

MATH 666: HOMEWORK 1  
FALL 2018

**NOTE:** For each homework assignment observe the following guidelines:

- Include a cover page.
- Always clearly label all plots (title,  $x$ -label,  $y$ -label, and legend).
- Use the `subplot` command from MATLAB when comparing 2 or more plots to make comparisons easier and to save paper.

## Two-point boundary value problem

1. Consider the following boundary value problem with periodic boundary conditions:

$$\text{ODE : } -u'' + q(x)u = f(x),$$

$$\text{BC1 : } u(-\pi) = u(\pi),$$

$$\text{BC2 : } u'(-\pi) = u'(\pi),$$

where  $q > 0 \forall x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .

- (a) Recast this equation into a variational problem, stating the trial and test function spaces.
- (b) Interpret the variational problem as an energy minimization problem, clearly stating the energy functional. Prove that the variational problem and the energy minimization problems are equivalent.
- (c) Derive a Galerkin orthogonality expression for this problem and deduce from this an appropriate *energy norm*.
- (d) Develop a cG(1) method for this problem, clearly stating the appropriate spaces, trial, test, and basis functions.
- (e) Show that the cG(1) FEM solution gives the optimal solution in this *energy norm*. Use this to prove an *a priori* error estimate in the *energy norm*.
- (f) Prove an *a priori* error estimate in the  $L_2$ -norm.
- (g) Numerically implement the cG(1) method on a uniform mesh with the following functions

$$q(x) = 3 - \sin(x) - \sin(2x) - \cos(x), \quad f(x) = 2e^{\sin(x)}e^{\cos(x)}, \quad u(x) = e^{\sin(x)}e^{\cos(x)}.$$

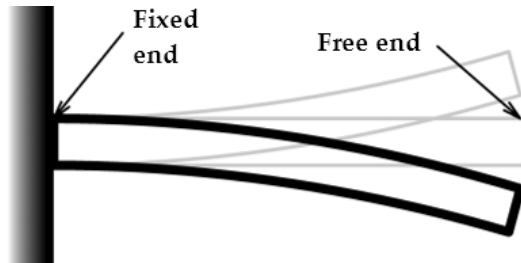
Numerically determine the convergence rate in both the *energy norm* and the  $L_2$ -norm by creating an appropriate convergence table.

## Beam equation

2. Consider the Beam equation from mechanics with boundary conditions that model a *cantilever* beam:

$$\text{PDE : } u^{(iv)} = f(x) \quad x \in (0, 1),$$

$$\text{BC : } u(0) = 0, \quad u'(0) = 0, \quad u''(1) = 0, \quad u'''(1) = 0.$$



- Recast this problem as a variational problem. Clearly state the test and trial function spaces.
- Interpret the variational problem as an energy minimization problem, clearly stating the energy functional. Prove that the variational problem and the energy minimization problems are equivalent.
- Develop a cG(3) finite element method for this problem.
- Prove an *a priori* error estimate for this method in the *energy norm*:

$$\|e\|_E = \left\{ \int_0^1 (e'')^2 dx \right\}^{1/2}.$$

- Prove an *a priori* error estimate for this method in the  $L_2$  norm:

$$\|e\|_{L_2} = \left\{ \int_0^1 (e)^2 dx \right\}^{1/2}.$$

- Numerically implement the cG(3) method on a uniform mesh with the following functions

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= p_1(x) \cos(2\pi x) + p_2(x) \sin(2\pi x), \\ p_1(x) &= -64\pi(18 - 6\pi^4 x^2 + 18x^3 \pi^2 + 2\pi^4 x - 36\pi^2 x^2 - 27x + 12\pi^2 x + 4\pi^4 x^3 + 3\pi^2), \\ p_2(x) &= 216 - 816\pi^2 - 96\pi^4 + 32\pi^6 x^2 - 384\pi^4 x^3 - 64\pi^6 x^3 - 288\pi^4 x^2 \\ &\quad + 3456\pi^2 x + 576\pi^4 x - 2592\pi^2 x^2 + 144\pi^4 x^4 + 32\pi^6 x^4, \\ u(x) &= ((18 + 2\pi^2)x^2 + (-24 - 4\pi^2)x^3 + (9 + 2\pi^2)x^4) \sin(2\pi x). \end{aligned}$$

Numerically determine the convergence rate in both the *energy norm* and the  $L_2$ -norm by creating an appropriate convergence table.