HW #4, 269C, Vese

Due Friday, May 28, 2004

- 1. Let K be a tetrahedron with vertices a^i , i=1,...,4, and let a^{ij} denote the midpoint on the straight line a^ia^j , i< j. Show that a function $v\in P_2(K)$ is uniquely determined by the degrees of freedom: $v(a^i)$, $v(a^{ij})$, i,j=1,...,4, i< j. Show that the corresponding finite element space V_h satisfies $V_h\subset C^0(\Omega)$.
- **2.** Let K be a triangle with vertices a^i , i = 1, 2, 3. Suppose that $v \in P_r(K)$ and that v vanishes on the side a^2a^3 . Prove that v has the form

$$v(x) = \lambda_1(x)w_{r-1}(x), \quad x \in K,$$

where $w_{r-1} \in P_{r-1}(K)$.

3. Let K be a triangle with vertices a^i , i = 1, 2, 3, and let a^{ij} , i < j, denote the midpoints of the sides of K. Let a^{123} denote the center of gravity of K. Prove that $v \in P_4(K)$ is uniquely determined by the following degrees of freedom

$$v(a^{i}),$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{j}}(a^{i}), i = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, 2,$$

$$v(a^{ij}), i, j = 1, 2, 3, i < j,$$

$$v(a^{123}), \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_{j}}(a^{123}), j = 1, 2,$$

Also show that the functions in the corresponding finite element V_h are continuous.