

- Using (14) with $v_h = \theta_h$ and $\|v\|_H \leq c\|v\|_V \forall v \in V$, we obtain the estimates

$$\begin{aligned} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H \frac{d}{dt} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H^2 = \langle \theta_h'(t), \theta_h(t) \rangle = \\ &\stackrel{(14)}{=} -a(\theta_h(t), \theta_h(t)) - \langle g_h'(t), \theta_h(t) \rangle \\ &\leq -\mu_1 \|\theta_h(t)\|_V^2 + \|g_h'(t)\|_H \|\theta_h(t)\|_H \\ &\leq -\mu_1 c^{-2} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H^2 + \|g_h'(t)\|_H \|\theta_h(t)\|_H, \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H + \mu_1 c^{-2} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H &\leq \|g_h'(t)\|_H \quad | \cdot e^{\mu_1 t/c^2} \\ \frac{d}{dt} (e^{\mu_1 t/c^2} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H) &\leq e^{\mu_1 t/c^2} \|g_h'(t)\|_H \quad | \int_0^t \\ e^{\mu_1 t/c^2} \|\theta_h(t)\|_H &\leq \|\theta_h(0)\|_H + \int_0^t e^{\mu_1 s/c^2} \|g_h'(s)\|_H ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|\theta_h(t)\|_H \leq e^{-\mu_1 t/c^2} \|u_{0h} - R_h u_0\|_H + \int_0^t e^{-\mu_1(t-s)/c^2} \|g_h'(s)\|_H ds$$

q.e.d

• Remark 2.11:

1. For the initial error, we have $u_{0h} = R_h u_0$

$$\|u_{0h} - R_h u_0\|_H \leq \|u_{0h} - u_0\|_H + \|u_0 - R_h u_0\|_H = \|(I - P_h)u_0\|_H + \|(I - R_h)u_0\|_H$$

2. For sufficiently smooth functions, we have: $(R_h u(t))' = R_h u'(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_h(t) - u(t)\|_H &\leq e^{-\mu_1 t/c^2} [\|(I - P_h)u_0\|_H + \|(I - R_h)u_0\|_H] + \|(I - R_h)u(t)\|_H \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \|(I - R_h)u'(s)\|_H e^{-\mu_1(t-s)/c^2} ds \end{aligned}$$

discr. error

3. Example: Courant elements: $\|(I - R_h)v\|_0 \leq c_0 h^2 \|v\|_2$

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$$\Rightarrow \|u_h(t) - u(t)\|_0 \leq c h^2 \left[\|u_0\|_2 e^{-\mu_1 t/c^2} + \|u(t)\|_2 + \int_0^t \|u(s)\|_2 e^{-\mu_1(t-s)/c^2} ds \right].$$

Gronwall's Lemma