

# CAAM 336 · DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

## Homework 34

Posted Friday 21 March 2014. Due 1pm Friday 11 April 2014.

34. [25 points]

Let

$$H_D^1(0, 1) = \{w \in H^1(0, 1) : w(0) = w(1) = 0\}$$

and let the inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot) : L^2(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$(v, w) = \int_0^1 v(x)w(x) dx$$

and the inner product  $a(\cdot, \cdot) : H_D^1(0, 1) \times H_D^1(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$a(v, w) = \int_0^1 v'(x)w'(x) dx.$$

Let the norm  $|||\cdot||| : H_D^1(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$|||v||| = \sqrt{a(v, v)}.$$

Let  $m$  be a positive integer and let  $f_m \in L^2(0, 1)$  be defined by  $f_m(x) = \sqrt{2}m^2\pi^2 \sin(m\pi x)$ . Note that, for  $j = 1, \dots, N$ ,

$$(f_m, \phi_j) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\sin(m\pi x_j)}{h}(1 - \cos(m\pi h)).$$

Let  $N$  be a positive integer, let  $h = \frac{1}{N+1}$ , let  $x_j = jh$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N+1$ , and let  $\phi_k \in H_D^1(0, 1)$  be defined by

$$\phi_k(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x - x_{k-1})}{h} & \text{if } x \in [x_{k-1}, x_k]; \\ \frac{(x_{k+1} - x)}{h} & \text{if } x \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

for  $k = 1, \dots, N$ . Let  $V_N = \text{span}\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_N\}$ . Let  $u_m \in H_D^1(0, 1)$  be such that

$$a(u_m, v) = (f_m, v) \text{ for all } v \in H_D^1(0, 1).$$

(a) The true solution to the problem of finding  $u_m \in H_D^1(0, 1)$  such that

$$a(u_m, v) = (f_m, v) \text{ for all } v \in H_D^1(0, 1)$$

is  $u_m(x) = \sqrt{2}\sin(m\pi x)$ . Use integration by parts and the fact that  $(u_m, u_m) = 1$  to obtain a formula for  $a(u_m, u_m)$ .

(b) We can obtain finite element approximations to  $u_m$  by finding  $u_{m,N} \in V_N$  such that

$$a(u_{m,N}, v) = (f_m, v) \text{ for all } v \in V_N.$$

Write a code which can compute the energy norm of the error

$$|||u_m - u_{m,N}|||.$$

Use your code to produce a **loglog** plot of the energy norm of the error

$$|||u_m - u_{m,N}|||$$

when

$$m = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048$$

for

$$N = 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 127, 255, 511, 1023, 2047, 4095, 8191$$

on the same figure with a separate line for each value of  $m$ .

(c) Produce a **loglog** plot of the percentage error

$$100 \frac{|||u_m - u_{m,N}|||}{|||u_m|||}$$

when

$$m = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048$$

for

$$N = 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, 127, 255, 511, 1023, 2047, 4095, 8191$$

on the same figure with a separate line for each value of  $m$ .

(d) Let  $f \in L^2(0, 1)$ . The problem of finding  $u \in H_D^1(0, 1)$  such that

$$a(u, v) = (f, v) \text{ for all } v \in H_D^1(0, 1)$$

is the weak form of the problem of finding  $u$  such that

$$-u''(x) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < 1; \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

or equivalently,

$$f(x) + u''(x) = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1; \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

If  $\tilde{u}_N \in V_N$  then how does the quantity

$$\sum_{j=0}^N \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} (f(x) + \tilde{u}_N''(x))^2 dx$$

behave as  $N$  increases?