

## Numerics II

### Homework Sheet 11

(Released 11.7.2024 – Discussed 16.7.2024)

**E11.1** Let  $A$  be a positive definite operator  $A$  on a finite dimensional Hilbert space  $V$ .

(a) Prove that

$$\|A\|_{\text{op}} = \sup_{0 \neq x \in V} \frac{\langle x, Ax \rangle}{\|x\|^2}.$$

(b) Prove that  $\|A^{-1}\|_{\text{op}} = \lambda_1^{-1}$  where  $\lambda_1$  is the smallest eigenvalue of  $A$ .

**E11.2** Let  $T \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a triangle with the vertices  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  and the edge-midpoints

$$m_1 = \frac{p_2 + p_3}{2}, \quad m_2 = \frac{p_1 + p_3}{2}, \quad m_3 = \frac{p_1 + p_2}{2}.$$

Let  $v$  be a linear function. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{|T|} \int_T v(x)^2 dx = \frac{v(m_1)^2 + v(m_2)^2 + v(m_3)^2}{3}.$$

**E11.3** Prove that for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$\sup_{t \in [0,1]} t(1-t)^m \leq \frac{1}{m}.$$

**E11.4** Recall the notation from the multigrid method:  $A_k$  is a positive definite operator on  $V_k$ ,  $\|v\|_{t,k}^2 = \langle A_k^t v, v \rangle_k$ ,  $R_k = 1 - A_k/\Lambda_k$  with  $\Lambda_k \geq \|A_k\|_{\text{op}} > 0$ . Prove that

$$\|R_k^m v\|_{1+t,k} \leq C_t m^{-1/2} \|v\|_{t,k}$$

for every  $t \geq 0$ . (The case  $t = 1$  was discussed in the lecture.)

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**E10.1** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain. Define

$$V = \{f \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \int_{\Omega} f = 0\}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $V$  is a closed subspace of  $L^2(\Omega)$ .
- (b) What is the dimension of  $V^\perp$ , with  $L^2(\Omega) = V \oplus V^\perp$ ?
- (c) Prove that  $C_c^\infty(\Omega) \cap V$  is dense in  $V$  (with the  $L^2$ -topology).

**E10.2** Let  $D$  be the unit disk in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let

$$u(x) = u(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 \ln(|x|), \quad x = (x_1, x_2) \in D.$$

- (a) Prove that  $\Delta u \in L^\infty(D)$ .
- (b) Does it hold  $u \in W_\infty^2(D)$ ?

**E10.3** In polar coordinate, let

$$\Omega = \{(r, \theta) \in (0, 1) \times (0, \pi)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2, \quad \Gamma = \partial\Omega \setminus \{(r, \pi), r \in (0, 1)\}.$$

- (a) Prove that  $u(r, \theta) = (1 - r^2)r^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$  solves the the following

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u &= 6r^{\frac{1}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0 \text{ on } \Gamma, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} &= 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

- (b) Does  $u$  belong to  $H^2(\Omega)$ ?

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**E9.1** Let  $\{\mathcal{T}^h\}$  be a family of triangulations of a given domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Show that  $\{\mathcal{T}^h\}$  is non-degenerate if and only if all the angles of the triangles in  $\{\mathcal{T}^h\}$  are bounded below by a positive constant  $\theta$ , namely

$$\inf_{T \in \mathcal{T}^h} \alpha(T) \geq \theta > 0$$

where  $\alpha(T)$  is the smallest angle of the triangle  $T$ .

**E9.2** Let  $\{\mathcal{T}^h\}$  be a triangulation of a polygonal domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  with

$$\max_{T \in \mathcal{T}^h} \text{diam}(T) = h, \quad \inf_{T \in \mathcal{T}^h} \alpha(T) \geq \theta > 0.$$

For every  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ , denote by  $\mathcal{I}(u) \in V_h$  the interpolant of  $u$ . Prove that

$$\|u - \mathcal{I}(u)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + h \|\nabla(u - \mathcal{I}(u))\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq C_\theta h^2 \|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)}.$$

**E9.3** Let  $\Omega$  is a ball in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Prove that the following are equivalent

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega)} \leq C \left( \left| \int_{\Omega} u dx \right| + |u|_{W_p^1(\Omega)} \right), \forall u \in W_p^1(\Omega),$$

and

$$\|u - \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} u dx\|_{W_p^1(\Omega)} \leq C |u|_{W_p^1(\Omega)}, \forall u \in W_p^1(\Omega).$$

**E9.4** Let  $K = [0, 1]$ , and  $V(K) = L^2(K)$ . Let  $(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$  is a finite element with  $|\mathcal{N}| = \ell$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} = (a_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq \ell}$  be an invertible square matrix, and we define

$$\tilde{\mathcal{N}} = \{\tilde{N}_i, 1 \leq i \leq \ell\} \text{ with } \tilde{N}_i = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} a_{i,j} N_j, \text{ where } N_j \in \mathcal{N}.$$

Prove that  $(K, \mathcal{P}, \tilde{\mathcal{N}})$  is a finite element. Express the nodal basis  $\{\tilde{\phi}_i\}$  in term of the nodal basis  $\{\phi_i\}$  associating to  $(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$ . Verify that  $\tilde{I}_K(v) = I_K(v)$  for all  $v \in V(K)$ .

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**E8.1** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be the unit square with vertices  $z_1 = (0, 0)$ ,  $z_2 = (1, 0)$ ,  $z_3 = (1, 1)$ ,  $z_4 = (0, 1)$ . Consider the finite element  $(\Omega, \mathcal{Q}_1, \mathcal{N}_1)$  where  $\mathcal{Q}_1$  contains finite linear combinations of functions  $(x + \text{const})(y + \text{const})$  and  $\mathcal{N}_1 = (N_i)_{i=1}^4$  be the corresponding Lagrange element, namely

$$N_i(v) = v(z_i), \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Compute the nodal basis  $(\phi_i)_{i=1}^4 \subset \mathcal{Q}_1$  such that

$$N_i(\phi_j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

**E8.2** Let  $f \in C^m(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove the Taylor expansion

$$f(1) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(0) + \int_0^1 \frac{s^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} f^{(m)}(1-s) ds.$$

**E8.3** For  $u \in C^{m-1}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , denote the Taylor polynomial

$$T_y^m u(x) = \sum_{|\alpha| < m} \frac{1}{\alpha!} D^\alpha u(y) (x - y)^\alpha.$$

Prove that for all  $|\beta| < m$  we have

$$D_x^\alpha T_y^m u(x) = T_y^{m-|\beta|} D_x^\beta u(x).$$

**E8.4** Let  $B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a ball of radius  $R$ . Prove that for  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $m - d/p = s > 0$ , then

$$\left| \int_B |x - y|^{m-d} f(y) dy \right| \leq C_{d,p} R^s \|f\|_{L^p(B)}.$$

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### Homework Sheet 7

(Released 7.6.2024 – Discussed 11.6.2024)

**E7.1** Let  $K = [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_2 = \{\text{polynomials of degree } \leq 2\}$ , and  $\mathcal{N} = \{N_1, N_2, N_3\} \subset \mathcal{P}'_2$  with

$$N_1(v) = v(0), \quad N_2(v) = 2v(1/2) - v(0) - v(1), \quad N_3(v) = v(1),$$

for all  $v \in \mathcal{P}_2$ . Prove that  $(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$  is a finite element. Determine the nodal basis  $\{\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3\}$  for  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , namely  $N_i(\phi_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .

**E7.2** Let  $K = [0, 1]$ ,  $\mathcal{P} = \{v \in C^1(K) : \text{piecewise quadratic polynomial on } [0, \frac{1}{2}] \text{ and } [\frac{1}{2}, 1]\}$ . Define  $\mathcal{N} = \{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$  where

$$N_1(v) = v(0); \quad N_2(v) = v'(0) \quad N_3(v) = v(1), \text{ and } N_4(v) = v'(1).$$

Prove  $(K, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{N})$  is a finite element. Determine the nodal basis for  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**E7.3** Let  $K$  be the triangle with vertices  $z_1 = (0, 0)$ ,  $z_2 = (1, 0)$ ,  $z_3 = (1, 1)$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_2 = \{\text{polynomials of 2 variables of degree } \leq 2\}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_2 = \{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4, N_5, N_6\}$  be the Lagrange element.

(a) Compute the nodal basis of  $\mathcal{P}_2$ .

(b) Compute the interpolant  $\mathcal{I}_K f$  where  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ .

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### Homework Sheet 6

(Released 23.5.2024 – Discussed 28.5.2024)

**E6.1** Let  $V = H^1(0, 1)$ ,  $f \in L^2(0, 1)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the bilinear form associated to the equation

$$-u'' + ku' + u = f$$

with Neumann boundary condition.

- (a) Prove that  $a$  is continuous for all  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (b) Prove that  $a$  is coercive *if and only if*  $|k| < 2$ .
- (c) For  $k = 2$ , find  $0 \neq v \in H^1(0, 1)$  such that  $a(v, v) = 0$ .
- (d) Prove for  $k = 2$ ,  $V_0 = H_0^1(0, 1)$  that the restriction  $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V_0 \times V_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is coercive.

**E6.2** Let  $V$  be a Hilbert space and  $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bilinear form which is symmetric, continuous, and coercive. Let  $F \in V'$  and  $u \in V$ . Prove that the following statements are equivalent:

- (a)  $a(u, v) = F(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .
- (b)  $u$  is the minimizer for the functional  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$g(v) = \frac{1}{2}a(v, v) - F(v).$$

**E6.3** Let  $\mathcal{P}_k$  be the set of all polynomials in two variables of degree  $\leq k$ . Prove that

$$\dim \mathcal{P}_k = \frac{1}{2}(k+1)(k+2).$$

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**E5.1** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be a bounded domain with Lipschitz boundary. Recall that

$$\overset{\circ}{W}_p^1(\Omega) = \{u \in W_p^1(\Omega) \mid u|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}, \quad 1 < p < \infty.$$

- (a) Prove that  $\overset{\circ}{W}_p^1(\Omega)$  is a closed subspace of  $W_p^1(\Omega)$ .  
 (b) Prove that if  $u \in W_p^1(\Omega)$ , then  $u \in \overset{\circ}{W}_p^1(\Omega)$  if and only if for all  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  we have

$$\max_{i=1,\dots,d} \left| \int_{\Omega} u \partial_{x_i} \varphi(x) dx \right| \leq C \|\varphi\|_{L^{p'}(\mathbb{R}^d)}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p'} = 1$  and the constant  $C$  is independent of  $\varphi$ .

**E5.2** Let  $k > d \geq 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Define the Dirac delta mapping  $\delta_0 : W_p^k(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\delta_0(f) = f(0), \quad \forall f \in W_p^k(\mathbb{R}^d).$$

- (a) Prove that  $\delta_0 \in W_p^{-k}(\Omega)$ .  
 (b) Prove that  $\delta_0 \notin L_{\text{loc}}^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

**E5.3** Let  $f \in L^2(0,1)$  and let  $u \in V = W_2^1(0,1)$  be the unique solution to the variational problem

$$\int (u'v' + uv) = \int_0^1 f v, \quad \forall v \in V$$

(the existence of  $u$  was proved in the lecture).

- (a) Prove that  $u \in W_2^2(0,1)$  and the weak derivative  $u''$  solves the equation

$$-u''(x) + u(x) = f(x), \quad a.e. \quad x \in (0,1).$$

- (b) Prove that  $u'(0) = u'(1) = 0$ .

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**E4.1** Consider the function  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ 

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

(a) Prove that

$$\inf_{g \in C(-1,1)} \|g - f\|_{L^\infty(-1,1)} = 1/2.$$

(b) Does  $f$  has a weak derivative  $f'$  in  $L^1(-1, 1)$ ?**E4.2** Let  $u \in W_1^2(0, 1)$  with  $u(0) = u'(0) = 0$ . Prove that  $v(x) = u(x)/x$  belongs to  $W_1^1(0, 1)$ . What is  $v(0)$ ?**E4.3** As in the lecture, we consider

$$Q = \{(x', x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R} \mid |x'| < 1, |x_d| < 1\}, \quad Q_+ = \{(x', x_d) \in Q \mid x_d > 0\}.$$

For any function  $f : Q_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define  $f^*, \tilde{f} : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f^*(x', x_d) = \begin{cases} f(x', x_d), & x_d > 0 \\ f(x', -x_d), & x_d \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad \tilde{f}(x', x_d) = \begin{cases} f(x', x_d), & x_d > 0 \\ -f(x', -x_d), & x_d \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Prove that if  $u \in W_p^1(Q_+)$  with  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , then we have the weak derivative

$$\frac{\partial u^*}{\partial x_d} = \widetilde{\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_d} \right)}$$

**E4.4** Let  $u \in W_p^1(0, 1)$  with  $1 < p < \infty$  such that  $u(0) = u(1) = 0$ . We define the extension  $\tilde{u} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\tilde{u}(x) = \begin{cases} u(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ 0, & x \notin (0, 1). \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $\tilde{u} \in W_p^1(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\|\tilde{u}\|_{W_p^1(\mathbb{R})} = \|u\|_{W_p^1(0,1)}$ .



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(Released 2.5.2024 – Discussed 7.5.2024)

**E3.1** Show that  $C^1(0, 1)$  is not dense in  $L^\infty$ , with  $L^\infty$  norm.

**E3.2** Let  $f \in W^{1,1}(0, 1) \cap C([0, 1])$ . Assume that we can find  $\{f_n\} \subset C_c^\infty(0, 1)$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $W^{1,1}(0, 1)$ . Prove that  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ . Deduce that  $C_c^\infty(0, 1)$  is not dense in  $W^{1,1}(0, 1)$ .

**E3.3** Construct a function in  $W^{1,2}(0, 1)$ , but not in  $W^{2,2}(0, 1)$  and explain the answer.

**E3.4** Let  $\Omega = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2, 0 < x < 1, |y| < x^{10}\}$  and define

$$u(x, y) = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- (i) Prove that  $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ .
- (ii) Prove that the weak derivatives  $\partial_x u, \partial_y u$  exist and determinate them.
- (iii) Prove that  $u \in W^{1,2}(\Omega)$  and  $u \notin L^\infty(\Omega)$ .

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### Homework Sheet 2

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**E2.1** In the lecture, we proved that if  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f\varphi = 0$  for all  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  then  $f = 0$  a.e. Prove the same result with  $\mathbb{R}^d$  replaced by a general open subset  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .

**E2.2** In this exercise we consider functions mapping from  $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\Omega = (-1, 1)$ .

- (i) Prove that  $f(x) = |x|^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1$  has a weak derivative in  $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ .
- (ii) Is there a weak derivative in  $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  of the following function?

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0, \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

**E2.3** Consider the Cantor set  $C_\infty = \bigcap_{k=1}^\infty C_k$ , where  $C_k$  satisfy the following recurrence

$$C_0 = [0, 1], \quad C_{k+1} = \frac{1}{3}C_k \cup \left\{ \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}C_k \right\}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

Define  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in [0, 1] \setminus C_\infty, \\ 2x + 1 & \text{if } x \in C_\infty. \end{cases}$$

- (i) Find  $\sup f$ ,  $\inf f$ , and  $\|f\|_{L^\infty}$ .
- (ii) Find its weak derivative  $f'$  and compute

$$f(x) - \int_0^x f'(s) ds.$$

**E2.4** Let  $u \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$  which has a second order weak derivative  $f'' \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that it has also the first order weak derivative  $f' \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**E2.5** Let  $f \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $\chi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  such that  $\chi(x) = 1$  if  $|x| \leq 1$ . Denote  $f_n(x) = \chi(nx)f(x)$ . Prove that

$$f_n \rightarrow f \text{ in } W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}^d) \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Recall that  $\|f\|_{W^{1,p}}^p = \|f\|_{L^p}^p + \sum_{|\alpha|=1} \|D^\alpha f\|_{L^p}^p$ .

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#### E1.1 Define

$$V = \{u \in L^2(0,1) \mid a(u,u) < \infty \text{ and } u(0) = 0\}, \quad a(u,v) = \int_0^1 u'(x)v'(x)dx.$$

(i) Prove the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$|a(u,v)| \leq \sqrt{a(u,u)}\sqrt{a(v,v)}, \quad \forall u,v \in V.$$

When does the equality hold?

(ii) Define  $\|u\|_E = \sqrt{a(u,u)}$ . Verify that  $\|\cdot\|_E$  is a norm. If we don't have the condition  $u(0) = 0$ , is  $\|\cdot\|_E$  a norm?

(iii) Prove the “Parallelogram law”

$$\|u\|_E + \|v\|_E = \frac{1}{2} [\|u+v\|_E^2 + \|u-v\|_E^2] \quad \forall u,v \in V.$$

**E1.2** Based on the lecture, formulate the weak formulation of the following problem

$$\begin{cases} -u'' + u = f, \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $f \in L^2[0,1]$ .

**E1.3** Let  $V$  and  $a(u,v)$  be given in E1.1. Prove that for  $u \in V \cap C^1[0,1]$  we have

- (i)  $\|u\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2}\|u'\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2$
- (ii)  $\|u\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}\|u'\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2$  if we assume further  $u(1) = 0$
- (iii)  $\|u\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{6}\|u'\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2$  if we assume further  $\int_0^1 u = 0$
- (iv)  $\max_{x \in [0,1]} |u(x)|^2 \leq 2u^2(1) + 2\|u'\|_{L^2}^2$
- (v)  $\max_{x \in [0,1]} |u(x)|^2 \leq 2(\|u\|_{L^2}^2 + \|u'\|_{L^2}^2)$