

# Finite element -- Continuity of linear functional, coercivity of bilinear form, Uniqueness and Stability

$$\underline{a(u, v) = l(v)} \quad \text{for all } v \in X_v$$

$$u \in X_u$$

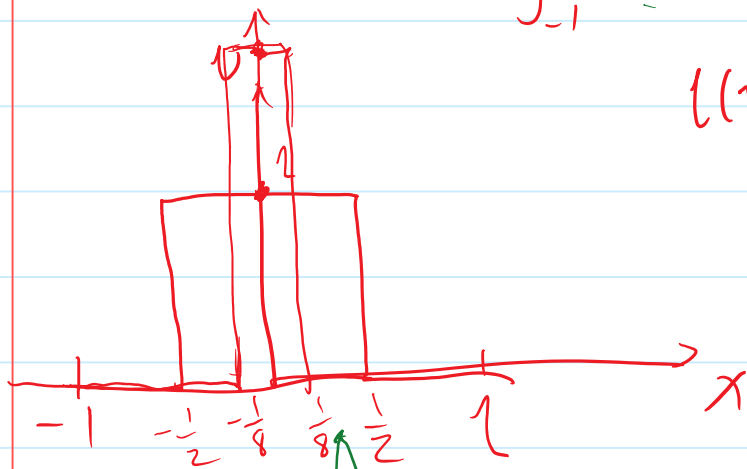
$l(v)$  is continuous iff

$$\|l\|_{X_v} = \sup_{v \in X_v} \frac{|l(v)|}{\|v\|_{X_v}} < \infty$$

or equivalently  $\exists C$ , s.t.  $\frac{\|l(v)\|}{\|v\|_{X_v}} < C \quad \forall v$

example  $\delta(x)$  is a linear functional

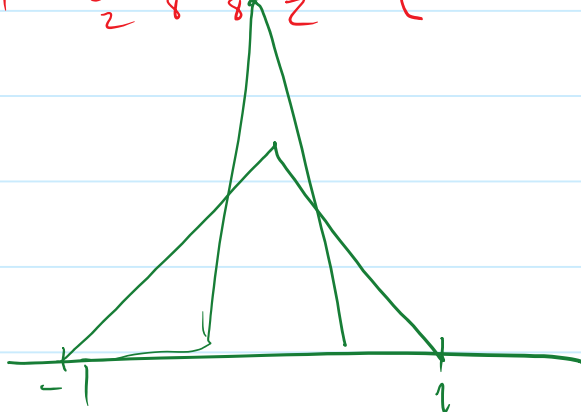
$$l(v) = \int_{-1}^1 \delta(x) \cdot v(x) dx$$



$l(v)$  is not continuous in  $L^2$   
is continuous in  $H^1$ .

$$\|v\|_{H^1} = \int_{-1}^1 \left( v^2 + \left( \frac{dv}{dx} \right)^2 \right) dx$$

if  $\|v\|_{H^1} = 1$



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continuity of  $a(u, v)$  ,  $\exists C < \infty$

$$|a(u, v)| \leq C \|u\| \cdot \|v\| \text{ for all } u, v$$

Coercivity:  $\exists 0 < B < \infty$

$$\text{s.t. } a(u, u) \geq B \cdot \|u\|^2$$

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well-posedness of weak form:

if  $u$  satisfying  $a(u, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v$

then  $B \|u\|^2 \leq a(u, u)$

$$\|u\| \leq \frac{1}{B} \cdot \frac{a(u, u)}{\|u\|} = \frac{1}{B} \left( \frac{l(u)}{\|u\|} \right) \leq \frac{1}{B} \|l\|$$

if  $u_1, u_2$  satisfying the same  $a(u_1, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v$   
 $a(u_2, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v$

$$a(u_1 - u_2, v) = \underline{0}$$

$$\|u_1 - u_2\| \leq \frac{1}{B} \cdot \|0\| = 0$$

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$$\textcircled{D} \quad \underline{a(u, u)} = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx \quad \text{with } \underline{u(0)=u(1)=0}$$

$$\underline{\|u\|_{H^1}^2} = \int_0^1 \left( u^2 + \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 \right) dx \leq P' \cdot \int_0^1 \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx + \int_0^1 \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx$$

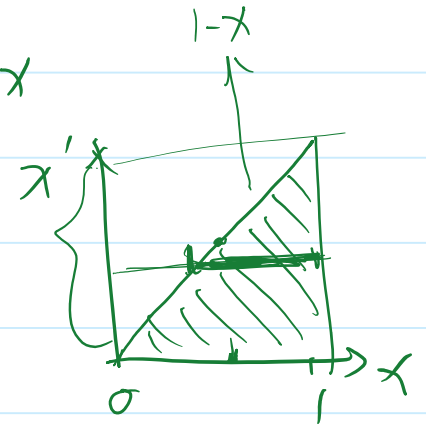
Poincaré's inequality.

$$\int_0^1 (u - \bar{u})^2 dx \leq P \cdot \int_0^1 \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx$$

$$\bar{u} = \int_0^1 u dx$$

$$\bar{u} = \int_0^1 \int_0^x \left( \frac{du}{dx'} \right) dx' \cdot dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right) (1-x) dx$$



Neumann,  $\frac{du}{dx} = 0$  at  $x=0, 1$

$$\underline{a(u, u)} = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx$$

$$\underline{\|u\|^2} = \int_0^1 u^2 + \left( \frac{du}{dx} \right)^2 dx$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x^2} dx = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_0^1 = 0 = - \int_0^1 f dx \quad a(u, v) = l(v) \quad \text{not well-posed}$$

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$$a(u, v) = u^T A v$$

$\uparrow$   
 $n \times n$  matrix

$$u \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

coercivity

$$u^T A u \geq \beta \cdot \|u\| \cdot \|u\|$$

$$u^T \overline{U} \geq \overline{U}^T u$$

$\uparrow$

## Finite element -- A priori and a posteriori error estimate

$u, u^h$

$u$  satisfies  $a(u, v) = l(v)$  for all  $v \in X$

$u^h$  satisfies  $a(u^h, v^h) = l(v^h)$  for all  $v^h \in X_h$

$$X_h \subset X$$

e.g.  $X = H^1$  continuous

$X_h = \{ \text{piecewise linear functions} \}$

a priori :  $\|u - u^h\|$  estimated in terms of  $a, l,$   
and  $u,$

a posteriori  $\|u - u^h\|$  estimated - - -  $a, l, \underline{u^h}$

$$\sim \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial x^4} \cdot \Delta x^3 \frac{1}{12} + O(\Delta x^4) \quad \text{a priori}$$

## Finite element -- Minimization error in energy norm

Energy norm is  $a(u, u)$  when  $a$  is symmetric

$$a(u, v) = a(v, u)$$

$$B \|u\|^2 \leq a(u, u) \leq C \|u\|^2 \quad \text{equivalent}$$

$\uparrow$  coercivity                       $\uparrow$  continuity

$a(u - u^h, u - u^h)$  compared with  $a(u - w^h, u - w^h)$   
for another  $w^h \in X^h$

$$a(u - w^h, u - w^h) = a(u - w^h, u - u^h) + \underline{a(u - w^h, u^h - w^h)}$$

$$a(u, u^h - w^h) = \underline{1(u^h - w^h)}$$

$$a(u^h, u^h - w^h) =$$

$$= \underline{a(u - w^h, u - u^h)} + a(u^h - w^h, u^h - w^h)$$

$$a(u - w^h, u - u^h) = a(u - u^h, u - u^h) + \underline{a(u^h - w^h, u - u^h)}$$

$$= \underline{a(u - u^h, u - u^h)} + \underline{a(u^h - w^h, 0)}$$

$$a(u - w^h, u - w^h) = \underline{a(u - u^h, u - u^h)} + \underline{a(u^h - w^h, u^h - w^h)}$$

$$\geq \underline{a(u - u^h, u - u^h)} + \underline{B \|u^h - w^h\|^2}$$

$$a(u - u^h, u - u^h) \leq a(u - w^h, u - w^h) \quad \text{for all } w^h$$

# Finite element -- Interpolation and interpolation error

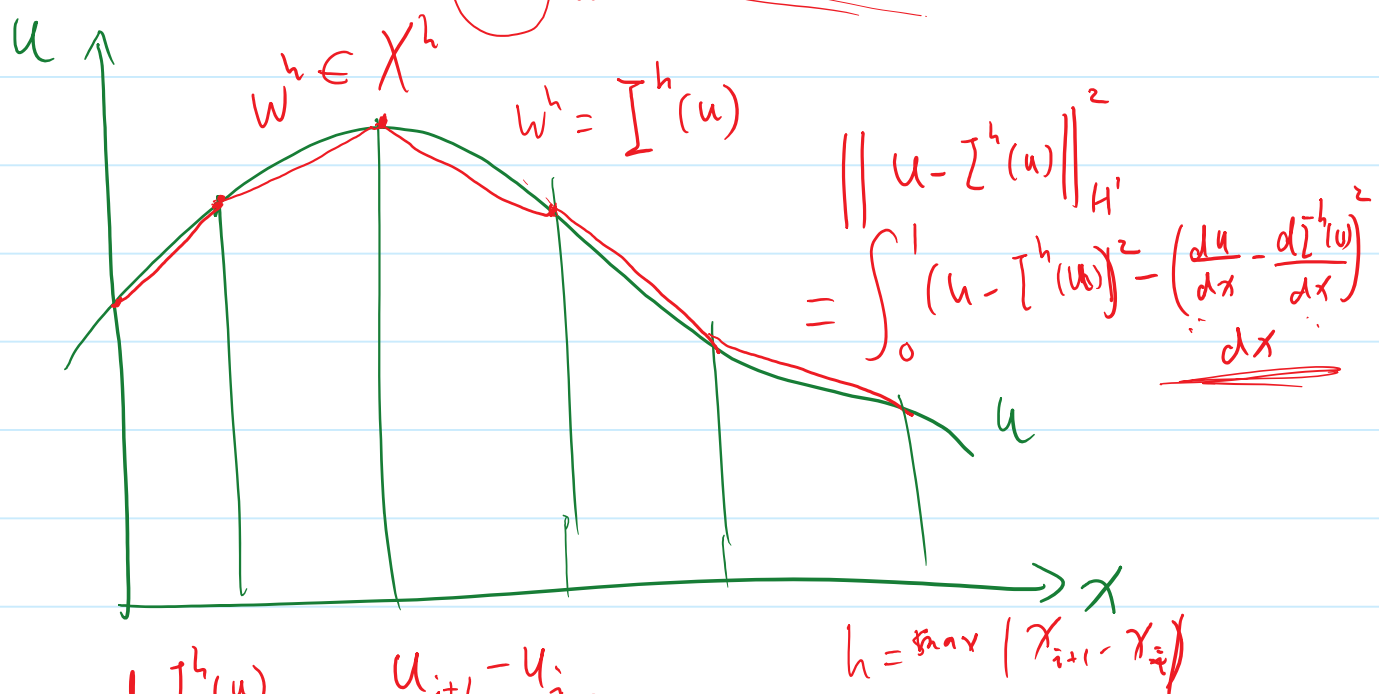
$$\|u - u^h\|_{H^1} \leq A \|u - w^h\|_{H^1} \text{ for all } w^h \in X^h$$

$$\|u - u^h\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \frac{1}{B} \cdot a(u - u^h, u - u^h)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{B} \cdot a(u - w^h, u - w^h)$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{C}{B}\right) \cdot \|u - w^h\|_{H^1}^2$$

$$\|u - u^h\|_{H^1}^2 \leq \left(\frac{C}{B}\right) \inf_{w^h \in X^h} \|u - w^h\|_{H^1}^2$$



$$\frac{d I^h(u)}{dx} = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

$$\left. \frac{du}{dx} \right|_{\xi} = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i}$$

$$x_i \leq \xi \leq x_{i+1}$$

$$O(h)$$

$$\left. \frac{du}{dx} \right|_{\eta} = \left. \frac{du}{dx} \right|_{\xi} + \left( \left. \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} \right|_{\xi} (\eta - \xi) + O(\eta - \xi)^2 \right)$$

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u(x) |<sub>ξ</sub>

$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} |_{\xi}$

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u(x)

$$\frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{\eta} = \frac{du}{dx} \Big|_{\xi} + \left( \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} \Big|_{\xi} (\eta - \xi) + o(\eta - \xi)^2 \right)$$



## Finite element -- Error bound in H1 norm

$$(u - I^h(u))(\xi) = \int_{\xi_i}^{\xi} \underbrace{\left( \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{dI^h(u)}{dx} \right)}_{O(h)} dx$$

$$\|u - I^h(u)\|^2 = \int \underbrace{(u - I^h(u))^2}_{O(h^2)} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{d}{dx} (u - I^h(u)) \right)^2}_{O(h)} dx = O(h^2)$$

$$\|u - u^h\|^2 \leq \frac{C}{\beta} \|u - I^h(u)\|^2 \leq O(h^2)$$

## Finite element -- Error bound in L2 norm

$$\|u - u^h\|_{L_2}^2 \leq \|u - u^h\|_{H^1}^2 \sim O(h^2)$$