

**Tentamen i**

**TMA026/MMA430 Partial differential equations II  
Partiella differentialekvationer II, 2011–05–24 fm V**

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You may get up to 10 points for each problem plus points for the hand-in problems.

Grades: 3: 20–29p, 4: 30–39p, 5: 40–.

1. Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{T}_h\}_{h>0}$  be a *quasi-uniform* family of triangulations of a polygonal domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ . This means that there is a constant  $c$  such that

$$h_K \geq ch \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h, \quad \forall \mathcal{T}_h \in \mathcal{T}, \quad \text{where } h_K = \text{diam}(K), \quad h = \max_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_K.$$

Let  $S_h$  be the usual piecewise linear finite element space. Prove the *inverse inequality*

$$\|\nabla v_h\| \leq Ch^{-1}\|v_h\| \quad \forall v_h \in S_h$$

by the following steps.

(a) Assume for simplicity that  $K$  is obtained by translation and dilation of the unit size reference triangle  $\hat{K}$  with corners  $\hat{x} = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0)$ , that is,  $K = \{x : x = h_K \hat{x} + x_K, \hat{x} \in \hat{K}\}$  for some  $x_K$ . Let  $\hat{v}_h(\hat{x}) = v(h_K \hat{x} + x_K)$ . Show

$$\|v\|_{L_2(K)} = h_K \|\hat{v}\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}, \quad \|\nabla v\|_{L_2(K)} = \|\nabla \hat{v}\|_{L_2(\hat{K})} \quad \forall v \in H^1(K).$$

(b) Finish the proof by using that all norms on a finite-dimensional space are equivalent. In particular,  $\|\cdot\|_{H^1(\hat{K})}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}$  are equivalent on  $\Pi_1(\hat{K})$ , the space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 1$ .

2. State and prove the maximum principle for the elliptic operator  $\mathcal{A}u = -\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u)$ .

3. Consider the spatially semidiscrete finite element approximation of the heat equation

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - \Delta u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega \times \mathbf{R}_+, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \Gamma \times \mathbf{R}_+, \\ u(\cdot, 0) &= v, & \text{in } \Omega. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show the error estimate

$$\|u_h(t) - u(t)\| \leq \|v_h - v\| + Ch^2 \left\{ \|v\|_2 + \int_0^t \|u_t(s)\|_2 \, ds \right\}.$$

(b) Assume  $f = 0$  and prove

$$\|u_h(t) - u(t)\| \leq \|v_h - v\| + Ch^2 \|v\|_2.$$

4. Let  $u_h(t) = E_h(t)v_h$  denote the spatially semidiscrete finite element solution of the heat equation in Problem 3 with  $f = 0$  and initial approximation  $v_h \in S_h$ ,  $v_h \approx v$ . Show that

$$(1) \quad \|E_h(t)v_h\| \leq \|v_h\|, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$(2) \quad \|D_t E_h(t)v_h\| \leq Ct^{-1}\|v_h\|, \quad t > 0,$$

$$(3) \quad \|E_h(t)v_h - v_h\| \leq Ct^{1/2}\|v_h\|_1, \quad t \geq 0.$$

5. (a) What do we mean by a "Friedrichs system" ("symmetric hyperbolic system")?

(b) Write the pure initial value problem for the wave equation in  $\mathbf{R}^2 \times \mathbf{R}_+$  as a Friedrichs system.

(c) Prove a stability estimate for the system in (b) or (a).

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1. (a) We have  $dx = h_K^2 d\hat{x}$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}_j} \frac{\partial \hat{x}_j}{\partial x_j} = h_K^{-1} \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}_j}$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{L_2(K)}^2 &= \int_K |v|^2 dx = \int_K |\hat{v}|^2 h_K^2 d\hat{x} = h_K^2 \|\hat{v}\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2, \\ \|\nabla v\|_{L_2(K)}^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_K \left| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_j} \right|^2 dx = \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_K h_K^{-2} \left| \frac{\partial \hat{v}}{\partial \hat{x}_j} \right|^2 h_K^2 d\hat{x} = \|\nabla \hat{v}\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) The equivalence of  $\|\cdot\|_{H^1(\hat{K})}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}$  on  $\Pi_1(\hat{K})$  implies that

$$\|\nabla v\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2 \leq \|v\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2 + \|\nabla v\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2 = \|v\|_{H^1(\hat{K})}^2 \leq C \|v\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2 \quad \forall v \in \Pi_1(\hat{K}),$$

Let  $v_h \in S_h$ . Then  $\hat{v}_h|_{\hat{K}} \in \Pi_1(\hat{K})$  and using also the assumption  $h_K \geq ch$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla v_h\|^2 &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\nabla v_h\|_{L_2(K)}^2 = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\nabla \hat{v}_h\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2 \leq C \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\hat{v}_h\|_{L_2(\hat{K})}^2 \\ &= C \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} h_K^{-2} \|v_h\|_{L_2(K)}^2 \leq Cc^{-2}h^{-2} \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|v_h\|_{L_2(K)}^2 = Ch^{-2} \|v_h\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

with a new  $C$ .

2. See Chapter 3.

3. (a) See Theorem 10.1.

- (b) See the hint for Problem 10.4 (a) in the book.

4. (a) The finite element problem is

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} u_h(t) &\in S_h, \quad u_h(0) = v_h, \\ (u_{h,t}, \chi) + (\nabla u_h, \nabla \chi) &= 0 \quad \forall \chi \in S_h, \quad t > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Take  $\chi = u_h(t)$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} D_t \|u_h\|^2 + \|\nabla u_h\|^2 = 0$$

so that

$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{2} \|u_h(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t \|\nabla u_h(s)\|^2 ds = \frac{1}{2} \|v_h\|^2.$$

This proves (1).

- (b) Differentiate the finite element problem:

$$(u_{h,tt}, \chi) + (\nabla u_{h,t}, \nabla \chi) = 0 \quad \forall \chi \in S_h, \quad t > 0.$$

Take  $\chi = u_{h,t}(t)$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} D_t \|u_{h,t}\|^2 + \|\nabla u_{h,t}\|^2 = 0$$

Multiply by  $t^2$ :

$$\frac{1}{2} D_t (t^2 \|u_{h,t}\|^2) + t^2 \|\nabla u_{h,t}\|^2 = t \|u_{h,t}\|^2$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{2}t^2\|u_{h,t}(t)\|^2 + \int_0^t s^2\|\nabla u_{h,t}(s)\|^2 ds = \int_0^t s\|u_{h,t}(s)\|^2 ds$$

To bound the right-hand side we take  $\chi = u_{h,t}(t)$  in (4) and multiply by  $t$ :

$$t\|u_{h,t}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}D_t(t\|\nabla u_h\|^2) = \frac{1}{2}\|\nabla u_h\|^2,$$

so that, in view of (5),

$$\int_0^t s\|u_{h,t}(s)\|^2 ds + \frac{1}{2}t\|\nabla u_h(t)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \|\nabla u_h(s)\|^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{4}\|v_h\|^2.$$

Therefore:

$$\frac{1}{2}t^2\|u_{h,t}(t)\|^2 \leq \int_0^t s\|u_{h,t}(s)\|^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{4}\|v_h\|^2.$$

This proves (2) (with  $C = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ).

(c) To prove (3) we note

$$\|u_h(t) - v_h\|^2 = \left\| \int_0^t u_{h,t}(s) ds \right\|^2 \leq \left( \int_0^t \|u_{h,t}(s)\| ds \right)^2 \leq t \int_0^t \|u_{h,t}(s)\|^2 ds,$$

where we have

$$\int_0^t \|u_{h,t}(s)\|^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{2}\|\nabla v_h\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}\|v_h\|_1^2$$

by taking  $\chi = u_{h,t}(t)$  in (4). This proves (3) (with  $C = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ).

**5.** (a) See Section 11.4, page 178.

(b) Set  $u_1 = u_t$ ,  $u_2 = u_{x_1}$ ,  $u_3 = u_{x_2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial t} &= u_{tt} = u_{x_1 x_1} + u_{x_2 x_2} = \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial t} &= u_{x_1 t} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial u_3}{\partial t} &= u_{x_2 t} = \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial x_2} \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial U}{\partial t} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_1} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_2} &= 0 \\ [U(0)] &= \begin{bmatrix} w \\ v_{x_1} \\ v_{x_2} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) See Theorem 11.5. In the particular case of part (b) above we have  $B = 0$ ,  $\tilde{B} = B - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \partial A_j / \partial x_j = 0$ , so that

$$\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{D}_t \|U\|^2 = 0,$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|U(t)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|U(0)\|^2,$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|u_1(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u_{x_1}(t)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|u_{x_2}(t)\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_{x_1}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|v_{x_2}\|^2,$$

which means that the usual energy is conserved.

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