

# Applied Mathematics: an introduction to Scientific Computing by Numerical Analysis

## Lecture 11 - Introduction to PDEs - Finite Elements in 1D

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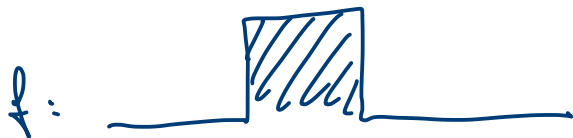
### FINITE ELEMENT PERSPECTIVE

Given  $f$ , find  $u$  s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} -u'' = f \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

ISSUES

(i) it won't work for



FD: assume  $f \in C^0([0,1])$   
"  $u \in C^2([0,1])$

approximate 
$$-u'' := \frac{-u^{i+1} + 2u^i - u^{i-1}}{h^2}$$

(ii)  $u'' = \text{CFD}^{\text{II}} u + \mathcal{O}(\|u'''\|_{L^\infty} h^2) \Rightarrow u \in C^4$

SOLUTION: WEAK FORM of (1)

1. Define a "smooth enough" vector space  $V$ , s.t.  $u \in V$ ,
2. Multiply (1) by  $v \in V$  and integrate on  $[0,1]$
3. Integrate by parts (using b.c. informations)  
as many times as possible "minimize the number of derivatives"

# INTEGRATION BY PARTS

(2)

$$(wv)' = w'v + wv'$$

$$\int_0^1 (wv)' = \int_0^1 w'v + \int_0^1 wv' = wv \Big|_0^1 := (wv)(1) - (wv)(0)$$

$$\int_0^1 w'v = - \int_0^1 vw' + wv \Big|_0^1$$

$$\int_0^1 -u''v = \int_0^1 f v$$

$u, v \in V$  "smooth with zero values in  $[0, 1]$ "

$w = -u'$ , use (2)

$$\int_0^1 u'v' - \cancel{u'v \Big|_0^1} = \int_0^1 f v \quad \forall v \in V, \quad v(0) = v(1) = 0$$

Given  $f \in L^2$ , find  $u \in V \equiv H_0^1$  s.t.

$$\int_0^1 u'v' = \int_0^1 f v \quad \forall v \in V$$

WEAK FORM

How do we choose the space  $V$ ?

$$\int_0^1 u'v' \text{ must exist} \Rightarrow \underline{u'}, \underline{v'} \in L^2([0, 1])$$

$$\int_0^1 f v \text{ must exist} \Rightarrow \text{for example, } \underline{f}, \underline{v} \in L^1([0, 1])$$

$$V := \left\{ v \in L^2([0, 1]) \text{, s.t. } v' \in L^2([0, 1]) \text{ and } v(0) = v(1) = 0 \right\} \equiv H_0^1([0, 1])$$

Approximation of **WEAK FORM** is obtained by constructing  $V_h \subset V$   $V_h := \text{span} \{v_i\}_{i=0}^{N-1}$

Given  $f \in L^2$ , find  $u_h \in V_h$  s.t.

$$\int_0^1 u_h' v_h' = \int_0^1 f v_h \quad \forall v_h \in V_h \subset V$$

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**SIMPLE CASES:**  $V_h$  is piecewise  $\mathbb{P}^k$  and  $C^0([0,1])$

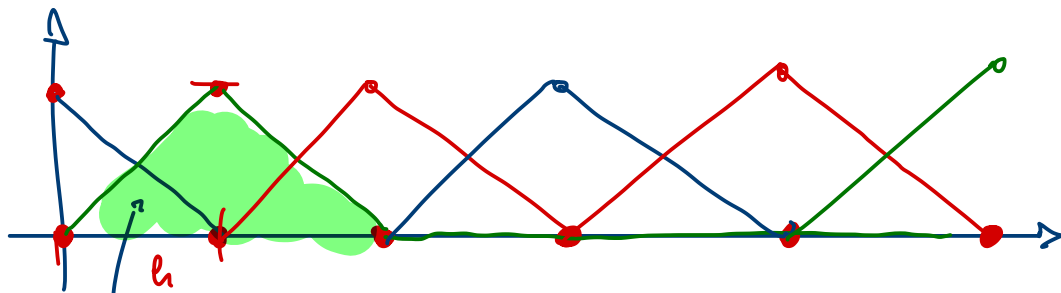
Select  $N$  points ( $N-1$  segments)  $x_i = ih \quad i \in (0, N-1)$   
 $h = \frac{1}{(N-1)}$

$$V_h^k := \left\{ v \in \mathbb{P}^k([x_i, x_{i+1}]) \quad \forall i \in [0, \dots, N-1), \text{ s.t. } v \in C^0([0,1]) \right\}$$

Simplest case:  $V_h^1$ : piecewise linear.

$$V_{h,0}^k := V_h^k \cap V = \{v \in V_h^k \text{ s.t. } v(0) = v(1) = 0\}$$

$$\exists \{v_i\}_{i=0}^{N-1} \text{ s.t. } v_i \in V_h^k, \quad v_i(x_j) = v_i(hj) = \delta_{ij}$$



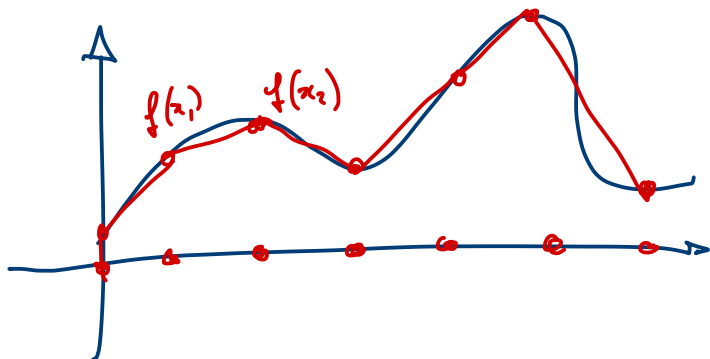
$$v_0 := \chi[x_0, x_1] \cdot (1-x).$$

assume  $h=1$

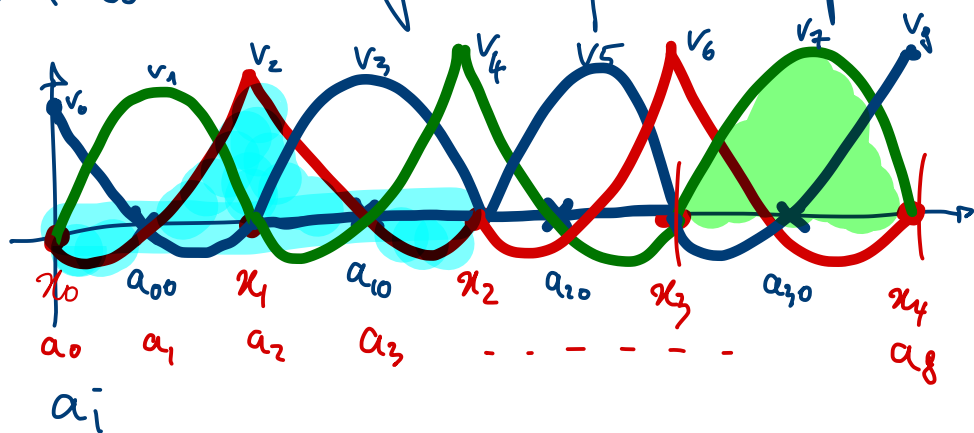
$$v_1 := \chi[x_0, x_1] x + \chi[x_1, x_2] (1 - (x - x_1))$$

$$v_2 := \dots$$

$$(I_{V_h^k} f)(x) := \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} f(x_i) v_i(x)$$



For  $k \geq 1$  we define a number of support points.  
 $M = (k+1) - 2$  interior points  $a_j$  (interpolation points)  
in  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$  s.t.  $x_i, a_{i0}, a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{i(k-2)}, x_{i+1}$   
is a collection of interpolation points for  $\mathbb{P}^k([x_i, x_{i+1}])$

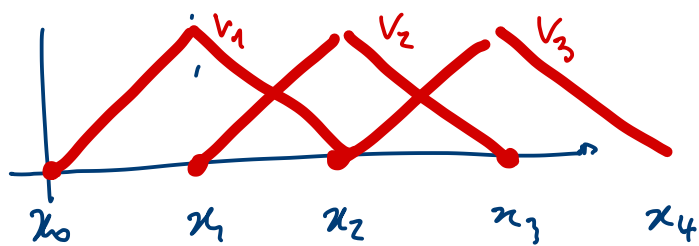


$$v_i \in V_k^k \text{ s.t. } v_i(a_j) = \delta_{ij}$$

$$\text{supp}(v_i) \subset [x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}]$$

$$V_k = \underline{V_{k,0}^1} = \text{span} \{v_i\}_{i=1}^{N-2}$$

$$(I_{V_k} f)(x) := \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} f(x_i) v_i(x)$$



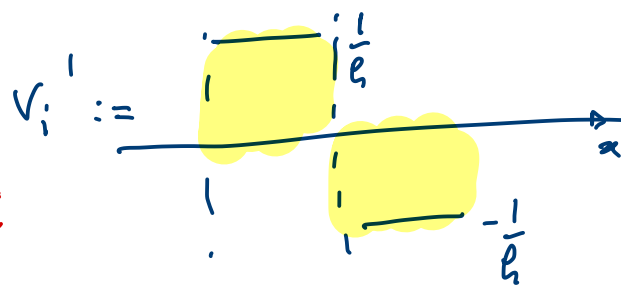
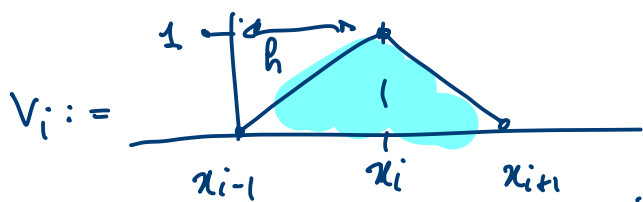
$$\text{find } u_k = \sum_{j=1}^{N-2} u_j^T v_j \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{N-2} \left( \int_0^1 v_j^T v_i^T \right) u_j^T = \int_0^1 f v_i$$

$$i \in [1, N-1]$$

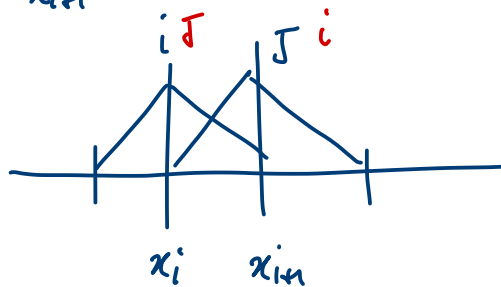
$$A_{ij} u_j^T = f_i$$

$$A_{ij} := \int_0^1 v_j^T v_i^T \Big|_{f_i := \int_0^1 f v_i}$$



$$V_i' V_J' \neq 0$$

$$|i - J| \leq 1$$

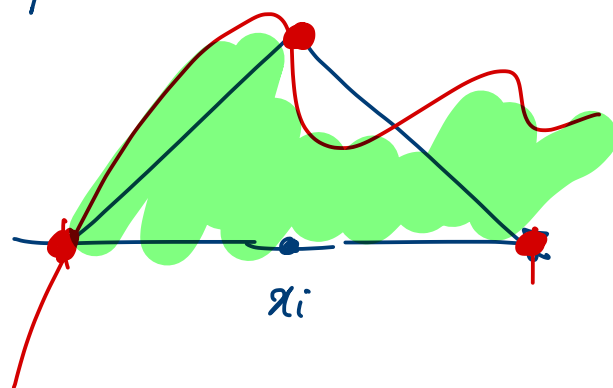


$$\int_0^1 V_i' V_J' = \begin{cases} \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} (V_i')^2 = \frac{2h}{h^2} = \frac{2}{h} & \text{if } i = J \\ \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} V_i' V_J' = -\frac{h}{h^2} = -\frac{1}{h} & \text{if } |i - J| = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$A_{ij} := \frac{1}{h} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Same as FD  
except  $\frac{1}{h} \textcircled{2}$

$$f_i := \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_{i+1}} V_i f$$



example rule: Trapez rule on each segment.

$$f_i := \frac{h}{2} \left[ (V_i f)(x_{i-1}) + (V_i f)(x_i) \right] + \frac{h}{2} \left[ (V_i f)(x_i) + (V_i f)(x_{i+1}) \right]$$

$$f_i := h f(x_i)$$

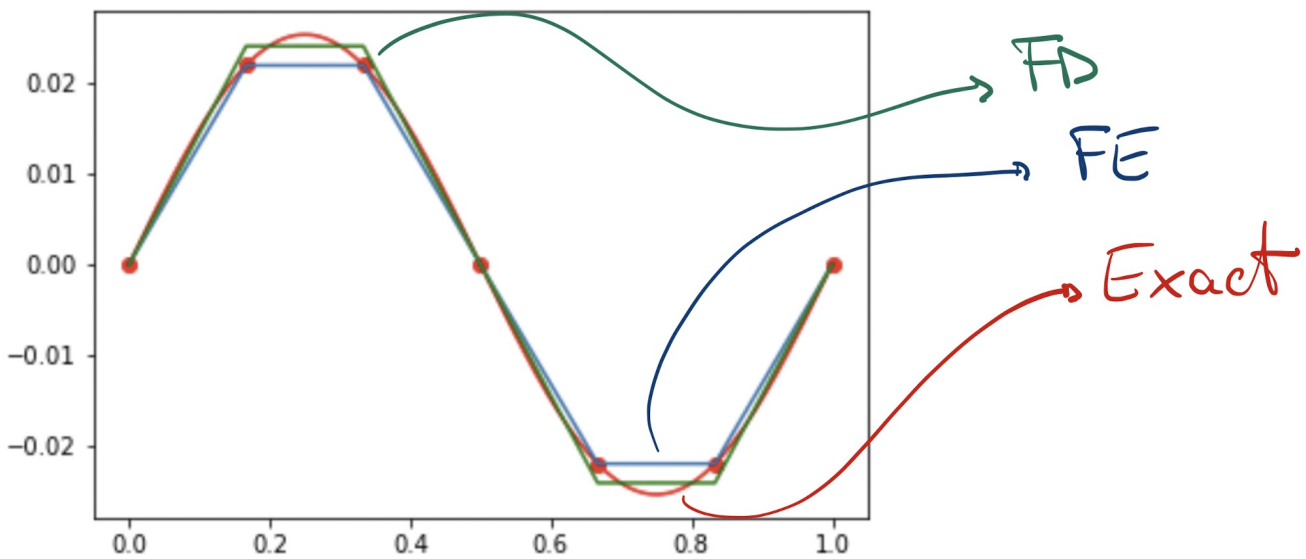
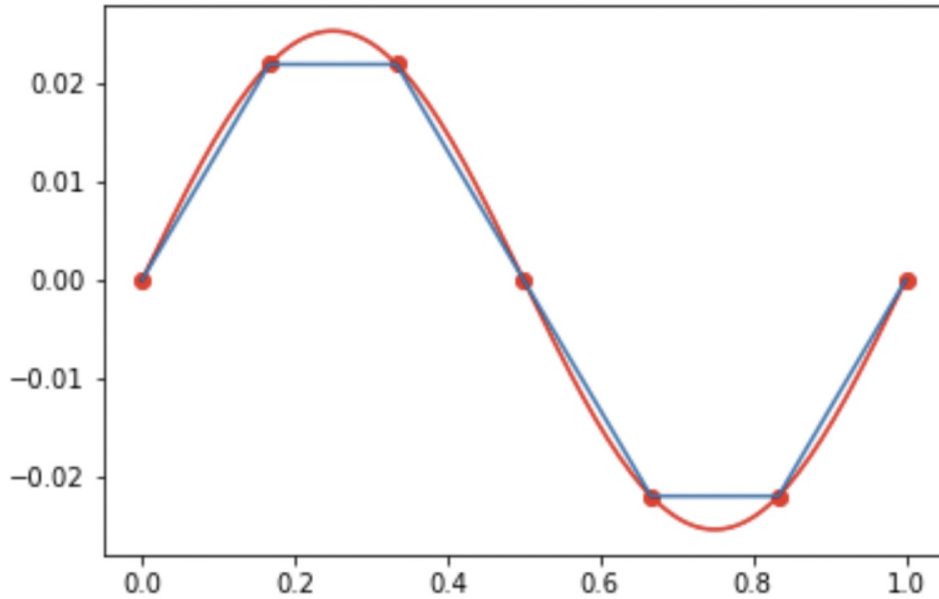
FE in 1D :

if  $f_i$  is computed exactly

then

$$u^i = u(x_i)$$

is exact in 1D



$$\int_0^1 u' v' = \int_0^1 f v \quad \forall v \in V$$

$$\int_0^1 u_n' v_n' = \int_0^1 f v_n \quad \forall v_n \in V_n \subset V$$

$$\textcircled{x} \int_0^1 (u - u_n)' v_n' = 0 \quad \forall v_n \in V_n$$

$$\|u - u_n\|_V \leq C \inf_{v_n \in V_n} \|u - v_n\|_V$$

Coor's Lemma

$$\|u\|_V := \left( \int_0^1 (u')^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$a(u, v) := \int_0^1 u' v'$$

$$a(u, v) \leq C \|u\|_V \|v\|_V$$

$$a: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \int_0^1 u' v' \right| \leq C \left( \int_0^1 (u')^2 \int_0^1 (v')^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C \|u\|_V \|v\|_V$$

$$\text{if } a(u, u) \geq \alpha \|u\|_V^2 \quad \text{then} \quad a(u - u_n, v_n) = 0 \quad \forall v_n \in V_n$$

$$\alpha \|u - u_n\|_V^2 \leq a(u - u_n, u - u_n) = a(u - u_n, u - v_n)$$

$$\leq C \|u - u_n\|_V \|u - v_n\|_V \quad \forall v_n \in V_n$$

$$\|u - u_n\|_V \leq \frac{C}{\alpha} \|u - v_n\|_V \quad \forall v_n \in V_n$$