

CAAM 336 · DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Homework 37

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37. [25 points]

Let the symmetric bilinear form $(\cdot, \cdot) : L^2(0, 1) \times L^2(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

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

and let the symmetric bilinear form $a(\cdot, \cdot) : H^1(0, 1) \times H^1(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

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

Let $B(\cdot, \cdot) : H^1(0, 1) \times H^1(0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$B(v, w) = a(v, w) + (v, w).$$

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

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

Let $f \in L^2(0, 1)$, let $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$, let $H_D^1(0, 1) = \{w \in H^1(0, 1) : w(0) = 0\}$ and let $u \in H_D^1(0, 1)$ be such that

$$B(u, v) = (f, v) + \rho v(1) \text{ for all } v \in H_D^1(0, 1).$$

Moreover, let N be a positive integer, let V_N be a subspace of $H_D^1(0, 1)$ and let $u_N \in V_N$ be such that

$$B(u_N, v) = (f, v) + \rho v(1) \text{ for all } v \in V_N.$$

(a) Use the fact that (\cdot, \cdot) is a symmetric bilinear form on $L^2(0, 1)$ and the fact that $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a symmetric bilinear form on $H^1(0, 1)$ to show that $B(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a symmetric bilinear form on $H^1(0, 1)$. Recall that $H^1(0, 1) = \{v \in L^2(0, 1) : v' \in L^2(0, 1)\}$.

(b) Show that

$$B(u - u_N, v) = 0 \text{ for all } v \in V_N.$$

(c) Show that

$$|||u - u_N|||^2 = |||u|||^2 - |||u_N|||^2.$$

(d) Show that

$$|||u_N|||^2 \leq |||u|||^2.$$