

Problem Session #1

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## Overview

▷ Problem 1.1. recall strong form.

$$-\left(k(x) u'(x)\right)' + b(x) u'(x) + c(x) u(x) = f(x)$$

$\forall x \in \Omega$  domain:  $\mathcal{L}(u, x)$

$$(1) \mathcal{L}(u, x) - f = 0$$

$$(2) \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\hat{u}, x) - f \neq 0 \in \text{approximated}$$

Construct residual:  $R_\Omega = (2) - (1) \neq 0$

Variational formulation  $\rightarrow$  integrate the residual:

$$\int_{\Omega} R_\Omega v \, d\Omega = 0$$

$\underbrace{v}_{\text{test functions (weighting func.)}}$

Weak form can be constructed as.

$$\int_{\Omega} R_{\Omega} v d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} R_{\Gamma} d\Gamma = 0$$

↓  
Residual over domain

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Residual over boundaries.

$R_{\Omega}$  = linear combinations of basis functions } Galerkin method.  
$$\sum_{m=1}^M a_m N_m$$

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$v(x)$ : "can be any function of  $x$  that is sufficiently well behaved for the integrals to exist."

↪ You may put on constraints on  $v(x)$  based on your problems.



You will explore this in your HW 1.

## → Boundary Conditions

- Dirichlet B.C.s  $u(x=a) = g_0$

- Neumann B.C.s  $u'(x=b) = d_1$

- Robin B.C.s  $u'(x=c) + u(x=c) = \alpha$

Trial space:  $\mathcal{S} = \{ w: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \}$

Test space:  $\mathcal{V} = \{ w: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \}$

trial functions  $\rightarrow$  approximation of the solution

... represents the sol'n to the problem,

examples: polynomials:  $u(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + \dots$

test functions  $\rightarrow$  test how well trial function

satisfies the governing equations

$\hookrightarrow$  PDE.

... used to evaluate the error.

Example (1.10)

$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Find  $u: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

$$u''' = f, \quad x \in (a, b)$$

$$u(a) = 1$$

$$u'(b) = 2$$

$$u''(a) = 3.$$

Solution (Exact)

$$\int_a^x f(y) dy = \int_a^x u'''(y) dy$$

$$= u''(x) - u''(a) = u''(x) - 3.$$

$$\int_b^x \int_a^z f(y) dy dz = \int_b^x u''(z) - 3 dz.$$

$$= u'(x) - u'(b) - 3(x-b)$$

$$= u'(x) - 2 - 3(x-b)$$

$$\int_a^x \int_b^w \int_a^z f(y) dy dz dw = \int_a^x u'(w) - 2 - 3(w-b) dw$$

$$= u(x) - u(a) - 2(x-a) - \frac{3}{2}(x^2 - a^2) + 3b(x-a)$$

Exact solution writes.

$$u(x) = 1 + (2-3b)(x-a) + \frac{3}{2}(x^2 - a^2)$$

$$+ \int_a^x \int_b^m \int_a^z f(y) dy dz dw.$$

Solving it w/ variational method.

(a) form the residual.  $r = u''' - f$ .

(b) multiply by test function and integrate.

$$\int_a^b (u''' - f) v dx = 0$$

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Smooth

(c) integration by parts.

$$u''(b)v(b) - u''(a)v(a) - \int_a^b u''v' + fv dx = 0$$

for all  $v$  smooth.

(d) Subs. B.C.s. we know  $u''(a) = 3$ .

... needs to request  $v(b) = 0$

$$\rightarrow -3v(a) - \int_a^b u'' v' + \int_a^b f v dx = 0.$$

Hence,  $u''(a) = 3$  is a natural B.C.s.

(e). formulate the weak form.

essential B.C.s:  $u(a) = 1$  &  $u'(b) = 2$ .

let:  $\mathcal{S} = \{u: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \mid u(a) = 1, u'(b) = 2\}$

$\mathcal{Z} = \{v: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \mid v(b) = 0\}$

\* Weak form of the problem.

find  $u \in \mathcal{S}$  s.t. for all  $v \in \mathcal{Z}$ .

$$-\int_a^b u'' v' dx = \int_a^b f v dx - 3v(a)$$