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1st exercise for the lecture  
**NUMERICS III**  
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**Due: Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 (10:15 a.m.)**

**Exercise 1** (4 TP)

Consider the space  $V = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}) \mid \|f\|_\infty < \infty\}$  with norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . Let  $u_n(x) = \max(0, 1 - |x - n|)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has no converging subsequence in  $V$  and conclude that the unit sphere in  $V$  is not compact.

**Exercise 2** (4 TP)

Show that the Laplace operator is invariant under rotations of the coordinate system: Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  be an orthogonal matrix with columns  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Given a rotation around a center  $c \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , defined by  $\psi(x) = A(x - c) + c$ , prove that the sequence of identities

$$\Delta u(x) = (\Delta(u \circ \psi))(\psi^{-1}x) = \Delta_A u(x) := \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a_i \partial a_i} u(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

holds for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

**Exercise 3** (4 TP)

For all  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  let

$$f_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & , x \in [-1, -\varepsilon] \\ \frac{x}{\varepsilon} & , x \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \\ 1 & , x \in [\varepsilon, 1] \end{cases} \quad u_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{\varepsilon^2-3}{6}x - \frac{\varepsilon^2}{6} & , x \in [-1, -\varepsilon] \\ \frac{1}{6\varepsilon}x^3 + \frac{3\varepsilon-\varepsilon^2-3}{6}x & , x \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \\ \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{\varepsilon^2-3}{6} + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{6} & , x \in [\varepsilon, 1]. \end{cases}$$

a) Verify that  $u_\varepsilon$  solves

$$\Delta u_\varepsilon = f_\varepsilon \text{ on } [-1, 1], \quad u_\varepsilon = 0 \text{ on } \{-1, 1\}$$

in the classical sense.

b) Prove that  $u_\varepsilon$  converges pointwise to

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{x}{2}(x+1) & , x \leq 0 \\ \frac{x}{2}(x-1) & , x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

c) Show that  $u_\varepsilon$  does not converge to  $u$  in  $C^2([-1, 1])$ .

d) Let  $\|v\|_{H^1} := \sqrt{\int_{-1}^1 (v'(x))^2 dx}$ . Show that  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \|u_\varepsilon - u\|_{H^1} = 0$ .

e) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $u$  is a weak solution of

$$\Delta u = f \text{ on } [-1, 1], \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \{-1, 1\}.$$