

# T U T O R I A L

## “Numerical Methods for the Solution of Elliptic Partial Differential Equations”

to the lecture

“Numerics of Elliptic Problems”

**Tutorial 2**    Tuesday, 17 March 2009 (Time : 10:15 – 11:45, Room : T 911 )

### 1.2 The Linear Elasticity Problem

**08** Show that the classical formulation (8) of the linear elasticity problem (for isotropic and homogeneous materials) given in Section 1.2.2 of the lecture is equivalent to Lamé’s PDE system

$$-\mu\Delta u(x) - (\lambda + \mu)\nabla\operatorname{div}u(x) = f(x), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad (1.6)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$u = \bar{u} \text{ on } \Gamma_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma \cdot n = t \text{ on } \Gamma_2, \quad (1.7)$$

where  $f = (f_1, f_2, f_3)^T$ ,  $\bar{u} = (\bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \bar{u}_3)^T$ ,  $t = (t_1, t_2, t_3)^T$  are given vector valued functions, and  $\Delta$ ,  $\nabla$ , and  $\operatorname{div}$  denote the vectorial Laplace, the gradient, and the divergence operator, respectively.

**09** Show that for the first BVP ( $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma$ ) and for the mixed BVP ( $\operatorname{meas}_2(\Gamma_1) > 0$  and  $\operatorname{meas}_2(\Gamma_2) > 0$ ) of the linear elasticity the following properties hold:

1.  $a(., .)$  is symmetric, i.e.,  $a(u, v) = a(v, u) \quad \forall u, v \in V$ ,
2.  $a(., .)$  is nonnegative, i.e.,  $a(v, v) \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in V$ ,
3.  $a(., .)$  is positive on  $V_0 := \{v \in V = [H^1(\Omega)]^3 : v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_1\}$ , if  $\operatorname{meas}_2(\Gamma_1) > 0$ , i.e.,  $a(v, v) > 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0 : v \neq 0$ .

The equivalence of VF (9)<sub>VF</sub> and MP (9)<sub>MP</sub> then follows from the statements 1. and 2. above according to Section 1.1 of the lecture.

**10** Show that, for the first BVP ( $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma$ ) of 3D linear elasticity in the case of an isotropic and homogeneous material, the assumptions of Lax-Milgram-Theorem are fulfilled. Provide constants  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  such that

- 1)  $F \in V_0^*$ ,
- 2a)  $\exists \mu_1 = \operatorname{const} > 0 : a(v, v) \geq \mu_1 \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \quad \forall v \in V_0$ ,
- 2b)  $\exists \mu_2 = \operatorname{const} > 0 : |a(u, v)| \leq \mu_2 \|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \|v\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \quad \forall u, v \in V_0$ .

○ Hints to prove the  $V_0$ -ellipticity:

1.  $a(v, v) \geq 2\mu \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 (\varepsilon_{ij}(v))^2 dx$ ,
2. Korn's inequality for the case:  $V_0 = [H_0^1(\Omega)]^3$ ,  
with  $H_0^1(\Omega) := \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma\}$ ,
3. Friedrichs' inequality.

**11** Formulate the iterative method (3) from Section 1.1 of the lecture for the first BVP of the linear elasticity in case of 3D homogeneous and isotropic material, i.e.,

$$u_{n+1} = u_n - \rho(JAu_n - JF) \text{ in } V_0 = (H_0^1(\Omega))^3, \quad (1.8)$$

for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and given  $u_0 \in V_0$ . Derive the weak form, i.e., the variational formulation for computing  $u_{n+1} \in V_0$ . Discuss the following two choices of the norm in  $V_0$ ,

$$\|u\|_{V_0}^2 := \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \quad \forall u \in V_0, \quad (1.9)$$

and

$$\|u\|_{V_0}^2 := \int_{\Omega} (|\nabla u|^2 + |u|^2) dx \quad \forall u \in V_0. \quad (1.10)$$

**12\*** Let us consider the variational formulation:

$$\text{Find } u \in V_g = V_0 : \quad a(u, v) = \langle F, v \rangle \quad \forall v \in V_0 \quad (1.11)$$

of a plane linear elasticity problem in  $\Omega = (0, 1) \times (0, 1)$ , where

$$V_0 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = (u_1, u_2) \in V = [H^1(\Omega)]^2 : \\ u_1 = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_2 = \{0\} \times [0, 1] \cup \{1\} \times [0, 1], \\ u_2 = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_1 = [0, 1] \times \{0\} \cup [0, 1] \times \{1\} \end{array} \right\},$$

$$a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} D_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{ij}(u) \varepsilon_{kl}(v) dx = \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{kl}(u) \varepsilon_{kl}(v) dx,$$

$$\langle F, v \rangle = \int_{\Omega} f_i v_i dx + \int_{\Gamma_1} ? ds + \int_{\Gamma_2} ? ds.$$

Impose the right natural boundary conditions, and give the classical formulation of (1.11).