

# **Project report for Numerical Methods for PDEs**

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Let  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2$  and consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u_h$  be the continuous piecewise linear finite element approximation on a given triangulation, for  $h = 2^{-k}$  and  $k \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ .

- (a) Consider  $f(x, y) = -4$  and  $g(x, y) = \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2$ . Observe that the solution to the problem is  $u = g$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} &= 2 \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right) \implies \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} = 2 \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} &= 2(y + 1) \implies \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = 2 \\ \implies -\Delta g &= - \left( \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} \right) = -4 = f \end{aligned}$$

- Let's consider the first triangulation 1 of the domain.

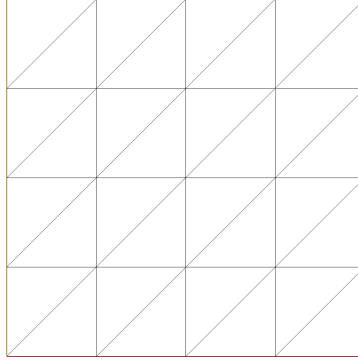


FIGURE 1. Plot of the first type of triangulation, obtained considering  $h = 2^{-2}$ : the implementation is in the code **first\_mesh.edp**.

Over this triangulation we obtained:

- For  $k = 2$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 8.88178e - 16$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0218502$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.204124$$

– For  $k = 3$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 8.88178e - 16$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.00546255$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.102062$$

– For  $k = 4$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 4.88498e - 15$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.00136564$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.051031$$

– For  $k = 5$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 2.22045e - 15$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.000341409$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0255155$$

– For  $k = 6$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 2.66454e - 15$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 8.53523e - 05$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0127578$$

Moreover, we report the following convergence rates:

- $L^\infty$  convergence: -0.263034
- $L^2$  convergence: 2
- $L^2$  “gradient” convergence: 1

In 2 we show the solution  $u_h$ , for  $h = \frac{1}{2^4}$ .

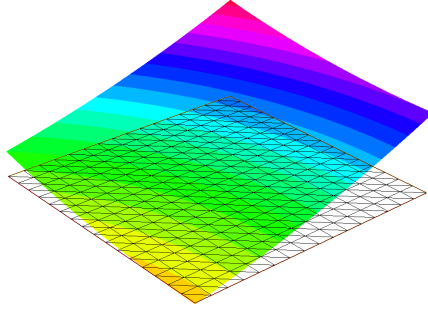


FIGURE 2. Plot of the solution  $u_h$ , obtained considering  $h = 2^{-4}$  and as mesh the first mesh 1.

- Let's now consider the so-called “criss-cross” triangulation 3:

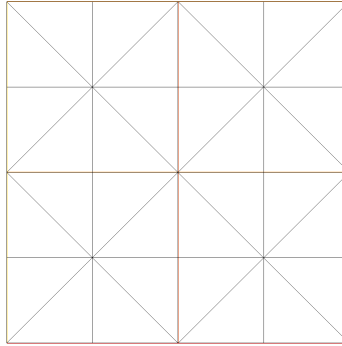


FIGURE 3. Plot of the second type of triangulation, obtained considering  $h = 2^{-2}$ : the implementation is in the code **second\_mesh.edp**.

- For  $k = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} &= 0.0208333 \\ \left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} &= 0.0156828 \\ \left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} &= 0.186339 \end{aligned}$$

– For  $k = 3$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 0.00520833$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.00392069$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0931695$$

– For  $k = 4$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 0.00130208$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.000980173$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0465847$$

– For  $k = 5$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 0.000325521$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.000245043$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0232924$$

– For  $k = 6$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 8.13802e - 05$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 6.12608e - 05$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0116462$$

Moreover, we report the following convergence rates:

- $L^\infty$  convergence: 2
- $L^2$  convergence: 2
- $L^2$  “gradient” convergence: 1

As we can observe, we generally obtain the expected convergence rates for both meshes, but the  $L^\infty$  convergence rate over the first mesh 1 is unexpected: oddly enough, it seems to grow as  $h$  shrinks.

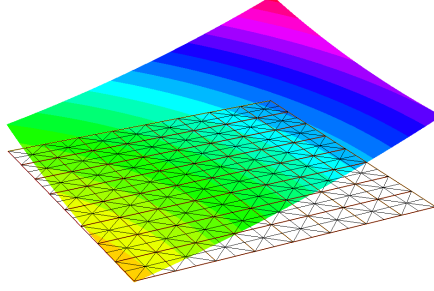


FIGURE 4. Plot of the solution  $u_h$ , obtained considering  $h = 2^{-4}$  and as mesh the second mesh 3.

- (b) Consider now  $f(x, y) = 0$  and  $g(x, y) = \log \left[ \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2 \right]$ . As before, the solution is  $u = g$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} &= \frac{2 \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)}{\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2} \implies \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2}{\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2} - \frac{4 \left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2}{\left[\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2\right]^2} \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} &= \frac{2 (y + 1)}{\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2} \implies \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2}{\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2} - \frac{4 (y + 1)^2}{\left[\left(x - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + (y + 1)^2\right]^2} \\ \implies -\Delta g &= -\left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}\right) = 0 = f \end{aligned}$$

- Let's consider the first triangulation 1 of the domain. Over this triangulation we obtained:

- For  $k = 2$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 0.000761101$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.00443971$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.108998$$

- For  $k = 3$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 0.000203629$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0011188$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0548127$$

– For  $k = 4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\prod_h^1 u - u_h\|_{L^\infty} &= 5.22383e - 05 \\ \|\prod_h^1 u - u_h\|_{L^2} &= 0.000280258 \\ \|\nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right)\|_{L^2} &= 0.0274469\end{aligned}$$

– For  $k = 5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\prod_h^1 u - u_h\|_{L^\infty} &= 1.32342e - 05 \\ \|\prod_h^1 u - u_h\|_{L^2} &= 7.00995e - 05 \\ \|\nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right)\|_{L^2} &= 0.0137286\end{aligned}$$

– For  $k = 6$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\prod_h^1 u - u_h\|_{L^\infty} &= 3.31464e - 06 \\ \|\prod_h^1 u - u_h\|_{L^2} &= 1.7527e - 05 \\ \|\nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right)\|_{L^2} &= 0.00686493\end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we report the following convergence rates:

- $L^\infty$  convergence: 1.99734
- $L^2$  convergence: 1.99982
- $L^2$  “gradient” convergence: 0.999865

In 5 we show the solution  $u_h$ , for  $h = \frac{1}{2^4}$ .

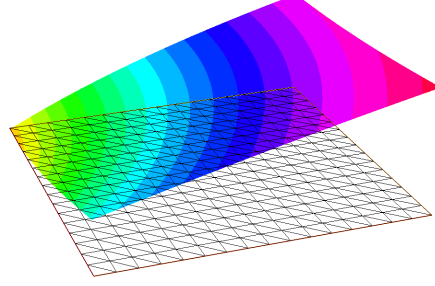


FIGURE 5. Plot of the solution  $u_h$ , obtained considering  $h = 2^{-4}$  and as mesh the first mesh 1.

- Now, consider the triangulation 3 of the domain. Over this triangulation we obtained:

– For  $k = 2$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 0.00052081$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0043543$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.109006$$

– For  $k = 3$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 6.71978e - 05$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.00109619$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0548151$$

– For  $k = 4$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 5.78189e - 06$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 0.000274483$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0274473$$



– For  $k = 5$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 4.17754e - 07$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 6.86472e - 05$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.0137286$$

– For  $k = 6$ ,

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^\infty} = 2.7944e - 08$$

$$\left\| \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right\|_{L^2} = 1.71634e - 05$$

$$\left\| \nabla \left( \prod_h^1 u - u_h \right) \right\|_{L^2} = 0.00686493$$

Moreover, we report the following convergence rates:

- $L^\infty$  convergence: 3.90204
- $L^2$  convergence: 1.99986
- $L^2$  “gradient” convergence: 0.999869

In 6 we show the solution  $u_h$ , for  $h = \frac{1}{2^4}$ . As expected, we get the usual convergence rates but also a greater rate for the  $L^\infty$  norm in the second experiment.

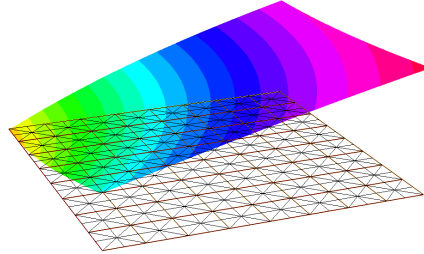


FIGURE 6. Plot of the solution  $u_h$ , obtained considering  $h = 2^{-4}$  and as mesh the second mesh 3.