

HW#2, 269C, Spring 2006, Vese Due on Friday, April 28

[1] Find the linear basis functions for the triangle K with vertices at $(0, 0)$, $(h, 0)$ and $(0, h)$. Show that the corresponding element stiffness matrix is given by

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

Using this result show that the linear system (1.25) of Example 1.1. has the stated form (pages 30-31) there is a typo in the textbook regarding the linear system).

[2] Let $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| \leq 1\}$. Show that the function $v(x) = |x|^\alpha$ belongs to $H^1(\Omega)$ if $\alpha > 0$.

[3] Consider the problem with an inhomogeneous boundary condition,

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = u_0 & \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where f and u_0 are given. Show that this problem can be given the following equivalent variational formulations:

(V) Find $u \in V(u_0)$ such that $a(u, v) = (f, v)$, $\forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$,

(M) Find $u \in V(u_0)$ such that $F(u) \leq F(v)$, $\forall v \in V(u_0)$,

where $V(u_0) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = u_0 \text{ on } \Gamma\}$.

Then formulate a finite element method and prove an error estimate (as in Thm. 1.1, page 24).

Recall: $H_0^1(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega), \nabla v \in L^2(\Omega)^n, v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$, where n is the spatial dimension.

[4] Let Ω be a bounded domain in the plane and let the boundary Γ of Ω be divided into two parts Γ_1 and Γ_2 . Give a variational formulation of the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + u &= f && \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} &= g && \text{on } \Gamma_1, \\ u &= u_0 && \text{on } \Gamma_2, \end{aligned}$$

where f , u_0 and g are given functions. Then formulate a FEM for this problem.