

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 08

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DEFINITION 3.3 A family $\{\tau_h\}_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$ of triangulations $\tau_h = \{\delta_r : r \in R_h\}$ is called regular, if there exists positive and h -independent constants $\underline{c}_1, \bar{c}_1, c_2, c_3 > 0$ such that

1. $\underline{c}_1 h^d \leq |J_{\delta_r}| \leq \bar{c}_1 h^d$
2. $\|J_{\delta_r}\| \leq c_2 h$
3. $\|J_{\delta_r}^{-T}\| \leq c_3 h^{-1}$

THEOREM 3.4 Let $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a bilinear form with $V = H^1(\Omega)$ and $\|\cdot\| = \|\cdot\|_1$, which is symmetric and fulfils the assumptions of Lax Milgram. Moreover, let the triangulation be regular in the sense of Definition 3.3.

Then the following two statements are valid:

1. There exists constants $\underline{c}_E, \bar{c}_E > 0$, independent of h such that

$$\underline{c}_E h^d \leq \lambda_{\min}(K_h) \leq \lambda_{\max}(K_h) \leq \bar{c}_E h^{d-2}$$

2. $\kappa(K_h) = \frac{\lambda_{\max}(K_h)}{\lambda_{\min}(K_h)} \leq \frac{\bar{c}_E}{\underline{c}_E} h^{-2}$

3.3 Properties of the Finite Elements Equations

40 Prove that the inheritance identity

$$(K_h \underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h) = a(u_h, v_h) \quad \forall \underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h \leftrightarrow u_h, v_h \in V_{0h} ! \quad (3.23)$$

is valid !

41 Show that the eigenvalue estimates in Theorem 3.4 are sharp with respect to the h -order by proving the following statement. There exist positive constants \underline{c}'_E and \bar{c}'_E independent of h satisfying the estimates

$$\lambda_{\min}(K_h) \leq \underline{c}'_E h^d \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_{\max}(K_h) \geq \bar{c}'_E h^{d-2}. \quad (3.24)$$

For simplicity, consider the 1D case ($d = 1$):

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(x) &= f(x) & \forall x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

42 Show that, for a regular triangulation according to Definition 3.3, there exist h -independent positive constants \underline{c}_0 and \bar{c}_0 satisfying the inequalities

$$\underline{c}_0 h^d(\underline{v}_h, \underline{v}_h) \leq (M_h \underline{v}_h, \underline{v}_h) \leq \bar{c}_0 h^d(\underline{v}_h, \underline{v}_h) \quad (3.25)$$

for all $\underline{v}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{N_h}$, where M_h denotes the mass-matrix defined by the identity

$$(M_h \underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h) := \int_{\Omega} u_h(x) v_h(x) dx \quad \forall \underline{u}_h, \underline{v}_h \leftrightarrow u_h, v_h \in V_{0h} \quad (3.26)$$

The spectral inequalities (3.26) yield that the mass matrix M_h is well conditioned, i.e the spectral condition number $\text{cond}_2(M_h)$ can be bounded by the h -independent constant $\bar{c}_0/\underline{c}_0$.

43* Let $\lambda = \lambda_{\max}$ be the maximal eigenvalue of the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$K_h \underline{u}_h = \lambda M_h \underline{u}_h \quad (3.27)$$

and let $\lambda_r = \lambda_{r,\max}$ be the maximal eigenvalues of generalized eigenvalue problems

$$K_h^{(r)} \underline{u}_h^{(r)} = \lambda_r M_h^{(r)} \underline{u}_h^{(r)}, \quad (3.28)$$

where $K_h^{(r)}$ and $M_h^{(r)}$ denote the (local) element stiffness and mass matrices for element number $r = 1, 2, \dots, R_h$, i. e., it holds

$$K_h = \sum_{r=1}^{R_h} C_r K_h^{(r)} C_r^T \quad \text{and} \quad M_h = \sum_{r=1}^{R_h} C_r M_h^{(r)} C_r^T.$$

Show the eigenvalue estimate

$$\lambda \leq \max_{r=1,2,\dots,R_h} \lambda_r. \quad (3.29)$$