

Exercise 1

This exercise requires some knowledge of MATLAB.

1. Determine the linear interpolant $\pi f \in \mathbb{P}_1(I)$ on the single interval $I = [0, 1]$ of the functions

(a) $f(x) = x^2$.

(b) $f(x) = 3 \sin(2\pi x)$.

Make plots of f and πf in the same figure.

Hint: In MATLAB: `vq=interp1(x,v,xq)` returns interpolated values of a 1-D function at specific query points using linear interpolation. Vector `x` contains the sample points, and `v` contains the corresponding values, $v(x)$. Vector `xq` contains the coordinates of the query points.

2. Reproduce Figure 1.6 from the book by Larson & Bengzon, see also page 26 of the slides. Write functions to assemble the mass matrix and the load vector. Use `L2Projector1D` below and compute the L2 projection $P_h f$ of the following function

$$f(x) = 2x \sin(2\pi x) + 3$$

Use a uniform mesh I of the interval $I = [0, 1]$ with $n = 5$ subintervals.

`foo` in `L2Projector1D` is a function handle.

```
function L2Projector1D(foo)
n = 5; % number of subintervals
h = 1/n; % mesh size
x = 0:h:1; % mesh
M = MassAssembler1D(x); % assemble mass
b = LoadAssembler1D(x,foo); % assemble load
Pf = M\b; % solve linear system
plot(x,Pf,'o',x,Pf,0:h/10:1,foo(0:h/10:1)) % plot L^2 projection
```

3. Let us try to interpolate a function that is not continuous. To be specific, let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

We interpolate f by a *continuous* piecewise linear polynomial πf , choosing grid points $x_i = ih \equiv i/n$, $i = 0, \dots, n$. We assume that n is even such that $\frac{1}{2}$ is among the grid points.

Compute $\|f - \pi f\|_{L^2(I)}$ and $\|(f - \pi f)'\|_{L^2(I)}$.

Is the theorem on Slide I-24 wrong?

Please submit your solution via e-mail to Peter Arbenz (arbenz@inf.ethz.ch) by September 29, 2017. (12:00). Please specify the tag **FEM17** in the subject field.