

STRICTLY CONVERGENT ALGORITHM FOR AN ELLIPTIC EQUATION WITH NONLOCAL AND NONLINEAR BOUNDARY CONDITIONS¹

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We consider an elliptic equation with nonlinear and nonlocal boundary conditions, which arises in conductive-radiative heat transfer problems, see, for instance, [1; 2; 3]. The corresponding to our problem variational equality reads as

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} [k_1 \langle \nabla(u + u_*), \nabla \eta \rangle + k_2 (u + u_*)_{x_3} \eta] dx \\ & + \int_{\Gamma} \sigma [(I - H)(|u + u_*|^3 (u + u_*))] \eta dS \\ & = \int_{\Omega} \langle \bar{f}, \eta \rangle dx + \int_{\Gamma} g \eta dS \quad \forall \eta \in V, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $\Omega = \Sigma \times [0, L] \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ is a bounded cylinder, V is a subspace of $W_2^1(\Omega)$ of functions that are zero on the intersection of $\bar{\Omega}$ with the plane $\{x_3 = 0\}$, Γ is the lateral surface of Ω , k_1, k_2, σ are positive constants, but H is a nonlocal bounded linear operator from $L_p(\Gamma)$ to $L_p(\Gamma)$ such that for $p = 1$ its norm is less than 1.

We show that there exists a two level iterative process that converges to the solution of (1). The first level consists of the Newton-type process

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} [k_1 \langle \nabla v_{k+1}, \nabla \eta \rangle + v_{k+1 x_3} \eta] dx + \int_{\Gamma} \sigma \psi(v_k) v_{k+1} dS \\ & = \langle \langle F(v_k), \eta \rangle \rangle \quad \forall \eta \in V, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

with appropriate nonnegative function ψ and $F(v_k) \in (V)^*$. In its turn, the second level consists on iterations of the type

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} [k_1 \langle \nabla(u_{k+1} + u_*), \nabla \eta \rangle + k_2 (u_{k+1} + u_*)_{x_3} \eta] dx + \int_{\Gamma} \sigma [|u_{k+1} + u_*|^3 (u_{k+1} + u_*)] \eta dS \\ & = \int_{\Gamma} \sigma H [|u_k + u_*|^3 (u_k + u_*)] \eta dS + \langle \langle F_0, \eta \rangle \rangle \quad \forall \eta \in V, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \end{aligned}$$

with an appropriate $F_0 \in (V)^*$.

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