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Each problem gives max 6p. Valid bonus points will be added to the scores.

Breakings: **3**: 15-20p, **4**: 21-27p och **5**: 28p- For GU students **G**:15-24p, **VG**: 25p-

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**1.** The dG(0) solution  $U$  for the scalar population dynamics,  $\dot{u}(t) + au(t) = f$ ,  $u(0) = u_0$ , in the subinterval  $I_n = (t_{n-1}, t_n]$  with  $k_n = t_n - t_{n-1}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , and  $f \equiv 0$  is given by

$$ak_n U_n + (U_n - U_{n-1}) = 0, \quad U_n = U|_{I_n} = U_n^- = U_{n-1}^+$$

Let  $a > 0$  and show the discrete stability estimate

$$U_N^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |[U_n]|^2 \leq U_0^2, \quad [U_n] := U_n^+ - U_n^- = U_{n+1} - U_n.$$

**2.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be positive constants. Give the piecewise linear finite element approximation procedure and derive the corresponding stiffness matrix, convection matrix and load vector using the uniform mesh with size  $h = 1/3$  for the problem

$$-u''(x) + 2u'(x) = 3, \quad 0 < x < 1; \quad u'(0) = \alpha, \quad u(1) = \beta.$$

**3.** Derive an a priori and an a posteriori error estimate in the energy norm:  $\|u\|_E = \|u'\|_{L_2(0,1)}$ , for the cG(1) finite element method for the problem

$$-u'' + 2xu' + u = f, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

**4.** Consider the convection-diffusion problem

$$-div(\varepsilon \nabla u + \beta u) = f, \text{ in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \quad u = 0, \text{ on } \partial\Omega, \quad \text{for } u \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

where  $\Omega$  is a bounded convex polygonal domain,  $\varepsilon > 0$  is constant,  $\beta = (\beta_1(x), \beta_2(x))$  and  $f = f(x)$ . Determine the conditions in the Lax-Milgram theorem that would guarantee existence of a unique solution for this problem. Prove a stability estimate for  $u$  in terms of  $\|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and  $diam(\Omega)$ , and under the conditions that you derived.

**5.** Derive the variational formulation (VF) and formulate a minimization problem (MP) for the boundary value problem:

$$-(a(x)u'(x))' = f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

and show that (VF)  $\iff$  (MP).

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1. For dG(0) we have discontinuous, piecewise constant test functions, hence in the variational formulation below

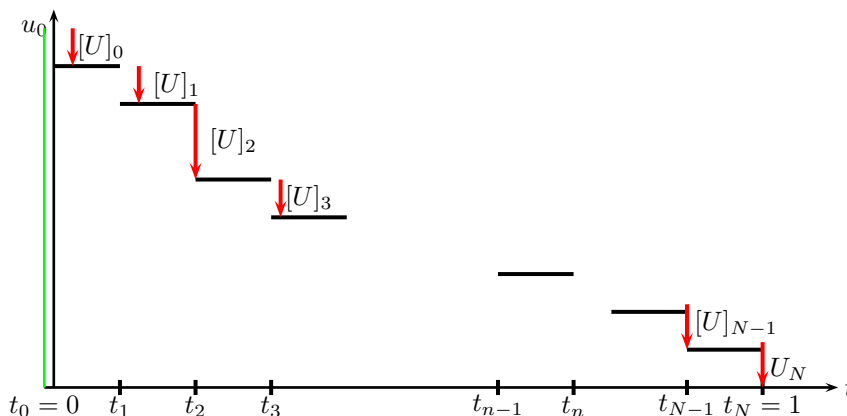
$$(\dot{u}, v) + (au, v) = (f, v),$$

we may take  $v \equiv 1$  and hence we have for a single subinterval  $I_n = (t_{n-1}, t_n]$  the dG(0) approximation

$$\int_{I_n} (\dot{U} + aU(t)dt + (U_n - U_{n-1})) dt = \int_{I_n} f dt.$$

For  $f = 0$  this yields (see also Fig below)

$$(1) \quad ak_n U_n + (U_n - U_{n-1}) = 0.$$



Multiplying by  $U_n$  we get

$$ak_n U_n^2 + U_n^2 - U_n U_{n-1} = 0,$$

where  $a > 0$ , whence

$$U_n^2 - U_n U_{n-1} \leq 0.$$

Now we use, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ,

$$U_n^2 - U_n U_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2} U_n^2 + \frac{1}{2} U_n^2 - U_n U_{n-1},$$

and sum over  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$  to write

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N (U_n^2 - U_n U_{n-1}) &= U_N^2 - U_N U_{N-1} + U_{N-1}^2 - U_{N-1} U_{N-2} + \dots + U_1^2 - U_1 U_0 \\ &= U_N^2 - U_N U_{N-1} + U_{N-1}^2 - U_{N-1} U_{N-2} + \dots + U_1^2 - U_1 U_0 + \frac{1}{2} U_0^2 - \frac{1}{2} U_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} U_N^2 + \frac{1}{2} (U_N - U_{N-1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} U_{N-1}^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{2} U_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} (U_1 - U_0)^2 - \frac{1}{2} U_0^2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Further by the definition  $[U_n] = U_{n+1} - U_n$ , hence the above inequality yields the desired result

$$U_N^2 + \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |[U_n]|^2 \leq U_0^2.$$

2. Since we have a Dirichlet boundary condition at  $x = 1$ , therefore, the test functions are chosen to be 0 at  $x = 1$ . Hence we multiply the pde by a test function  $v$  with  $v(1) = 0$ , integrate over  $x \in (0, 1)$  and use partial integration to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - [u'v]_0^1 + \int_0^1 u'v' dx + 2 \int_0^1 u'v dx = 3 \int_0^1 v dx \quad \iff \\
 (2) \quad & - u'(1)v(1) + u'(0)v(0) + \int_0^1 u'v' dx + 2 \int_0^1 u'v dx = 3 \int_0^1 v dx \quad \iff \\
 & + \alpha v(0) + \int_0^1 u'v' dx + 2 \int_0^1 u'v dx = 3 \int_0^1 v dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

The continuous variational formulation is now formulated as follows: Find

$$(VF) \quad u \in V := \{w : \int_0^1 (w(x)^2 + w'(x)^2) dx < \infty, \quad w(1) = \beta\},$$

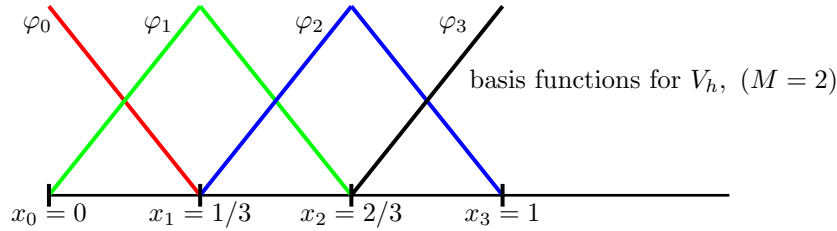
such that

$$\int_0^1 u'v' dx + 2 \int_0^1 u'v dx = 3 \int_0^1 v dx - \alpha v(0), \quad \forall v \in V^0,$$

where

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

For the discrete version we let  $\mathcal{T}_h$  be a uniform partition:  $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{M+1}$  of  $[0, 1]$  into the subintervals  $I_n = [x_{n-1}, x_n]$ ,  $n = 1, \dots, M+1$ . Here, we have  $M$  interior nodes:  $x_1, \dots, x_M$ , two boundary points:  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_{M+1} = 1$  and hence  $M+1$  subintervals.



The finite element method (discrete variational formulation) is now formulated as follows: Find

$$(FEM) \quad U \in V_h := \{w_h : w_h \text{ is piecewise linear, continuous on } \mathcal{T}_h, w_h(1) = \beta\},$$

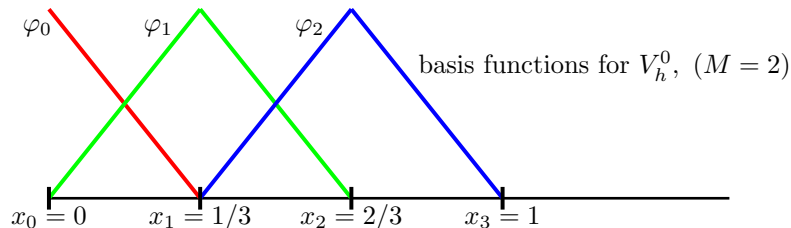
such that

$$(3) \quad \int_0^1 U'v_h' dx + 2 \int_0^1 U'v_h dx = 3 \int_0^1 v_h dx - \alpha v_h(0), \quad \forall v \in V_h^0,$$

where

$$V_h^0 := \{v_h : v_h \text{ is piecewise linear, continuous on } \mathcal{T}_h, v_h(1) = 0\}.$$

Using the basis functions  $\varphi_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, M+1$ , where  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_M$  are the usual *hat-functions*



whereas  $\varphi_0$  and  $\varphi_{M+1}$  are *semi-hat-functions* viz;

$$(4) \quad \varphi_j(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \notin [x_{j-1}, x_j] \\ \frac{x-x_{j-1}}{h} & x_{j-1} \leq x \leq x_j \\ \frac{x_{j+1}-x}{h} & x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1} \end{cases}, \quad j = 1, \dots, M.$$

and

$$\varphi_0(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1-x}{h} & 0 \leq x \leq x_1 \\ 0, & x_1 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}, \quad \varphi_{M+1}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-x_M}{h} & x_M \leq x \leq x_{M+1} \\ 0, & 0 \leq x \leq x_M. \end{cases}$$

In this way we may write

$$V_h = [\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_M] \oplus \beta\varphi_{M+1}, \quad V_h^0 = [\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_M].$$

Thus every  $U \in V_h$  can be written as  $U = v_h + \beta\varphi_{M+1}$  where  $v_h \in V_h^0$ , i.e.,

$$U = \xi_0\varphi_0 + \xi_1\varphi_1 + \dots + \xi_M\varphi_M + \beta\varphi_{M+1} = \alpha\varphi_0 + \sum_{i=0}^M \xi_i\varphi_i + \beta\varphi_{M+1} \equiv \tilde{U} + \beta\varphi_{M+1},$$

where  $\tilde{U} \in V_h^0$ , and hence the problem (3) can be formulated as to find  $\xi_0, \dots, \xi_M$  such that

$$\int_0^1 \left( \sum_{j=0}^M \xi_j \varphi_j' + \beta \varphi_{M+1}' \right) \varphi_i' dx + 2 \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{j=0}^M \xi_j \varphi_j' + \beta \varphi_{M+1}' \right) \varphi_i dx = 3 \int_0^1 \varphi_i dx - \alpha \varphi_i(0), \quad j = 0, \dots, M,$$

which can be written as find  $\xi_j, j = 0, \dots, M$  such that for  $i = 0, \dots, M$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^M \left( \int_0^1 (\varphi_j' \varphi_i' + 2\varphi_j' \varphi_i) dx \right) \xi_j + = -\beta \int_0^1 \varphi_{M+1}' \varphi_i' dx - 2\beta \int_0^1 \varphi_{M+1}' \varphi_i dx + 3 \int_0^1 \varphi_i dx - \alpha \varphi_i(0),$$

or equivalently  $A\xi = b$  where  $A = S + 2K$  where  $S$  is the stiffness matrix and  $K$  is the convection matrix. For  $h = 1/3$  and recalling the half-hat function at  $x = 0$  we end up with

$$S = \frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{hence } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ -4 & 6 & -2 \\ 0 & -4 & 6 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the unknown  $\xi$  and the data  $b$  are given by

$$\xi = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{M-1} \\ \xi_M \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 0 + 3h/2 - \alpha \\ 0 + 3h - 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 + 3h - 0 \\ -\beta(-1/h) - 2\beta(1/2) + 3h \end{bmatrix} = \{h = 1/3\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 - \alpha \\ 1 \\ 2\beta + 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**3.** We multiply the differential equation by a test function  $v \in H_0^1 = \{v : \|v\| + \|v'\| < \infty, v(0) = v(1) = 0\}$  and integrate over  $I$ . Using partial integration and the boundary conditions we get the following *variational problem*: Find  $u \in H_0^1(I)$  such that

$$(5) \quad \int_I (u'v' + 2xu'v + uv) = \int_I fv, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(I).$$

A *Finite Element Method* with  $cG(1)$  reads as follows: Find  $U \in V_h^0$  such that

$$(6) \quad \int_I (U'v' + 2xU'v + Uv) = \int_I fv, \quad \forall v \in V_h^0 \subset H_0^1(I),$$

where

$$V_h^0 = \{v : v \text{ is piecewise linear and continuous in a partition of } I, v(0) = v(1) = 0\}.$$

Now let  $e = u - U$ , then (5)-(6) gives that

$$(7) \quad \int_I (e'v' + 2xe'v + ev) = 0, \quad \forall v \in V_h^0, \quad (\text{Galerkin Orthogonality}).$$

We note that using  $e(0) = e(1) = 0$ , we get

$$(8) \quad 2 \int_I xe'e = \int_I x \frac{d}{dx} (e^2) = (xe^2)|_0^1 - \int_I e^2 = - \int_I e^2,$$

*A priori error estimate:* We use (7) and (8) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|e\|_E^2 &:= \|e'\|_{L_2(0,1)}^2 = \int_I e' e' = \int_I (e' e' + 2xe' e + ee) \\
&= \int_I \left( e'(u-U)' + 2xe'(u-U) + e(u-U) \right) = \{v = U - \pi_h u \text{ in (7)}\} \\
&= \int_I \left( e'(u - \pi_h u)' + 2xe'(u - \pi_h u) + e(u - \pi_h u) \right) \\
&\leq \|(u - \pi_h u)'\| \|e'\| + 2\|u - \pi_h u\| \|e'\| + \|u - \pi_h u\| \|e\| \\
&\leq \{ \|(u - \pi_h u)'\| + 3\|u - \pi_h u\| \} \|e'\| \\
&\leq C_i \{ \|hu''\| + 3\|h^2 u''\| \} \|e\|_{H^1},
\end{aligned}$$

where in the last step we used Poincare inequality  $\|e\| \leq \|e'\|$ . This yields the a priori error estimate:

$$\|e\|_{H^1} \leq 2C_i \{ \|hu''\| + 3\|h^2 u''\| \}.$$

*A posteriori error estimate:*

$$\begin{aligned}
\|e\|_E^2 &:= \|e'\|_{L_2(I)}^2 = \int_I (e' e' + 2xe' e + ee) \\
&= \int_I ((u-U)' e' + 2x(u-U)' e + (u-U)e) = \{v = e \text{ in (5)}\} \\
(9) \quad &= \int_I f e - \int_I (U' e' + 2xU' e + Ue) = \{v = \pi_h e \text{ in (7)}\} \\
&= \int_I f(e - \pi_h e) - \int_I \left( U'(e - \pi_h e)' + 2xU'(e - \pi_h e) + U(e - \pi_h e) \right) \\
&= \{P.I. \text{ on each subinterval}\} = \int_I \mathcal{R}(U)(e - \pi_h e),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}(U) := f + U'' - 2xU' - U = f - 2xU' - U$ , (for approximation with piecewise linears,  $U \equiv 0$ , on each subinterval). Thus (9) implies that

$$\|e\|_E^2 := \|e'\|_{L_2(I)}^2 \leq \|h\mathcal{R}(U)\| \|h^{-1}(e - \pi_h e)\|$$

where  $C_i$  is an interpolation constant, and hence we have with  $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_{L_2(I)}$  that

$$\|e\|_E \leq C_i \|h\mathcal{R}(U)\|.$$

**4.** Recall that  $H_0^1(\Omega) := \{w : w \in L_2(\Omega), |\nabla w| \in L_2(\Omega), w = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$ . Consider the problem

$$(10) \quad -\operatorname{div}(\varepsilon \nabla u + \beta u) = f, \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega.$$

a) Multiply the equation (10) by  $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  and integrate over  $\Omega$  to obtain the Green's formula

$$-\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\varepsilon \nabla u + \beta u) v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} (\varepsilon \nabla u + \beta u) \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx.$$

Thus the variational formulation for (10) is as follows: Find  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$(11) \quad a(u, v) = L(v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

where

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} (\varepsilon \nabla u + \beta u) \cdot \nabla v \, dx,$$

and

$$L(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx.$$

According to the Lax-Milgram theorem, for a unique solution for (11) we need to verify that the following relations are valid:

i)

$$|a(v, w)| \leq \gamma \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \|w\|_{H^1(\Omega)}, \quad \forall v, w \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

ii)

$$a(v, v) \geq \alpha \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

iii)

$$|L(v)| \leq \Lambda \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}, \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega),$$

for some  $\gamma, \alpha, \Lambda > 0$ .

Now since

$$|L(v)| = \left| \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx \right| \leq \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \|v\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \leq \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)} \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)},$$

thus iii) follows with  $\Lambda = \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$ . Thus the first condition is that  $f \in L_2(\Omega)$ .

Further we have that

$$\begin{aligned} |a(v, w)| &\leq \int_{\Omega} |\varepsilon \nabla v + \beta v| |\nabla w| \, dx \leq \int_{\Omega} (\varepsilon |\nabla v| + |\beta| |v|) |\nabla w| \, dx \\ &\leq \left( \int_{\Omega} (\varepsilon |\nabla v| + |\beta| |v|)^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2} \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla w|^2 \, dx \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2} \max(\varepsilon, \|\beta\|_{\infty}) \left( \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla v|^2 + v^2) \, dx \right)^{1/2} \|w\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \\ &= \gamma \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \|w\|_{H^1(\Omega)}, \end{aligned}$$

which, with  $\gamma = \sqrt{2} \max(\varepsilon, \|\beta\|_{\infty})$ , gives i). Hence the second condition is that  $\beta \in L_{\infty}(\Omega)$ .

Finally, if  $\operatorname{div} \beta \leq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a(v, v) &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \varepsilon |\nabla v|^2 + (\beta \cdot \nabla v) v \right) \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \left( \varepsilon |\nabla v|^2 + \left( \beta_1 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1} + \beta_2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2} \right) v \right) \, dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \varepsilon |\nabla v|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \beta_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} (v^2) + \beta_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} (v^2) \right) \right) \, dx = \text{Green's formula} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \varepsilon |\nabla v|^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\operatorname{div} \beta) v^2 \right) \, dx \geq \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon |\nabla v|^2 \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

Now by the Poincaré's inequality

$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 \, dx \geq C \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla v|^2 + v^2) \, dx = C \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2,$$

for some constant  $C = C(\operatorname{diam}(\Omega))$ , we have

$$a(v, v) \geq \alpha \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2, \quad \text{with } \alpha = C\varepsilon,$$

thus ii) is valid under the condition that  $\operatorname{div} \beta \leq 0$ .

From ii), (11) (with  $v = u$ ) and iii) we get that

$$\alpha \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \leq a(u, u) = L(u) \leq \Lambda \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)},$$

which gives the stability estimate

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\Lambda}{\alpha},$$

with  $\Lambda = \|f\|_{L_2(\Omega)}$  and  $\alpha = C\varepsilon$  defined above.

**5.** See the Book and/or Lecture Notes.

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