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### §3. Some complements on convex differentiable and nondifferentiable functionals.

Let be  $B$  a Banach space and  $B'$  its dual.

Let be  $\Phi$  a function  $v \rightarrow \Phi(v)$  from  $B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Definition 1 The function  $v \rightarrow \Phi(v)$  is convex if  $\forall u, v \in B$  and  $\forall \alpha \in ]0, 1[$  :

$$\Phi(\alpha u + (1-\alpha)v) \leq \alpha \Phi(u) + (1-\alpha) \Phi(v)$$

It is called strictly convex if

$\forall u, v \in B$  and  $\forall \alpha \in ]0, 1[$  :

$$\Phi(\alpha u + (1-\alpha)v) < \alpha \Phi(u) + (1-\alpha) \Phi(v)$$

Definition 2. The function  $\Phi$  is Gâteaux-differentiable (or G-differentiable) at  $u \in B$  if there exists one element of  $B'$ , denoted by  $\Phi'(u)$  such that

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Phi(u + \lambda v) - \Phi(u)}{\lambda} = \langle \Phi'(u), v \rangle \quad \forall v \in B.$$

( $\Phi'(u)$  is called also the gradient of  $\Phi$  at  $u$ )

Lemma 1. If  $\Phi$  is convex and G-differentiable

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq \langle \Phi'(u), v - u \rangle \quad \forall u, v \in B$$

Proof. By the convexity of  $\Phi$  we have

$$\Phi(u + \theta(v-u)) \leq \Phi(u) + \theta(\Phi(v) - \Phi(u))$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq \frac{\Phi(u + \theta(v-u)) - \Phi(u)}{\theta} \xrightarrow{\text{as } \theta \rightarrow 0}$$

### Lemma 2 (converse of lemma 1)

If  $\Phi$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -differentiable and if

$$\Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq \langle \Phi'(u), v - u \rangle \quad \forall v, u \in B$$

$\Rightarrow \Phi$  is convex.

#### Proof

We have to prove that if  $\theta \in (0, 1)$

$$\Phi(\theta u + (1-\theta)v) \leq \theta \Phi(u) + (1-\theta)\Phi(v)$$

$$\text{let be } w = \theta u + (1-\theta)v = \theta(u-v) + v$$

By hypothesis

$$(3.1) \quad \Phi(v) - \Phi(w) \geq \langle \Phi'(w), v - w \rangle = \\ = -\theta \langle \Phi'(w), u - v \rangle$$

$$(3.2) \quad \Phi(u) - \Phi(w) \geq \langle \Phi'(w), u - w \rangle = \\ = (1-\theta) \langle \Phi'(w), u - v \rangle$$

Multiply (3.1) by  $(1-\theta)$  and (3.2) by  $\theta$  and add:

$$(1-\theta)\Phi(v) - (1-\theta)\Phi(w) + \theta\Phi(u) - \theta\Phi(w) \geq 0$$

and thus the lemma is proved.  $\blacksquare$

### Lemma 3

If  $\Phi$  is convex and  $\mathbb{C}$ -diff  $\Rightarrow$   
 $u \rightarrow \Phi'(u)$  is monotone.

#### Proof

We have to prove that

$$\langle \Phi'(u) - \Phi'(v), u - v \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall u, v \in B$$

By lemma 1 we get

$$\langle \Phi'(u), u - v \rangle \geq \Phi(u) - \Phi(v)$$

$$\langle \Phi'(v), u - v \rangle \leq \Phi(u) - \Phi(v)$$

Lemma 4

If  $\Phi$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -differentiable on  $B$  then there  $\exists$   
 $\theta \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow$

$$\Phi(u+v) = \Phi(u) + \langle \Phi'(u+\theta v), v \rangle \quad \forall u, v \in B.$$

Proof.

Consider the real function  $\lambda \rightarrow \varphi(\lambda) = \Phi(u + \lambda v)$   
 Then  $\varphi'(\lambda) = \langle \Phi'(u + \lambda v), v \rangle$ . The result follows  
 now by the finite increment theorem for real  
 functions:

$$\varphi(1) - \varphi(0) = \int_0^1 \varphi'(\theta) d\theta \quad \text{with } \theta \in (0, 1)$$

so that we have proved the lemma observing that  
 $\varphi(1) = \Phi(u+v)$  and  $\varphi(0) = \Phi(u)$

Lemma 5 (converse of lemma 3)

If  $\Phi$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -differentiable on  $B$  and if  
 $u \rightarrow \Phi'(u)$  is a monotone operator  $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Phi$  is convex.

Proof.

By lemma 4

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(v) &= \Phi(u) + \langle \Phi'(u + \theta(v-u)), v-u \rangle \quad \forall u, v \in B \\ &= \Phi(u) + \langle \Phi'(u), v-u \rangle + \\ &\quad + \langle \Phi'(u + \theta(v-u)) - \Phi'(u), v-u \rangle = \\ &= \Phi(u) + \langle \Phi'(u), v-u \rangle + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\theta} \langle \Phi'(u + \theta(v-u)) - \Phi'(u), (u + \theta(v-u)) - u \rangle \\ &\quad \quad \quad \forall \theta \text{ by hypothesis} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq \langle \Phi'(u), v - u \rangle$   
and the statement of the lemma follows from lemma 2. ■

### Definition

$\theta \in B'$  is an element of the subgradient of  $\Phi$  at the point  $u \in B \iff \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq \langle \theta, v - u \rangle \forall v \in B$

Theorem (see p 17 - Bibliography at the end of this chapter)

If  $\Phi$  is a convex function such that the subgradient of  $\Phi$  at the point  $u$  is reduced at a point  $\xi \in V' \Rightarrow \Phi$  is  $G$ -differentiable at  $u$  and  
 $\xi = \Phi'(u)$  ■

Usually the subgradient of  $\Phi$  at the point  $u$  is denoted by  $\partial\Phi(u)$  (by the definition of the  $G$ -differentiability, if  $\partial\Phi(u)$  is a set of points  $s$  in  $V'$ ,  $\Phi$  is not  $G$ -differentiable in  $u$ !)

Definition  $\Phi$  is weak lower semi-continuous (l.s.c) if  $\lim \Phi(u_n) \geq \Phi(u)$  if  $u_n \xrightarrow{\text{weakly}} u$  in the topology of  $B$ .

Examples: 1).  $u \mapsto \|u\|$  is weak l.s.c in a Banach space

2). Let be  $B = H^2(\Omega)$ . We define for  $u \in B$

$$\varphi(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad } u|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |\text{grad } u| dx; & \text{if } u \in H_0^1(\Omega) \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then:  $\varphi(u)$  is convex and l.s.c on  $B$ .

3).  $j(v) = \int_{\Omega} D_{\mathbb{H}}^{1/2}(v) dx$  if  $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)^2 \Rightarrow j$  is l.s.c. ( $j$  is continuous convex on  $H_0^1(\Omega)^2$  so that is weak l.s.c for the weak topology of  $H_0^1(\Omega)^2$ ) ■

Suppose we have to solve the following problem

$$(3.3) \begin{cases} \mu a(u, v - u) + \Phi(v) - \Phi(u) \geq \langle f, v - u \rangle \\ \forall v \in V(\Omega): \text{ a Banach space, } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \end{cases}$$

Lemma 6

If  $\Phi$  is a G-diff. convex functional for  $\forall v \in V$  (3.3) is equivalent to the equation:

$$(3.4) \quad \mu a(u, v-u) + \langle \Phi'(u), v \rangle = \langle f, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V$$

Proof. Let  $v$  be  $v = u + \lambda w$  in (3.3) with  $w$  arbitrary in  $V$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . We get, after division by  $\lambda$ :

$$\mu a(u, w) + \lambda^{-1} [\Phi(u + \lambda w) - \Phi(u)] \geq \langle f, w \rangle$$

Now letting  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ , we have

$$\mu a(u, w) + \langle \Phi'(u), w \rangle \geq \langle f, w \rangle$$

By changing  $w$  in  $-w$  we get the first implication. Let suppose now that  $u$  is solution of (3.4.) We have

$$\mu a(u, v-u) + \langle \Phi'(u), v-u \rangle = \langle f, v-u \rangle$$

and

$$\mu a(u, v-u) + \Phi(u) - \Phi(v) = \langle f, v-u \rangle + \Phi(u) - \Phi(v) - \langle \Phi'(u), v-u \rangle$$

By lemma 1

$$\Phi(u) - \Phi(v) - \langle \Phi'(u), v-u \rangle \geq 0$$

so that

$$\mu a(u, v-u) + \Phi(u) - \Phi(v) \geq \langle f, v-u \rangle$$

and  $u$  is solution of (3.3).

Remarks. 1). It is the same argument which was employed in the proof of the theorem § 2 (on the equivalence between the problems  $B \in B'$ )

2). (3.3) may be written after integration by parts (if allowed!) as follows:

$$-\mu \Delta u - f \in \partial \Phi(u)$$

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#### §4. Variational problem. Functional spaces.

Back to the variational inequality of the flow of a Bingham fluid. We have to find solutions for the Problem B' (§2) such that  $u \in L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega))$  and  $u \in L^2(0, T, X)$ . For giving a usual (and justified) variational formulation we shall introduce some functional spaces.

Let  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  be the space of indefinitely differentiable functions on  $\Omega$  with compact support.  $\Omega$  is a smooth bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (or  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ).

##### Definition

$$\mathcal{V} = \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^2 \mid \operatorname{div} \varphi = 0 \}$$

$$V = \text{closure of } \mathcal{V} \text{ in } H^1(\Omega)^2$$

$$H = \text{closure of } \mathcal{V} \text{ in } L^2(\Omega)^2$$

The norm in  $H$  is given by :

$$|u| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 |u_i|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

and the norm in  $V$  is given:

$$\|u\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \left| \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 \right)^{1/2} \quad (\text{which is equivalent})$$

to the norm induced by  $H^1(\Omega)^2$  in  $V$  as  $u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ .  
The norm  $H^1(\Omega)^2$  is given by :  $|u|_{H^1(\Omega)} = \left( |u|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \|u\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 \right)^{1/2}$

We shall admit the following lemmas:

##### Lemma 1 :

$$V = \{ v \in H_0^1(\Omega)^2 \mid \operatorname{div} v = 0 \}$$

$$H = \{ v \in L^2(\Omega)^2 \mid \operatorname{div} v = 0 \text{ \& } v \cdot n = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \}$$

( $v \cdot n = \sum v_i \cos(\vec{u}, x_i)$ ,  $\vec{n}$  is the exterior normal on  $\partial\Omega$ )

## Lemma 2.

If  $f \in (H_0^1(\Omega))^* = H^{-1}(\Omega)^*$  is such that  
 $(f, v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in V \Rightarrow$  there exists  $p \in L^2(\Omega)$   
 such that  $f_i = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \quad (f = \text{grad } p)$  □

We will now identify  $H$  with its dual. We have thus:

$$V \underset{\text{dense}}{\subset} H \underset{\text{dense}}{\subset} V'$$

$V'$  is the dual of  $V$ . We shall denote by  $\|\cdot\|_*$  the norm on  $V'$ .

If  $f \in V'$ :

$$\|f\|_* = \sup_{v \in V} \frac{|(f, v)|}{\|v\|}$$

With these notations we can get now the definitive variational formulation of the problem  $B'$ .

## Problem 1

Find  $u$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} (u', v-u) + \mu a(u, v-u) + b(u, u, v-u) + \\ \quad + g_j(v) - j'(u) \geq (f, v-u) \\ \forall v \in V \end{cases}$$

and

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{cases} u \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H) \\ \frac{du}{dt} \in L^2(0, T; V') \end{cases} \quad u(0, x) = u_0(x) \in H$$

We shall prove in the following chapter that if  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  this problem has a solution which is unique. For  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  we must introduce a class of solution which are "weaker" than those for  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and we will prove an existence theorem for this case. The problem of the uniqueness for  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is open.

Let therefore  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . We need the following results.

### Lemma 3

If  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  then:

$$(4.3) \quad \|u\|_{L^4(\Omega)}^2 \leq C \|u\| |u|$$

### Proof.

It is sufficient to prove (4.3) for  $u \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  and by extending  $u$  by 0 outside  $\Omega$  it is sufficient to prove (4.3) for  $u \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

We have

$$u^2(x_1, x_2) = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{x_1} u(x_1, s) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}(x_1, s) ds \text{ from here:}$$

$$|u(x_1, x_2)|^2 \leq 2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u(x_1, s)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2}(x_1, s) \right| ds = \varphi(x_1)$$

By the same way:

$$|u(x_1, x_2)|^2 \leq 2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u(s, x_2)| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1}(s, x_2) \right| ds = \psi(x_2)$$

It follows:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u(x_1, x_2)|^4 dx_1 dx_2 \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(x_1) \psi(x_2) dx_1 dx_2 =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(x_1) dx_1 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \varphi(x_2) dx_2 = \\
 &= 4 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \right| dx_1 dx_2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |u| \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \right| dx_1 dx_2 \leq \\
 &\leq 4 \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_1} \right\|_{L^2} \left\| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_2} \right\|_{L^2} \leq 4 \|u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \|u\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)}^2 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4

$\mathcal{b}(u, v, w)$  is a continuous trilinear form on  $V \times V \times V$  and  
 $\mathcal{b}(u, v, w) = -\mathcal{b}(u, w, v)$  □

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{b}(u, v, w)| &\leq \sum_{i,j} |u_i|_{L^4(\Omega)} \left\| \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial x_j} \right\|_{L^2(\Omega)} |v_i|_{L^4(\Omega)} \\
 &\leq \text{by Sobolev imbedding theorem: } H_0^1(\Omega) \subset L^p(\Omega) \\
 &\quad \forall p < +\infty \\
 &\leq \text{const. } \|u\| \|w\| \|v\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{b}(u, v, w) + \mathcal{b}(u, w, v) &= \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega} u_i \left( \frac{\partial v_j}{\partial x_i} w_j + \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial x_i} v_j \right) dx = \\
 &= \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega} u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (v_j w_j) = - \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} (v_j w_j) dx = \\
 &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \sum_i \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} \right) \sum_j (v_j w_j) \stackrel{\text{as div } u = 0}{=} 0 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $b(u, v)$  defined by

$$b(u, v, w) = (B(u, v), w) \quad \forall u, v, w \in V.$$

We have the following result.

Lemma 5

$B$  is a continuous bilinear form from  $V \times V \rightarrow V'$  and if  $u, v \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H) \rightarrow$

$$B(u, v) \in L^2(0, T; V')$$

Proof.

$$|(B(u, v), w)| = |b(u, v, w)| \stackrel{\text{by lemma 4}}{\leq} |b(u, w, v)| \leq$$

$$\leq \sum_{i,j} \int_{\Omega} |u_i| \left| \frac{\partial w_j}{\partial x_i} \right| |v_j| \leq \text{Const. } \|u\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \|v\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \|w\|$$

Thus

$$\|B(u, v)\|_* \leq C \|u\|_{L^4} \|v\|_{L^4}$$

If  $u, v \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap L^\infty(0, T; H)$  by lemma 3

$$u, v \in L^4(0, T; L^4(\Omega))$$

so that

$$\|u\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \|v\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \in L^2(0, T)$$

and

$$B(u, v) \in L^2(0, T; V').$$