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Numerical Analysis Seminar

Iterative energy minimization and variational adaptivity

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Abstract

We present a general Galerkin discretization framework for the numerical approximation of nonlinear elliptic variational-type boundary value problems, i.e., whose solutions appear as (local or global) minimizers of an underlying energy functional. Our approach relies on two components: (1) a linearized iterative energy reduction procedure, which allows to minimize the energy on a given space, and (2) a novel adaptive methodology that exploits the local energy structure of the PDE (instead of a posteriori error indicators) in order to improve the approximate solution on a sequence of hierarchically enriched discrete spaces. In addition to the theoretical foundations, a series of numerical experiments in the context of finite element methods will illustrate our approach.

Date: April 24, 2024 (Wednesday)

Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm

Venue: ZOOM: <https://hku.zoom.us/j/>

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All are welcome