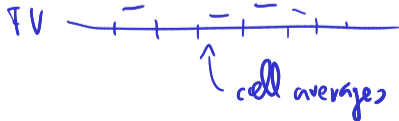
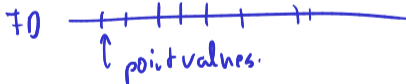
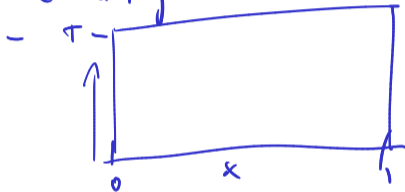


Goals:

$$\partial_t u + \partial_x u = 0$$

- Causality identifies time variables



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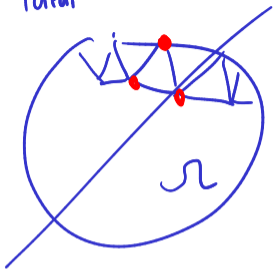


point values



meh, too inaccurate

FE Idea



use cell wise linear functions  
based on vertex point value  
DOFs

$-\Delta u = f$  ← Poisson <sup>"BVP"</sup>

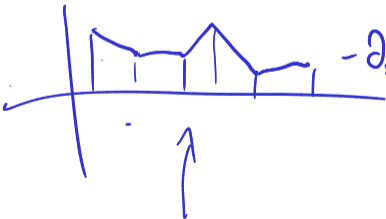
$-(\partial_{xx}^2 + \partial_{yy}^2)u = f$

$-\partial_{xx}^2 u = f$

to make solvable

$u = g \text{ on } \partial\Omega$  ( $\varphi \in C^\infty$ )

multiply by test  $\varphi$   $-\Delta u \varphi = f \varphi$

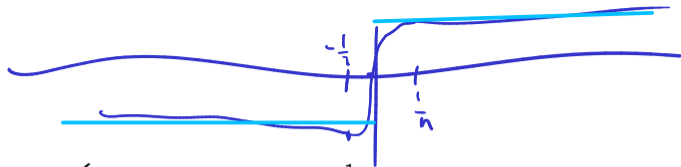


weakform

IBP  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\int \Delta u \varphi = \int f \varphi \\ \int \nabla u \cdot \nabla \varphi = \int g \varphi \end{array} \right.$

"weak derivative"  $\rightarrow$   
 $\uparrow$  Sobolev spaces

# Function Spaces



Consider

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x \leq -\frac{1}{n}, \\ \frac{3n}{2}x - \frac{n^3}{2}x^3 & -\frac{1}{n} < x < \frac{1}{n}, \\ 1 & x \geq \frac{1}{n}. \end{cases}$$

Converges to the step function. Problem?

$f_n \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  but  $f$  is not even cont.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

## Definition (Norm)

A **norm**  $\| \cdot \|$  maps an element of a *vector space* into  $[0, \infty)$ . It satisfies:

- ▶  $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$  ← definite ness
- ▶  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$
- ▶  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  (triangle inequality)

# Convergence

## Definition (Convergent Sequence)

$$x_n \rightarrow x \Leftrightarrow \|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ (convergence in norm)}$$

## Definition (Cauchy Sequence)

for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $n$  for which

$$\|x_\nu - x_m\| \leq \varepsilon \text{ for } \nu, m \geq n,$$

# Banach Spaces

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## Definition (Complete/"Banach" space)

Cauchy  $\Rightarrow$  Convergent

What's special about Cauchy sequences?

Limit (in some function space) shows up out of  
thin air.

Counterexamples?

$(\mathbb{Q}, |\cdot|)$

$(C^1, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$

$$\|f\|_C = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f| dx$$

sup v. max:





## More on $C^0$

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be open. Is  $C^0(\Omega)$  with  $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|$  Banach?

$$(0, 1) \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

Problem:  $\|f\|_\infty$  not defined,  $(C^0(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  not Banach.

Is  $C^0(\bar{\Omega})$  with  $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|$  Banach?

for  $\Omega$  open

↑ closed

Assume  $(f_i)$  Cauchy w/ sup norm.

- Let  $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ .  $(f_i(x))_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \in$  Cauchy sequence in  $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $f_i(x) \rightarrow a$  ( $i \rightarrow \infty$ ).

$\mathbb{R}$  complete

Assemble candidate limit func from pointwise limits

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , Then exists an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\sup_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n, m \geq N.$$

Take the limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  :

$$\max_{x \in \bar{\Omega}} |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|f_n - f\|_{\infty} \rightarrow 0.$$

↑  
uniform convergence

## $C^m$ Spaces

Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Consider a **multi-index**  $\mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$  and define the symbols

$$D^{\mathbf{k}} f = \frac{\partial^{|\mathbf{k}|}}{\partial x_1^{k_1} \cdots \partial x_n^{k_n}} f \quad |\mathbf{k}| = k_1 + \cdots + k_n$$

### Definition ( $C^m$ Spaces)

$$C^m(\Omega) = \{ f \in C^0(\Omega) : D^{\mathbf{k}} f \in C^0(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } |\mathbf{k}| \leq m \}$$

$$C^\infty(\Omega) = \{ f \in C^0(\Omega) : D^{\mathbf{k}} f \in C^0(\Omega) \text{ for all } \mathbf{k} \}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Only bdry}} C_0^m(\Omega) = \{ f \in C^m(\Omega) : f \text{ have compact support} \}$

E.g.  $C^2$ :  $\partial_{xx}^2 \partial_{yy}^2 u \in C^0$ ? no!

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \partial_{xx}^2 u \\ \partial_x \partial_y u \\ \partial_{yy}^2 u \end{array} \right\} \in C^0$  yes!

"support" of a function:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : f(x) \neq 0\}$

"compact": closed + bounded (only in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ )

## $L^p$ Spaces

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

$$\mathcal{L}^2 : \sqrt{\sum |x_i|^2} = \|x\|_{\ell^2}$$
$$\mathcal{L}^\infty : \max |x_i| = \|x\|_{\ell^\infty}$$

### Definition ( $L^p$ Spaces)

$$L^p(\Omega) := \left\{ u : (u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}) \text{ measurable, } \int_{\Omega} |u|^p dx < \infty \right\},$$

$$\|u\|_p := \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^p dx \right)^{1/p}.$$

### Definition ( $L^\infty$ Space)

$$L^\infty(\Omega) := \{ u : (u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}), |u(x)| < \infty \text{ almost everywhere} \},$$

$$\|u\|_\infty = \inf \{ C : |u(x)| \leq C \text{ almost everywhere} \}.$$

## $L^p$ Spaces: Properties

### Theorem (Hölder's Inequality)

For  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  with  $1/p + 1/q = 1$  and measurable  $u$  and  $v$ ,

$$\|uv\|_1 \leq \|u\|_p \|v\|_q$$

(gen. of Cauchy-Schwarz)

### Theorem (Minkowski's Inequality (Triangle inequality in $L^p$ ))

For  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  and  $u, v \in L^p(\Omega)$ ,

$$\|u+v\|_p \leq \|u\|_p + \|v\|_p$$

# Inner Product Spaces

Let  $V$  be a vector space.

## Definition (Inner Product)

An **inner product** is a function  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that for any  $f, g, h \in V$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\rightarrow \langle f, f \rangle \geq 0,$$

$$\rightarrow \langle f, f \rangle = 0 \Leftrightarrow f = 0,$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle,$$

$$\langle \alpha f + g, h \rangle = \alpha \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle.$$

## Definition (Induced Norm)

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}.$$

# Hilbert Spaces



## Definition (Hilbert Space)

An inner product space that is complete under the induced norm.

$$\|d\| = 0$$

Let  $\Omega$  be open.

$$\Rightarrow d = 0$$

## Theorem ( $L^2$ )

$L^2(\Omega)$  equals the closure of (set of all limits of Cauchy sequences in)

$C_0^\infty(\Omega)$  under the induced norm  $\|\cdot\|_2$ .

$L^2$  consists of equivalence classes

## Theorem (Hilbert Projection (e.g. Yosida '95, Thm. III.1))

of proj. defined functions



$$D_{n+1} = P$$





## Weak Derivatives

Define the space  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$  of **locally integrable functions**.

### Definition (Weak Derivative)

$v \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  is the **weak partial derivative** of  $u \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  of multi-index order  $\mathbf{k}$  if

## Weak Derivatives: Examples (1/2)

Consider all these on the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

$$f_1(x) = 4(1 - x)x$$

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & x \leq 1/2, \\ 2 - 2x & x > 1/2. \end{cases}$$

## Weak Derivatives: Examples (2/2)

$$f_3(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} - \sqrt{|x - 1/2|}$$



# Sobolev Spaces

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Definition  $((k, p)$ -Sobolev Norm/Space)

## More Sobolev Spaces

$W^{0,2}$ ?

$W^{s,2}$ ?

$H_0^1(\Omega)$ ?

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## An Elliptic Model Problem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open, bounded,  $f \in H^1(\Omega)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot \nabla u + u &= f(x) & (x \in \Omega), \\ u(x) &= 0 & (x \in \partial\Omega). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V := H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Integration by parts? (Gauss's theorem applied to  $\mathbf{ab}$ ):

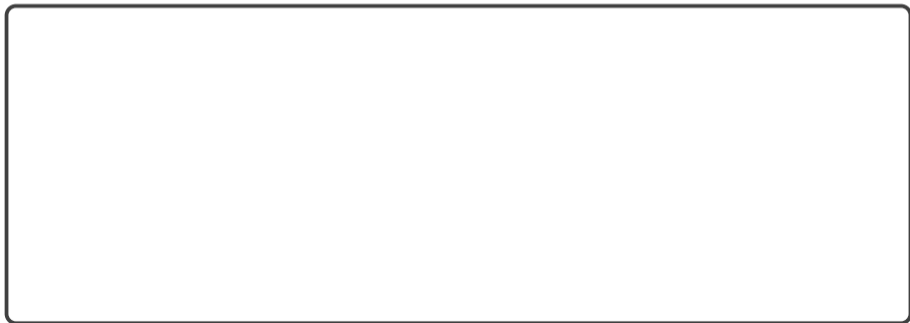
Weak form?

## Motivation: Bilinear Forms and Functionals

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v + \int_{\Omega} uv = \int_{\Omega} fv.$$

This is the **weak form** of the strong-form problem. The task is to find a  $u \in V$  that satisfies this for all test functions  $v \in V$ .

Recast this in terms of bilinear forms and functionals:





# Dual Spaces and Functionals

## Bounded Linear Functional

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. A **linear functional** is a linear function  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . It is **bounded** ( $\Leftrightarrow$  continuous) if there exists a constant  $C$  so that  $|g(v)| \leq C \|v\|$  for all  $v \in V$ .

## Dual Space

Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. Then the **dual space**  $V'$  is the space of bounded linear functionals on  $V$ .

Dual Space is Banach (cf. e.g. Yosida '95 Thm. IV.7.1)

$V'$  is a Banach space with the **dual norm**



## Functionals in the Model Problem

Is  $g$  from the model problem a bounded functional? (In what space?)



That bound felt loose and wasteful. Can we do better?



## Riesz Representation Theorem (1/3)

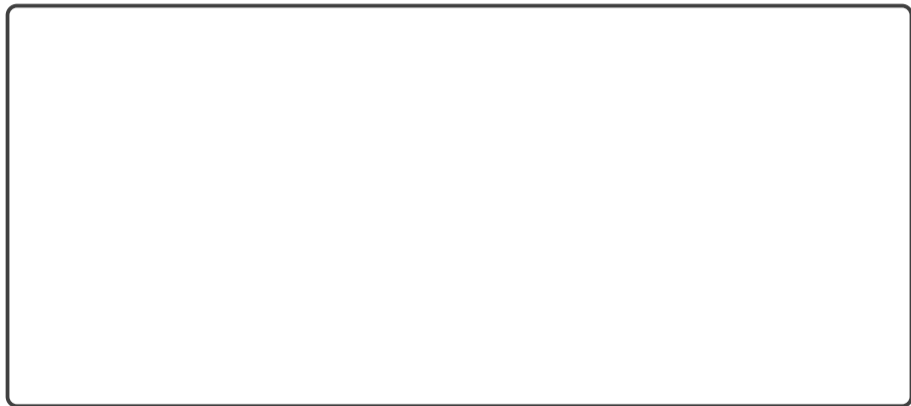
Let  $V$  be a Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

### Theorem (Riesz)

*Let  $g$  be a bounded linear functional on  $V$ , i.e.  $g \in V'$ . Then there exists a unique  $u \in V$  so that  $g(v) = \langle u, v \rangle$  for all  $v \in V$ .*

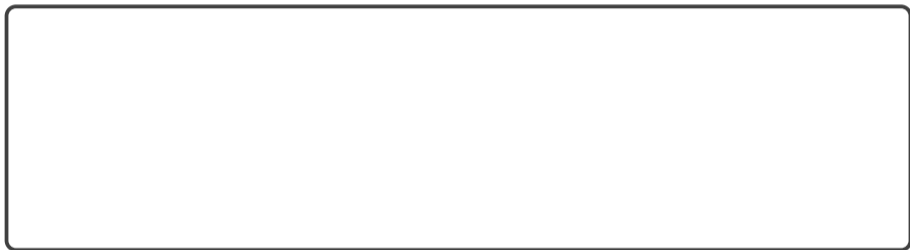
## Riesz Representation Theorem: Proof (2/3)

Have  $w \in N(g)^\perp \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\alpha = g(w) \neq 0$ , and  $z := v - (g(v)/\alpha)w \perp w$ .



## Riesz Representation Theorem: Proof (3/3)

Uniqueness of  $u$ ?



## Back to the Model Problem

$$a(u, v) = \langle \nabla u, \nabla v \rangle_{L^2} + \langle u, v \rangle_{L^2}$$

$$g(v) = \langle f, v \rangle_{L^2}$$

$$a(u, v) = g(v)$$

Have we learned anything about the solvability of this problem?



## Poisson

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  open, bounded,  $f \in H^{-1}(\Omega)$ .



This is called the **Poisson problem** (with Dirichlet BCs).

Weak form?



# Ellipticity

Let  $V$  be Hilbert space.

## $V$ -Ellipticity

A bilinear form  $a(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called **coercive** if there exists a constant  $c_0 > 0$  so that

and  $a$  is called **continuous** if there exists a constant  $c_1 > 0$  so that

If  $a$  is both coercive and continuous on  $V$ , then  $a$  is said to be  $V$ -elliptic.



## Lax-Milgram Theorem

Let  $V$  be Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

### Lax-Milgram, Symmetric Case

Let  $a$  be a  $V$ -elliptic bilinear form that is also **symmetric**, and let  $g$  be a bounded linear functional on  $V$ .

Then there exists a unique  $u \in V$  so that  $a(u, v) = g(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ .

## Back to Poisson

Can we declare victory for Poisson?



Can this inequality hold in general, without further assumptions?



## Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality (1/3)

### Theorem (Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality)

*Suppose  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is bounded and  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ . Then there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\|u\|_{L^2} \leq C \|\nabla u\|_{L^2}.$$

## Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality (2/3)

Prove the result in  $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ .



## Poincaré-Friedrichs Inequality (3/3)

Prove the result in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ .



## Back to Poisson, Again

Show that the Poisson bilinear form is coercive.

Draw a conclusion on Poisson:

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## Ritz-Galerkin

Some key goals for this section:

- ▶ How do we use the weak form to compute an approximate solution?
- ▶ What can we know about the accuracy of the approximate solution?

Can we pick one underlying principle for the construction of the approximation?





## Galerkin Orthogonality

$$a(u, v) = g(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V, \quad a(u_h, v_h) = g(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h.$$

Observations?



## Céa's Lemma

Let  $V \subset H$  be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space  $H$ .

### Céa's Lemma

Let  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a coercive and continuous bilinear form on  $V$ . In addition, for a bounded linear functional  $g$  on  $V$ , let  $u \in V$  satisfy

$$a(u, v) = g(v) \quad \text{for all } v \in V.$$

Consider the finite-dimensional subspace  $V_h \subset V$  and  $u_h \in V_h$  that satisfies

$$a(u_h, v_h) = g(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h.$$

Then

## Céa's Lemma: Proof

Recall Galerkin orthogonality:  $a(u_h - u, v_h) = 0$  for all  $v_h \in V_h$ . Show the result.



## Elliptic Regularity

### Definition ( $H^s$ Regularity)

Let  $m \geq 1$ ,  $H_0^m(\Omega) \subseteq V \subseteq H^m(\Omega)$  and  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  a  $V$ -elliptic bilinear form. The bilinear form  $a(u, v) = \langle f, v \rangle$  for all  $v \in V$  is called  **$H^s$  regular**, if for every  $f \in H^{s-2m}$  there exists a solution  $u \in H^s(\Omega)$  and we have with a constant  $C(\Omega, a, s)$ ,

### Theorem (Elliptic Regularity (cf. Braess Thm. 7.2))

*Let  $a$  be a  $H_0^1$ -elliptic bilinear form with sufficiently smooth coefficient functions.*

## Elliptic Regularity: Counterexamples

Are the conditions on the boundary essential for elliptic regularity?



Are there any particular concerns for mixed boundary conditions?



## Estimating the Error in the Energy Norm

Come up with an idea of a bound on  $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1}$ .

What's still to do?

## $L^2$ Estimates

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_H$  and the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .  
(Think:  $H = L^2$ ,  $V = H^1$ .)

### Theorem (Aubin-Nitsche)

*Let  $V \subseteq H$  be a subspace that becomes a Hilbert space under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_V$ . Let the embedding  $V \rightarrow H$  be continuous. Then we have for the finite element solution  $u \in V_h \subset V$ :*

*if with every  $g \in H$  we associate the unique (weak) solution  $\varphi_g$  of the equation (also called the **dual problem**)*