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Laboratory 04

Finite Element method for the diffusion-reaction equation in 2D: convergence analysis

Exercise 1.

Let $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$, and let us consider the following diffusion-reaction problem with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases}
-\nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla u) + \sigma u = f & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \\
u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega,
\end{cases}$$
(1a)
(1b)

where $\mathbf{x} = (x, y)^T$, $\mu(\mathbf{x}) = 1$, $\sigma = 1$ and

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = (20\pi^2 + 1)\sin(2\pi x)\sin(4\pi y)$$
.

The exact solution to this problem is

$$u_{\rm ex}(x,y) = \sin(2\pi x)\sin(4\pi y) .$$

- 1.1. Write the weak formulation, the Galerkin formulation and the finite element formulation of (1).
- 1.2. Starting from the code of Laboratory 3, implement a finite element solver for problem (1). The solver should read the mesh from file (four differently refined meshes are provided as mesh/mesh-square-*.msh).
- **1.3.** Using the four meshes provided, study the convergence of the solver for polynomials of degree r=1 and of degree r=2. Plot the error in the L^2 and H^1 norms against h, knowing that for every mesh file mesh/mesh-square-N.msh, the mesh size equals h=1/N.

Exercise 2.

Let Ω be the domain depicted in Figure 1, contained in the files mesh/mesh-u-*.msh. The boundaries of the mesh are labelled as shown in Figure 1 (i.e. Γ_0 is labelled 0, Γ_1

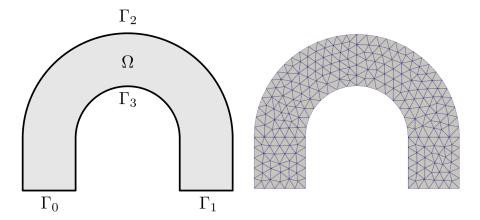


Figure 1: Domain for Exercise 2 (left), and a triangular mesh over it (right), corresponding to the file mesh/mesh-u-5.msh.

is labelled 1, and so on). Consider the problem:

$$\begin{cases}
-\nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla u) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\
u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_0, \\
u = 1 & \text{on } \Gamma_1, \\
\mu \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3.
\end{cases}$$

2.1. Starting from the previously implemented code, solve (2) using linear finite elements.