

**Instructions.** Identify the group of 2 classmates with whom you will complete this assignment. Then, for each of the homework problems below,

1. Please have the group write up one complete solution in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.
2. Document the contributions of each member of the group in solving this problem. Be sure to include any references you have used to arrive at this solution, *e.g.* web pages, texts, etc.
3. Include sufficient written discussion to demonstrate your understanding of the problem.

Please submit your homework solutions by **March 12** before 11:59 pm.

### Homework Problems.

*In this assignment we will consider the solution of an elliptic PDE in a inhomogeneous medium. This problem appears in several applications : it is for example the equation that describes the distribution of temperature in a medium with inhomogeneous thermal conductivity.*

Assume that  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is an open, bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$ ,  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $k \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ , and there exist  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$k(x) \geq \alpha, \quad \forall x \in \Omega \quad (1)$$

1. We want to find the temperature  $u$  in a material with thermal conductivity  $k(x)$ ,

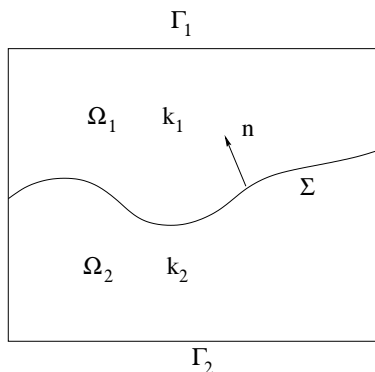
$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(k(x)\nabla u(x)) = f(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- (a) Write problem (2) in a weak form

$$a(u, v) = L(v) \quad \forall v \in V \quad (3)$$

2. Assume that  $\Omega$  consists of two sub-domains  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$ , and that the thermal conductivity is constant in each subdomain

$$k(x) = \begin{cases} k_1 & \text{in } \Omega_1 \\ k_2 & \text{in } \Omega_2 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Figure 1: Schematic representation of the problem  $\Omega = \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$ 

Denote by  $\Sigma$  the boundary between  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$ ,  $\Sigma = \overline{\Omega}_1 \cap \overline{\Omega}_2$ ,  $\Gamma_j = \Gamma \cap \partial\Omega_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

Take  $\Omega = [-1, 1]^2$ ,  $\Sigma = [-1, 1] \times \{y = 0\}$ ,  $\Omega_1 = \Omega \cap \{y > 0\}$  and  $\Omega_2 = \Omega \cap \{y < 0\}$ .

We want to approximate (3) using  $Q^1$  finite elements. Construct a discretization of  $\Omega$  using squares of size  $h$ ,  $\Omega = \cup_{l=1}^{N_{el}} T_l$ . Let  $N_{el}$  be the total number of finite elements,  $T_l$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, N_{el}$  and denote  $(M_i)_{i=1..N_s}$  the degrees of freedom (d.o.f.) associated to the vertices of the finite elements,  $N_s$  being the total number of d.o.f. We can write  $N_s = N_i + N_d$ , with  $N_i$  the interior points that do not belong to the boundary  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$  and  $N_d$  the the d.o.f on  $\Gamma$  with the boundary condition Dirichlet.

- (a) Construct a discretization of  $\Omega$ , so that  $\Sigma$  coincides with some finite elements edges (see Figure 2).

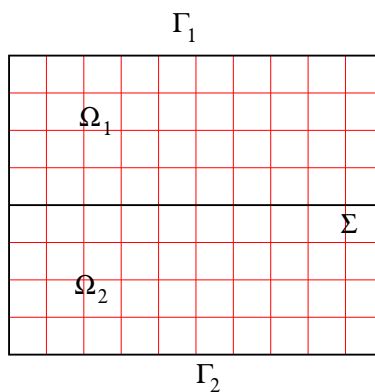


Figure 2: Discretization example

It would be convenient to define :

- (i)  $N_{el}, N_i, N_d, N_s$

- (ii)  $coor(m, i)$ , the  $i$ th coordinate of the  $m$ th point ( $1 \leq m \leq N_s, 1 \leq i \leq 2$ ).
- (iii)  $lg(l, i)$  the global number of the  $i$ th degree of freedom of the  $l$ th finite element ( $1 \leq l \leq N_{el}, 1 \leq i \leq 4$ ).
- (iv)  $ref(l)$  a pointer depending on the finite element  $l$ , such that

$$ref(l) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } T_l \subset \Omega_1 \\ 2 & \text{if } T_l \subset \Omega_2 \end{cases}$$

The discretization space is  $V_h$ ,

$$V_h = \{v \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}), v|_{T_l} \in Q^1(T_l), \forall T_l, \}$$

and  $(\varphi_J)_{J=1, N_s}$ , the basis functions,

$$\varphi_J(M_I) = \delta_{IJ} \quad 1 \leq I, J \leq N_s$$

We seek an approximate solution of the form

$$u_h(x) = \sum_{J=1}^{N_s} u_J \varphi_J(x)$$

- (b) Show that the discrete problem can be written a linear system of the form :

$$KU = F \tag{5}$$

with  $U = (u_J)_{J=1, N_s}$  and  $u_J = 0$  if  $M_J$  is on the boundary  $\Gamma$ . Compute the rigidity matrix  $K$ . Don't forget to take into account the Dirichlet boundary condition.

To compute the second member we can approximate  $f$  by  $f_h$ ,

$$f_h = \Pi_h f = \sum_{J=1}^{N_i} f_J \varphi_J$$

with  $f_J = f(M_J)$ . What is the resulting second member of our linear system?

- (c) Write a Matlab code to solve this problem.
- (d) First test your program for  $k = \text{cste}$ . Use known exact solutions to check your code. For example for  $k = 1$  and  $f(x, y) = -2((x^2 - 1) + (y^2 - 1))$  the exact solution is  $u(x, y) = (x^2 - 1)(y^2 - 1)$ .
- (e) Check the error  $u - u_h$  in  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $H^1(\Omega)$ . You may use a quadrature formula to

compute the integrals

$$\int_T f(x, y) dx dy = mes(T) \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k, y_k) \omega_k$$

with  $M_k(x_k, y_k)$  the quadrature points and  $\omega_k$  the corresponding weights (e.g. you may use the Gauss Lobatto quadrature formula) :

- $M_1(0, 0)$ ,  $M_2(1, 0)$ ,  $M_3(1, 1)$ ,  $M_4(0, 1)$ ,  
 $M_5(1/2, 0)$ ,  $M_6(1, 1/2)$ ,  $M_7(1/2, 1)$ ,  $M_8(0, 1/2)$ ,  $M_9(1/2, 1/2)$   
 and  $\omega_i = 1/36$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,  $\omega_i = 1/9$ ,  $i = 5, \dots, 8$  and  $\omega_9 = 4/9$ .

- (f) Using successive refinements ( $h = 1/10$ ,  $h = 1/20$ ,  $h = 1/30, \dots$ ) find the order of the method (for  $k = 1$  and using the exact solution given in 2-(d)).
- (g) Use your program for different values of  $k(x)$

$$(k_1, k_2) = (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 10), (2, 1), (10, 1)$$

and  $f(x, y) = -2((x^2 - 1) + (y^2 - 1))$ . What do you observe?