

**SOLUTIONS**

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1.

(a) Find  $u = u_0 + g$  where  $u_0 \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  solves

$$(\nabla u_0, \nabla v) = -(\nabla g, \nabla v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

(b) Since  $-\Delta u = 0$ ,  $u$  attains both max and min on the boundary by the maximum principle.

Therefore  $\|u\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \|g\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$ .

(c) Let  $V_h = \{v \in C(\Omega) : \text{piecewise linear on a mesh } \mathcal{T}_h\}$ . Find  $U = I_h g + U_0$  where  $U_0 \in V_h$  solves  $(\nabla U_0, \nabla v) = -(\nabla I_h g, \nabla v), \forall v \in V_h$ .

It holds  $(\nabla(u_0 - U_0), \nabla v) = (\nabla(I_h g - g), \nabla v)$  for all  $v \in V_h$ . We conclude,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(u_0 - U_0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &\leq (\nabla(u_0 - U_0), \nabla(u_0 - I_h u_0)) + (\nabla(I_h g - g), \nabla(U_0 - I_h u_0)) \\ &\leq Ch \|\nabla(u_0 - U_0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \|D^2 u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \\ &\quad + \|\nabla(I_h g - g)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} (\|\nabla(u_0 - I_h u_0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\nabla(u_0 - U_0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}) \end{aligned}$$

We get  $\|\nabla(u_0 - U_0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ch \|D^2 u_0\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + C \|\nabla(I_h g - g)\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$ , and therefore,

$$\|\nabla(u - U)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq Ch (\|D^2 u\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|D^2 g\|_{L^2(\Omega)}) + C \|\nabla(I_h g - g)\|_{L^2(\Omega)},$$

2.

(a) Let  $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  denote the eigenfunctions to  $-\Delta$ , with corresponding eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ . Then  $u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty e^{-\lambda_i t} (v, \phi_i) \phi_i$ .

(b) By Parseval's equality

$$\|u(t)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^\infty e^{-2\lambda_i t} (v, \phi_i)^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq e^{-\lambda_1 t} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

(c) We have that  $|u|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i e^{-2\lambda_i t} (v, \phi_i)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i (v, \phi_i)^2 = |v|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2$ . Furthermore,  $|u|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i e^{-2\lambda_i t} (v, \phi_i)^2 \leq t^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^\infty \lambda_i t e^{-2\lambda_i t} (v, \phi_i)^2 \leq Ct^{-1} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2$ .

3.

(a) We have  $\|f(u) - f(w)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \|u - w\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u + w\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \|u - w\|_{L^4(\Omega)} \leq (1 + C2R) \|u - w\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ .

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Su(t)\|_{H^1(\Omega)} &\leq \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \int_0^t (t-s)^{-1/2} \|f(u(s))\|_{L^2(\Omega)} ds \\ &\leq R_0 + C\tau^{1/2} R, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\|f(u)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \|f(u) - f(0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \cdot R$ . Let  $R = 2R_0$  and  $\tau$  be small enough for  $C\tau^{1/2} R \leq R_0$ .

(c) We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Su - Sw\|_{H^1(\Omega)} &\leq \int_0^t (t-s)^{-1/2} \|f(u(s)) - f(w(s))\|_{L^2(\Omega)} ds \\ &\leq C(R)\tau^{1/2} \max_{0 \leq t \leq \tau} \|u(t) - w(t)\|_{H^1(\Omega)}. \end{aligned}$$

By taking  $\max_{0 \leq t \leq \tau}$  and choosing  $\tau$  small enough for  $\tau^{1/2}C(R) < 1$  we prove that  $S$  is a contraction.

**4.**

- (a) Let  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  be a sequence with limit  $v \notin H_0^1(\Omega)$  i.e.  $\|\gamma v\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} = \delta > 0$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists an  $n$  such that,

$$C\|v_i - v\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq \epsilon.$$

Using the trace theorem we get,

$$\delta = \|\gamma v\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} = \|\gamma(v - v_i)\|_{L^2(\Gamma)} \leq C\|v_i - v\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq \epsilon,$$

for all  $i > n$ . By choosing  $\epsilon < \delta$  we get a contradiction i.e.  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  is a closed subspace of  $H^1(\Omega)$  and therefore a Hilbert space.

- (b)  $a$  should be coercive and bounded and  $l$  should be bounded.  
 (c) Since  $(b \cdot \nabla u, u) = -((\nabla \cdot b)u, u) - (u, b \cdot \nabla u)$  i.e.

$$(b \cdot \nabla u, u) = -\frac{1}{2}((\nabla \cdot b)u, u).$$

We pick a vector with no divergence, e.g.  $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$ . We get  $a(u, u) = (a \nabla u, \nabla u)$  and coercivity follows immediately for any  $0 < \alpha \leq a \leq \beta$ . The boundedness follows since  $\|b\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} < \gamma$  in a bounded domain,  $a(v, w) \leq \beta|u|_{H^1(\Omega)}|v|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \gamma|u|_{H^1(\Omega)}\|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq (\beta + \gamma)\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}\|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}$ .

- 5.** See proof of Theorem 10.1 in *Partial differential equations with numerical methods* by Thomée and Larsson.

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