Homework No. 3 Numerical Methods for PDE, Winter 2013/14

Problem 3.1: Trilinearform

For $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ consider the term

 $c(w; u, v) = (w \cdot \nabla u, v), \quad c(\cdot; \cdot, \cdot) : W \times V \times V \to \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{with } W = H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^2), \quad \text{and} \quad V = H_0^1(\Omega).$

Note: The semicolon indicates that we will later on use w as data, such that c(w; ., .) is a bilinearform which fits into our existing framework.

(a) Show that $c(\cdot; \cdot, \cdot)$ is linear in each variable (altogether trilinear) and continuous.

Hint: Show that |c(w; u, v)| is bounded. Use the Sobolev embedding theorem.

(b) Show that the following identity holds:

$$(w \cdot \nabla u, u) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \cdot w, u^2 \right).$$

Hint: The notation

$$\nabla \cdot \varphi := \partial_{x_1} \varphi_1 + \partial_{x_2} \varphi_2$$

denotes the divergence of a sufficiently regular vector field $\varphi(x) = (\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x))^T$.

(c) Deduce an analogous formula for $w \in H^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^2)$ and $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ without zero boundary conditions.

Problem 3.2: Galerkin equations

Starting point is the one-dimensional problem

$$-u'' + u = f$$
 in $\Omega = (0, 1)$,

for the space $V = H_0^1(\Omega)$.

We consider the equidistant mesh

$$x_j = jh, \quad j = 0, \dots, N, \quad \text{with} \ h = \frac{1}{N}$$

on the interval Ω with N mesh cells $I_j = (x_{j-1}, x_j)$. The finite-dimensional subspace V_h is now the span of piecewise linear functions

$$\varphi_{j}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - x_{j-1}}{h}, & \text{if } x \in (x_{j-1}, x_{j}], \\ \frac{x_{j+1} - x}{h}, & \text{if } x \in (x_{j}, x_{j+1}), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where j = 1, ..., N - 1.

- (a) Sketch the domain Ω with its subdivision and a reasonable number of functions φ_j .
- (b) Argue that the space V_h contains exactly all functions which are linear on each cell I_j , continuous on Ω and have zero boundary conditions.
- (c) Set up the Galerkin equations.
- (d) Compute the 2×2 cell matrices A_k and cell vectors b_K .
- (e) Assemble the cell matrices and cell vectors into the global matrix A and the global vector b.
- (f) Bonus (2 points): Calculate the solution of Galerkin equations for the right hand side f(x) = 1 and plot it for N = 5, 10, 20, 40, 100 in one figure.