

1. Prove that $\|\tau\|_h^2 \leq 3(\|f\|_h^2 + \|f\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2)$.

Hint: for each internal node $x_j = 1, \dots, n-1$, integral by parts

$$\tau_h(x_j) = \frac{1}{h^2}(\mathcal{R}_4(x_j + h) + \mathcal{R}_4(x_j - h)) - (12.21) \text{ to get}$$

$$\tau_h(x_j) = -u''(x_j) - \frac{1}{h^2}[\int_{x_j-h}^{x_j} u''(t)(x_j - h - t)^2 dt - \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j} u''(t)(x_j + h - t)^2 dt].$$

sol:

For each internal nodes x_j , we have $\mathcal{R}_4(x_j + h) = \int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} (u'''(t) - u'''(x_j)) \frac{(x_j+h-t)^2}{2} dt - (i)$;

$$\mathcal{R}_4(x_j - h) = - \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j} (u'''(t) - u'''(x_j)) \frac{(x_j-h-t)^2}{2} dt - (ii).$$

From (i), take $z = u''(t) - u''(x_j)$ and so that $dz = u'''(t) dt$, and then take $dv = \frac{(x_j+h-t)^2}{2} dt$, which gives $v = -\frac{(x_j+h-t)^3}{6}$ by IBP we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_4(x_j + h) &= \left[-(u''(t) - u''(x_j)) \frac{(x_j + h - t)^3}{6} \right]_{x_j}^{x_j+h} + \int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} u''(t) \frac{(x_j + h - t)^3}{6} \\ &= -u''(x_j) \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} + \int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} u''(t) \frac{(x_j + h - t)^3}{6} - (iii). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly to $\mathcal{R}_4(x_j - h)$, then we have,

$$\mathcal{R}_4(x_j - h) = +u''(x_j) \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} - \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j} u''(t) \frac{(x_j - h - t)^3}{6} - (iv).$$

From (iii), (iv), by (12.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_h(x_j) &= \frac{1}{h^2}(\mathcal{R}_4(x_j + h) + \mathcal{R}_4(x_j - h)) \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} u''(t) \frac{(x_j - h - t)^3}{6} - \int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} u''(t) \frac{(x_j + h - t)^3}{6} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We write $I = \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} u''(t) \frac{(x_j-h-t)^3}{6} - \int_{x_j}^{x_j+h} u''(t) \frac{(x_j+h-t)^3}{6} \right]$, and then $\tau_h(x_j) = f(x_j) - I_j$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tau(x_j)\| &= h \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |\tau_h(x_j)|^2 \\ \text{by } (a-b)^2 &\leq 2a^2 + 2b^2 \leq 2h \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |f(x_j)|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |I_j|^2 \right) \\ &= 2\|f\|_h^2 + 2h \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |I_j|^2. \end{aligned}$$

For each $t \in [x_j - h, x_j + h]$ we have $(x_j \pm h - t)^2 \leq h^2$. Then

$$|I_j| \leq \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j+h} |u''(t)| dt = \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j+h} |f(t)| dt$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|I_j|^2 &\leq \left(\int_{x_j-h}^{x_j+h} |f(t)| dt \right)^2 \\
&\leq \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j+h} |f(t)|^2 dt \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j+h} |1|^2 dt \\
&= 2h \int_{x_j-h}^{x_j+h} |f(t)|^2 dt = 2\|f\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we conclude that $\|\tau\|_h^2 \leq 3(\|f\|_h^2 + \|f\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2)$.

2. Let $g = 1$ and prove that $T_h g(x_j) = \frac{1}{2} x_j(1 - x_j)$

sol:

Note that $T_h g = w_h = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} g(x_k) G^k$. Since $g = 1$, by $G^k(x_j) = hG(x_j, x_k)$, where G is Green's function, then

$$T_h g = h \left[\sum_{k=1}^j x_k(1 - x_j) + \sum_{k=j+1}^{n-1} x_j(1 - x_k) \right]$$

Take $x_j = jh$, for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T_h g &= h \left[(1 - jh) \sum_{k=1}^j kh + jh \sum_{k=j+1}^{n-1} (1 - kh) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} x_j(1 - x_j)
\end{aligned}$$

3. Prove Young's inequality.

$$ab \leq \epsilon a^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} b^2, \text{ for any } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ for any } \epsilon > 0.$$

sol:

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

By $0 \leq (\sqrt{\epsilon}a - \frac{b}{2\sqrt{\epsilon}})^2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
a^2\epsilon - ab + \frac{b}{4\epsilon} &\geq 0 \\
ab &\leq a^2\epsilon + \frac{b}{4\epsilon}.
\end{aligned}$$

4. Show that $\|v_h\|_h \leq \|v_h\|_{h,\infty}$, for any $v_h \in V_h$

sol:

Take $v_j = V_h(x_j)$, for $j = 1, \dots, n-1$.

Then, we have $\|v_h\|_h = \sqrt{(h \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} v_j^2)}$.

By $|v_j| \leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} |v_k| = \|v_h\|_{h,\infty}^2$, for any j , then

$$\begin{aligned}\|v_h\|^2 &\leq h \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \|v_h\|_{h,\infty}^2 \\ &= h(n-1) \|v_h\|_{h,\infty}^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\|v_h\|_h &= \sqrt{(h \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} v_j^2)} \\ &\leq \|v_h\|_{h,\infty}.\end{aligned}$$

5. Discretize the fourth-order differential operator $Lu(x) = -u^{(iv)}(x)$ using centered finite differences.

sol:

By the second order centered finite differences, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(L_h u_h)(x_j) &= -\frac{u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1}}{h^2}, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n-1 \\ (L_h u_h)(x_{j+1}) &= -\frac{u_{j+2} - 2u_{j+1} + u_j}{h^2} \\ (L_h u_h)(x_{j-1}) &= -\frac{u_j - 2u_{j-1} + u_{j-2}}{h^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(L_h u_h)(x_j) &= -\frac{(L_h u_h)(x_{j+1}) - 2(L_h u_h)(x_j) + (L_h u_h)(x_{j-1}))}{h^2} \\ &= -\frac{u_{j+2} - 4u_{j+1} + 6u_j + 4u_{j-1} - u_{j-2}}{h^4}.\end{aligned}$$