

**TMA372/MMG800: Partial Differential Equations, 2009–08–26; kl 8.30-13.30.**

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Calculators, formula notes and other subject related material are not allowed.

Each problem gives max 8p. Valid bonus poits will be added to the scores.

Breakings: **3**: 20-29p, **4**: 30-39p och **5**: 40p- GU **G**:20-39p, **VG**: 40p-

1. Consider the boundary value problem:

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} -(a(x)u'(x))' = f(x), & \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \\ u(0) = 0, \quad a(1)u'(1) = g_1, \end{cases}$$

Formulate a finite element method for this problem and show the *a posteriori* error estimate:

$$(2) \quad \|(u - U)'\|_a \leq C_i \|hR(U)\|_{1/a}.$$

2. a) Let  $a(x) = 1$  for  $x < 1/2$ ,  $a(x) = 2$  for  $x \geq 1/2$  and  $g_1 = -2$ . Formulate a finite element method for (1). Dervie the matrix equation  $AU = b$  arising in discretizing the problem by cG(1) FEM in a uniform partition of  $I = (0, 1)$  into 4 intervals. Compute, explicitly, only the matrix elements  $a_{22}$  and  $a_{34}$  and the vector element  $b_4$ .

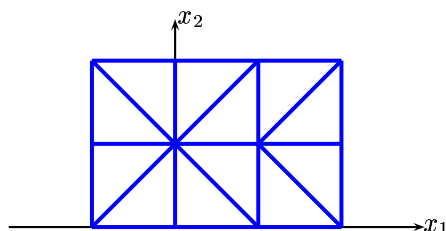
b) Show, using (2), that the above finite element approximation is actually exact, i.e.,  $u - U = 0$ .

3. Consider the problem

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega = \{(x_1, x_2) : -1 < x_1 < 2, 0 < x_2 < 2\} \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where  $f = 1$  for  $x_1 < 0$  and  $f = 2$  for  $x_1 > 0$ .

a) Write down the discrete system  $SU = b$  ( $S$  is the stiffness matrix and  $b$  is the load vector) in approximating (3) using cG(1) FEM in the following triangulation:



b) Consider the same problem as in a), replacing the Dirichlet  $u = 0$  (only) on  $x_1 = 2$  by the Neuman data:  $\partial_n u = 0$  on  $x_1 = 2$ ,  $0 < x_2 < 2$ .

4. Let  $M \in (0, 1)$ . Consider the problem

$$(4) \quad (1 - M^2)u_{xx} + u_{yy} = f, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Determine the solution  $u$  for  $f(x) = g(x)\delta(x)$  where  $\delta$  is the Dirac  $\delta$  function and

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| < 1 \\ 0, & |x| \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Hint: The fundamental solution for  $-\Delta$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is given by  $E(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$ .

5. Formulate and prove the Lax-Milgram theorem.

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**Lösningar/Solutions.**

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1. Define the continuous and discrete function spaces

$$V = \{v : \int_0^1 [(v')^2 + v^2] dx < \infty, \quad v(0) = 0\},$$

and

$$V_h = \{v \in V : v \text{ is piecewise linear and continuous on the partition of } I = [0, 1]\},$$

Multiply the differential equation by a test function  $v \in V$  and integrate over  $I$ . Partial integration yields the *variational formulation*: Find  $u \in V$  such that

$$\int_0^1 au'v' dx = g_1v(1), \quad \forall v \in V.$$

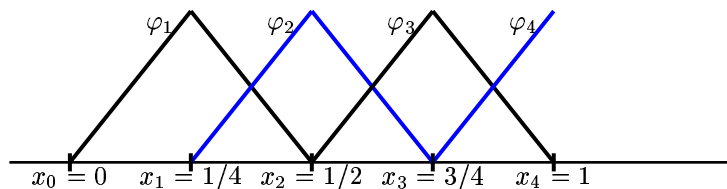
The corresponding *finite element method* is: Find  $U \in V_h$  such that

$$\int_0^1 aU'v' dx = g_1v(1), \quad \forall v \in V_h.$$

For the inequality (2), see lecture notes.

2. a) A uniform partition for  $I = (0, 1)$  into 4 subintervals  $I_1 = (0, 1/4)$ ,  $I_2 = (1/4, 1/2)$ ,  $I_3 = (1/2, 3/4)$  and  $I_4 = (3/4, 1)$  would have the piecewise linear basis functions  $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1}^4$ , where for  $V_h$  defined by  $\varphi_j \in V_h$  and

$$\varphi_j(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$



With the ansatz  $U(x) = \sum_{j=1}^4 U_j \varphi_j(x)$  the FEM, in the basis functions  $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1}^4$ , can be formulated as follows: Find  $U \in V_h$  such that

$$\int_0^1 aU' \varphi_i' dx = g_1 \varphi_i(1), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Inserting the ansatz for  $U$  yields

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 U_j \int_0^1 a \varphi_j' \varphi_i' dx = g_1 \varphi_i(1), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

In this way we obtain a matrix problem  $AU = b$  with the element of  $A$  given by

$$a_{ij} = \int_0^1 a \varphi_j' \varphi_i' dx, \quad \text{and} \quad b_i = g_1 \varphi_i(1).$$

With  $a(x)$  and  $g_1$  given as in the problem and  $h = 1/4$  we have that

$$a_{22} = \int_{1/4}^{1/2} 1 \cdot \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{1}{h} dx + \int_{1/2}^{3/4} 2 \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{h}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{h}\right) dx = 12,$$

and

$$a_{34} = \int_{3/4}^1 2 \cdot \frac{1}{h} \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{h}\right) dx = -8, \quad \text{and} \quad b_4 = (-2) \cdot 1 = -2.$$

b) Due to the fact that  $a(x)$  is chosen to be piecewise constant and  $U \in V_h$  we get  $R(U) = a'U' + aU'' = 0$ . Thus by (2)

$$\|e'\|_a \leq 0 \implies e(x) = C.$$

Now since  $e$  is continuous and  $e(0) = 0$ , hence  $e(x) = 0$ .

3. Let  $V$  be the linear function space defined by

$$V_h := \{v : v \text{ is continuous in } \Omega, v = 0, \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}.$$

Multiplying the differential equation by  $v \in V$  and integrating over  $\Omega$  we get that

$$-(\Delta u, v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Now using Green's formula we have that

$$-(\Delta u, \nabla v) = (\nabla u, \nabla v) - \int_{\partial\Omega} (n \cdot \nabla u)v ds = (\nabla u, \nabla v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$

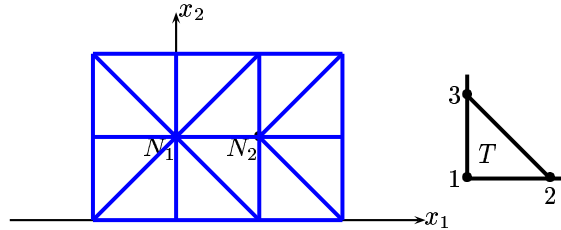
Thus the variational formulation is:

$$(\nabla u, \nabla v) = (f, v), \quad \forall v \in V.$$

Let  $V_h$  be the usual finite element space consisting of continuous piecewise linear functions satisfying the boundary condition  $v = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ : The  $cG(1)$  method is: Find  $U \in V_h$  such that

$$(\nabla U, \nabla v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in V_h$$

With this boundary conditions we have the internal nodes  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ . Making the "Ansatz"



$U(x) = \sum_{j=1}^2 \xi_j \varphi_j(x)$ , where  $\varphi_i$  are the standard basis functions, we obtain the system of equations

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \xi_i \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j dx = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi_j dx, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

or, in matrix form,

$$S\xi = F,$$

where  $S_{ij} = (\nabla \varphi_i, \nabla \varphi_j)$  is the stiffness matrix and  $F_j = (f, \varphi_j)$  is the load vector. We first compute the mass and stiffness matrix for the reference triangle  $T$ . The local basis functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1(x_1, x_2) &= 1 - \frac{x_1}{h} - \frac{x_2}{h}, & \nabla \phi_1(x_1, x_2) &= -\frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \phi_2(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{x_1}{h}, & \nabla \phi_2(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \phi_3(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{x_2}{h}, & \nabla \phi_3(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, with  $|T| = \int_T dz = h^2/2$ ,

$$s_{11} = (\nabla \phi_1, \nabla \phi_1) = \int_T |\nabla \phi_1|^2 dx = \frac{2}{h^2} |T| = 1.$$

Similarly we can compute the other elements and obtain

$$s = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can now assemble the global matrix  $S$  from the local one  $s$ :

$$\begin{aligned} S_{11} &= 8s_{22} = 4, & S_{12} &= 2s_{12} = -1, \\ S_{21} &= 2s_{12} = -1, & S_{22} &= 2s_{11} + 4s_{22} = 2 + 2 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

As for the load vector we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} f\varphi_1 &= \int_{x_1 < 0} \varphi_1 + 2 \int_{x_1 > 0} \varphi_1 = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2/3 + 4/3 = 2. \\ \int_{\Omega} f\varphi_2 &= 2 \int_{x_1 > 0} \varphi_2 = 2 \cdot 6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the equatuion system is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

b) With the Neumann boundary data we obtain an addition node at  $N_3 = (2, 1)$  with the obvious corresponding basis function  $\varphi_3$  which gives rise to an additional row and an additional column viz,

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_3 \cdot \nabla \varphi_3 = 2, \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_2 \cdot \nabla \varphi_3 = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_3 \cdot \nabla \varphi_2 = -1 \quad \int_{\Omega} f\varphi_3 = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}.$$

Consequently the corresponding system reads as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \\ \xi_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 2/3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

4. Note that  $M < 1$ . The substitution of variables

$$\begin{cases} x'_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}}x_1 \\ x'_2 = x_2 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_1}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} = \frac{1}{1-M^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x'^2_1}, & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_2^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x'^2_2} \end{cases} \implies u_{x'_1 x'_1} + u_{x'_2 x'_2} = f(x'_1, x'_2).$$

Here  $f(x'_1, x'_2) = g(x'_1)\delta(x'_2)$  and

$$g(x'_1) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x'_1| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}} \\ 0, & |x'_1| > \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad -\Delta' = -f.$$

Thus

$$u(z') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (-f(x')) \log\left(\frac{1}{|z' - x'|}\right) dx' = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x'_1) \log\left(\frac{1}{|(z'_1, z'_2) - (x'_1, 0)|}\right) dx'_1,$$

and hence

$$u(z') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}}}^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}}} \log\left(|(z'_1, z'_2) - (x'_1, 0)|\right) dx'_1$$

so that

$$u(z'_1, z'_2) = u\left(\frac{z_1}{\sqrt{1-M^2}}, z_2\right) \quad \text{gives} \quad u = u(z_1, z_2).$$

5. See lecture notes

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