

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE MAJORANT  
IN SOLVING OPERATOR EQUATIONS  
WHICH DEPEND ON PARAMETERS

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1. Let us consider the operator equation

$$(1) \quad P(x, \alpha) = 0,$$

where  $P: X \times M \rightarrow X$ ,  $M$  is a normed linear space, and  $X$  is a Fréchet space [1],  $P$  being continuous.

The existence and unicity of the solution  $x^*(\alpha)$  of the equation (1), using the iterative method

$$(2) \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - \Gamma_\alpha^n P(x_n, \alpha),$$

where  $\Gamma_\alpha^n = [P'(x_n, \alpha)]^{-1}$ , was studied, using the principle of the majorant of I. V. KANTOROVICH [2], in the case of a complete normed linear space  $X$ . This study was taken again by B. JANKÓ [3], using the method of successive approximations and the generalized method of Newton-Kantorovich, where  $X$  is a space as above.

In both cases the Fréchet derivative of some order is used, to solve the problem.

In this paper we take again this study, considering a complete supermetric space  $X$ , using the concept of divided difference, which is much more general than the notion of Fréchet derivative,

$$(2') \quad x_{n+1} = x_n - [P_{x_n, x_{n-1}}^{(\alpha)}]^{-1} P(x_n, \alpha)$$

2. Let  $P: X \times M \rightarrow X$  be a nonlinear operator which has partial divided differences in respect to  $x$  and  $\alpha$ ,  $X$  and  $M$  being as above.

We denote by  $\rho_X(P)$  and  $\rho_{X \times M, X}(P_{x^{(l)}, x^{(n)}}^{(\alpha)})$  the generalized norms of the operator  $P$  and of its partial divided difference with respect to  $x$ ,

supposing that  $\alpha$  constant. We also denote by  $\rho_{X \times M, X}(P_{\alpha(1), \alpha(2)}^{(x)})$  the generalized norm of the partial divided difference of the operator with respect to  $\alpha$ , supposing  $x$  constant.

For the partial divided difference operator, of a partial divided difference, we will use the notation

$$(P_{x(1), x(2)}^{(\alpha)})_{x(2), x(3)}^{(\alpha)} = P_{x(1), x(2), x(3)}^{(\alpha)}$$

$$(P_{x(1), x(2)}^{(\alpha)})_{\alpha(1), \alpha(2)}^{(x)} = P_{x(1), x(2)|\alpha(1), \alpha(2)}^{(\alpha, x)}$$

and for their generalized norms

$$\rho_{(X \times M)^2, X}(P_{x(1), x(2), x(3)}^{(\alpha)})$$

$$\rho_{(X \times M)^2, X}(P_{x(1), x(2)|\alpha(1), \alpha(2)}^{(\alpha, x)})$$

respectively.

Since they are important for our study we recall here two theorems [4] about the existence and the unicity of the solution of the operator equation

$$(3) \quad x = U(x)$$

obtained by the iteration

$$(3') \quad x_{n+1} = U(x_n).$$

This equation is majorized, in the sense of the definition given in [2], by the real equation

$$(4) \quad z = V(z)$$

whose solutions are obtained by the iterative method

$$(4') \quad z_{n+1} = V(z)$$

**THEOREM A.** *If the equation (3) is majorized by the equation (4) whose smallest root is  $z^* \in [z, z']$ , then it has a solution  $x^*$ , verifying the condition*

$$\rho_X(x^* - x_0) \leq z^* - z_0 \leq z' - z_0$$

and which is the limit of the successive approximations [3']

**THEOREM B.** *If the continuous operator  $U: X \rightarrow X$  has divided differences,  $X$  being a complete supermetric space, and  $V$  is a continuous function defined in  $[z_0, z']$ , and if the conditions*

(i)  $\rho_{X, X}(U_{x(1), x(2)}) \leq V_{x(1), x(2)}, \forall x^{(i)}$  for which

$$\rho_X(x^{(i)} - x_0) \leq z^{(i)} - z_0 \leq z' - z_0$$

(ii)  $V(z_0) \geq z_0, V(z') \leq z'$

are satisfied, then from the unicity of the root of the equation (4) in  $(z, z')$ , it follows the unicity of the solution of the equation (3) from  $S$  defined by

$$\rho_X(x - x_0) \leq z' - z_0.$$

If this solution exists, it is the limit of the successive approximation (3'), for any initial approximation  $x_0 \in S$ .

**3.** In connection with the operator equation (1) we prove the following

**THEOREM.** *If the equation (1) is majorized by the equation*

$$(1') \quad z = V(z, \beta)$$

where  $V(z, \beta)$  is a continuous real function defined in the rectangle  $z_0 \leq z \leq z', \beta_0 \leq \beta \leq \beta'$ , the conditions

1°  $\rho_X(x_0 - P(x_0, \alpha_0)) \leq V(z_0, \beta_0) - z_0$

2°  $\rho_{X \times M, X}(P_{x(1), x(2)}^{(\alpha)}) \leq V_{x(1), x(2)}^{(\beta)}$ , for

$$\rho_X(x^{(i)} - x_0) \leq z^{(i)} - z_0 \leq z' - z_0, (i = 1, 2)$$

3°  $\rho_{X \times M, X}(P_{\alpha(1), \alpha(2)}^{(x)}) \leq V_{\beta(1), \beta(2)}^{(x)}$

4°  $\rho_{(X \times M)^2, X}(P_{x(1), x(2)|\alpha(1), \alpha(2)}^{(\alpha, x)}) \leq V_{x(1), x(2)|\beta(1), \beta(2)}^{(\beta, x)}$ ,

for  $\rho_X(x - x_0) \leq z - z_0 \leq z' - z_0$

and  $\rho_M(\alpha - \alpha_0) \leq \beta - \beta_0 \leq \beta' - \beta_0$

are satisfied, and assume that equation (1') has a solution for  $\beta \in [\beta_0, \beta']$ , then the equation (1) has a solution  $x^*(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha \in S$ , defined by  $\rho_M(\alpha - \alpha_0) \leq \beta - \beta_0$ . This solution can be computed by the method of successive approximation. It is unique in  $\rho_X(x - x_0) \leq z' - z_0$  if the equation (1')

has unique solution  $z^* \in (z_0, z')$ .

*Proof.* To prove the existence of the solution of the equation (1) we use the theorem A. We shall show that the conditions 1° and 2° hold for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

(5)

$$\rho_X(x_0 - P(x_0, \alpha)) \leq \rho_X(x_0 - P(x_0, \alpha_0)) + \rho_X(P(x_0, \alpha) - P(x_0, \alpha_0)).$$

Since

$$P(x_0, \alpha) - P(x_0, \alpha_0) = P_{\alpha, \alpha_0}^{(x_0)}(\alpha - \alpha_0),$$

and taking in account the conditions 1°, 3° the relation (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_X(x_0 - P(x_0, \alpha)) &\leq V(z_0, \beta_0) - z_0 + V_{\beta_0}^{(\alpha_0)}(\beta - \beta_0) = \\ &= V(z_0, \beta_0) - z_0 + V(z_0, \beta) - V(z_0, \beta_0) = V(z_0, \beta) - z_0. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\alpha)} &= P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\alpha_0)} + P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\alpha)} - P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\alpha_0)} = \\ &= P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\alpha_0)} + P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}|\alpha, \alpha_0}^{(\alpha, \alpha_0)}(\alpha - \alpha_0) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{X \times M, X}(P_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\alpha)}) &\leq V_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\beta_0)} + V_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}|\beta, \beta_0}^{(\beta, \beta_0)}(\beta - \beta_0) = \\ &= V_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\beta_0)} + V_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\beta)} - V_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\beta_0)} = V_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}}^{(\beta)}. \end{aligned}$$

Using theorem B all assertions of the present theorem follow immediately.

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