

- 07** Show *Poincaré's inequality*: There exists a constant $C_P > 0$ such that

$$\|v\|_{L_2(0,1)} \leq C_P \left\{ \left(|v|_{H^1(0,1)}^2 + \int_0^1 v(x) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad \forall v \in H^1(0,1).$$

Hint: Integrate the identity

$$v(y) = v(x) + \int_x^y v'(z) dz$$

over the whole interval $(0, 1)$ with respect to x . The rest of the proof is then similar to the one of Friedrichs' inequality (see your lecture notes).

- 08** *The pure Neumann problem (continuation of exercise **06**)*.

Show that weak formulation of the pure Neumann problem has a solution if and only if $\forall c \in \mathbb{R} : \langle F, c \rangle = 0$, and that the solution is unique up to an additive constant.

Hint: Use Poincaré's inequality to show the \widehat{V} -coercivity of $a(\cdot, \cdot)$.

- 09** *A Robin problem*. Consider the variational formulation of

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(x) &= f(x) & \text{for } x \in (0, 1), \\ -u'(0) &= g_0 - \alpha_0 u(0) \\ u'(1) &= g_1 \end{aligned}$$

with appropriate choices of V_0 and V_g . Show that if $\alpha_0 > 0$, then the corresponding bilinear form is V_0 -coercive.

Hint: convince yourself that $\frac{1}{2} \|v\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2 \leq \|v - v(0)\|_{L^2(0,1)}^2 + |v(0)|^2$ and use Friedrichs' inequality to bound the first summand.

In the lecture, the coercivity of the bilinear form

$$a(w, v) = \int_0^1 [a(x) w'(x) v'(x) + b(x) w'(x) v(x) + c(x) w(x) v(x)] dx, \quad (2.1)$$

on the space $V_0 = \{v \in H^1(0, 1) : v(0) = 0\}$ has been shown for the special case $a \equiv 1$, $b \equiv 0$, $c \equiv 0$. In the following three exercises, we consider more general situations. In all situations, you will have to use the estimate

$$a(v, v) \geq a_0 |v|_{H^1(0,1)}^2 + \int_0^1 b(x) v'(x) v(x) dx + c_0 \|v\|_{L_2(0,1)}^2, \quad (2.2)$$

where $a_0 := \inf_{x \in (0,1)} a(x)$ and $c_0 := \inf_{x \in (0,1)} c(x)$.

- 10** Show the coercivity of $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ on $V_0 = \{v \in H^1(0, 1) : v(0) = 0\}$ under the assumptions

$$a_0 > 0, \quad C_F \|b\|_{L_\infty(0,1)} < a_0, \quad c_0 \geq 0,$$

where C_F is the constant in Friedrichs' inequality.

Hint: Use Cauchy's inequality to show the estimate

$$\int_0^1 b(x) v'(x) v(x) dx \geq -\|b\|_{L_\infty(0,1)} |v|_{H^1(0,1)} \|v\|_{L_2(0,1)}$$

and use it in (2.2).

- 11** Show the coercivity of $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ on the whole space $H^1(0, 1)$ under the assumptions

$$a_0 > 0, \quad \|b\|_{L_\infty(0,1)} < 2\sqrt{a_0 c_0}, \quad c_0 > 0.$$

Hint: Show that

$$a(v, v) \geq q(|v|_{H^1(0,1)}, \|v\|_{L_2(0,1)}),$$

with

$$q(\xi, \eta) := a_0 \xi^2 - \|b\|_{L_\infty(0,1)} \xi \eta + c_0 \eta^2.$$

Finally, show and use that

$$q(\xi, \eta) \geq a_0 C \xi^2, \quad \text{and} \quad q(\xi, \eta) \geq c_0 C \eta^2,$$

$$\text{with } C = 1 - \frac{\|b\|_{L_\infty(0,1)}^2}{4 a_0 c_0}.$$

- 12** Show the coercivity of $a(w, v)$ on the space $V_0 = \{v \in H^1(0, 1) : v(0) = 0\}$ under the assumptions

$$a_0 > 0, \quad b(x) = b_0 \geq 0, \quad c_0 \geq 0,$$

where b_0 is a constant.

Hint: Show and use that

$$\int_0^1 v'(x) v(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} v(x)^2 \Big|_0^1 \geq 0 \quad \forall v \in V_0.$$