

Consider the following self-adjoint eigenvalue problem in variational form:

$$-u''(x) = \lambda u(x), \quad x \in (0, \pi), \quad u(0) = u(\pi) = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the eigenvalue and  $u(x)$  is the eigenfunction. The weak form of the problem is given by:

$$\int_0^\pi u'(x)v'(x) dx = \lambda \int_0^\pi u(x)v(x) dx \quad (2)$$

for all  $v \in H_0^1(0, \pi)$ , where  $H_0^1(0, \pi)$  is the Sobolev space of functions that are square integrable and have square integrable weak derivatives, with boundary conditions  $u(0) = u(\pi) = 0$ .

1. Compute the first ten eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of the problem using the linear finite element method and the Firedrake library. [Hint: *the exact eigenvalues are given by  $\lambda_n = n^2$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$* ].
2. What is the rate of convergence of the eigenvalues as the mesh is refined? [Hint: *try computing the eigenvalues for different mesh sizes, ex: 16, 32, 64, 128, 256 elements*].
3. Verify that all the eigenvalues are the discrete eigenvalue are positive and approximate the real eigenvalues from above. Can you explain why? [Hint: *Use the Rayleigh quotient to show that the eigenvalues are positive and the min-max characterization of the eigenvalues to show that they are approximated from above. See Appendix B, for more details*].
4. What is the rate of convergence of the eigenfunctions in  $H^1(0, \pi)$  as the mesh is refined? [Hint: *the exact eigenfunctions are given by  $u_n(x) = \sin(nx)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$* ].

Consider now the same eigenvalue problem, but in two dimensions, i.e. we look for  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  such that:

$$\int_\Omega \nabla u(x) \cdot \nabla v(x) dx = \lambda \int_\Omega u(x)v(x) dx \quad (3)$$

for all  $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

5. Compute the eigenvalues if  $\Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$ ? How are eigenvalues with multiplicity greater than one handled by the finite element method?
6. Let  $\Omega = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$ . What is the order of convergence of the eigenvalues associated to the eigenvalue  $\lambda_3 = 2$  as the mesh is refined? [Hint: *to compute this order of convergence, you need to find the best approximation in the eigenspace by a small Galerkin method.*]

7. What is the order of convergence of the first eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  as the mesh is refined, if  $\Omega$  is given by

$$\Omega = \{\rho e^{i\theta} \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < \rho < 1, 0 < \theta < \frac{3}{2}\pi\}. \quad (4)$$

[Hint: *See appendix A, for the regularity of the first eigenfunctions.*]