

# A random title for a random problem

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## 1 Formulation

## 2 A priori error analysis

### Galerkin

Define  $\Pi_h: \tilde{V}_h \rightarrow V_h$  such that if  $\tilde{v}_h(x) = \sum_i \tilde{v}_i \tilde{\varphi}_i(x)$  then  $\Pi_h \tilde{v}_h(x) = \sum_i \tilde{v}_i \varphi_i(x)$ . Analogously, we denote by  $\Pi_h^{-1}: V_h \rightarrow \tilde{V}_h$  the inverse operator such that if  $v_h = \sum_i v_i \varphi_i(x)$ , then  $\Pi_h^{-1} v_h(x) = \sum_i v_i \tilde{\varphi}_i(x)$ . It is clear that  $\Pi_h \circ \Pi_h^{-1} = \text{Id}$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h, v_h) &= f(v_h), \quad \forall v_h \in V_h, \\ a(\tilde{u}_h, \tilde{v}_h) &= f(\tilde{v}_h), \quad \forall \tilde{v}_h \in \tilde{V}_h. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Galerkin “orthogonality”,  $\forall v_h \in V_h$

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h - \tilde{u}_h, v_h) &= f(v_h - \tilde{v}_h) + a(\tilde{u}_h, \tilde{v}_h - v_h) \\ &\leq (C_f + C_a \|\tilde{u}_h\|_V) \|v_h - \tilde{v}_h\|_V. \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

for all  $\tilde{v}_h \in \tilde{V}_h$ . Choose  $\tilde{v}_h = \Pi_h^{-1} v_h$ ,

$$a(u_h - \tilde{u}_h, v_h) \leq (C_f + C_a \|\tilde{u}_h\|_V) \|v_h - \Pi_h^{-1} v_h\|_V. \tag{3}$$

### Interpolation estimates

**Goal:** Estimate  $\|\nabla(v_h - \Pi_h v_h)\|_{L^2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(v_h - \Pi_h v_h)\|_{L^2} &= \left\| \sum_i v_i \nabla(\varphi_i - \tilde{\varphi}_i) \right\|_{L^2} \\ &\leq \sum_i |v_i| \|\nabla(\varphi_i - \tilde{\varphi}_i)\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

If  $S_i$  support of  $\varphi_i$  and  $\tilde{S}_i$  support of  $\tilde{\varphi}_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\nabla(\varphi_i - \tilde{\varphi}_i)\|_{L^2}^2 &= \int_D |\nabla(\varphi_i - \tilde{\varphi}_i)|^2 \\ &= \int_{S_i} |\nabla(\varphi_i - \tilde{\varphi}_i)|^2 + \int_{\tilde{S}_i \setminus S_i} |\nabla \tilde{\varphi}_i|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

**One-dimensional case.** Define

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}_i &= \frac{h_{i+1} - h_i}{2}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1 \\ \bar{h}_0 &= 0, \quad \bar{h}_N = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

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And the points  $\tilde{x}_i = x_i + \alpha_i \bar{h}_i^{p+1}$  for some  $p > 1$ ,  $\alpha_i$  such that  $|\alpha_i| \leq M$  and  $i = 0, \dots, N$ . Estimate the two terms separately. Linear basis functions

$$\nabla \tilde{\varphi}_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{h_i + (\alpha_i \bar{h}_i^{p+1} - C_{i-1} \bar{h}_{i-1}^{p+1})}, & \text{in } (\tilde{x}_{i-1}, \tilde{x}_i), \\ \frac{-1}{h_{i+1} + (\alpha_{i+1} \bar{h}_{i+1}^{p+1} - \alpha_i \bar{h}_i^{p+1})}, & \text{in } (\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{x}_{i+1}) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tilde{S}_i \setminus S_i} |\nabla \tilde{\varphi}_i|^2 &= \int_{\tilde{x}_{i-1}}^{x_{i-1}} |\nabla \tilde{\varphi}_i|^2 + \int_{\tilde{x}_{i+1}}^{x_{i+1}} |\nabla \tilde{\varphi}_i|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{(h_i + (\alpha_i \bar{h}_i^{p+1} - \alpha_{i-1} \bar{h}_{i-1}^{p+1}))^2} \alpha_{i-1} \bar{h}_{i-1}^{p+1} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(h_{i+1} + (\alpha_{i+1} \bar{h}_{i+1}^{p+1} - \alpha_i \bar{h}_i^{p+1}))^2} \alpha_{i+1} \bar{h}_{i+1}^{p+1} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{(h_i - M(\bar{h}_i^{p+1} + \bar{h}_{i-1}^{p+1}))^2} + \frac{1}{(h_{i+1} - M(\bar{h}_{i+1}^{p+1} + \bar{h}_i^{p+1}))^2} \right) M h^{p+1} \\ &\leq C \left( \frac{1}{\bar{h}_i^2} + \frac{1}{\bar{h}_{i+1}^2} \right) h^{p+1} \leq C h^{p-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where in the last step we used the fact that  $h \leq C h_i$  (quasi-uniform).

### Almost sure convergence

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \|u_h - U_h\|_V^2 &\leq a(u_h - \tilde{u}_h, u_h - U_h) + a(\tilde{u}_h - U_h, u_h - U_h) \\ &\leq (C_f + C_a \|\tilde{u}_h\|_V) \|u_h - U_h - \Pi_h^{-1}(u_h - U_h)\|_V + C_a \|\tilde{u}_h - U_h\|_V \|u_h - U_h\|_V. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Hence

$$\|u_h - U_h\|_V \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} (C_f + C_a \|\tilde{u}_h\|_V) \text{int.estimate} + C_a \|\tilde{u}_h - U_h\|_V. \quad (10)$$

$L^2(\Omega)$  convergence

## 3 A posteriori error analysis

## 4 Inverse problems

## References