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**MATH666 Finite Element Methods**  
**Homework 1**

- #1 (a) In order to recast this as a variational problem we will multiply the equation by a test function and integrate.

$$\begin{aligned} -u'' + qu &= f \\ -\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u''v \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv \, dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv \, dx \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' \, dx - (u'v)|_{-\pi}^{\pi} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv \, dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv \, dx \end{aligned}$$

If we let  $v(\pi) = v(-\pi)$ , then the boundary term goes to zero because  $u'(\pi) = u'(-\pi)$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv \, dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv \, dx$$

Thus the variational problem is to find a  $u \in V$  where

$$V = \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} ((u')^2 + qu^2) \, dx < \infty \mid u(\pi) = u(-\pi), u'(\pi) = u'(-\pi) \right\}$$

such that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv \, dx = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv \, dx$$

for all  $v \in V$ . The test function  $v$  must satisfy the periodic boundary conditions on the function value, but I believe we can also choose to have  $v$  satisfy the periodic condition on the derivative as well. This makes the test and trial function spaces the same.

- (b) The energy minimization problem that is equivalent to the variational problem is to find a  $u \in V$  such that

$$F(u) \leq F(w)$$

for all  $w \in V$ , where

$$F(w) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (w')^2 \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qw^2 \, dx \right) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fw \, dx$$

I will now prove that the energy minimization problem and the variational problem are equivalent.

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be a solution to the variational problem, and consider some  $w \in V$ . Then there exists  $v \in V$  such that  $u + v = w$ . Now consider  $F(w)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F(w) &= F(u + v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u' + v')^2 \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} q(u + v)^2 \, dx \right) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(u + v) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u')^2 + 2u'v' + (v')^2 \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qu^2 + 2quv + qv^2 \, dx \right) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(u + v) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u')^2 + qu^2 \, dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fu \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' + quv \, dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (v')^2 + qv^2 \, dx \\ &= F(u) + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv \, dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv \, dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (v')^2 + qv^2 \, dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  is a solution to the variational problem the middle three terms cancel

$$= F(u) + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (v')^2 + qv^2 \, dx$$

Also since  $q(x) > 0$  for  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$ , this integral is nonnegative

$$\geq F(u)$$

This shows that  $u$  is a solution to the energy minimization problem when  $u$  is a solution to the variational problem.

Now let  $u$  be a solution to the energy minimization problem, then

$$F(u) \leq F(w)$$

for all  $w \in V$ . Let  $v \in V$  and consider  $w = u + \varepsilon v$ , then  $F(u) \leq F(u + \varepsilon v)$ . Consider the function of  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$g(\varepsilon) = F(u + \varepsilon v)$$

we know that  $g$  has a minimum at  $\varepsilon = 0$  thus  $g'(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g(\varepsilon) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u' + \varepsilon v')^2 dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} q(u + \varepsilon v)^2 dx \right) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(u + \varepsilon v) dx \\ g'(\varepsilon) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv dx + 2\varepsilon \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (v')^2 + qv^2 dx \\ g'(0) &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv dx \\ 0 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv dx \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv dx \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for any  $v \in V$ , this shows that  $u$  is a solution to the variational problem.  $\square$

(c) Consider  $u, w \in V$  solutions to the variational, then for any  $v \in V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv dx \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} w'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qwv dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} fv dx \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u - w)'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} q(u - w)v dx &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the Galerkin Orthogonality property of this problem is

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u - w)'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} q(u - w)v dx = 0$$

for  $u, w$  solutions to the variational problem and for all  $v \in V$ .

The energy norm for this problem is found by letting  $v = u - w$  and taking the squareroot.

$$\|u\|_E = \sqrt{\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (u')^2 dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qu^2 dx}$$

Note that an energy inner product can be formed as well,

$$[u, v]_E = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u'v' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} quv dx \quad \|u\|_E = \sqrt{[u, u]_E}$$

This satisfies all the properties of an inner product.

$$\begin{aligned}
[u, v]_E &= [v, u]_E \\
[au, v]_E &= a[u, v]_E \\
[u + w, v]_E &= [u, v]_E + [w, v]_E \\
[u, u]_E &\geq 0 \\
[u, u]_E &= 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $q > 0$  is required for the last two statements. The fact that this forms an inner product allows the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to be applied directly to the energy norm. Also the Galerkin Orthogonality condition can be expressed as

$$[u - w, v]_E = 0$$

for  $u, w$  solutions to the variational problem and for all  $v \in V$ .

- (d) The cG(1) method for this problem is formulated by replacing the test and trial space  $V$  with a subspace,  $V_h^1$ . Let  $-\pi = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_M < x_{M+1} = \pi$  be a partition of  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , and define  $h_j = x_j - x_{j-1}$  and let  $h = \max_{1 \leq j \leq M+1} \{h_j\}$ . I will also define the functions

$$\phi_j(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - x_{j-1}}{x_j - x_{j-1}} & x_{j-1} \leq x \leq x_j \\ \frac{x - x_{j+1}}{x_j - x_{j+1}} & x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$  and

$$\phi_0(x) = \phi_{M+1}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} & x_0 \leq x \leq x_1 \\ \frac{x - x_{M+1}}{x_M - x_{M+1}} & x_M \leq x \leq x_{M+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then the space  $V_h^1 = \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{M+1} (\xi_j \phi_j) \mid \xi_{M+1} = \frac{h_1 h_{M+1}}{h_1 + h_{M+1}} \left( \frac{\xi_1}{h_1} + \frac{\xi_M}{h_{M+1}} \right) \right\}$ . The condition on  $\xi_{M+1}$  guarantees the continuity of the derivative at  $x_0 = x_{M+1}$ . The design of the basis function  $\phi_{M+1}$  guarantees the continuity of the function.

- (e) The following will show that the cG(1) method gives the optimal solution in the energy norm.

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be the solution to the original variational and let  $U$  be the solution to the cG(1) method. Consider an arbitrary  $v \in V_h^1$ , and note that Galerkin orthogonality states that  $[u - U, U - v]_E = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u - U\|_E^2 &= [u - U, u - U]_E \\
&= [u - U, u - U]_E + [u - U, U - v]_E \\
&= [u - U, u - v]_E
\end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\leq \|u - U\|_E \|u - v\|_E$$

This shows that  $\|u - U\|_E \leq \|u - v\|_E$ . □

Now in order to find an error estimate let  $v = \pi_h u$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|u - U\|_E^2 &\leq \|u - \pi_h u\|_E^2 \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} ((u - \pi_h u)')^2 dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} q(u - \pi_h u)^2 dx \\ &\leq Ch^2 \|u''\|^2 + Ch^4 \|u''\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\|u - U\|_E \leq Ch \|u''\|$$

since the  $h$  term dominates the error.

(f) Now I will find an error estimate in the  $L^2$  norm.

First note that this problem is self adjoint, and so the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}-\phi'' + q\phi &= e \\ \phi(-\pi) &= \phi(\pi) \\ \phi'(-\pi) &= \phi'(\pi)\end{aligned}$$

Now consider  $\|e\|_{L^2}^2$ ,

$$\|e\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^2 dx$$

Using the dual problem

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e(-\phi'' + q\phi) dx \\ &= - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e\phi'' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qe\phi dx \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e'\phi' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qe\phi dx\end{aligned}$$

Using Galerkin Orthogonality

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e'\phi' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qe\phi dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e'\pi_h\phi' dx - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qe\pi_h\phi dx \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e'(\phi - \pi_h\phi)' dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} qe(\phi - \pi_h\phi) dx \\ &= [e, \phi - \pi_h\phi]_E\end{aligned}$$

Now applying Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\leq \|e\|_E \|\phi - \pi_h\phi\|_E$$

From part (e)

$$\leq Ch \|u''\| \|\phi - \pi_h\phi\|_E$$

Now consider  $\|\phi - \pi_h\phi\|_E$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\phi - \pi_h\phi\|_E^2 &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} ((\phi - \pi_h\phi)')^2 dx + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} q(\phi - \pi_h\phi)^2 dx \\ &\leq C_1 h^2 \|\phi''\|^2 + C_2 h^4 \|\phi''\|^2\end{aligned}$$

Since the  $h^2$  term dominates, the  $h^4$  term can be incorporated into  $C_1$

$$\leq C_1 h^2 \|\phi''\|^2$$

Therefore  $\|\phi - \pi_h \phi\|_E \leq Ch \|\phi''\|$ .

Next I will show that  $\|\phi''\| \leq C\|e\|$ . Consider the dual problem again.

$$\begin{aligned} -\phi'' + q\phi &= e \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (-\phi'' + q\phi)^2 dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^2 dx \\ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (\phi'')^2 - 2q\phi''\phi + q^2\phi^2 dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^2 dx \\ \|\phi''\|^2 + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} -2q\phi''\phi + q^2\phi^2 dx &= \|e\|^2 \\ \|\phi''\|^2 + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 2q(\phi')^2 + q^2\phi^2 dx &= \|e\|^2 \\ \|\phi''\|^2 &= \|e\|^2 - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 2q(\phi')^2 + q^2\phi^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} 2q(\phi')^2 + q^2\phi^2 dx$  is strictly positive

$$\|\phi''\|^2 \leq \|e\|^2$$

Now putting this all together shows that

$$\|e\|_{L^2}^2 \leq Ch \|u''\|_{L^2} \|\phi - \pi_h \phi\|_E \leq Ch^2 \|u''\|_{L^2} \|\phi''\|_{L^2} \leq Ch^2 \|u''\|_{L^2} \|e\|_{L^2}$$

Dividing both side by  $\|e\|_{L^2}$  gives

$$\|e\|_{L^2} \leq Ch^2 \|u''\|_{L^2}$$

(g) The following function solves the cG(1) FEM.

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function [ xi ] = cg1(Bij, Bi0, B00, Li, L0, a, b, nCells )

A = zeros(nCells);
for i = 1:nCells
    for j = 1:i
        if( i < nCells && j < nCells)
            B = Bij(i, j);
        elseif ( i == nCells && j < nCells)
            B = Bi0(j);
        elseif ( i == nCells && j == nCells)
            B = B00;
        end
        A(i, j) = B;
        A(j, i) = B;
    end
end

rhs = zeros(nCells, 1);
for i = 1:nCells
    if( i < nCells)
        rhs(i) = Li(i);
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        else
            rhs(i) = L0;
        end
    end

    xi = A\rhs;
end

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The following script uses this function to solve the given problem.

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%% Problem 1
a = -pi;
b = pi;
q = @(x) 3 - sin(x) - sin(2*x) - cos(x);
f = @(x) 2*exp(sin(x)).*exp(cos(x));
exactSol = @(x) exp(sin(x)).*exp(cos(x));
exactSolD = @(x) (cos(x) - sin(x)).*exp(sin(x) + cos(x));
B = @(u, uD, v, vD) integral(@(x) uD(x).*vD(x) + q(x).*u(x).*v(x), a, b, 'AbsTol',
    ↪ 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
L = @(v) integral(@(x) f(x).*v(x), a, b, 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);

EnergyNorm = @(u, uD) sqrt(B(u, uD, u, uD));
L2Norm = @(u) sqrt(integral(@(x) (u(x)).^2, a, b, 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10))
    ↪ ;

hArray = [];
EnergyErrorArray = [];
L2ErrorArray = [];
for nCells = [10, 20, 40, 80, 160]
    h = (b - a)/nCells;
    hArray = [hArray, h];
    xj = @(j) a + h*j;
    phi = @(x, j) (x - xj(j-1))/h.*(x >= xj(j-1) & x <= xj(j)) - (x - xj(j+1))/h.*(
        ↪ x >= xj(j) & x <= xj(j+1));
    phiD = @(x, j) 1/h.*(x >= xj(j-1) & x <= xj(j)) - 1/h.*(x >= xj(j) & x <= xj(j
        ↪ +1));
    phi0 = @(x) -(x - xj(1))/h.*(x >= xj(0) & x < xj(1)) + (x - xj(nCells-1))/h.*(x
        ↪ >= xj(nCells-1) & x <= xj(nCells));
    phi0D = @(x) -1/h.*(x >= xj(0) & x < xj(1)) + 1/h.*(x >= xj(nCells-1) & x <= xj
        ↪ (nCells));

    Bij = @(i, j) integral(@(x) phiD(x, i).*phiD(x, j) + q(x).*phi(x, i).*phi(x, j),
        ↪ xj(i-1), xj(i+1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    Bi0 = @(i) integral(@(x) phiD(x, i).*phi0D(x) + q(x).*phi(x, i).*phi0(x), min(a,
        ↪ xj(i-1)), max(b, xj(i+1)), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B00 = integral(@(x) phi0D(x).*phi0D(x) + q(x).*phi0(x).*phi0(x), xj(0), xj(1),
        ↪ 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10) + ...
        integral(@(x) phi0D(x).*phi0D(x) + q(x).*phi0(x).*phi0(x), xj(nCells-1), xj
        ↪ (nCells), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);

    Li = @(i) integral(@(x) f(x).(phi(x, i)), xj(i-1), xj(i+1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, '
        ↪ RelTol', 1e-10);
    L0 = integral(@(x) f(x).*phi0(x), xj(0), xj(1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e
        ↪ -10) + ...
        integral(@(x) f(x).*phi0(x), xj(nCells-1), xj(nCells), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, '
        ↪ RelTol', 1e-10);
    xi = cg1(Bij, Bi0, B00, Li, L0, a, b, nCells);

    sol = @(x) sum([phi0(x)*xi(end); cell2mat(arrayfun(@(j) phi(x, j).*xi(j), 1:
        ↪ nCells-1, 'UniformOutput', false)))]);

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solD = @(x) sum([phi0D(x)*xi(end); cell2mat(arrayfun(@(j) phiD(x, j)*xi(j), 1:
    ↪ nCells-1, 'UniformOutput', false'))]);
EnergyError = EnergyNorm(@(x) exactSol(x) - sol(x), @(x) exactSolD(x) - solD(x)
    ↪ );
EnergyErrorArray = [EnergyErrorArray, EnergyError];
L2Error = L2Norm(@(x) exactSol(x) - sol(x));
L2ErrorArray = [L2ErrorArray, L2Error];
x = linspace(a, b, nCells*5);
plot(x, sol(x), x, exactSol(x));
pause();
end
EnergyOrder = log(EnergyErrorArray(1:end-1)./EnergyErrorArray(2:end))./log(hArray(1
    ↪ :end-1)./hArray(2:end));
L2Order = log(L2ErrorArray(2:end)./L2ErrorArray(1:end-1))./log(hArray(2:end)./
    ↪ hArray(1:end-1));
disp(EnergyOrder);
disp(L2Order);

%% Problem 2
p1 = @(x) -64*pi*(18 - 6*pi^4*x.^2 + 18*pi^2*x.^3 + 2*pi^4*x - 36*pi^2*x.^2 - ...
    27*x + 12*pi^2*x + 4*pi^4*x.^3 + 3*pi^2);
p2 = @(x) 216 - 816*pi^2 - 96*pi^4 + 32*pi^6*x.^2 - 384*pi^4*x.^3 - ...

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The following table gives the rates of convergence.

M+1	h	Energy Error	Energy Order	L2 Error	L2 Order
10	.628	1.02	-	0.17	-
20	.314	0.52	1	0.04	2
40	.157	0.26	1	0.01	2
80	.078	0.13	1	0.0026	2
160	.039	0.65	1	0.0007	2

#2 (a) In order to recast this as a variational problem I will multiply by a test function and integrate.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u^{(iv)} &= f \\
 \int_0^1 u^{(iv)} v \, dx &= \int_0^1 f v \, dx \\
 - \int_0^1 u''' v' \, dx + u''' v|_{x=0}^1 &= \int_0^1 f v \, dx \\
 \int_0^1 u'' v'' \, dx - u'' v'|_{x=0}^1 + u''' v|_{x=0}^1 &= \int_0^1 f v \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $v(0) = 0$  and  $v'(0) = 0$  gives

$$\int_0^1 u'' v'' \, dx = \int_0^1 f v \, dx$$

Thus the Bilinear operator and Linear operator of this variational problem are

$$B(u, v) = \int_0^1 u'' v'' \, dx \quad L(v) = \int_0^1 f v \, dx$$

The test and trial functions must be smooth enough to be well defined for these operators, so  $u$  and  $v$  must be in

$$V = \left\{ \int_0^1 (u'')^2 + (u')^2 + u^2 \, dx < \infty \mid u(0) = 0, u'(0) = 0, u''(1) = 0, u'''(1) = 0 \right\}$$



The test functions must satisfy the same boundary conditions in order for this operator to be self-adjoint.

(b) The energy functional is given by

$$F(w) = \frac{1}{2}B(w, w) - L(w) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (w'')^2 dx - \int_0^1 f w dx$$

Therefore the energy minimization problem is to find a  $u \in V$  such that

$$F(u) \leq F(w)$$

for all  $w \in V$ . Next I will prove that these two problems are equivalent.

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be a solution to the Energy Minimization problem, and let  $v \in V$ . Now consider  $g(\varepsilon) = F(u + \varepsilon v)$ . Since  $F$  has a minimum at  $u$ , this means that  $g'(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g(\varepsilon) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 ((u + \varepsilon v)'')^2 dx - \int_0^1 f(u + \varepsilon v) dx \\ g'(\varepsilon) &= \int_0^1 ((u + \varepsilon v)'')v'' dx - \int_0^1 f v dx \\ g'(0) &= \int_0^1 u''v'' dx - \int_0^1 f v dx \\ 0 &= \int_0^1 u''v'' dx - \int_0^1 f v dx \\ \int_0^1 u''v'' dx &= \int_0^1 f v dx \end{aligned}$$

Since this is true for any  $v \in V$ ,  $u$  is also a solution to the variational problem.

Now let  $u$  be a solution to the variational problem and let  $w \in V$ , then set  $v = w - u$ , so that  $u + v = w$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F(w) &= F(u + v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 ((u + v)'')^2 dx - \int_0^1 f(u + v) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (u'')^2 + 2u''v'' + (v'')^2 dx - \int_0^1 f(u + v) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (u'')^2 dx - \int_0^1 f u dx + \int_0^1 u''v'' dx - \int_0^1 f v dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (v'')^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u$  is a solution to the variational problem

$$\begin{aligned} &= F(u) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (v'')^2 dx \\ &\geq F(u) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $u$  is also a solution to the Energy Minimization problem. □

(c) The cG(3) method for this problem is formulated by replacing the test and trial space  $V$  with a subspace,  $V_h^3$ . Let  $-\pi = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_M < x_{M+1} = \pi$  be a partition of  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , and

define  $h_j = x_j - x_{j-1}$  and let  $h = \max_{1 \leq j \leq M+1} \{h_j\}$ . I will also define the functions

$$\phi_j^1(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{2(x-x_j)}{h^3}\right)(x-x_{j-1})^2 & x_{j-1} \leq x \leq x_j \\ \left(\frac{1}{h^2} + \frac{2(x-x_j)}{h^3}\right)(x-x_{j+1})^2 & x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\phi_j^2(x) = \begin{cases} (x-x_j)\frac{(x-x_{j-1})^2}{h^2} & x_{j-1} \leq x \leq x_j \\ (x-x_j)\frac{(x-x_{j+1})^2}{h^2} & x_j \leq x \leq x_{j+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$  and

$$\phi_{M+1}^1(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{h^2} - \frac{2(x-x_{M+1})}{h^3}\right)(x-x_M)^2 & x_M \leq x \leq x_{M+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_{M+1}^2(x) = \begin{cases} (x-x_{M+1})\frac{(x-x_M)^2}{h^2} & x_M \leq x \leq x_{M+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $j = M+1$ .

Then the space  $V_h^3 = \text{span}(\phi_j^1, \phi_j^2)_{j=1}^{M+1}$ . The design of the basis functions guarantees the continuity of the function and its derivative.

Thus the FEM is to find a solution to the variational problem in  $V_h^3$ , that is find  $u \in V_h^3$  such that

$$B(u, v) = L(v)$$

for all  $v \in V_h^3$ .

(d) Next I will find a a priori estimate for the error in terms of the energy norm.

$$\begin{aligned} \|e\|_E^2 &= \|u - u_h\|_E^2 \\ &= B(u - u_h, u - u_h) \end{aligned}$$

By Galerkin Orthogonality  $B(u - u_h, u_h - \pi_h u) = 0$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &= B(u - u_h, u - u_h) + B(u - u_h, u_h - \pi_h u) \\ &= B(u - u_h, u - \pi_h u) \end{aligned}$$

Using Cauchy-Schwarz

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \|u - u_h\|_E \|u - \pi_h u\|_E \\ \|e\|_E &\leq \|u - \pi_h u\|_E \\ &\leq \sqrt{\int_0^1 ((u - \pi_h u)')^2 dx} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\int_0^1 (ch^2 \|u^{(iv)}\|_{L^2})^2 dx} \\ &\leq ch^2 \|u^{(iv)}\|_{L^2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus this method is second order accurate in the energy norm.

- (e) The error estimate in the  $L^2$  norm can be found by considering the dual problem. Since this problem is self-adjoint, the dual problem is

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^{(iv)} &= f \\ \phi(0) &= \phi'(0) = \phi''(1) = \phi'''(1) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Now consider  $\|e\|_{L^2}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|e\|_{L^2}^2 &= \int_0^1 e^2 \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 e \phi^{(iv)} \, dx \\ &= - \int_0^1 e' \phi''' \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 e'' \phi'' \, dx\end{aligned}$$

Using Galerkin Orthogonality

$$\begin{aligned}&= \int_0^1 e'' \phi'' \, dx - \int_0^1 e'' (\pi_h \phi)'' \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 e'' (\phi - \pi_h \phi)'' \, dx\end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy-Swarz Inequality

$$\begin{aligned}&\leq \|e\|_E \|\phi - \pi_h \phi\|_E \\ &\leq Ch^2 \|u^{(iv)}\|_{L^2} Ch^2 \|\phi^{(iv)}\|_{L^2}\end{aligned}$$

Using the dual problem and taking the  $L^2$  norm of both sides, we see that  $\|\phi^{(iv)}\|_{L^2} = \|e\|_{L^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\|e\|_{L^2}^2 &\leq Ch^4 \|u^{(iv)}\|_{L^2} \|e\|_{L^2} \\ \|e\|_{L^2} &\leq Ch^4 \|u^{(iv)}\|_{L^2}\end{aligned}$$

Thus the FEM is fourth order accurate in the  $L^2$  norm.

- (f) The following function solves the cG(3) FEM.

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function [ xi ] = cg3(B11ij, B11Mp1j, B11Mp1Mp1, B12ij, B12Mp1j, B12iMp1, B12Mp1Mp1
    ↪ , B22ij, B22Mp1j, B22Mp1Mp1, L1i, L1Mp1, L2i, L2Mp1, a, b, M )
A11 = zeros(M+1);
A22 = zeros(M+1);
for i = 1:M+1
    for j = 1:i
        if(i == M+1)
            B11 = B11Mp1j(j);
            B22 = B22Mp1j(j);
        else
            B11 = B11ij(i, j);
            B22 = B22ij(i, j);
        end
    end
end
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        A11(i, j) = B11;
        A11(j, i) = B11;
        A22(i, j) = B22;
        A22(j, i) = B22;
    end
end
A11(M+1,M+1) = B11Mp1Mp1;
A22(M+1,M+1) = B22Mp1Mp1;

A12 = zeros(M+1);
for i = 1:M+1
    for j = 1:M+1
        if (i == M+1)
            B12 = B12Mp1j(j);
        elseif (j == M+1)
            B12 = B12iMp1(i);
        else
            B12 = B12ij(i, j);
        end
        A12(i, j) = B12;
    end
end
A12(M+1, M+1) = B12Mp1Mp1;

A = [A11, A12; A12', A22];
% zero out small values
A(abs(A)<1e-10)=0;

rhs1 = zeros(M+1,1);
rhs2 = zeros(M+1,1);
for i = 1:M
    rhs1(i) = L1i(i);
    rhs2(i) = L2i(i);
end
rhs1(M+1) = L1Mp1;
rhs2(M+1) = L2Mp1;
rhs = [rhs1; rhs2];

xi = A\rhs;
end

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The following script uses this function to solve the given problem.

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%% Problem 2
p1 = @(x) -64*pi*(18 - 6*pi^4*x.^2 + 18*pi^2*x.^3 + 2*pi^4*x - 36*pi^2*x.^2 - ...
    27*x + 12*pi^2*x + 4*pi^4*x.^3 + 3*pi^2);
p2 = @(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 + 3456*pi^2*x + 576*pi^4*x - 2592*pi^2*x.^2 + ...
    144*pi^4*x.^4 + 32*pi^6*x.^4;
f = @(x) p1(x).*cos(2*pi*x) + p2(x).*sin(2*pi*x);
exactSol = @(x) ((18 + 2*pi^2)*x.^2 + (-24-4*pi^2)*x.^3 + (9 + 2*pi^2)*x.^4).*sin
    ↪ (2*pi*x);
exactSolDD = @(x) 4.*pi.*(2.*(18+2.*pi.^2).*x+3.*((-24)+(-4).*pi.^2).*x
    ↪ .^2+4.*(9+2.*pi.^2).*x.^3+12.*(9+2.*pi.^2).*x.^2).*sin(2.*pi.*x)+(-4).*pi.^2.*((
    18+2.*pi.^2).*x.^2+((-24)+(-4).*pi.^2).*x.^3+(9+2.*pi.^2).*x.^4).*sin
    ↪ (2.*pi.*x);
a = 0;
b = 1;

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B = @(uDD, vDD) integral(@(x) uDD(x).*vDD(x), a, b, 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
L = @(v) integral(@(x) f(x).*v(x), a, b, 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);

EnergyNorm = @(uDD) sqrt(B(uDD, uDD));
L2Norm = @(u) sqrt(integral(@(x) (u(x)).^2, a, b, 'AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10));

hArray = [];
EnergyErrorArray = [];
L2ErrorArray = [];
for M = [9, 19, 39] % 79, 159
%for M = [9, 19]
    h = (b - a)/(M+1);
    hArray = [hArray, h];
    xj = @(j) a + h*j;
    phi1 = @(x, j) (3*((x-xj(j-1))/h).^2 - 2*((x - xj(j-1))/h).^3).*(x >= xj(j-1) &
        x < xj(j)) ...
        + (3*((x-xj(j+1))/h).^2 - 2*((x - xj(j+1))/(-1*h)).^3).*(x >= xj(j) & x <=
            xj(j+1));
    phi2 = @(x, j) ((x - xj(j)).*(x - xj(j-1)).^2/h^2).*(x >= xj(j-1) & x < xj(j))
        + ((x - xj(j)).*(x - xj(j+1)).^2/h^2).*(x >= xj(j) & x <= xj(j+1));
    phi1Mp1 = @(x, j) (3*((x-xj(M))/h).^2 - 2*((x - xj(M))/h).^3).*(x >= xj(M) & x
        <= xj(M+1));
    phi2Mp1 = @(x) ((x - xj(M+1)).*(x - xj(M)).^2/h^2).*(x >= xj(M) & x <= xj(M+1));
    phi1DD = @(x, j) (6/h^2 - 12*(x - xj(j-1))/h^3).*(x >= xj(j-1) & x < xj(j)) ...
        + (6/h^2 + 12*(x - xj(j+1))/h^3).*(x >= xj(j) & x <= xj(j+1));
    phi2DD = @(x, j) (2*(x - xj(j)) + 4*(x - xj(j-1))).*(x >= xj(j-1) & x < xj(j))
        + (2*(x - xj(j)) + 4*(x - xj(j+1))).*(x >= xj(j) & x <= xj(j+1));
    phi1DDMp1 = @(x) (6/h^2 - 12*(x - xj(M))/h^3).*(x >= xj(M) & x <= xj(M+1));
    phi2DDMp1 = @(x) (2*(x - xj(M+1)) + 4*(x - xj(M))).*(x >= xj(M) & x <= xj(M+1));

    B11ij = @(i, j) integral(@(x) phi1DD(x, i).*phi1DD(x, j), xj(i-1), xj(i+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B11Mp1j = @(j) integral(@(x) phi1DDMp1(x).*phi1DD(x, j), xj(M), xj(M+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B11Mp1Mp1 = integral(@(x) phi1DDMp1(x).*phi1DDMp1(x), xj(M), xj(M+1), 'AbsTol'
        , 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B12ij = @(i, j) integral(@(x) phi1DD(x, i).*phi2DD(x, j), xj(i-1), xj(i+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B12Mp1j = @(j) integral(@(x) phi1DDMp1(x).*phi2DD(x, j), xj(M), xj(M+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B12iMp1 = @(i) integral(@(x) phi1DD(x, i).*phi2DDMp1(x), xj(M), xj(M+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B12Mp1Mp1 = integral(@(x) phi1DDMp1(x).*phi2DDMp1(x), xj(M), xj(M+1), 'AbsTol'
        , 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B22ij = @(i, j) integral(@(x) phi2DD(x, i).*phi2DD(x, j), xj(i-1), xj(i+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B22Mp1j = @(j) integral(@(x) phi2DDMp1(x).*phi2DD(x, j), xj(M), xj(M+1), '
        AbsTol', 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    B22Mp1Mp1 = integral(@(x) phi2DDMp1(x).*phi2DDMp1(x), xj(M), xj(M+1), 'AbsTol'
        , 1e-10, 'RelTol', 1e-10);
    L1i = @(i) integral(@(x) f(x).*(phi1(x, i)), xj(i-1), xj(i+1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10,
        'RelTol', 1e-10);
    L2i = @(i) integral(@(x) f(x).*(phi2(x, i)), xj(i-1), xj(i+1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10,
        'RelTol', 1e-10);

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L1Mp1 = integral(@(x) f(x).*(phi1Mp1(x)), xj(M), xj(M+1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, '
    ↪ RelTol', 1e-10);
L2Mp1 = integral(@(x) f(x).*(phi2Mp1(x)), xj(M), xj(M+1), 'AbsTol', 1e-10, '
    ↪ RelTol', 1e-10);

xi = cg3(B11ij, B11Mp1j, B11Mp1Mp1, B12ij, B12Mp1j, B12iMp1, B12Mp1Mp1, B22ij,
    ↪ B22Mp1j, B22Mp1Mp1, L1i, L1Mp1, L2i, L2Mp1, a, b, M);

sol = @(x) sum([cell2mat(arrayfun(@(j) phi1(x, j).*xi(j), 1:M, 'UniformOutput',
    ↪ false)); phi1Mp1(x).*xi(M+1); cell2mat(arrayfun(@(j) phi2(x, j).*xi(M
    ↪ +1+j), 1:M, 'UniformOutput', false)); phi2Mp1(x).*xi(end)]);
solDD = @(x) sum([cell2mat(arrayfun(@(j) phi1DD(x, j).*xi(j), 1:M, '
    ↪ UniformOutput', false)); phi1DDMp1(x).*xi(M+1); cell2mat(arrayfun(@(j)
    ↪ phi2DD(x, j).*xi(M+1+j), 1:M, 'UniformOutput', false)); phi2DDMp1(x).*xi
    ↪ (end)]);
EnergyError = EnergyNorm(@(x) exactSolDD(x) - solDD(x));
EnergyErrorArray = [EnergyErrorArray, EnergyError];
L2Error = L2Norm(@(x) exactSol(x) - sol(x));
L2ErrorArray = [L2ErrorArray, L2Error];
x = linspace(a, b, nCells*5);
plot(x, sol(x), x, exactSol(x));
pause();
end
EnergyOrder = log(EnergyErrorArray(1:end-1)./EnergyErrorArray(2:end))./log(hArray(1
    ↪ :end-1)./hArray(2:end));
L2Order = log(L2ErrorArray(2:end)./L2ErrorArray(1:end-1))./log(hArray(2:end)./
    ↪ hArray(1:end-1));
disp(EnergyOrder);
disp(L2Order);

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The following shows the order of convergence

M+1	h	Energy Error	Energy Order	L2 Error	L2 Order
10	0.1	3.6	-	0.0016	-
20	0.05	0.9	1.99	0.0001	3.99
40	0.025	0.22	1.99	0.000006	4.02
80	0.0125	0.057	1.99	0.0000004	3.83
160	0.00625	0.013	2.05	0.0000004	0.065