

Matematik 3NA, numerisk analyse.

Finite element metoden.

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Open book exam. Programmable computers are not allowed.

All questions are weighted the same (10%).

A grade on the 13 scale is given only after approval of the programming projects.

Theorems must be referenced by name (or number in Brenner/Scott). They can be used without proof but the assumptions must be verified.

Part 1. Sobolev spaces and weak derivatives:

Consider the function

$$(1) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{1/3} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ x & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

1: Show that f is weakly differentiable on $[-1, 1]$ and find $D_w^1 f$.

2: Find the largest integer m so that $f \in \mathcal{W}_2^m(-1, 1)$.

3: Find all positive integers p so that $f \in \mathcal{W}_p^1(-1, 1)$.

Part 2. Variational formulation of elliptic boundary value problems:

4: Show existence and uniqueness of solution to the following variational problem:

$$(2) \quad \text{Find } u \in \mathring{\mathcal{W}}_2^1(-1, 1) : \int_{-1}^1 u'v' dx = \int_{-1}^1 f v dx \quad \forall v \in \mathring{\mathcal{W}}_2^1(-1, 1)$$

where $\mathring{\mathcal{W}}_2^1(-1, 1) = \{v \in \mathcal{W}_2^1(-1, 1) : v(-1) = v(1) = 0\}$.

Part 3. Finite element discretization:

Consider the *Reference* finite element $(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$ where

- $K = [0, 1]$
- $\mathcal{P} = P_3 = \text{span} B$ for $B = \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \phi_4\}$, where $\phi_1(x) = (1+2x)(x-1)^2$, $\phi_2(x) = x(x-1)^2$, $\phi_3(x) = x^2(3-2x)$ and $\phi_4(x) = x^2(x-1)$.
- $\mathcal{N} = \{v \rightarrow v(0), v \rightarrow v(1), v \rightarrow v'(0), v \rightarrow v'(1)\}$, i.e. the degrees of freedom are the values and the first derivatives in the endpoints of the element.

You may take it for granted that B is a basis for P_3 .

5: Show that B is a basis for \mathcal{P} dual to \mathcal{N} , i.e. that B is a Lagrange basis corresponding to the degrees of freedom in \mathcal{N} .

6: Make a drawing of ϕ_1 emphasizing the behavior at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Consider a subdivision of $(-1, 1)$ into 3 subintervals $K_1 = (-1, -\frac{1}{2})$, $K_2 = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$, $K_3 = (0, 1)$, and let there be given finite elements for each subinterval, affine equivalent to the reference element $(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$.

7: For all 3 subintervals, draw the basis function corresponding to ϕ_1 from the reference element. (You do **not** need to find the function expressions).

Consider the following discretization of (2):

$$(3) \quad \text{Find } u_{fe} \in \mathcal{V}_{fe}(-1, 1) : \int_{-1}^1 u'_{fe} v' dx = \int_{-1}^1 f v dx \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{V}_{fe}(-1, 1)$$

where \mathcal{V}_{fe} is the finite element space induced by the definitions above, i.e. $\mathcal{V}_{fe} \subset \mathring{\mathcal{W}}_2^1$, $\mathcal{V}_{fe}(K_j) = P_3(K_j)$ and $\mathcal{V}_{fe} \subset \mathcal{C}^r$ where r is the continuity order of the global interpolant defined by the 3 finite elements above.

8: What is the value of r ?

9: What is the dimension of $\mathcal{V}_{fe}(-1, 1)$?

10: Draw all the global basis functions for $\mathcal{V}_{fe}(-1, 1)$, corresponding to the local basis functions $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^4$ for the reference element.