

**AMATH 586 SPRING 2023**  
**HOMEWORK 2 — DUE APRIL 21 ON GRADESCOPE BY 11PM**

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**Problem 1:** Write a second-order accurate method to solve the following boundary-value problem

$$\begin{cases} (\kappa(x)u'(x))' = g(x), \\ u(0) = 1, \\ u(1) = 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\kappa(x) = \exp(-x/\epsilon) + \exp((x-1)/\epsilon)$ ,  $g(x) = x(1-x)$ . Numerically verify your method is second-order accurate. How will you do this if you do not know the solution explicitly? Plot solutions for increasingly small values of  $\epsilon$ .

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**Problem 2:** Nonlinear pendulum.

- (a) Write a program to solve the boundary value problem for the nonlinear pendulum as discussed in LeVeque, Section 2.16. See if you can find yet another solution for the boundary conditions illustrated in Figures 2.4 and 2.5.
  - (b) Find a numerical solution to this BVP with the same general behavior as seen in Figure 2.5 for the case of a longer time interval, say  $T = 20$ , again with  $\alpha = \beta = 0.7$ . Try larger values of  $T$ . What does  $\max_i \theta_i$  approach as  $T$  is increased? Note that for large  $T$  this solution exhibits “boundary layers”.
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**Problem 3:** (a) Consider the function

$$(1) \quad u(x, y) = \cos(k\pi x) \sin(k\pi y) \exp(-(x-y)^2), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Determine  $h_0, h_1, g_0, g_1$  and  $f$  such that

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} u_{xx}(x, y) + u_{yy}(x, y) = f(x, y), \\ u(x, 0) = g_0(x), \\ u(x, 1) = g_1(x), \\ u(0, y) = h_0(y), \\ u(1, y) = h_1(y). \end{cases}$$

- (b) Construct a second-order accurate method for this problem and verify the order of accuracy numerically in both the  $\infty$ -norm and the grid 2-norm. How does the convergence depend on  $k$ ?
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**Problem 4:** Consider the iterative solution the linear system that results from (2) (when (1) is the solution).

- (a) Implement the Jacobi iteration to solve the linear system.
  - (b) For a varying number of grid points, compare the convergence rate of the Jacobi iteration to the conjugate gradient algorithm.
  - (c) For a varying number of grid points, compare the convergence rate of the Jacobi iteration to the diagonally-preconditioned conjugate gradient algorithm.
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**Problem 5:** Construct a fourth-order accurate method to solve (2) (when (1) is the solution) and verify the order of accuracy in the  $\infty$ -norm and the grid 2-norm. Is the conjugate gradient algorithm good for this problem? How about the Jacobi iteration?