Supraconvergence of a finite difference scheme
for solutions in $H^s(0, L)$

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Abstract
In this paper we study the convergence of a fully discrete linear finite element solution for a one-dimensional elliptic problem subject to general boundary conditions. We prove for $s \in [1, 2]$ order $O(h^s)$ convergence of solution and gradient if the exact solution is in the Sobolev space $H^{s+1}(0, L)$. The method is equivalent to a finite difference scheme on a nonuniform mesh and the obtained convergence is then a so-called supraconvergence result for solution and gradient. Numerical results illustrate the performance of the method and support the convergence result.

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