsilon > 0$  to be chosen small

$$x^T A x = (z + \epsilon b)^T A (z + \epsilon b) = z^T A z + 2\epsilon b^T A z + \epsilon^2 b^T A b.$$

Since  $z^T A z < 1$ , we can choose  $\epsilon$  small enough so that

$$x^T A x \leq 1. \text{ However } b^T x = b^T (z + \epsilon b) = b^T z + \epsilon \|b\|_2^2 \\ = p + \epsilon \|b\|_2^2 > p.$$

This is a contradiction.

This shows that the two suprema are equal, i.e. the two problems are equivalent.

To calculate the maximum value, we use Lagrange multipliers!

Note  $\lambda$  cannot be zero, for otherwise  $b=0$ .

$$\Rightarrow b + \lambda(2Ax) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} A^{-1} b.$$

Now

$$1 = x^T A x = \frac{1}{4\lambda^2} b^T A^{-1} A A^{-1} b = \frac{1}{4\lambda^2} b^T A^{-1} b \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{b^T A^{-1} b}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{A^{-1} b}{\sqrt{b^T A^{-1} b}} \Rightarrow b^T x = \pm \sqrt{b^T A^{-1} b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sup_{x^T A x = 1} b^T x = \sqrt{b^T A^{-1} b} \text{ and } \inf_{x^T A x = 1} b^T x = -\sqrt{b^T A^{-1} b}.$$

H4 Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b \neq 0$ . Suppose  $x^T A x \geq x^T B x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\text{Then } \sup_{x^T A x \leq 1} b^T x \leq \sup_{x^T B x \leq 1} b^T x \leftarrow x^T A x \leq 1 \Rightarrow x^T B x \leq 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{b^T A^{-1} b}} \leq \sqrt{b^T B^{-1} b} \Rightarrow b^T A^{-1} b \leq b^T B^{-1} b.$$

Since the last inequality holds for any  $b$ , we have  $B^{-1} \geq A^{-1}$ .

#5) Let  $V$  be the set of all polynomials of degree  $\leq n$  defined on  $[a, b]$ . We equip it with the norm

$$\|p\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} = \sup_{0 \leq x \leq b} |p(x)|.$$

$V$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty(a,b)}$  is a Banach space since it is finite dimensional. In fact  $V$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .

The map  $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is coercive and continuous.

$U$  is convex, but we need to show it is closed in order to use Thm. 8.2-1. Let  $\{p_k\}$  be a sequence of elements of  $U$  that converge to some  $p \in V$ .

$$\|p - p^{(k)}\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow p(0) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p^{(k)}(0) = 1. \quad \checkmark$$

Now the problem: Fixed  $\tilde{p} \in U$ ,  $\|\tilde{p}\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} = \inf_{p \in U} \|p\|_{L^\infty(a,b)}$  has a solution.

Note that  $\|\tilde{p}\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} > 0$  for otherwise  $\tilde{p} \equiv 0$  on  $(a, b)$   
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{p} \equiv 0 \forall x$  since polynomials are analytic.

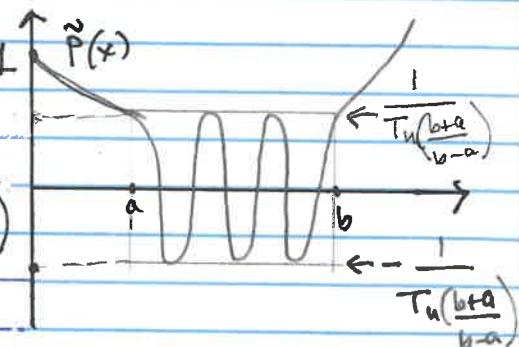
We will show that

$$\tilde{p}(x) = \frac{1}{T_n\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right)} T_n\left(\frac{b+a-2x}{b-a}\right) \text{ is the unique solution.}$$

$$\text{let } x_k = \frac{b+a}{2} - \frac{b-a}{2} \cos \frac{k\pi}{n}, k=0, \dots, n.$$

It can be shown that  $\|\tilde{p}\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} = \frac{1}{T_n\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right)}$   
 and

$$\tilde{p}(x_k) = (-1)^k \frac{1}{T_n\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right)}, k=0, \dots, n$$



Now suppose there exists  $q \in U$  such that

$$\|q\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} < \|\tilde{p}\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} = \frac{1}{T_n\left(\frac{b+a}{b-a}\right)}.$$

We can see that  $\tilde{p}(x_k) - q(x_k) > 0$   $k$  even

$\tilde{p}(x_k) - q(x_k) \leq 0$   $k$  odd.

It follows from the intermediate value Theorem that  $\exists \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n$  with

$$a = x_0 < \xi_1 < x_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_n < x_n = b$$

such that  $\tilde{p}(\xi_i) - q(\xi_i) = 0$   $i=1, \dots, n$ .  
we also have

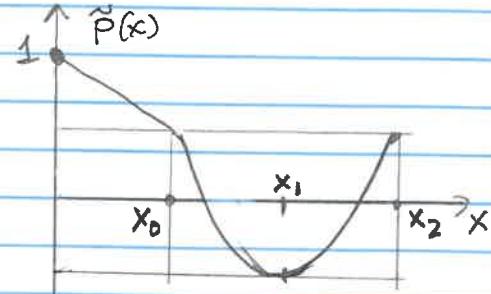
$$\tilde{p}(0) - q(0) = 0.$$

Hence  $\tilde{p}(x) - q(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq n$  and vanishes at then+1 distinct pts.  $0 < \xi_1 < \dots < \xi_n$ . This is a contradiction and shows that  $\tilde{p}(x)$  is a solution to the minimization problem.

The proof of uniqueness is more complicated due to the loss of the strict inequalities above.  
we look at the special case of  $n=2$ .

$$\text{let } e(x) = \tilde{p}(x) - p(x)$$

where  $p$  is another minimizer.  
we have  $e(0) = 0$



④  $e(x_0) \geq 0, e(x_1) \leq 0, e(x_2) \geq 0$

If all ineqs. in ④ are strict, then above argument shows  $e=0$ .

If equality in ④ holds at more than one point,

Then  $e \equiv 0$  ( $n=2$ ) which shows  $p=\tilde{p}$ .

Case 1  $e(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow e(x_1) < 0, e(x_2) > 0 \Rightarrow \exists \xi \in (x_1, x_2)$

such that  $e(\xi) = 0$ . This combined with  $e(0) = e(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow p = \tilde{p}$

Case 2  $e(x_1) = 0 \Rightarrow e'(x_1) = 0$  since  $x_1$  is a minimum of  $p$  and  $x_1$  is interior. Again,  $e \equiv 0$ .

Case 3  $e(x_2) = 0 \Rightarrow e(x_0) > 0, e(x_1) < 0 \Rightarrow \exists \xi \in (x_0, x_1)$

s.t.  $e(\xi) = 0$ . This plus  $e(0) = e(x_2) = 0 \Rightarrow e \equiv 0$ .

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$$\#6] \text{ (a)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (\alpha f(v) + (1-\alpha)g(v)) dv = \alpha \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f(v) dv + (1-\alpha) \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} g(v) dv \\ = \alpha p + (1-\alpha)p = p \quad \checkmark$$

The proof for the other two constraints is similar.

$$(b) H'(f)h = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (f+th) \log(f+th) dv - \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f \log f dv \right].$$

Now

$$(f+th) \log(f+th) - f \log f = th \log(f+th) + f(\log(f+th) - \log f) \\ = th \log(f+th) + f \log(1+t \frac{h}{f}).$$

For  $t$  small,  $\log(1+t \frac{h}{f}) = t \frac{h}{f} + o(t^2)$ . Hence

$$H'(f)h = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1 + \log f) h dv.$$

(c) It is convenient to use the 2nd derivative characterization:

$$H''(f)(h, k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{hk}{f} dv$$

$$H''(f)(f-g, f-g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \frac{(f-g)^2}{f} dv > 0 \quad \forall f \neq g$$

Hence  $H$  is strictly convex.

$H$  is also coercive, say by using the  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^N)$  norm.

Hence a minimum exists and is unique by strict convexity.

(d)(i) First, we need to verify that  $M$  satisfies the constraints. Indeed tedious calculations using polar coordinates for  $N=2$  and spherical coordinates in 3D show that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} M(v) dv = p, \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} v M(v) dv = \rho u \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} |v|^2 M(v) dv = \rho |u|^2 + TN! \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) we need to verify the "angle condition"

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1 + \log M)(g - M) d\nu \geq 0 \quad \forall g \in \mathcal{U}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \log M &= 1 + \log p \cdot \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi T) - \frac{|u-u|^2}{2T} \\ &= 1 + \log p - \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi T) - \frac{|u|^2}{2T} + \frac{u \cdot u}{T} - \frac{|u|^2}{2T}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $1 + \log p - \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi T) - \frac{|u|^2}{2T}$  are constant

whereas  $|u|^2$  and  $u \cdot u$  appear as coefficients in the constraints. Hence add since both  $M$  and  $g$  satisfy these

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} (1 + \log M)(g - M) d\nu = 0.$$

This is not surprising since the constraints are linear in  $f$ .

#7) (a)

$$\begin{aligned} J(v) &= \int_0^1 (|v'|^2 + v^2(x)) dx - 2h \int_0^1 |v'| dx + h^2 \\ &= \|v'\|_1^2 - 2h \int_0^1 |v'| dx + h^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz,  $\int_0^1 |v'| dx \leq \left( \int_0^1 |v'|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|v'\|_{L^2(0,1)} \leq \|v'\|_1$ .  
Hence

$$J(v) \geq \|v'\|_1^2 - 2h \|v'\|_1 + h^2. \quad (\star)$$

Now

$$ab \leq \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2}, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad ab \leq a^2 + \frac{b^2}{4}.$$

$$a = h, b = \|v'\|_1 \Rightarrow 2h \|v'\|_1 \leq 2h^2 + \frac{\|v'\|_1^2}{2}. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$$J(v) \geq \|v'\|_1^2 - 2h^2 - \frac{\|v'\|_1^2}{2} + h^2 = \frac{\|v'\|_1^2}{2} - h^2$$

Note From  $(\star)$  we also obtain  $J(v) \geq (\|v'\|_1 - h)^2$ .  $(\star)$

Actually this is necessary in showing that  $\inf_{\mathcal{U}} J(v) = 0$

(b) It is easy to see

that  $|v'| = h$  a.e.

$$\Rightarrow J(u^n) = \int_0^1 (u^n(x))^2 dx = n \int_0^{\frac{1}{2n}} (h(x - \frac{\varrho}{n}))^2 dx + n \int_{\frac{1}{2n}}^{\frac{1}{n}} (h(\frac{1}{n} - x))^2 dx \\ = \frac{h^2}{12n^2}. \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} J(u^n) = 0.$$

Also, from (\*) we see that  $\inf_{U \neq V} J(V) = 0$ . ✓

(c) Suppose  $u$  is a minimizer. Then  $J(u) = 0$ .

However this would imply that  $u = 0$  and  $|u'| = h$  a.e.  
which is not possible in  $H^1(0,1)$ . ✓

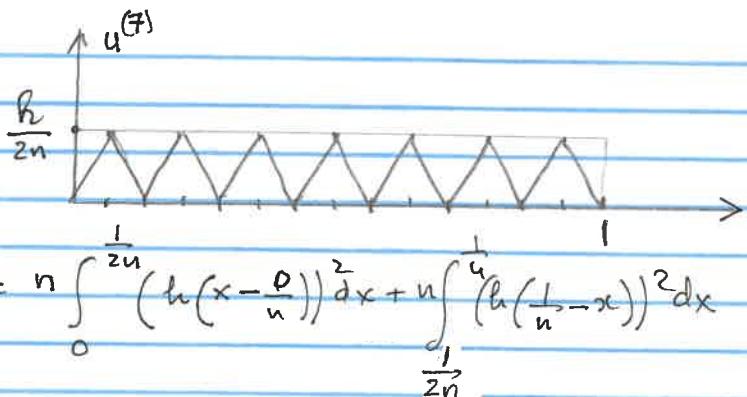
(d) we invoke Thm. 8.2-2 and its extension given  
in the Remark following it.

$U = V = H^1(0,1)$  nonempty, convex Hilbert space

$J$  continuous, coercive.

The only condition that is missing is the convexity of  $J$ .

So it must be the reason for the nonexistence a minimizer.



#8 (a) First note that for  $u \in U$ , the series  $\sum_i \alpha_i u_i$  is absolutely convergent. Let  $u, v \in U$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . The series  $\sum_i (\lambda_1 u_i + \lambda_2 v_i) \alpha_i$  is absolutely convergent. Hence

$$\sum_i (\lambda_1 u_i + \lambda_2 v_i) \alpha_i = \lambda_1 \sum_i \alpha_i u_i + \lambda_2 \sum_i \alpha_i v_i = 0.$$

Hence  $U$  is a subspace of  $V$ . Now let  $\{u^{(n)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  be a sequence of elements of  $U$  which converges to some  $u \in V$ . we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \alpha_i u_i &= \sum_i \alpha_i ((u_i - u_i^{(n)}) + u_i^{(n)}) \\ &= \sum_i \alpha_i (u_i - u_i^{(n)}) + \sum_i \alpha_i u_i^{(n)} = \sum_i \alpha_i (u_i - u_i^{(n)}). \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$|\sum_i \alpha_i u_i| \leq \sup_i |u_i - u_i^{(n)}| \sum_i |\alpha_i| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

since  $\sum_i |\alpha_i| < \infty$  and  $\sup_i |u_i - u_i^{(n)}| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(b) The infimum exists so let  $p = \inf_{v \in U} \|w - v\|$ .

Assume that  $\exists u \in U$  such that  $\|w - u\| = \inf_{v \in U} \|w - v\| = p$ .

Since  $w_i \rightarrow 0$  and  $u_i \rightarrow 0$ , there exists an integer  $N$  such that

$$p = \|w - u\| = \max_{i \leq N} |w_i - u_i|.$$

We also choose  $N$  large enough so that  $\sup_{i > N} |w_i - u_i| < \frac{p}{2}$ .

Let  $N_p = \{i \leq N \text{ such that } |w_i - u_i| = p\}$ . Clearly  $N_p \neq \emptyset$ .

Also, since infinitely many  $\alpha$ 's are nonzero,  $\exists \mu > N$  such that  $\alpha_\mu > 0$ .

Also let  $N_p' = \{i > N, i \neq \mu\}$ .

We will construct a  $z \in U$  such that  $\|w - z\| < p$ , thus contradicting the existence of  $p$  as a minimizer  $u$ .

Let  $\underline{z}^V$  be defined by

$$z_i = \begin{cases} u_i + \epsilon_i & i \in N_p \\ u_i & i \leq N, i \notin N_p \\ u_\mu + \epsilon_\mu & i = \mu \\ u_i & i > N, i \neq \mu \end{cases} \quad (\|w_i - u_i\| = p) \quad (\|w_i - u_i\| < p)$$

The  $\epsilon_i$ 's are real numbers that will be chosen suitably so that  $\underline{z} \in U$ . Now

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \sup_i |w_i - z_i| = \max \left\{ \max_{i \in N_p} |w_i - z_i|, \max_{i \leq N, i \notin N_p} |w_i - u_i|, |w_\mu - z_\mu|, \sup_{i > N, i \neq \mu} |w_i - u_i| \right\}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \max_{i \leq N, i \notin N_p} |w_i - z_i| = \max_{i \leq N, i \notin N_p} |w_i - u_i| < p$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad |w_\mu - z_\mu| = |w_\mu - u_\mu| + |\epsilon_\mu| < \frac{p}{2} + |\epsilon_\mu|$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \sup_{i > N, i \neq \mu} |w_i - z_i| = \sup_{i > N, i \neq \mu} |w_i - u_i| < \frac{p}{2}.$$

$$\text{Since } \sum_i d_i u_i = 0, \sum_i d_i z_i = \sum_{i \in N_p} \alpha_i \epsilon_i + \alpha_\mu \epsilon_\mu. \quad \textcircled{5}$$

Now choose  $\epsilon_i, i \in N_p$  so that  $\max_{i \in N_p} |w_i - z_i| = \max_{i \in N_p} |w_i - u_i - \epsilon_i| < p$

This can be done for  $\epsilon$  suff. small.  $\textcircled{5}$  will also hold for  $\epsilon \epsilon_i, i \in N_p, 0 < \epsilon < 1$ . Next choose  $\epsilon_\mu$  so that

$$\sum_i d_i z_i = 0 \iff \epsilon_\mu = - \sum_{i \in N_p} \alpha_i \epsilon_i / \alpha_\mu.$$

Now with  $\epsilon$  chosen small enough,  $|\epsilon_\mu| < \frac{p}{2}$ .

This and  $\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow |w_\mu - z_\mu| < p$ .

Putting all pieces together, we have  $\underline{z} \in U$  and

$$\|w - z\| < p = \|w - u\|. \quad \checkmark$$