

Discretization of the Poisson Problem in \mathbb{R}^1 : Formulation

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Dirichlet

Model Problems

Strong Form

Domain: $\Omega = (0, 1)$.

Find u such that

$$\begin{aligned} -u_{xx} &= f && \text{in } \Omega \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0 \end{aligned},$$

for given f .

Model Problems

Minimization Statement

Define $X \equiv H_0^1(\Omega)$.

Find

$$u = \arg \min_{w \in X} J(w)$$

where

$$J(w) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 w_x^2 dx - \int_0^1 f w dx .$$

Model Problems

Dirichlet

Weak Formulation

Find $u \in X$ such that

$$\delta J_v(u) = 0, \quad \forall v \in X$$



$$\int_0^1 u_x v_x dx = \int_0^1 f v dx, \quad \forall v \in X.$$

Define

$$a(w, v) = \int_0^1 w_x v_x dx$$

$$\ell(v) = \int_0^1 f v dx .$$

Minimization:

$$u = \arg \min_{w \in X} \frac{1}{2} a(w, w) - \ell(w)$$

Weak:

$$u \in X: a(u, v) = \ell(v), \forall v \in X$$

Model Problems

Generalization

For any $\ell(v) \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$,
find $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$u = \arg \min_{w \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \frac{1}{2} a(w, w) - \ell(w) ; \quad \text{or}$$

$$a(u, v) = \ell(v), \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) ;$$

for example, $\ell(v) = \langle \delta_{x_0}, v \rangle = v(x_0)$ is admissible.

If $\ell \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$,

$$\|u\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \|\ell\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)} .$$

If $\ell \in L^2(\Omega)$, $\ell(v) = \int_0^1 f v dx$

$$\|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C_0 \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)} .$$

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“Neumann”

Model Problems

Strong Form

Domain: $\Omega = (0, 1)$.

Find u such that

$$-u_{xx} = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$u(0) = 0,$$

$$u_x(1) = g,$$

for given f, g .

“Neumann”

Model Problems

Minimization Statement

Define $X \equiv \{v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid v(0) = 0\}$.

Find

$$u = \arg \min_{w \in X} J(w)$$

where

$$J(w) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 w_x^2 dx - \int_0^1 f w dx - g w(1).$$

Model Problems

“Neumann”

Weak Statement

Find $u \in X$ such that

$$\delta J_v(u) = 0, \quad \forall v \in X$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\int_0^1 u_x v_x dx = \int_0^1 f v dx + g v(1), \quad \forall v \in X.$$

Model Problems

Notation

Define

$$a(w, v) = \int_0^1 w_x v_x dx$$

$$\ell(v) = \int_0^1 f v dx + g v(1) .$$

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Minimization:

$$u = \arg \min_{w \in X} \frac{1}{2} a(w, w) - \ell(w)$$

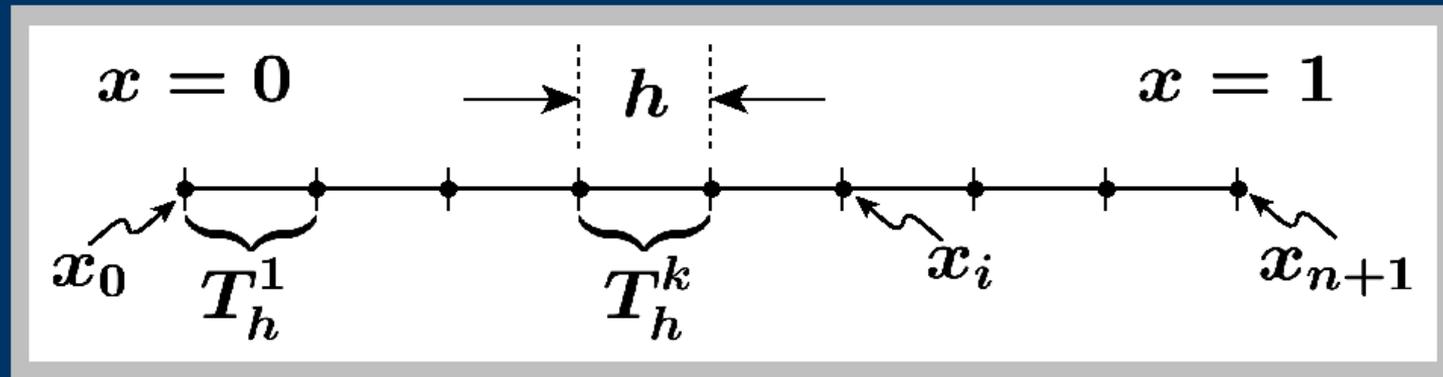
Weak:

$$u \in X : a(u, v) = \ell(v) , \forall v \in X$$

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

Approximation

Mesh



$$\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{k=1}^K \bar{T}_h^k$$

T_h^k , $k = 1, \dots, K = n + 1$: *elements*

x_i , $i = 0, \dots, n + 1$: *nodes*

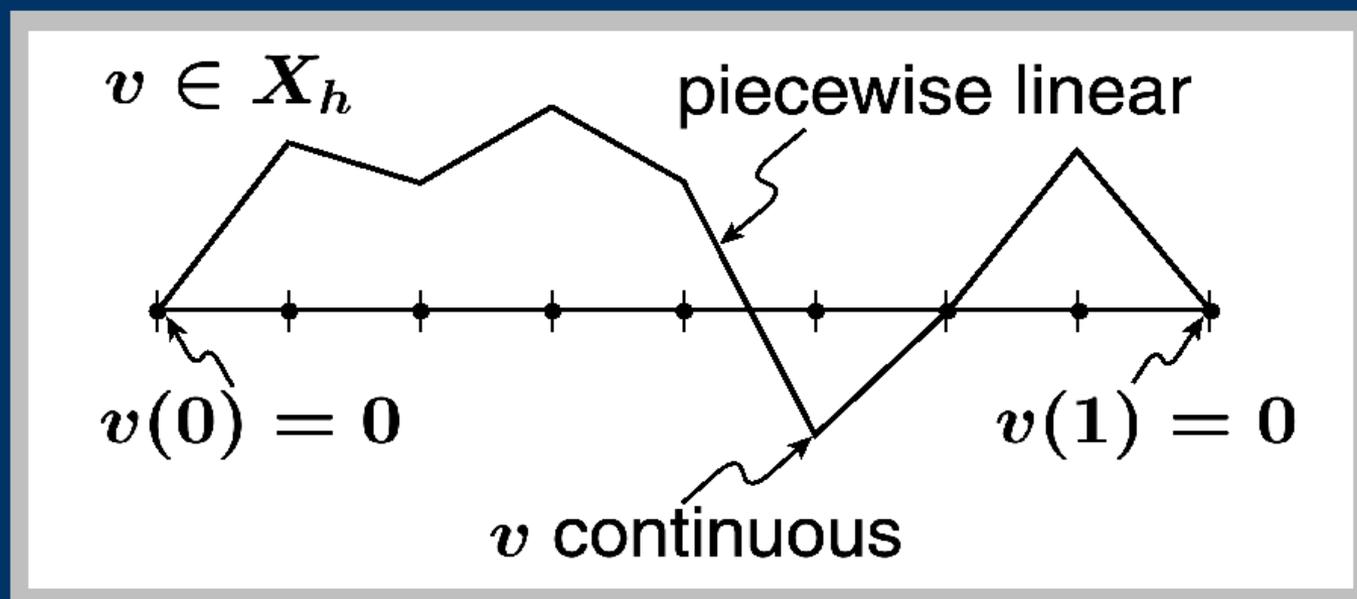
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Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

Approximation

Space $X_h \subset X$

$$X_h = \left\{ v \in X \mid v|_{T_h^k} \in \mathbb{P}_1(T_h^k), \quad k = 1, \dots, K \right\}$$



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Approximation

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

Basis...

General definition: given a linear space Y ,
a set of members $y_j \in Y$, $j = 1, \dots, M$,
is a basis for Y if and only if

$\forall y \in Y, \exists$ unique $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_j y_j ;$$

$\dim(\text{ension}) (Y) = M$.

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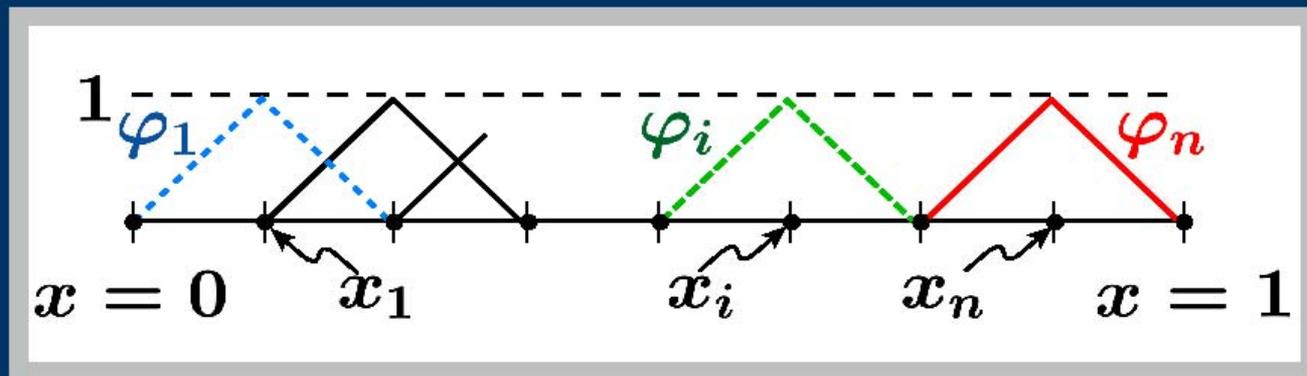
Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

Approximation

...Basis

Nodal basis for X_h :

$$\varphi_j, j = 1, \dots, n = \dim(X_h)$$



φ_i nonzero only on $\overline{T}_h^i \cup \overline{T}_h^{i+1}$

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Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

Plan...

Let

$$\underbrace{u_h}_{\text{RR/FE Approximation}} (\in X_h) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_{hj} \varphi_j(x);$$

set $u_{hj} = w_j$ that minimize

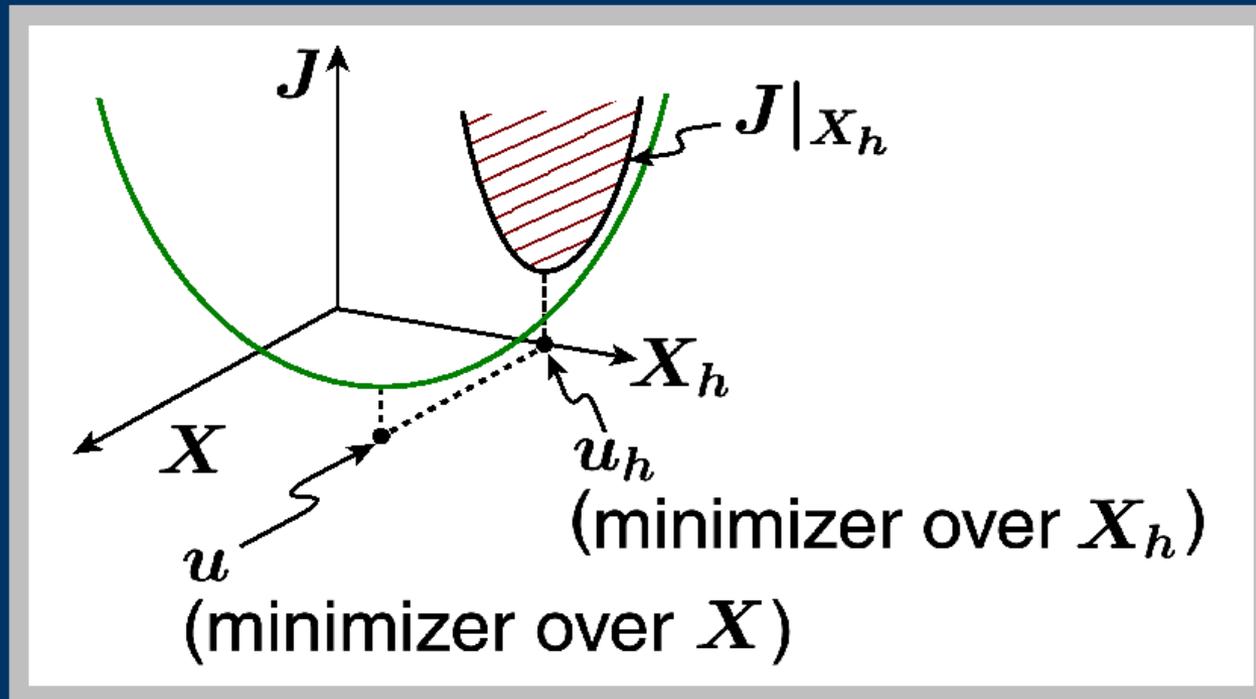
$$J \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j \varphi_j \right).$$

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

...Plan

Geometric Picture:



Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

$J|_{X_h \dots}$

$$\begin{aligned} J \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j \varphi_j \right) &= \frac{1}{2} a \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \varphi_i, \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \varphi_j \right) - \ell \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \varphi_i \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_i a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) w_j - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ell(\varphi_i) \end{aligned}$$

by *bilinearity* and *linearity*.

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Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

... $J|_{X_h}$

$$\begin{aligned} J^R(\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n) &\equiv J \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j \varphi_j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \underline{w}^T \underline{A}_h \underline{w} - \underline{w}^T \underline{F}_h . \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{F}_h \in \mathbb{R}^n: F_{hi} \equiv \ell(\varphi_i) \left(= \int_{\Omega} f \varphi_i dx \right)$$

$$\underline{A}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}: A_{hij} \equiv a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{d\varphi_i}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_j}{dx} dx$$

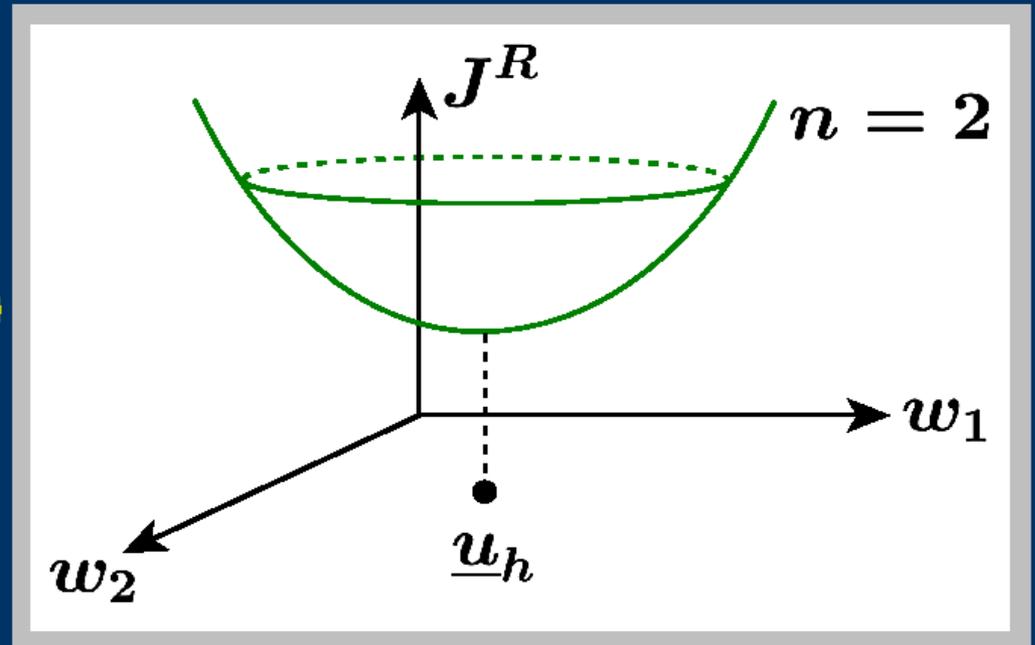
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Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

Minimization...

$$\underline{u}_h = \arg \min_{\underline{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n} J^R(\underline{w})$$



Expand $J^R(\underline{w} = \underline{u}_h + \underline{v})$; require $J^R(\underline{w}) > J^R(\underline{u}_h)$ unless $\underline{v} = \mathbf{0}$.

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

...Minimization...

$$\begin{aligned} J^R(\underline{u}_h + \underline{v}) &= \frac{1}{2} (\underline{u}_h + \underline{v})^T \underline{A}_h (\underline{u}_h + \underline{v}) - (\underline{u}_h + \underline{v})^T \underline{F}_h \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}_h^T \underline{A}_h \underline{u}_h - \underline{u}_h^T \underline{F}_h \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \underline{v}^T \underline{A}_h \underline{u}_h + \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}_h^T \underline{A}_h \underline{v} - \underline{v}^T \underline{F}_h \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \underline{v}^T \underline{A}_h \underline{v} \end{aligned}$$

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

...Minimization...

$$J^R(\underline{u}_h + \underline{v}) = J^R(\underline{u})$$

$$+ \underbrace{(\underline{A}_h \underline{u}_h - \underline{F}_h)^T}_{\nabla J^R(\underline{u}_h)} \underline{v} \quad \delta J^R_v(\underline{u}_h) \quad \text{SPD}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\underline{v}^T \underline{A}_h \underline{v}}_{>0, \forall \underline{v} \neq 0} \quad \text{SPD}$$

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

...Minimization

If (and only if)

$$\delta J_{\underline{v}}^R(\underline{u}_h) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \forall \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

\Updownarrow

$$\nabla J^R(\underline{u}_h) = \underline{A}_h \underline{u}_h - \underline{F}_h = \underline{\mathbf{0}}$$

then

$$J^R(\underline{w} = \underline{u}_h + \underline{v}) > J^R(\underline{u}_h), \quad \forall \underline{v} \neq \mathbf{0}. \quad \text{N10}$$

Rayleigh-Ritz Approach

“Projection”

Final Result

Find $\underline{u}_h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that

$$\underbrace{\underline{A}_h}_{a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)} \underline{u}_h = \underbrace{\underline{F}_h}_{l(\varphi_i)} \Rightarrow u_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^N u_{hj} \varphi_j(\mathbf{x}).$$

SPD \Rightarrow existence and uniqueness.

Galerkin Approach

Triangulation \mathcal{T}_h ;

Space \mathbf{X}_h ; and

(Nodal) Basis $\mathbf{X}_h = \text{span} \{ \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \}$;

as for the Rayleigh-Ritz approach.

Projection

Galerkin Approach

Plan...

Let

$$u_h (\in X_h) = \sum_{j=1}^n u_{hj} \varphi_j(x) ;$$

set u_{hj} such that

$$\delta J_v(u_h) = 0 , \quad \forall v \in X_h$$

\Updownarrow

$$a(u_h, v) = \ell(v) , \quad \forall v \in X_h .$$

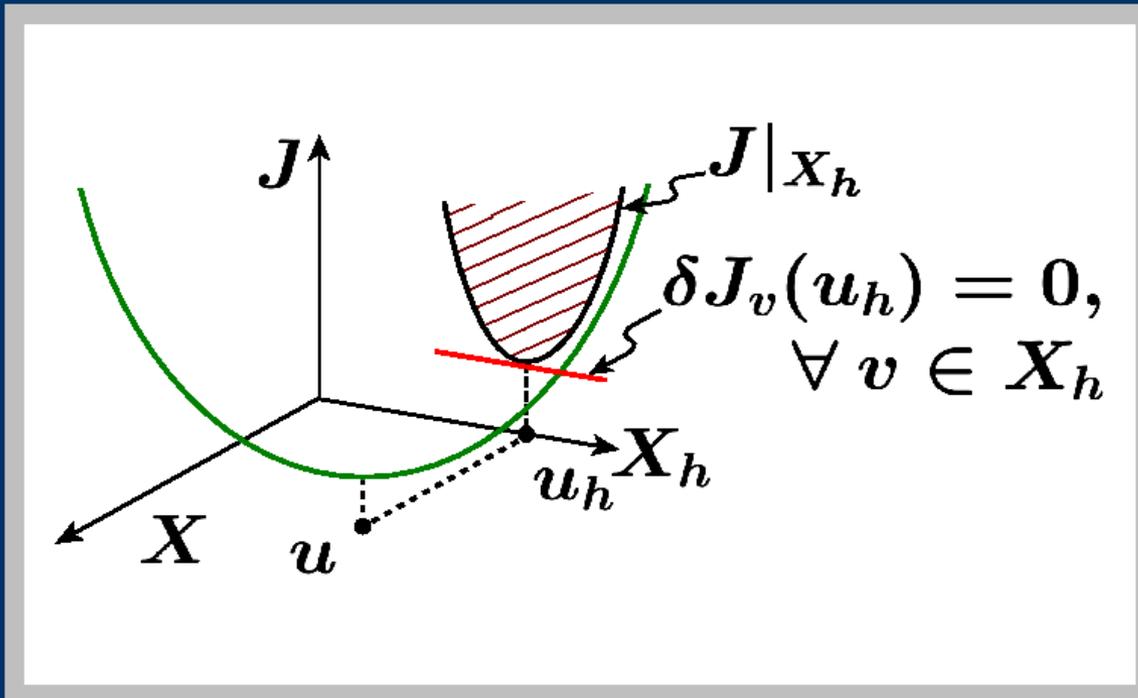
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Galerkin Approach

Projection

...Plan

Geometric Picture:



Galerkin Approach

Projection

Variation...

Since *any* $v \in X_h$ can be written as

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i(x),$$

$$a(u_h, v) = \ell(v), \quad \forall v \in X_h$$

\Updownarrow

$$a\left(u_h, \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i\right) = \ell\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i\right), \quad \forall \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Projection

...Variation...

But $\underline{u}_h = \sum_{i=1}^n u_{hj} \varphi_j$, so

$$a \left(\sum_{j=1}^n u_{hj} \varphi_j, \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i \right) = \ell \left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i \right), \quad \forall \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

or, by bilinearity and linearity

$$\underline{v}^T \underline{A}_h \underline{u}_h = \underline{v}^T \underline{F}_h, \quad \forall \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Projection

...Variation

Galerkin Approach

Take $\underline{v} = (1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0)^T \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{A}_{h \ 1 \ j} \mathbf{u}_{h \ j} = \mathbf{F}_{h \ 1}$

$$\underline{v} = (0 \ 1 \ \dots \ 0)^T \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{A}_{h \ 2 \ j} \mathbf{u}_{h \ j} = \mathbf{F}_{h \ 2}$$

⋮

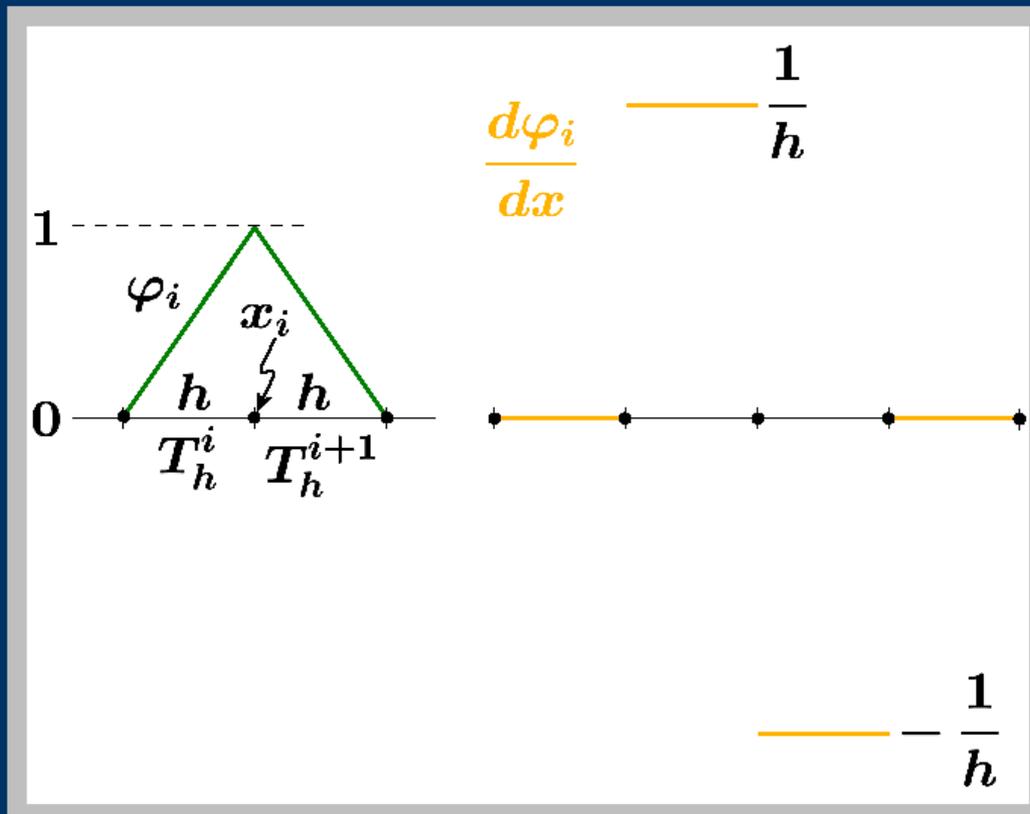
$$\underline{v}^T \underline{\mathbf{A}}_h \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h = \underline{v}^T \underline{\mathbf{F}}_h, \quad \forall \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \Leftrightarrow \underline{\mathbf{A}}_h \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h = \underline{\mathbf{F}}_h$$

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Discrete Equations

Matrix Elements: \underline{A}_h

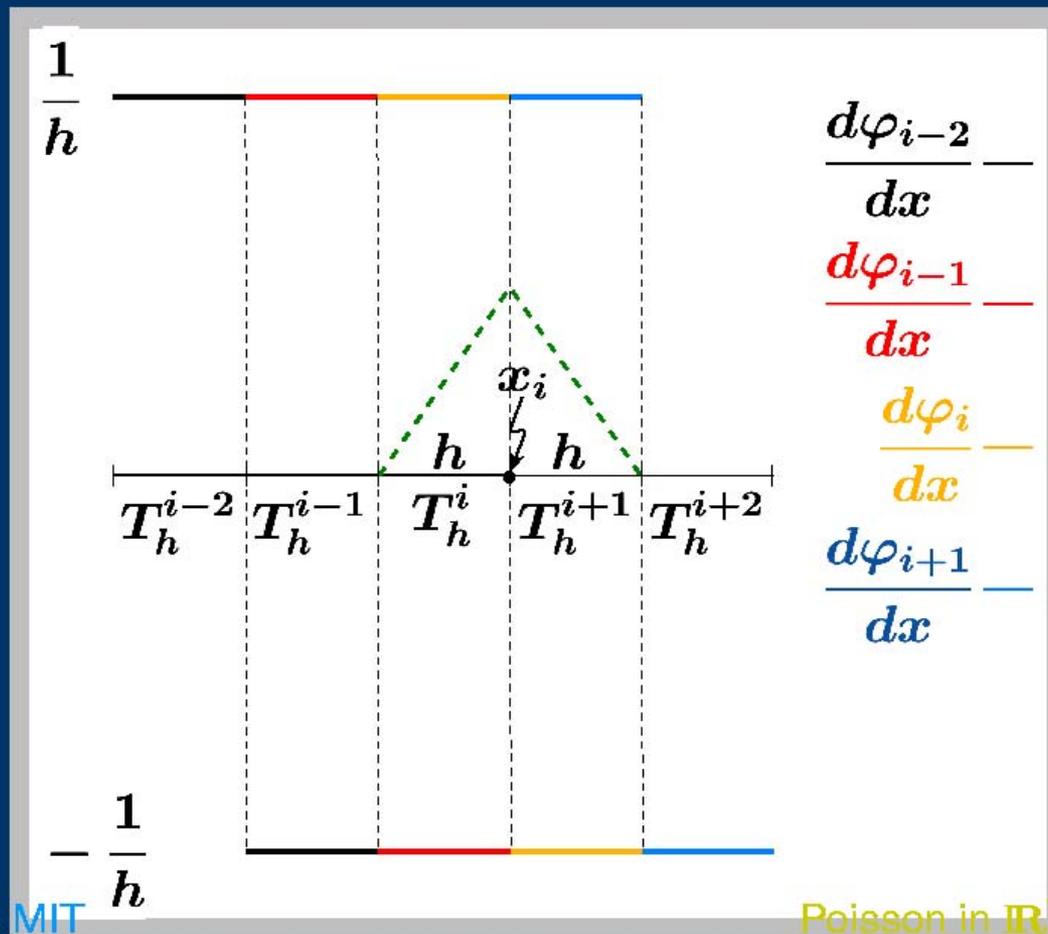
φ_i and $d\varphi_i/dx...$



Discrete Equations

Matrix Elements: \underline{A}_h

... φ_i and $d\varphi_i/dx$



Discrete Equations

Matrix Elements: \underline{A}_h

Typical Row

$$A_{hij} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{d\varphi_i}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_j}{dx} dx = \int_{T_h^i} \frac{d\varphi_i}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_j}{dx} dx + \int_{T_h^{i+1}} \frac{d\varphi_i}{dx} \frac{d\varphi_j}{dx} dx$$

is nonzero only for $j = i - 1, i, i + 1$

$$A_{hii} = \frac{1}{h^2} (h) + \frac{1}{h^2} (h) = \frac{2}{h}$$

$$A_{hii-1} = \frac{1}{h} \left(-\frac{1}{h}\right) (h) = -\frac{1}{h}$$

$$A_{hii+1} = \left(-\frac{1}{h}\right) \frac{1}{h} (h) = -\frac{1}{h}$$

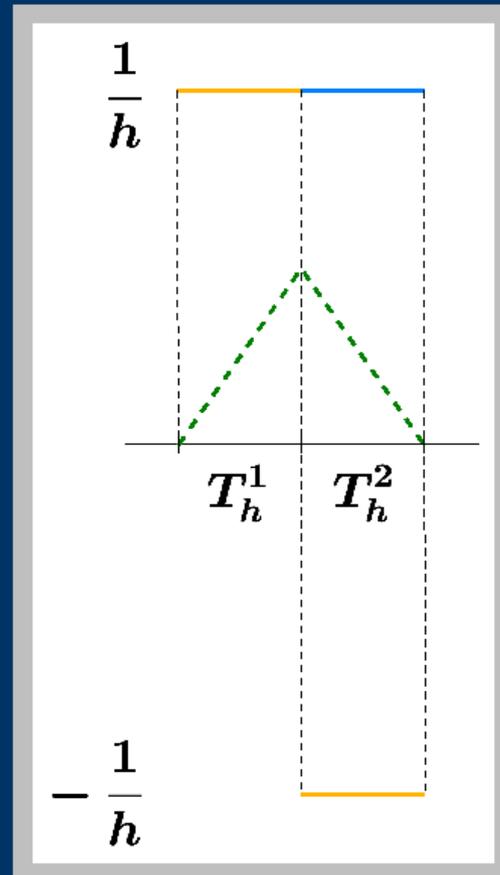
Discrete Equations

Matrix Elements: \underline{A}_h

Boundary Rows

$$A_{h11} = \frac{2}{h}, \quad A_{h12} = -\frac{1}{h},$$

$$A_{hnn} = \frac{2}{h}, \quad A_{hnn-1} = -\frac{1}{h}.$$



Discrete Equations

“Load” Vector Elements: \underline{F}_h

General case, $\ell(v)$: $F_{hi} = \ell(\varphi_i)$

Example: $\ell(v) = \langle \delta_{x_{i^*}}, v \rangle$

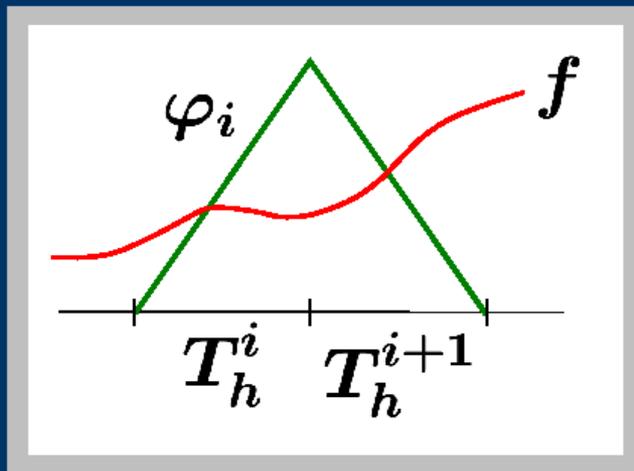
$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\varphi_i) &= \langle \delta_{x_{i^*}}, \varphi_i \rangle \\ &= \varphi_i(x_{i^*}) \\ &= \delta_{ii^*} .\end{aligned}$$

Discrete Equations

“Load” Vector Elements: \underline{F}_h

Particular case, $\ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx$:

$$F_{hi} = \int_{T_h^i} f \varphi_i \, dx + \int_{T_h^{i+1}} f \varphi_i \, dx, \quad i = 1, \dots, n;$$



Numerical quadrature —
“variational crime” — next
lecture.

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The Mass Matrix

Motivation

Definition

$\underline{M}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$:

$$M_{hij} = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \varphi_i \varphi_j dx}_{\text{originating form: } (w, v)_{L^2(\Omega)}} ;$$

the finite element “identity” (\mathbf{I}) operator.

\underline{M}_h appears where the identity appears

- as part of differential operator, $-\mathbf{u}_{xx} + \mathbf{I}u = \mathbf{f}$; **E8**
- in eigenvalue problems, $-\mathbf{u}_{xx} = \lambda \mathbf{I}u$;
- in parabolic PDEs, $\mathbf{I} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla^2 u$;
- in quadrature by interpolation.

The Mass Matrix

General

\underline{M}_h is SPD:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{v}^T \underline{M} \underline{v} &= \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \int_0^1 \varphi_i \varphi_j dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \varphi_j dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i \varphi_i \right)^2}_{v \in X_h} dx > 0 \quad \underbrace{\text{if } \underline{v} \neq \mathbf{0}}_{\varphi_i \text{ are basis}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

