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• FEM:

BVP

VF

Find  $u \in V$  s.t.  $a(u, v) = \ell(v)$

$\forall v \in \hat{V}$

Galerkin

(b.1)

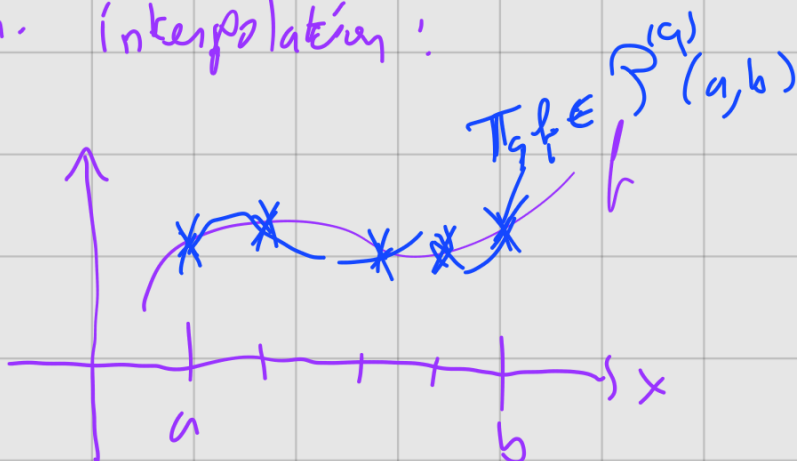
FE problem

Find  $u_h \in V_h$  s.t.  $a(u_h, v_h) = \ell(v_h)$

$\forall v_h \in \hat{V}_h$

linear syst.  $Ax = b$

• Polyn. interpolation:



$$\underline{u_t(x, t)} - \underline{u_{xx}(x, t)} = \underline{f(x, t)}$$

num. methods - IVP

BVP  $\rightarrow$  FEM

• Notation, quiz, cpu lab

Ex: Linear interpolation on  $[0,1]$ : classical basis

Here,  $c_1 = 1 \Rightarrow x_0 = 0$  and  $x_1 = 1$ .

Using  $\Pi_1 f \in \mathcal{P}^{(1)}(0,1) = \text{span}(1, x)$ , one can write  $\Pi_1 f(x) = a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 \cdot x$    
 ← basis  
 ↘ unknown coeff.

Since we look for an interpolant, we have the conditions:

$$\underline{f(x_0)} \stackrel{!}{=} \Pi_1 f(x_0) = \Pi_1 f(0) = a_0 \rightarrow a_0 = f(x_0)$$

$$\underline{f(x_1)} \stackrel{!}{=} \Pi_1 f(x_1) = \Pi_1 f(1) = a_0 + a_1$$

↓ given

Def  $x_0, x_1$

Def  $\Pi_1 f$

$$\rightarrow a_1 = f(x_1) - f(x_0)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \Pi_1 f(x) = f(x_0) \cdot 1 + (f(x_1) - f(x_0)) \cdot x \quad // \quad \text{:-)} \\ \text{(eq. of line)}$$

One can do the same with another basis:

Def: Lagrange polynomials are given by

$$\lambda_i(x) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^q \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q$$

Rem: •  $\lambda_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=j \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

•  $\mathcal{P}^{(q)}(a,b) = \text{span}(\lambda_0(x), \lambda_1(x), \dots, \lambda_q(x))$

Ex: Linear interpolant on  $[0,1]$ : Lagrange basis / nodal basis

linear  $\rightarrow q=1 \rightarrow x_0=0$  and  $x_1=1$ .

Now, we write  $\Pi_1 f(x) = b_0 \lambda_0(x) + b_1 \lambda_1(x)$   
basis  
unknown coeff.

with Lagrange polyn.

$$\lambda_0(x) = \frac{x - x_1}{x_0 - x_1} = \frac{x - 1}{0 - 1} = 1 - x$$

Def  $\lambda_i$  Def  $x_0, x_1$

$$\lambda_1(x) = \frac{x - x_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{x - 0}{1 - 0} = x$$

Again, we have the 2 conditions  
 $f(x_0) = \Pi_1 f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_1) = \Pi_1 f(x_1)$  and  
 get, as before,

$$\Pi_1 f(x) = f(x_0) + x(f(x_1) - f(x_0)) //$$

(same as before)

Ex:  $q=2 \rightarrow$  book p. 92

What is the error of the linear interpolant?

Recall: Norms  $\|f\|_{L^p(a,b)} = \left( \int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$   
 $p=1, 2$

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty(a,b)} = \sup_{x \in [a,b]} |f(x)|$$

Gives way to measure "distance"  
 between functions:  $\|f - g\|_{L^p(a,b)}$

Th: Let  $p=1, 2, \infty$ . Assume  $f \in C^2(a,b)$ .

Then, there exists constants  $C_1, C_2, C_3 \leq h$ .

$$1) \|\Pi_1 f - f\|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_1 (b-a)^2 \cdot \|f''\|_{L^p(a,b)}$$



$$2) \| \Pi_1 f - f \|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_2 \cdot (b-a) \cdot \| f' \|_{L^p(a,b)}$$

$$3) \| (\Pi_1 f)' - f' \|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_3 \cdot (b-a) \cdot \| f'' \|_{L^p(a,b)}$$

for  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ .

Proof:

• From the previous expt. we know that

$$\Pi_1 f(x) = f(x_0) \cdot \lambda_0(x) + f(x_1) \cdot \lambda_1(x), \text{ where}$$

$$x_0 = a, x_1 = b, \lambda_0(x) = \frac{x-b}{a-b}, \lambda_1(x) = \frac{x-a}{b-a}.$$

• Do a Taylor expansions of  $f(x_0)$  and  $f(x_1)$  around  $x$ :

$$f(x_0) = f(x) + (x-x_0) f'(x) + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!} f''(\xi_0), \text{ for some } \xi_0 \in (a, x)$$

$$f(x_1) = f(x) + (x-x_1) f'(x) + \frac{(x-x_1)^2}{2!} f''(\xi_1), \text{ for some } \xi_1 \in (x, b)$$

• Inserting everything into  $\Pi_1 f(x)$  gives

$$\Pi_1 f(x) = f(x_0) \lambda_0(x) + f(x_1) \cdot \lambda_1(x) = \dots =$$

$$= f(x) + \frac{1}{2} (x_0 - x) f''(\xi_0) \lambda_0(x) + \frac{1}{2} (x_1 - x) f''(\xi_1) \lambda_1(x)$$

Hence, the error reads

$$\left| \Pi_1 f(x) - f(x) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{|x_0 - x|^2}_{\leq (b-a)^2} \underbrace{|f''(\xi_0)|}_{\leq \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f''(x)|} \underbrace{|\lambda_0(x)|}_{\leq 1} +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{|x_1 - x|^2}_{\leq (b-a)^2} \underbrace{|f''(\xi_1)|}_{\leq \max_{x \in [a,b]} |f''(x)|} \underbrace{|\lambda_1(x)|}_{\leq 1}$$

since  $x \in (a,b)$

$$\leq 1 \cdot (b-a)^2 \cdot \max_{y \in [a,b]} |f''(y)|$$

$\|f''\|_{C^\infty[a,b]} \quad (\text{Def})$

The above bound is valid for all  $x \in (a,b)$ , hence one has:

$$\| \Pi_1 f - f \|_{C^\infty[a,b]} \leq (b-a)^2 \cdot \|f''\|_{C^\infty[a,b]}$$

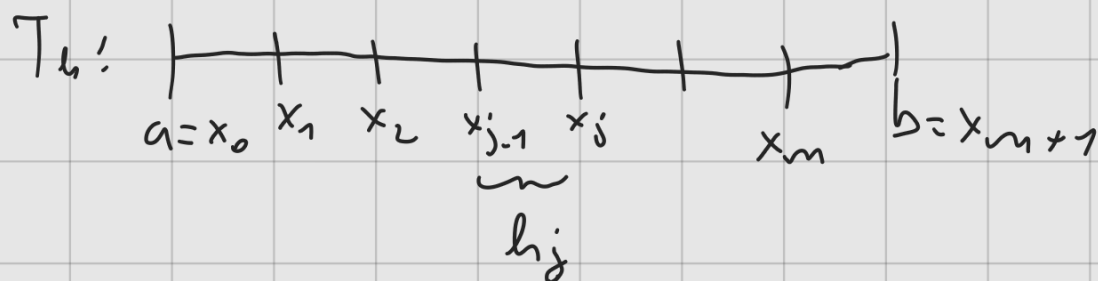
$$(p = \infty, 1)$$



### c) Continuous piecewise linear interpolation:

Here, we consider cont. pw linear int.  
instead of linear int.

Recall,  $V_h(a, b) = \text{span}(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_{m+1})$   
with hat for  $\varphi_j$ .



Each  $v \in V_h(a, b)$  can be written

$$v(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} \underbrace{\zeta_j}_{=v(x_j)} \varphi_j(x)$$

Def: The mesh function is given by

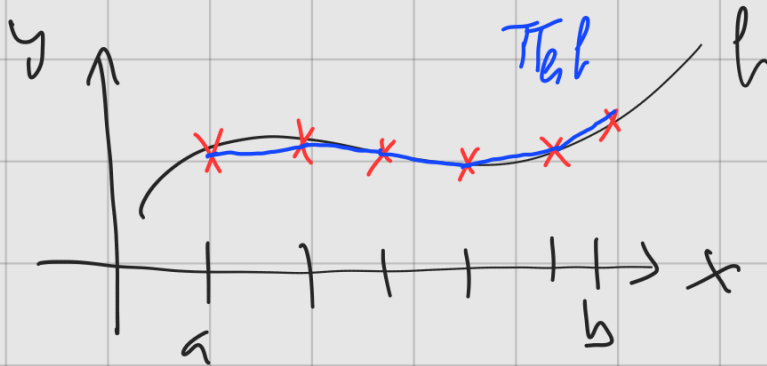
$$\underline{h(x)} = h_j \quad \text{for } x \in (x_{j-1}, x_j)$$

(useful for non-uniform partition)

Def: Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous and the above partition  $T_h$ . The continuous piecewise linear interpolant of  $f$  reads

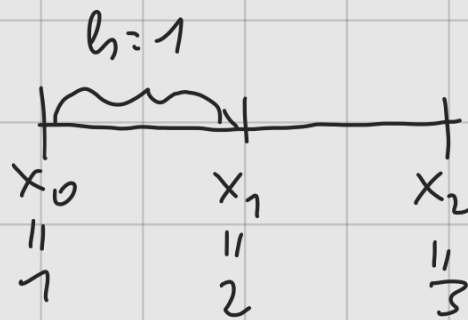
$$\underline{\Pi_h f(x)} = \sum_{j=0}^{m+1} f(x_j) \cdot \varphi_j(x) \in V_h(a, b)$$

Rem, Important def since FE sol. is someone living in  $V_h(a,b)$ , see error analysis of FEM (later).



Ex: Let  $f(x) = (x-1) \cdot (x-2) + 1$  for  $x \in [1,3]$  and uniform partition of  $[1,3]$  into 2 subintervals, What is  $\Pi_h f$ ?

Partition:



$$m=1$$

$$h = \frac{b-a}{m+1} = \frac{3-1}{1+1} = 1$$

The interpolant reads

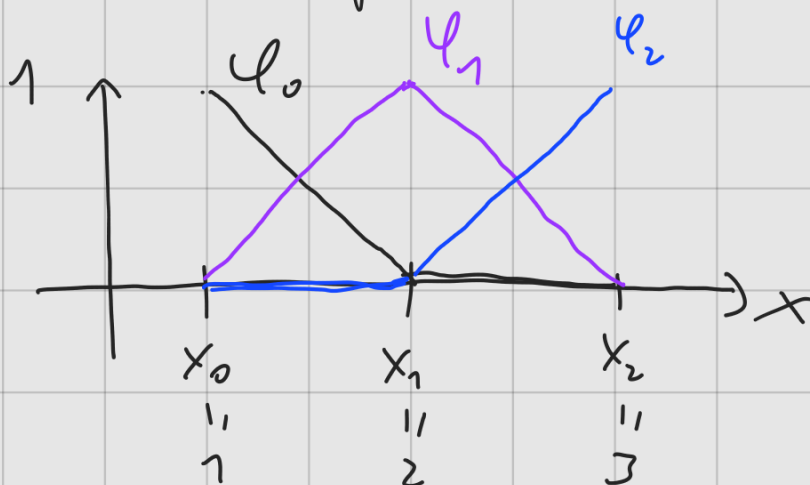
$$\Pi_h f(x) = \underline{f(x_0)} \cdot \varphi_0(x) + \underline{f(x_1)} \cdot \varphi_1(x) + \underline{f(x_2)} \cdot \varphi_2(x),$$

where  $\underline{f(x_0)} = f(1) = 1$  (using Def  $x_0, f$ )

$$\underline{f(x_1)} = f(2) = 1$$

$$\underline{f(x_2)} = f(3) = 3$$

and the hat fct.



Hence,

Def f/above Def  $\phi_j$

$$\Pi_h f(x) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \phi_0(x) + \phi_1(x) + 3 \cdot \phi_2(x) \stackrel{\downarrow}{=}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{x-x_1}{-h} + \frac{x-x_0}{h} + 0 = \underline{1} & \text{for } x_0 \leq x \leq x_1 \\ 0 + \frac{x-x_1}{-h} + 3\left(\frac{x-x_1}{h}\right) = \underline{2x-3} & \text{for } x_1 \leq x \leq x_2 \end{cases}$$



$h \rightarrow 0$   
 $m \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  better interpolation

What is the error of this interpolant?

Th: Let  $f \in C^2(a,b)$  and  $\Pi_h f$  the above  
pw linear interpolant on uniform partition,  
Then,  $\exists$  constants  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  s.t.

$$1) \|\Pi_h f - f\|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_1 \cdot h^{\boxed{2}} \|f''\|_{L^p(a,b)}$$

$$2) \|\Pi_h f - f\|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_2 \cdot h \|f'\|_{L^p(a,b)}$$

$$3) \|(\Pi_h f)' - f'\|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_3 \cdot h \|f''\|_{L^p(a,b)}$$

for  $p = 1, 2, \infty$ .

Rem: • If  $h \rightarrow 0$ , then error  $\rightarrow 0$

•  $f''$  LARGE  $\Rightarrow f$  bends a lot  
linear interpolant not so good.

• For non-uniform partition, one  
uses the mesh function and gets

$$\|\Pi_h f - f\|_{L^p(a,b)} \leq C_1 \cdot \|\underline{h^2} f''\|_{L^p(a,b)}$$

$f$ . instance

$P_{\text{root}}$  (of 1) and  $p = 1, 2$ )

$$\| \Pi_h f - f \|_{L^p(a,b)}^p \stackrel{\text{Def norm}}{=} \int_a^b | \Pi_h f(x) - f(x) |^p dx \stackrel{\text{Def partition}}{=} \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} | \Pi_h f(x) - f(x) |^p dx = \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \| \Pi_h f - f \|_{L^p(x_{j-1}, x_j)}^p$$

$\uparrow$  Def norm

$\underbrace{\Pi_h f - f}_{\text{polyn. of degree 1 on } (x_{j-1}, x_j)}$

Previous Th.

$$\leq (C \cdot h^2)^p \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \| f'' \|_{L^p(x_{j-1}, x_j)}^p$$

$$\leq (C \cdot h^2)^p \| f'' \|_{L^p(a,b)}^p$$

Taking power  $\frac{1}{p}$  gives us the first point of the theorem. 

