

2.9 In example 2.2, first find the exact analytical solution, then calculate two more Galerkin approximations using

Solution:

The analytical solution is $u(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x - x^2)$. The Galerkin approximation is

$$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{dW}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} - W \right) dx = 0.$$

$$u(x) = a_1 \sin \pi x + a_2 \sin 2\pi x, \quad W_1 = \sin \pi x, \quad W_2 = \sin 2\pi x$$

$$a) \quad W_1: \int_0^1 \left[\pi^2 \cos \pi x (a_1 \cos \pi x + 2a_2 \cos 2\pi x) - \sin \pi x \right] dx = 0$$

$$W_2: \int_0^1 \left[2\pi^2 \cos 2\pi x (a_1 \cos \pi x + 2a_2 \cos 2\pi x) - \sin 2\pi x \right] dx = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{2} a_1 + 0 \cdot a_2 - \frac{2}{\pi} = 0, \quad a_1 = \frac{4}{\pi^3}, \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \cdot a_1 + 2\pi^2 a_2 + 0 = 0, \quad a_2 = 0$$

$$u(x) = \frac{4}{\pi^3} \sin \pi x$$

$$b) \quad u(x) = a_1 \sin \pi x + a_2 \sin 2\pi x + a_3 \sin 3\pi x, \quad W_1 = \sin \pi x, \quad W_2 = \sin 2\pi x, \quad W_3 = \sin 3\pi x$$

We only need to calculate a_3 , a_1 and a_2 remain the same due to the orthogonality of the sine functions.

$$W_3: \int_0^1 \left[3\pi^2 \cos 3\pi x (a_1 \cos \pi x + 2a_2 \cos 2\pi x + 3a_3 \cos 3\pi x) - \sin 3\pi x \right] dx = 0$$

$$\frac{9\pi^2}{2} a_3 - \frac{2}{3\pi} = 0, \quad a_3 = \frac{4}{27\pi^3}, \quad u_3(x) = \frac{4}{3\pi^3} \left(\sin \pi x + \frac{1}{27} \sin 3\pi x \right)$$