

# Scientific Computing II

## Multigrid Methods

### Exercise 1: Galerkin Construction of Coarse Grid Operator

We consider the discrete Poisson system with Dirichlet boundary conditions and 7 grid points,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1}}{h^2} &= f_i, \quad i = 1 \dots 6 \\ u_0 = u_6 &= 1, \quad (\text{inhomogeneous}) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the mesh size is  $h := \frac{1}{6}$ .

- (a) Formulate the system of equations in matrix form, i.e.  $A_h u = b_h$ . What do you need to do in order to re-use the (reduced) operator  $A_h$  from the first worksheet?
- (b) Define a linear mapping  $R : \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  according to the full weighting scheme. Set up the respective matrix  $R$ .
- (c) Define a linear mapping  $P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$  which prolongates a solution vector from the coarse to the fine grid using linear interpolation. Set up the respective matrix  $P$ . How are  $R$  and  $P$  related?
- (d) Based on the matrices  $R$ ,  $P$  and  $A_h$ , compute the coarse grid operator  $A_{2h} := RA_h P$ . Compare  $A_{2h}$  to the operator that you obtain by discretising the problem on the coarse grid. What do you observe?
- (e) What happens if you restrict a constant vector, e.g.  $r = \vec{1}$ . Can you “mend” the restriction operator such that a constant vector is invariant under restriction? Does it matter?
- (f) Say you are given routines for interpolation, restriction, and applying the fine grid operator. How could you compute  $RA_h P$ ?

## Exercise 2: Multigrid for Convection-Diffusion

Consider the one-dimensional convection-diffusion equation

$$-\epsilon u_{xx} + u_x = f(x) \quad (2)$$

and its discrete representation

$$\frac{\epsilon}{h^2}(-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1}) + \frac{1}{h}(u_i - u_{i-1}) = f_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (3)$$

with Dirichlet conditions  $u_0 = u_N = 0$  and  $\epsilon \geq 0$ . In this exercise, we assume a vanishing right hand side  $f(x) = 0$ . The solution of the differential equation is thus given by  $u(x) = 0$ .

- (a) Show that for  $\epsilon \ll 1$ , the Jacobi method applied to Eq. (3) converges very slowly whereas the Gauss-Seidel method is expected to converge very fast.

*Hint: Insert an error frequency  $u_n = \sin(\pi k i h)$  into the respective iterative scheme and analyse the behaviour for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .*

- (b) In programming assignment 3, we want to use matrix-dependent restriction and interpolation to set up multigrid for solving Eq. (3). Show that the Galerkin coarsening  $A_{2h} := RA_hP$  applied to an arbitrary three-point stencil  $[s_l \ s_c \ s_r]$  with  $s_c = -(s_l + s_r)$  on the fine grid yields the coarse grid stencil

$$\frac{1}{s_c}[-s_l^2 \ (s_l^2 + s_r^2) \ -s_r^2]. \quad (4)$$