

TMA225 Differential Equations and Scientific  
Computing, part A

**Solutions to Problems Week 6**

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## Week 6:

**Problem 1.** Calculate  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$  where  $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and

(a)  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_2^2(x_1 - 2/3)^3$ . Hint: To compute  $\max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} |f(x_1, x_2)|$ , maximize the absolute value of each factor of  $f$  separately.

(b)  $f(x_1, x_2) = 11/36 - x_1^2 + x_1 - x_2^2 + 8x_2/3$ . Hint: Compute both  $\max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} f(x_1, x_2)$  and  $\min_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} f(x_1, x_2)$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Since  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = \max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} |f(x_1, x_2)|$  we want to find the maximum of the absolute value  $|f(x_1, x_2)|$  of  $f(x_1, x_2)$ . From the hint we start by maximising the  $x_2$ -dependent factor over the interval  $[0, 1]$ : The result is trivially 1 (for  $x_2 = 1$ ). The maximum of the absolute value of the  $x_1$ -dependent factor is  $8/27$  for  $x_1 = 0$ . This means that  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = 8/27$ .

(b) We complete the squares to get:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 11/36 - x_1^2 + x_1 - x_2^2 + 8x_2/3 = 7/3 - (x_1 - 1/2)^2 - (x_2 - 4/3)^2$$

We can now determine the maximum by minimising the two negative terms over  $\Omega$ : Maximum of  $f$  thus occurs for  $x_1 = 1/2$  and  $x_2 = 1$  which gives us that  $\max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} f(x_1, x_2) = 7/3 - 1/9 = 20/9$ . In the same way minimum occurs when the last two terms are maximal, i.e., for  $x_1 = 0$  or  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_2 = 0$ . Hence  $\min_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} f(x_1, x_2) = 7/3 - 1/4 - 16/9 = 11/36$ . Since the minimum is positive,  $f(x_1, x_2) = |f(x_1, x_2)|$  in  $\Omega$ , and we conclude that  $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = \max_{(x_1, x_2) \in \Omega} f(x_1, x_2) = 20/9$ .  $\square$

**Problem 2.** Calculate  $\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$  where  $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and

(a)  $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2^2$ .

(b)  $f(x_1, x_2) = \sin(n\pi x_1) \sin(m\pi x_2)$  with  $n$  and  $m$  arbitrary integers.

Hint:  $\sin^2 u = \frac{1 - \cos(2u)}{2}$

**Solution:** The  $L^2(\Omega)$ -norm of  $f$  is defined by:  $\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = (\iint_{\Omega} f(x_1, x_2)^2 dx_1 dx_2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

(a)

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 x_1^2 x_2^4 dx_1 dx_2 = \int_0^1 x_1^2 dx_1 \int_0^1 x_2^4 dx_2 = [x_1^3/3]_0^1 \cdot [x_2^5/5]_0^1 = \frac{1}{15}$$

so  $\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}$ .

(b) If  $n$  and/or  $m$  is equal to zero then  $f$  is identically equal to zero implying that  $\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = 0$ . Otherwise we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x_1) \sin^2(m\pi x_2) dx_1 dx_2 \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1 - \cos(2n\pi x_1)}{2} dx_1 \cdot \int_0^1 \frac{1 - \cos(2m\pi x_2)}{2} dx_2 \\ &= \left[ x_1/2 - \frac{\sin(2n\pi x_1)}{4n\pi} \right]_0^1 \cdot \left[ x_2/2 - \frac{\sin(2m\pi x_2)}{4m\pi} \right]_0^1 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(1/2 - \frac{\sin(2n\pi)}{4n\pi}\right) \cdot \left(1/2 - \frac{\sin(2m\pi)}{4m\pi}\right) = 1/4,$$

and thus  $\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = 1/2$  if  $n \neq 0$  and  $m \neq 0$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $\mathcal{P}(K) = \{v(x) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + c_2x_2, c_i \in \mathbf{R}, i = 1, 2, 3; x = (x_1, x_2) \in K\}$  be the space of linear polynomials defined on a triangle  $K$  with corners  $a^1$ ,  $a^2$ , and  $a^3$ . Derive explicit expressions (in terms of the corner coordinates  $a^1 = (a_1^1, a_2^1)$ ,  $a^2 = (a_1^2, a_2^2)$ , and  $a^3 = (a_1^3, a_2^3)$ ) for the basis functions  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathcal{P}(K)$  defined by

$$\lambda_i(a^j) = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j, \\ 0 & i \neq j, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with  $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ . Hint: set up the linear system of equations which relates  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ , and  $c_2$  to the values at the corners  $v(a^1)$ ,  $v(a^2)$ , and  $v(a^3)$  of a function  $v \in \mathcal{P}(K)$ . Solve for the coefficients corresponding to corner values of the basis functions.

**Solution:** Look at the basis function  $\lambda_1$  first. Since  $\lambda_1$  is *linear* on  $K$  we make the Ansatz  $\lambda_1(x_1, x_2) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + c_2x_2$ . According to the definition  $\lambda_1$  has the value one in  $a^1$  and zero in  $a^2$  and  $a^3$ . (See Figure 1.) Hence, we have in these corners respectively:

$$\begin{cases} 1 = c_0 + c_1a_1^1 + c_2a_2^1 \\ 0 = c_0 + c_1a_1^2 + c_2a_2^2 \\ 0 = c_0 + c_1a_1^3 + c_2a_2^3 \end{cases}$$

Or in matrix form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_b = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_1^1 & a_2^1 \\ 1 & a_1^2 & a_2^2 \\ 1 & a_1^3 & a_2^3 \end{pmatrix}}_A \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}}_c$$

We have three equations and three unknowns ( $c_0$ ,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ). We can solve the linear system of equations above by Gaussian elimination. The result is

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= \frac{a_1^2a_2^3 - a_1^3a_2^2}{\det A} \\ c_1 &= \frac{a_2^2 - a_2^3}{\det A} \\ c_2 &= \frac{a_1^3 - a_1^2}{\det A} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\det A = a_1^3a_2^1 + a_1^2a_2^3 - a_1^2a_2^1 - a_1^3a_2^2 - a_1^1a_2^3 + a_1^1a_2^2$ .

For the basis function  $\lambda_2$  we get the same matrix  $A$  as above, but here  $b = (0, 1, 0)^T$  (since  $\lambda_2$  is one in the node  $a^2$  and zero in the other two nodes). Solving the system of equations gives

$$\begin{aligned}
c_0 &= \frac{a_1^3 a_2^1 - a_1^1 a_2^3}{\det A} \\
c_1 &= \frac{a_2^3 - a_2^1}{\det A} \\
c_2 &= \frac{a_1^1 - a_1^3}{\det A}
\end{aligned}$$

And similarly for  $\lambda_3$  with  $b = (0, 0, 1)^T$  gives the coefficients

$$\begin{aligned}
c_0 &= \frac{a_1^1 a_2^2 - a_1^2 a_2^1}{\det A} \\
c_1 &= \frac{a_2^1 - a_2^2}{\det A} \\
c_2 &= \frac{a_1^2 - a_1^1}{\det A}
\end{aligned}$$

*Remark.* Note that  $\det A$  equals  $2\mu(K)$  where  $\mu(K)$  is the area of  $K$ . See *Problem 4 (Week 6)*. Note further that it might not be necessary to actually compute  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$ . Given the expression for  $\lambda_1$  it is possible to make a permutation of the node indices.

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**Problem 4.** Derive an expression for the area of the triangle  $K$  in *Problem 3 (Week 6)* in terms of the corner coordinates  $a^1 = (a_1^1, a_2^1)$ ,  $a^2 = (a_1^2, a_2^2)$  and  $a^3 = (a_1^3, a_2^3)$ .

**Solution:**

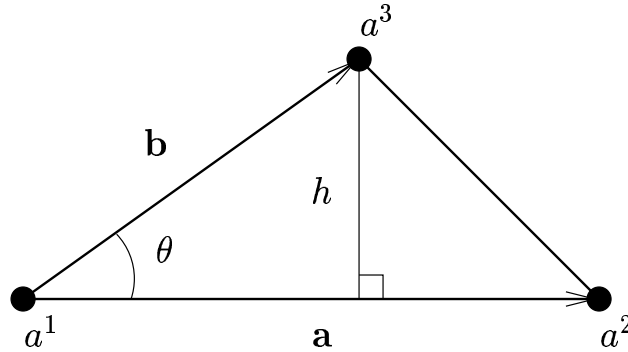


Figure 1: Problem 3 and Problem 4 (Week 6).

From Figure 1 we calculate the area  $\mu(K)$  as follows.

$$\mu(K) = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a}| h = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| \tag{2}$$

Now, clearly the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are given by

$$\mathbf{a} = a^2 - a^1 = (a_1^2 - a_1^1, a_2^2 - a_2^1), \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{b} = a^3 - a^1 = (a_1^3 - a_1^1, a_2^3 - a_2^1). \quad (4)$$

Explicitly the area is thus given by

$$\mu(K) = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = \left| \begin{vmatrix} a_1^2 - a_1^1 & a_2^2 - a_2^1 \\ a_1^3 - a_1^1 & a_2^3 - a_2^1 \end{vmatrix} \right| \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |(a_1^2 - a_1^1)(a_2^3 - a_2^1) - (a_2^2 - a_2^1)(a_1^3 - a_1^1)|. \quad (6)$$

Note that the cross-product between vectors in two dimensions is a number.

*Remark.* With  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  oriented as in Figure 1 the cross-product  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  is positive and thus  $\mu(K) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$ . □

**Problem 5.** Consider the triangulation of  $\Omega = [0, 2] \times [0, 1]$  into 3 triangles drawn in Figure 2.

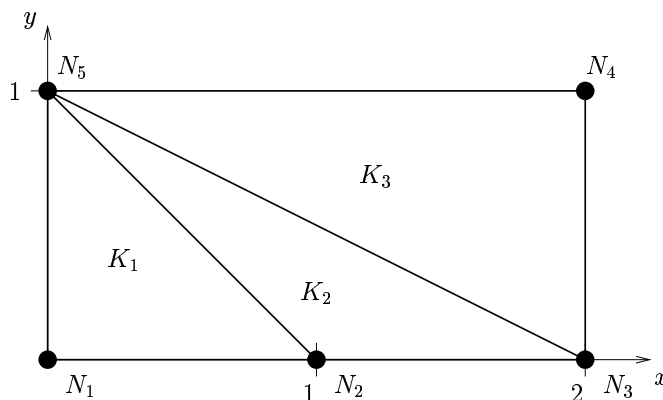


Figure 2: Problem 5 (Week 6). The triangulation of  $\Omega$ .

(a) Compute the mass matrix  $M$  with elements  $m_{ij} = \iint_{\Omega} \varphi_j(x, y) \varphi_i(x, y) dx dy$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, 5$ .

Hint: The easiest way is to use the quadrature formula based on the value of the integrand,  $\varphi_j(x, y) \varphi_i(x, y)$ , at the mid-points on the triangle sides, since this formula is exact for polynomials of degree 2. It is also possible to write down explicit analytical expressions for the “tent-functions” on each triangle (cf. *Problem 3 (Week 6)*) and integrate the products analytically. This, however, is a much harder way. Observe that, using quadrature, we don’t need to know the analytical expressions, only *the values at some given points* which are much easier to compute.

(b) Compute the “lumped” mass matrix  $\hat{M}$ , which is the diagonal matrix with the diagonal element in each row being the sum of the elements in the corresponding row of  $M$ .

(c\*) Prove that, using nodal quadrature, the approximate mass matrix you get is actually the “lumped” mass matrix.

Hint:  $\sum_{j=1}^5 \varphi_j(x, y) \equiv 1$

**Solution:**

(a) We start to compute the area  $\mu(K_i)$  of the triangles,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ :

$$\mu(K_1) = \frac{1 \cdot 1}{2} = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\mu(K_2) = \frac{1 \cdot 1}{2} = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\mu(K_3) = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{2} = 1.$$

Then, we compute a few elements of  $M$ :  $m_{11}$ ,  $m_{12}$ ,  $m_{13}$ , and  $m_{22}$ . Note that the integrands  $\varphi_1 \varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2 \varphi_1$  are non-zero only over  $K_1$ , and  $\varphi_2 \varphi_2$  is non-zero over  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . On the other hand  $\varphi_3 \varphi_1$  is nowhere non-zero and therefore  $m_{13} = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m_{11} &= \iint_{\Omega} \varphi_1 \varphi_1 \, dx dy = \frac{(\varphi_1(\frac{1}{2}, 0))^2 + (\varphi_1(0, \frac{1}{2}))^2 + (\varphi_1(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}))^2}{3} \mu(K_1) \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 0 \cdot 0}{3} \mu(K_1) = \frac{1}{6} \mu(K_1) = \frac{1}{12}, \end{aligned}$$

$$m_{12} = (M \text{ symmetric!}) = m_{21} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{3} \mu(K_1) = \frac{1}{12} \mu(K_1) = \frac{1}{24},$$

$$m_{22} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 0}{3} \mu(K_1) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 0}{3} \mu(K_2) = \frac{1}{6} (\mu(K_1) + \mu(K_2)) = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Continuing analogously gives:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{24} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{24} \\ \frac{1}{24} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{24} & 0 & \frac{1}{12} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{24} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{8} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{12} \\ \frac{1}{24} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{12} & \frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) From  $\hat{m}_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^5 m_{ij}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 5$ , we compute:

$$\hat{m}_{11} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24} + 0 + 0 + \frac{1}{24} = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Analogously:

$$\hat{m}_{22} = \frac{1}{3}; \quad \hat{m}_{33} = \frac{1}{2}; \quad \hat{m}_{44} = \frac{1}{3}; \quad \hat{m}_{55} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Thus:

$$\hat{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

(c\*) *Hint:* Adding the elements in row number  $i$  gives:

$$\hat{m}_{ii} = \iint_{\Omega} \left( \sum_{j=1}^5 \varphi_j(x, y) \right) \varphi_i(x, y) dx dy = \iint_{\Omega} \varphi_i(x, y) dx dy.$$

Now use the formula for the volume of a pyramid, and compare the result to what you get when using nodal quadrature.  $\square$