

WELL-POSEDNESS OF VARIATIONAL FORMULATION OF “MODULAR” PDES

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$(x_n)_n \subset L_\varphi$ modular-converges to $x \in L_\varphi$ iff

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VARIATIONAL SETTING FOR PDEs

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PETTIS' MEASURABILITY THEOREM.

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Moreover, $\forall t \in [0, T]$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u(t)\|_H^2 + \int_0^t [\xi(s), u(s)] ds = \frac{1}{2} \|u_0\|_H^2 + \int_0^t (f(s), u(s)) ds.$$

CONTINUOUS DEPENDENCE ON THE DATA

Assume **H0–H2**, and let (u_0^1, f_1) and (u_0^2, f_2) be reasonable data.

Then, for any respective solutions (u_1, ξ_1) and (u_2, ξ_2) to \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{P} :

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THE END

