

**MVE455: Partial Differential Equations for Kf3, 2016–04–06, 8:30-12:30**

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

Each problem gives max 4p. Valid bonus points will be added to the scores.

Breakings from total of 24 points: Exam(20)+Bonus(4). **3:** 10-14p, **4:** 15-19p och **5:** 20p-

For solutions see the course diary: <http://www.math.chalmers.se/Math/Grundutb/CTH/tma372/1516/>

**1.** Show that for a continuously differentiable function  $v$  defined on  $(0, 1)$  we have that

$$\|v\|^2 \leq v(0)^2 + v(1)^2 + \|v'\|^2.$$

Hint: Use partial integration for  $\int_0^{1/2} v(x)^2 dx$  and  $\int_{1/2}^1 v(x)^2 dx$  and note that  $(x - 1/2)$  has the derivative 1.

**2.** Prove the following error estimate for the linear interpolation for a function  $f \in C^2(0, 1)$ ,

$$\|\pi_1 f - f\|_{L_1(a,b)} \leq (b - a)^2 \|f''\|_{L_1(a,b)}.$$

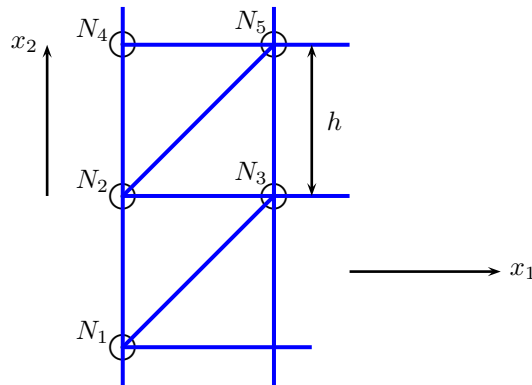
**3.** Give a variational formulation for the boundary value problem (with periodic boundary conditions).

$$\begin{cases} -u'' + \alpha u = f, & 0 < x < 1, \\ u(0) = u(1), & u'(0) = u'(1), \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant and  $f \in L_2(0, 1)$ . Show that, with an appropriate condition on  $\alpha$ , the hypothesis in the Lax-Milgram theorem are fulfilled.

**4.** Let  $\Omega$  be the domain in the figure below, with the given triangulation and nodes  $N_i, i = 1, \dots, 5$ . Let  $U$  be the cG(1) solution to the problem

$$(1) \quad -\Delta u = 1, \quad \text{in } \Omega \in \mathbf{R}^2, \quad \text{with} \quad -\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla u = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$



- Given the test function  $\varphi_2$  at node  $N_2$ , find the relation between  $U_1, U_2, U_3, U_4$ , and  $U_5$ .
- Derive the corresponding relation when the equation is replaced by  $-\Delta u + (1, 0) \cdot \nabla u = 1$ .

**5.** Consider the Dirichlet boundary value problem:

$$(\text{BVP}) \quad -(a(x)u'(x))' = f(x), \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1, \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 0.$$

where  $a(x) > 0$  (the modulus of elasticity). Formulate the corresponding variational formulation (VF), the minimization problem (MP) and prove that  $(VF) \iff (MP)$ .

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Solutions.**

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1. We have, using the hint, that

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|^2 &= \int_0^1 v^2 dx = \int_0^{1/2} v^2 dx + \int_{1/2}^1 v^2 dx \\ &= [(x - 1/2)v(x)^2]_0^{1/2} + [(x - 1/2)v(x)^2]_{1/2}^1 - \int_0^1 (x - 1/2)2v(x)v'(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}v(0)^2 + \frac{1}{2}v(1)^2 + \|v\|\|v'\| \leq \frac{1}{2}(v(0)^2 + v(1)^2 + \|v'\|^2) + \frac{1}{2}\|v\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete.

2. Let  $\lambda_0(x) = \frac{\xi_1 - x}{\xi_1 - \xi_0}$  and  $\lambda_1(x) = \frac{x - \xi_0}{\xi_1 - \xi_0}$  be two linear base functions, where  $\xi_0 \neq \xi_1$ ,  $\xi_0, \xi_1 \in [a, b]$ , can be taken as arbitrary interpolation points or just  $\xi_0 = a$ ,  $\xi_1 = b$ . Then by the integral form of the Taylor formula we may write

$$\begin{cases} f(\xi_0) = f(x) + f'(x)(\xi_0 - x) + \int_x^{\xi_0} (\xi_0 - y)f''(y) dy, \\ f(\xi_1) = f(x) + f'(x)(\xi_1 - x) + \int_x^{\xi_1} (\xi_1 - y)f''(y) dy, \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the linear function interpolating  $f$  in the points  $\xi_0, \xi_1 \in [a, b]$ , can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_1 f(x) &= f(\xi_0)\lambda_0(x) + f(\xi_1)\lambda_1(x) \\ &= f(x) + \lambda_0(x) \int_x^{\xi_0} (\xi_0 - y)f''(y) dy + \lambda_1(x) \int_x^{\xi_1} (\xi_1 - y)f''(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

and by the triangle inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - \Pi_1 f(x)| &= \left| \lambda_0(x) \int_x^{\xi_0} (\xi_0 - y)f''(y) dy + \lambda_1(x) \int_x^{\xi_1} (\xi_1 - y)f''(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq |\lambda_0(x)| \left| \int_x^{\xi_0} (\xi_0 - y)f''(y) dy \right| + |\lambda_1(x)| \left| \int_x^{\xi_1} (\xi_1 - y)f''(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq |\lambda_0(x)| \int_x^{\xi_0} |\xi_0 - y| |f''(y)| dy + |\lambda_1(x)| \int_x^{\xi_1} |\xi_1 - y| |f''(y)| dy \\ &\leq |\lambda_0(x)| \int_x^{\xi_0} (b - a) |f''(y)| dy + |\lambda_1(x)| \int_x^{\xi_1} (b - a) |f''(y)| dy \\ &\leq (b - a) (|\lambda_0(x)| + |\lambda_1(x)|) \int_a^b |f''(y)| dy \\ &= (b - a) (\lambda_0(x) + \lambda_1(x)) \int_a^b |f''(y)| dy = (b - a) \int_a^b |f''(y)| dy. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating over  $x \in (a, b)$  we get the desired result.

3. Let  $V = \{v \in H^1(0, 1) : v(0) = v(1) = 0\}$  with

$$\|v\|_V = \|v\|_{H^1} = \sqrt{\|v\|^2 + \|v'\|^2}.$$

Multiplication of the differential equation by  $v \in V$ , integration by parts taking the boundary conditions into account, leads to the variational formulation: find  $u \in V$  such that

$$a(u, v) = L(v) \quad \forall v \in V,$$

where  $a(u, v) = (u', v') + \alpha(u, v)$ , and  $L(v) = (f, v)$ .

If  $\alpha > 0$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, u) &= \|u'\|^2 + \alpha \|u\|^2 \geq \min(1, \alpha) \|u\|_{H^1}^2, \\ a(u, v) &\leq \|u'\| \|v'\| + \alpha \|u\| \|v\| \leq (1 + \alpha) \|u\|_{H^1} \|v\|_{H^1}, \\ |L(v)| &\leq \|f\| \|v\| \leq \|f\| \|v\|_{H^1}. \end{aligned}$$

4. a) We first compute 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  $|T| = \int_T dz = h^2/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s_{11} &= (\nabla \phi_1, \nabla \phi_1) = \int_T |\nabla \phi_1|^2 dx = \frac{2}{h^2} |T| = 1, \\ s_{12} &= (\nabla \phi_1, \nabla \phi_2) = \int_T |\nabla \phi_1|^2 dx = -\frac{1}{h^2} |T| = -1/2, & s_{13} &= -1/2 \\ s_{22} &= (\nabla \phi_2, \nabla \phi_2) = \int_T |\nabla \phi_2|^2 dx = \frac{1}{h^2} |T| = 1/2, & s_{23} &= (\nabla \phi_2, \nabla \phi_3) = 0, \\ s_{33} &= (\nabla \phi_3, \nabla \phi_3) = \int_T |\nabla \phi_3|^2 dx = \frac{1}{h^2} |T| = 1/2, \end{aligned}$$

Thus using the symmetry we have the local stiffness matrix as

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

We can now assemble the global matrix  $S$  from the local  $s$ , using the character of our mesh, viz:

$$\begin{aligned} S_{11} &= 2s_{22} = 1, & S_{12} &= s_{12} = -1/2, & S_{13} &= 2s_{23} = 0, & S_{14} &= S_{15} = 0 \\ S_{22} &= s_{11} + 2s_{22} = 2, & S_{23} &= 2s_{12} = -1, & S_{24} &= s_{12} = -1/2, & S_{25} &= 2s_{23} = 0 \\ S_{33} &= s_{11} + 2s_{22} = 2, & S_{34} &= 0, & S_{35} &= s_{12} = -1/2 \\ S_{44} &= s_{11} = 1, & S_{45} &= s_{12} = -1/2, & S_{55} &= 2s_{22} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

The remaining matrix elements are obtained by symmetry  $S_{ij} = S_{ji}$ . Hence,

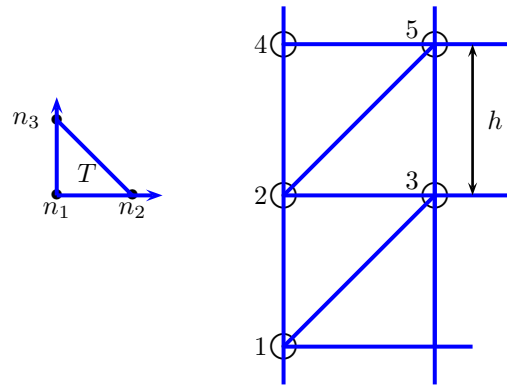
$$S = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

With  $U$  expressed in terms of the basis functions  $\varphi_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  and with the test function  $v = \varphi_2$  in the variational formulation we obtain the relation

$$-\frac{1}{2}U_1 + 2U_2 - U_3 - \frac{1}{2}U_4 = 3 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2}h^2 = \frac{1}{2}h^2.$$

b) If we change the equation to  $-\Delta u + (1, 0) \cdot \nabla u = 1$  the relation between the nodal values becomes:

$$-\frac{1}{2}U_1 + 2U_2 - U_3 - \frac{1}{2}U_4 - \frac{h}{3}U_2 + \frac{h}{3}U_3 - \frac{h}{6}U_4 + \frac{h}{6}U_5 = \frac{1}{2}h^2.$$



Finally if, for instance, for  $-\nabla \cdot a \nabla u = f$  with  $a = 1$  for  $x < 0$  and  $a = 2$  for  $x > 0$ , the corresponding relation is:

$$-\frac{1}{2}U_1 + 3U_2 - \frac{3}{2}U_3 - U_4 = \frac{1}{2}h^2.$$

You may work out the details in such a model!

**5.** See the lecture notes.

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