

# THE EFFECT OF REDUCED INTEGRATION IN EIGENVALUE PROBLEMS

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$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u &= \lambda u && \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= 0 && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\|u\|_0 = 1$$

Solutions:  $(\lambda_j, u_j), 0 < \lambda_1 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_j \leq \dots$

$$u_j \in H^{1+r}(\Omega)$$

$r = 1$  if  $\Omega$  is convex and  $r < \frac{\pi}{\omega}$  (with  $\omega$  being the largest inner angle of  $\Omega$ ) otherwise.

## FINITE ELEMENT APPROXIMATIONS

$$V_h = \{v_h \in H_0^1(\Omega) : v_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_1 \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$

## EXACT INTEGRATION

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h = \lambda_h \int_{\Omega} u_h v_h \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

## MASS-LUMPING

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u_h^{ml} \cdot \nabla v_h = \lambda_h^{ml} \int_{\Omega} I_h(u_h^{ml} v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h$$

$I_h$  : Linear interpolation at the vertices

Spectral convergence with optimal order known in both cases (Babuska-Osborn, Banerjee-Osborn).

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 = O(h^r)$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_0 = O(h^{2r})$$

$$|\lambda - \lambda_h| = O(h^{2r})$$

**Lemma:** For any  $v_h \in V_h$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} (I_h(v_h^2) - v_h^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{E}_1} ((v_h(p_1(\ell)) - v_h(p_2(\ell))))^2 |\Omega_{\ell}| \end{aligned}$$

$\Omega_{\ell}$  : union of two triangles sharing  $\ell$

In particular,

$$\int_{\Omega} I_h(v_h^2) \geq \int_{\Omega} v_h^2$$

**Corollary:** For any  $v_h \in V_h$ ,

$$0 \leq \int_{\Omega} I_h(v_h^2) - v_h^2 \leq Ch^2 \|\nabla v_h\|_0^2$$

**Theorem:**  $\lambda_{h,j}^{ml} \leq \lambda_{h,j} \quad 1 \leq j \leq N_h$

**Proof.**

$$\lambda_{h,j} = \min_{V_{h,j}} \max_{v_h \in V_{h,j}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_h|^2}{\int_{\Omega} v_h^2}$$

and,

$$\lambda_{h,j}^{ml} = \min_{V_{h,j}} \max_{v_h \in V_{h,j}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_h|^2}{\int_{\Omega} I_h(v_h^2)}$$

where  $V_{h,j}$  denote any subspace of  $V_h$  of dimension  $j$ .

And from the Lemma,

$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_h|^2}{\int_{\Omega} I_h(v_h^2)} \leq \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla v_h|^2}{\int_{\Omega} v_h^2} \quad \forall v_h \in V_{h,j} \quad \square$$

I will drop the  $j$  from now on to simplify notation.

## SINGULAR CASE

**Theorem:**  $\|\nabla(u_h^{ml} - u)\|_0 = O(h^r)$ ,  $r < 1$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda \leq \lambda_h^{ml}$  for  $h$  small enough.

CONCLUSION: Mass-lumping is better in this case.

The proof uses:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_h^{ml} - \lambda &= \|\nabla(u_h^{ml} - u)\|_0^2 - \lambda \|u_h^{ml} - u\|_0^2 \\ &\quad - \lambda_h^{ml} \left( \int_{\Omega} I_h((u_h^{ml})^2) - (u_h^{ml})^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

The second and third terms are of higher order than the first one.

## REGULAR CASE

Now the first and third terms are of the same order  $O(h^2)$ . So, we do not know whether

$$\lambda_h^{ml} - \lambda$$

is positive or negative.

From numerical experiments:

$$\lambda_h^{ml} \leq \lambda$$

for reasonable meshes! (but we don't have a proof).

For example: for uniform meshes in a square one can compute explicitly  $\lambda_h^{ml}$  and  $\lambda$  and observe that  $\lambda_h^{ml} \leq \lambda$ .

REMARK: A trivial example shows that in some cases  $\lambda_h^{ml} \geq \lambda$ . But, we could not find an example with a “reasonable” mesh such that  $\lambda_h^{ml} \geq \lambda$ .

## OLD RESULTS ON FINITE DIFFERENCES

For uniform meshes mass-lumping corresponds to finite differences.

Forsythe (Pacific J. of Math. (1954, 1955)) proved the following:

**Theorem:**  $\lambda_h^{ml} \leq \lambda - ah^2 + o(h^2)$ , with  $a > 0$  if  $\Omega$  is convex.

Forsythe also conjectured that in the singular case  $\lambda_h^{ml} \geq \lambda$  for  $h$  small enough (which is a particular case of our results).

Other references on lower bounds: Weinberger (Bull. AMS (1955), Comm. Pure Appl. Math (1956) , SIAM, 1974).

Asymptotic lower bounds for the singular case  
Non-conforming elements of Crouzeix-Raviart

$$V_h^{NC} = \{v_h \in L^2(\Omega) : v_h|_T \in \mathcal{P}_1, \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h, \\ v_h \text{ is continuous at interior} \\ \text{midside points and vanishes} \\ \text{at boundary midside points}\}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla_h u_h \cdot \nabla_h v_h = \lambda_h^{nc} \int_{\Omega} u_h v_h \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^{NC}$$

**Remark:** In this case the mass matrix obtained with exact integration is diagonal.

We introduce the “Edge average” interpolant  $u_h^{ea} \in V_h^{NC}$  of  $u$ :

$$\int_{\ell} u_h^{ea} = \int_{\ell} u \quad \forall \text{edge } \ell$$

Then,

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla_h (u - u_h^{ea}) \cdot \nabla_h v_h = 0 \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^{NC}$$

Since  $\|u\|_0 = \|u_h\|_0 = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_h^{nc} + \lambda &= \|\nabla_h u_h\|_0^2 + \|\nabla u\|_0^2 \\
&= \|\nabla_h(u - u_h)\|_0^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h u_h \cdot \nabla u \\
&= \|\nabla_h(u - u_h)\|_0^2 + 2 \int_{\Omega} \nabla_h u_h \cdot \nabla u_h^{ea} \\
&= \|\nabla_h(u - u_h)\|_0^2 + 2\lambda_h^{nc} \int_{\Omega} u_h u_h^{ea} \\
&= \|\nabla_h(u - u_h)\|_0^2 + 2\lambda_h^{nc} - \lambda_h^{nc} \|u_h - u_h^{ea}\|_0^2 \\
&\quad + \lambda_h^{nc} (\|u_h^{ea}\|_0^2 - \|u\|_0^2)
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda - \lambda_h^{nc} &= \|\nabla_h(u - u_h)\|_0^2 - \lambda_h^{nc} \|u_h - u_h^{ea}\|_0^2 \\
&\quad + \lambda_h^{nc} (\|u_h^{ea}\|_0^2 - \|u\|_0^2)
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:**  $\|\nabla(u_h^{ml} - u)\|_0 = O(h^r)$ ,  $r < 1$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_h^{nc} \leq \lambda$  for  $h$  small enough.

**Proof.** In the above relation the second and third term are of higher order than the first one.

Second term: follows from  $L^2$  estimates

Third term: we use the a-priori estimate

$$\|u\|_{2,p} \leq C\lambda \|u\|_{0,p}$$

for some  $p > 1$  (which holds for any polygonal domain).

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\Omega} (u_h^{ea})^2 - \int_{\Omega} u^2 \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\Omega} (u_h^{ea} - u)(u_h^{ea} + u) \right| \\ &\leq C \|u\|_{0,\infty} \|u_h^{ea} - u\|_{0,p} \leq C(u, \lambda) h^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Non-conforming method with reduced integration

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla_h u_h \cdot \nabla_h v_h = \lambda_h^{nc,ms} \int_{\Omega} I_h(u_h v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in V_h^{NC}$$

ms: “MASS-SPREADING”

$$\lambda_h^{nc,ms} \leq \lambda_h^{nc}$$

Same proof as in the conforming case.

THEN,

$$\lambda_h^{nc,ms} \leq \lambda$$

For  $h$  small enough and  $u$  singular.

## RELATIONS

$$V_h \subset V_h^{NC} \Rightarrow \lambda_h^{nc} \leq \lambda_h \quad \text{and,} \quad \lambda_h^{nc,ms} \leq \lambda_h^{ml}$$

$$\lambda_h^{ml} \leq \lambda_h$$

$$\lambda_h^{nc,ms} \leq \lambda_h^{nc}$$

SINGULAR CASE:

$$\lambda_h^{nc,ms} \leq \lambda_h^{nc} \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_h^{ml}$$

Proved for  $h$  small.

REGULAR CASE:

$$\lambda_h^{nc,ms} \leq \lambda_h^{ml} \leq \lambda$$

No proof of the last inequality! (but is true in all our experiments with reasonable meshes).

## CONCLUSIONS

IF  $u$  IS SINGULAR: USE MASS LUMPING AND NC TO BOUND BY ABOVE AND BELOW

IF  $u$  IS REGULAR: USE EXACT INTEGRATION AND MASS LUMPING TO BOUND BY ABOVE AND BELOW

IF WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN USE EXACT INTEGRATION AND NC WITH REDUCED INTEGRATION

**REMARK:** When  $\Omega$  is not convex  $u$  may be singular or regular. For example, for the  $L$  shape domain,  $u_1$  is singular and  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  are regular.

# NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

First eigenvalue for L domain

Uniform refinement

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}$ | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 21              | 13.199179221542 | 9.071796769724       |
| 65              | 10.573955451157 | 9.641425460959       |
| 225             | 9.916549032001  | 9.693162213551       |
| 833             | 9.728372729312  | 9.673506476037       |
| 3201            | 9.66981732232   | 9.65620182015        |

First eigenvalue for Koch 2 domain

Uniform refinement

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}$ | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 37              | 46.993282224519 | 40.401005031470      |
| 121             | 42.121650466929 | 40.635844194708      |
| 433             | 40.796435658176 | 40.438418441151      |
| 1633            | 40.39662738666  | 40.30828543856       |

# First eigenvalue for Koch 3 domain

## Uniform refinement

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}$ | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 329             | 40.94016461357  | 40.34117804088       |
| 1217            | 40.17948566684  | 40.03394074483       |

## REGULAR SOLUTIONS

First eigenvalue for a square domain

$$\lambda_1 = \pi^2/2 = 4.93480220054468$$

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 5               | 15.789473684211      |
| 8               | 3.123922607067       |
| 14              | 3.091168190991       |
| 26              | 3.903152296554       |
| 55              | 4.646900604880       |
| 116             | 4.742942128240       |
| 259             | 4.888070813057       |

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 37              | 4.442736170666       |
| 121             | 4.810061215139       |
| 433             | 4.903574330061       |

First eigenvalue for an equilateral triangle

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{16\pi^2}{3} = 52.63789014\dots$$

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 15              | 42.6666666666667     |
| 45              | 49.987109344163      |
| 153             | 51.964905805628      |
| 561             | 52.468994312245      |

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 28              | 46.839659383781      |
| 91              | 51.318366941074      |
| 325             | 52.331156996197      |

# First eigenvalue for a circle

$$\lambda_1 = 5.78318596294679\dots$$

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 25              | 4.86961861262        |
| 81              | 5.52128687409        |
| 289             | 5.71540330139        |
| 1089            | 5.76609636891        |

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 41              | 5.469108031446       |
| 145             | 5.698898965742       |
| 545             | 5.761760229781       |

# ADAPTIVE REFINEMENT

First eigenvalue for L domain

Exact integration

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}$ |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 21              | 13.19917922154  |
| 35              | 11.17861899716  |
| 52              | 10.61960009902  |
| 87              | 10.23370713553  |
| 146             | 9.96803288895   |
| 190             | 9.88390214919   |
| 325             | 9.77175458628   |
| 461             | 9.73564019209   |
| 666             | 9.70629111767   |
| 1007            | 9.68265866024   |
| 1420            | 9.67110120080   |
| 2324            | 9.65833094103   |

# ADAPTIVE REFINEMENT

First eigenvalue for L domain

Mass lumping

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{ml}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 21              | 9.07179676972        |
| 35              | 9.58193479076        |
| 60              | 9.47118381681        |
| 97              | 9.53020788804        |
| 152             | 9.64055123484        |
| 218             | 9.55402279885        |
| 345             | 9.61364966132        |
| 478             | 9.60112464514        |
| 687             | 9.60626373321        |
| 993             | 9.62715585078        |
| 1682            | 9.62863961061        |
| 2411            | 9.63200652455        |
| 3268            | 9.63197587247        |

# NON-CONFORMING ELEMENTS

First eigenvalue for L domain

Uniform refinement

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{nc}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 44              | 9.029162344073       |
| 160             | 9.205405718064       |
| 608             | 9.466269451586       |

First eigenvalue for Koch 2 domain

Uniform refinement

| number of nodes | $\lambda_{h,1}^{nc}$ |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 84              | 37.00124133068       |
| 312             | 38.84043356529       |
| 1200            | 39.74253482521       |