

- Some definitions

- a method is called **consistent** if the truncation error  $\tau^h \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ 
  - in the example, we had that  $\tau^h \approx C_t h^2$ 
    - $\Rightarrow$  the discretization method is consistent
- a method is called **stable** if  $\|L_h^{-1}\| \approx C_\ell$  where  $C_\ell > 0$  is a constant independent of  $h$ 
  - it can be shown that the solution operator in the example satisfies this inequality
    - $\Rightarrow$  the discretization method is stable
- a method is called **convergent** if  $\|e_h\| = \|u - u^h\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ 
  - because in the example we have  $\tau^h \approx C_t h^2$  and  $\|L_h^{-1}\| \approx C_\ell$ , we have that  $\|e_h\| \approx \|L_h^{-1}\| |\tau^h| \leq C_t C_\ell h^2$ 
    - $\Rightarrow$  the discretization method is convergent