

→ course homepage: esc-wiki page

→ PN: numPDE20

→ lecture:

↳ Mo, ~~14:00~~ 14:00 - 16:00

↳ Tu: 14:00 - 15:00

→ (oral) exam: before 1. Aug (philip gone for 5 months afterwards)

→ exercise: date \rightarrow thdth

↳ 1x per week ... maybe after lecture on monday

Chapter 1: Introduction

Assume a given domain $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$. A general form of a linear PDE is given by: find a function $u: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $u \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t.

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^d -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(a_{ij}(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^d b_i(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} + c(x) u(x) = f(x)$$

where a_{ij}, b_i, c and f are given functions. Depending on the values ($=0$ or $\neq 0$) of the coeffs, the second order diff operator,

$L := \sum -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} a_{ij} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + \sum b_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} + c$, describes the behavior of the PDE.

In general, second order PDEs can be divided into elliptic, parabolic and hyperbolic systems.

Some ex: • poisson eq (elliptic)

$$(1) -\Delta u(x) = f(x)$$

$$\left(\Delta := \sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right)$$

• Hyperbolic equations

$$-\sum_{i,j=1}^d \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_0^2} = f$$

$$(x_0 = t \Rightarrow \partial_t^2 u - \Delta u = f \dots \text{wave eq})$$

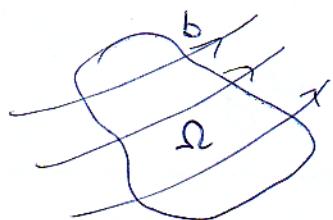
- Heat eq (parabol)

$$\partial_t u - \Delta u = f$$

- Transport eq

~~$\sum_i^d b_i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} + c \cdot u = f$~~

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often called "wind"

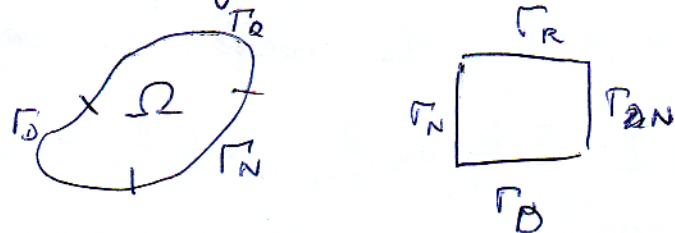


Note: all equations need BCs in order to close the system

1.1.) Weak formulations of the Poisson equation

Suppose an open domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. the boundary $(\partial \Omega)$ is split into three non overlapping parts

$$\partial \Omega = \Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R$$

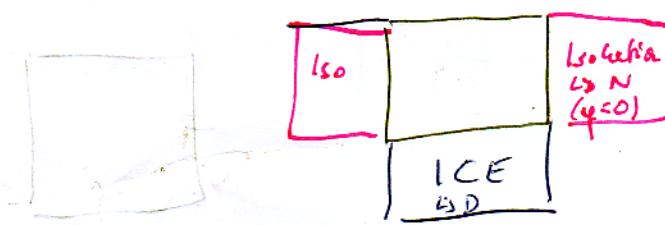


We consider the poisson eq $-\Delta u = f$ in Ω with the boundary condition

$$u = u_D \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D \quad (\text{Dirichlet: function value})$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \nabla u \cdot n = f \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \quad (\text{Neumann: normal flux})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} + \alpha u \right) = f \quad \text{on } \Gamma_R \quad (\text{Robin: lin cond of both} \uparrow)$$



There exists different solution classes to the Poisson eq.
A classical solution would require regularity $u \in C^2(\Omega) \cap C(\bar{\Omega})$.
We want to construct a weak formulation of (1) with its BC. For this we choose a smooth function v (for $\lambda \in C_0^\infty(\Omega) = \{v \in C^\infty : \text{supp}(v) \text{ is compact set}\}$) and $\text{supp}(v) := \{x \in \Omega : v(x) \neq 0\}$

Multiply (1) with v and integrate over Ω :

$$\int_{\Omega} -\Delta u \cdot v = \int_{\Omega} f \cdot v \quad (\text{dx})$$

Applying integration by parts gives (10): $\int_{\Omega} f v = f g|_{\partial\Omega} - \int_{\partial\Omega} f v'$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \cdot v \stackrel{\text{apply "natural bc" }}{=} \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\Gamma_R} \alpha u v - \int_{\Gamma_D} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} v \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_R} f v + \int_{\Gamma_N} f v + \int_{\Gamma_D} f v \end{aligned}$$

Dirichlet bc are incorporated in a "strong" sense ($\hat{=}$ essential bc). At the same time we also assume that $v=0$ on Γ_D . The weak form of the Poisson eq is:

Find $u \in V$, with $u=u_0$ on Γ_D s.t.

$$(2) \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\Gamma_R} \alpha u v = \int_{\Omega} f v + \int_{\Gamma_N} f v, \quad \forall v \in V \text{ with } v=0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D$$

The "proper" space, such that all the above terms are well defined, is given by $V = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \nabla v \in L^2(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d), v|_{\partial\Omega} \in L^2(\partial\Omega)\}$

$\Rightarrow V$ is a complete space and with

$$(u, v)_V := (u, v)_{L^2(\Omega)} + (\nabla u, \nabla v)_{L^2(\Omega)} + (u, v)_{L^2(\partial\Omega)} \quad \text{a Hilbert space}$$

Further we need $f \in L^2(\Omega)$, $g \in L^2(P_0 \cup \Gamma_R)$

The Dirichlet data has to be chosen s.t. there exists an $u \in V$ with $u = u_0$ on Γ_D

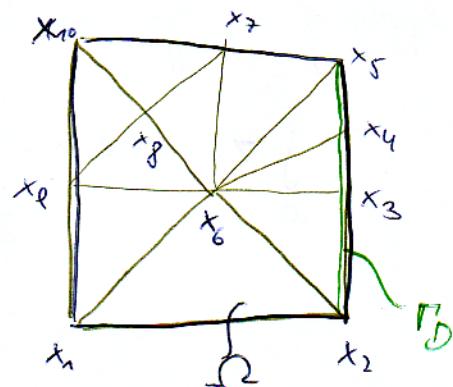
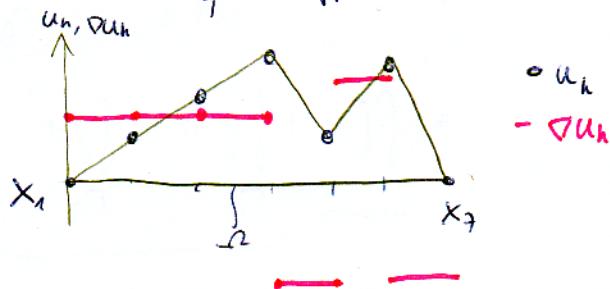
1.2. Finite Element Method

Find a num. method for approximation ~~the~~ of the solution of the weak form (2). Decompose the domain Ω into triangles or tetrahedrons for 2,3 dim respectively.

We call $T := \{T\}$ a triangulation with the corresponding nodes (vertices) $N = \{x_i\}$

Define a finite element space

$$V_h := \left\{ v \in C(\Omega) : v|_T \text{ is affine linear } \forall T \in T \right\}$$



The derivatives of u_h are p.w. constant $\Rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$.

Every function in V_h is determined by its values in N .

Next we decompose $N = N \cap \Gamma_D$ and $N_f = N \setminus N_D$

$$\rightarrow N_D = \{x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$$

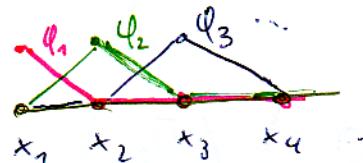
The finite element approximation now needs as:

Find $u_h \in V_h$, $u(x_i) = u_0(x_i) \quad \forall x_i \in N_D$ s.t.

$$(3) \quad \int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h + \int_{\Gamma_D} \alpha u_h v_h = \int_{\Gamma_D} v_h + \int_{\Gamma_R} v_h \quad u_h \in V_h, u_h(x_i) = 0 \quad \forall x_i \in N_f$$

Now we define a basis for V_h : The most convenient is the nodal basis $\{\varphi_i\}$ given by

$$\varphi_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$$



\Rightarrow We can write u_h in terms of φ_i

~~(3)~~

$$(4) u_h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{|N|} u_i \varphi_i(x) \quad (u_h(x_i) = u_i), \quad |N| - \text{number of vertices/nodes}$$

\uparrow coeffs

Solving (3) shows that we just have to find the coefficients

$$\bar{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N), \quad N = |N|.$$

Note that the coeffs on W_h are already defined (because property $u(x_i) = u_i, \forall x_i \in J_h$)

$$\rightarrow \sum_i \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j + \alpha \int_{\Gamma_R} \varphi_i \varphi_j \right\} u_i = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi_j + \int_{\Gamma_R} g \varphi_j \quad \forall \varphi_j, x_j \in W_h$$

$$\Gamma_h(x) = \sum_i u_i \varphi_i(x)$$

$$v_h(x) = \varphi_j(x) \quad \text{"arbitrary" test function}$$

We define $(A_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}, \vec{f} = \vec{f}_j \in \mathbb{R}^N, \quad N = |N| \dots \text{number of nodes}$

$$A_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_i \cdot \nabla \varphi_j + \alpha \int_{\Gamma_R} \varphi_i \varphi_j; \quad \vec{f}_j = \int_{\Omega} f \varphi_j + \int_{\Gamma_R} g \varphi_j$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{DD} & A_{Df} \\ A_{fD} & A_{ff} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f_D \\ f_f \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{u} = (\bar{u}_0, \bar{u}_f)$$

$u_i, x_i \in N_D$

$$A \quad \vec{\bar{u}} = \vec{\bar{f}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ A_{FD} & A_{FF} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_0 \\ \bar{u}_f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_0 \\ \vec{\bar{f}}_f \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{\bar{f}}_f = u_0$$

$$\rightarrow A_{FF} \vec{\bar{u}}_f = \vec{\bar{f}}_f - A_{FD} \vec{\bar{u}}_0$$

2. Abstract theory

2.1. Basic properties

Refine lemmas/theorems $\hat{=}$ framework to derive solvability conditions
 (LAX-Milgram)
 for var. formulations

Def.:

A functional or linear form $l(\cdot)$ on V (normal vector space) is a linear mapping $l(\cdot): V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

The norm for lin. forms is the dual norm

$$(||l||_V) \Leftrightarrow ||l||_{V^*} = \sup_{0 \neq v \in V} \frac{l(v)}{\|v\|_V}$$

- l is bounded $\Leftrightarrow ||l||_{V^*} < \infty$
- V^* (dual space) $\hat{=}$ vector space of all bounded l.f.
- For $f \in V^*$ we also write $\langle f, u \rangle_V = f(u)$

Ex: $\ell(\cdot): L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, Ω bounded

$$\ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} v \, dx \stackrel{\text{C.S.}}{\leq} \left(\int_{\Omega} v^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left(\int_{\Omega} 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$\underbrace{\int_{\Omega} v^2}_{\|v\|_{L^2}^2} \quad \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} 1}_{|\Omega|}$

Def: A bilinear form $A(\cdot, \cdot)$ on V is a mapping $A: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which is linear in each component. It is called symmetric if

- $A(u, v) = A(v, u) \quad \forall u, v \in V$ (ex: $A(u, v) = \int u \cdot v$)
- A is called inner prod if
 - $A(u, u) \geq 0 \quad \forall u \in V$
 - $A(u, u) = 0 \iff u = 0$

Lemma Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

If $A(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a sym. bilf st. $A(\frac{u}{\|u\|}, \frac{v}{\|v\|}) \geq 0 \quad \forall u, v \in V$:

$$A(u, v) \leq \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \quad \forall u, v \in V$$

Theorem 2.1: Let S be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space V . Let $u \in V$, then there exists a unique closest point $u_0 \in S$, thus

$$\|u - u_0\|_V \leq \|u - v\| \quad \forall v \in S$$

Riesz representation theorem:

Let $u \in V$, V ... Hilbert space, we define

$$l_u(\cdot) \in V^* \text{ by } l_u(v) := (u, v)_V \quad \forall v \in V$$

Theorem 2.5

$$\forall l \in V^* \exists u \in V \text{ st.}$$

$$l(v) = (u, v)_V \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$\text{and } \|l\|_{V^*} = \|u\|_V$$

2.4. Symmetric variational formulations

We take the function space $C^1(\Omega)$, $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and bounded, and we define the bilf $A(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\Gamma} uv$

$$\text{and the lf } f(v) = \int_{\Omega} fv$$

As $[A(u, v) \text{ is non negative}]$ and $[A(u, u) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0]$, we get that $A(\cdot, \cdot)$ is an inner product with the norm

$$\|v\|_A := A(v, v)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Since the vector space $(C^1(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_A)$ is not a complete space, we define the space $V := \overline{C^1(\Omega)}^{\|\cdot\|_A}$ (\cong the Sobolev space H^1)

If we can show that there exists a constant (which we will do) s.t.

$$f(v) = \int f \cdot v \leq C \|v\|_A \quad \forall v \in V$$

$\Rightarrow f(\cdot)$ is a continuous(bounded) lf on V .

Riesz-Theorem

$\hookrightarrow \text{Riesz-Theorem} \Rightarrow \exists \text{ an unique } u \in V \text{ s.t.}$

$$A(u_f, v) = f(v)$$

\Rightarrow weak formulation has ~~an~~ ^{on} unique solution

FEM-Approx: Choose $V_h \subset V$ (V_h finite dim \Rightarrow closed)

The FEM-approx was given by

$$A(u_h, v_h) = f(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

$$A(u - u_h, v_h) = A(u, v_h) - A(u_h, v_h) = f(v_h) - f(v_h) = 0 \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u - u_h\|_A \leq \|u - v_h\|_A \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

$\Rightarrow u - u_h$ is orth. on V_h

