

EXAMPLE 13.3: Let  $\Omega$  denote the annular domain  $\{p = (x, y) \in R^2 \leq \|p\|_2 \leq 2\}$  Use MATLAB to create and plot

SOLUTION: We use a node deployment strategy that is based on that of Method 2 of part (a) of the last example, dist

- (i) angle1 =  $\pi/2$ , angle2 =  $5\pi/6$ , maxnodes = 500, r=0.25
  - (ii) angle1 =  $-\pi$ , angle2 =  $\pi/2$ , maxnodes = 1500, r=0.25
  - (iii) angle1 =  $7\pi/6$ , angle2 =  $11\pi/6$ , maxnodes = 1200, r=0.025
- (*Triangulating General Convex Polygons*) (a) Write an M-file, call it [x y tri] =unipolytri i (xv, yv, maxnodes).
- (b) Use your program to redo Exercise 1.
  - (c) Run your program, and plot the nodes and resulting triangulations to obtain triangulations for each of the following:
    - (i) The rectangle with vertices  $(\pm 1, \pm 10)$ .
    - (ii) The triangle with vertices  $(0,0)$ ,  $(1,0)$ ,  $(0,8)$ .
    - (iii) A regular octagon unit sidelength.
    - (iv) The septagon with vertices  $(0,0)$ ,  $(2,0)$ ,  $(16,1)$ ,  $(16,4)$ ,  $(13,5)$ ,  $(11,4)$ ,  $(1,3)$ .

**Suggestion:** One way to view a convex polygon is that its set of points can be described as the intersection of all point half-planes. (See Figure 13.20(a)).

**NOTE:** (*Triangulating General Polygons*) Since any polygon can be decomposed into convex pieces, the program unipolytri of the Reader 13.4(b) can be used to triangulate any polygon.

Use the idea of the above note to redo Exercise for the Reader 13.4(b).

Use the idea of the above note to triangulate, using between 400 and 800 nodes, the decagon that has the following vertices:  $(\pm 1, \pm 10)$ ,  $(0, 8)$ ,  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(11, 4)$ ,  $(13, 5)$ ,  $(16, 4)$ ,  $(16, 1)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0)$ .

Consider the symmetric (nonconvex) polygon consisting of the rectangle with vertices:  $(\pm 1, -1)$ ,  $(\pm 1, 0)$  with two (left and right) circular arcs of radius 1 centered at  $(\pm 1, -0.5)$ .

- (a) Apply the method in the above note to triangulate this region by splitting it into the left and right halves (which are convex).
- (b) Apply the method in the above note to triangulate this region by splitting it into the following three convex pieces:

The next three exercises will involve triangulations of the domains having domains with curved boundaries illustrated in Figure 13.20(a), (b), and (c).

- Let the elliptical region  $\omega$  of Figure 13.20(a) have equation (for its boundary):  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 4$ . Use MATLAB to create a triangulation of  $\omega$  with the following properties:
  - (a) The nodes are more or less uniformly distributed with essentially a square grid (as in Method 1 of part (a) in the solution to Exercise 1).
  - (b) The nodes are deployed on concentric ellipses of the same eccentricity as the boundary ellipse (cf. Method 2 of part (a) in the solution to Exercise 1).
  - (c) The nodes are deployed in concentric ellipses (as in part (b)) but the density increases as we near the boundary (cf. Method 3 of part (a) in the solution to Exercise 1).
  - (d) The density of the nodes increases as we approach the interior point  $(x, y) = (1, 0)$  and such that between 20 and 30 nodes are near this point.

Let the region  $\omega$  of Figure 13.20(b) be specified as follows: The square (outside) boundary has equations:  $x = 0, 2, y = 0, 2$ .

- (a) The nodes are, more or less, uniformly distributed with essentially a square grid (cf. Method 1 of part (a) in the solution to Exercise 1).
  - (b) The density of the nodes increases as we near each of the two interior circle boundary portions and such that the square region  $\omega$  is filled with nodes.
- Let the region  $\omega$  of Figure 13.20(c) be specified as follows: The outside circle has: center =  $(0, 0)$  and radius = 2; the inside circle has: center =  $(0, 0)$  and radius = 1.
- (a) The nodes are more or less uniformly distributed with essentially a square grid (cf. Method 1 of part (a) in the solution to Exercise 1).
  - (b) The nodes are deployed on concentric circles (to the outer boundary circle) and more or less uniformly distributed.
  - (c) The density of the nodes increases as we near any of the four corner points on the inside square boundary and the outer circle boundary.

Let  $\omega$  denote the region of Figure 13.20(d). (a) Use MATLAB to plot an airfoil (the inside boundary of  $\omega$ ) by setting up a vector of points  $(x, y)$  that define the airfoil boundary.

- (b) The nodes are more or less uniformly distributed with essentially a square grid (cf. Method 1 of part (a) in the solution to Exercise 1).
- (c) The density of the nodes increases as we near the airfoil (inside) part of the boundary and the outside rectangle will be filled with nodes.

**Suggestions:** To find appropriate x and y vectors for the foil, it is probably easiest to copy the figure down on graph paper and use a ruler to measure the coordinates of the points.

[H] [width=0.9]6 Two triangulations of airfoils, (a) (left) A single component airfoil similar to that in Figure 13.20(d). The triangulation is shown with 60 triangular elements. (b) (right) A double component airfoil similar to that in Figure 13.20(d). The triangulation is shown with 60 triangular elements.

**NOTE:** (Rectangular Elements) For domains whose boundaries are made up of only vertical and horizontal segments, rectangular elements can be used. For example, consider the domain in Figure 13.22(b). The domain is a rectangle with vertices  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(7, 1)$ ,  $(7, 3)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(3, 6)$ ,  $(7, 6)$ ,  $(7, 8)$ , and  $(1, 8)$ . Tessellate the domain into a triangular mesh with 60 triangular elements.

These functions reduce to linear functions on any of the four edges of the rectangle so that continuity is assured across the edges. For the domain in Figure 13.22(b), let the outer vertices be  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(7, 1)$ ,  $(7, 3)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(3, 6)$ ,  $(7, 6)$ ,  $(7, 8)$ , and  $(1, 8)$ . Tessellate the domain into a triangular mesh with 60 triangular elements.

- (a) Write down a formula for the basis function  $\Theta_{(2,2)}(x, y)$  corresponding to the interior node  $(2, 2)$ .
  - (b) Use MATLAB to draw a three-dimensional graph of this basis function.
  - (c) Repeat parts (a) and (b) for the basis function  $\Theta_{(1,1)}(x, y)$  corresponding to the interior node  $(1, 1)$ .
  - (d) Are these basis functions differentiable (smooth) across all edges of adjacent elements? (It was already pointed out that the basis functions are linear on each edge of the triangle.)
- Let the domain in Figure 13.22(b) have the vertices and tessellation of the last exercise. On this domain, consider the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ .

- (a) Use MATLAB to draw a three-dimensional graph of this function.
- (b) Use MATLAB to draw a three-dimensional graph of the finite element interpolant to this function using the basis functions  $\Theta_{(1,1)}$  and  $\Theta_{(2,2)}$ .

where each term of the sum corresponds to a node of the tessellation.

- (c) Create and plot a corresponding approximation to  $f(x, y)$  that arises from the triangular mesh of the domain using 60 triangular elements.
- (d) Repeat part (b) except this time use squares of sidelength  $1/4$  in the tessellation. (So there will be 16 times as many squares as triangles.)

**Suggestion:** In parts (b) and (d), use the meshgrid command for each element and use the hold on command. The standard rectangular element has vertices  $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$ . (a) Show that the corresponding four local basis functions (viz.

- (The local basis function  $\rho_i$  corresponds to the vertex  $v_i$ , and they are written with the same orientation as the vertices  $v_i$ .)
- (b) Use MATLAB to draw three-dimensional graphs of each of these four local basis functions.

(b) The triangulation of part (a) was rather uniform and had 1795 nodes. In this part we try to work with a smaller number of nodes.

We now move on to describe the FEM for the general case of the BVP (10):

Under the assumptions indicated in the theoretical discussion earlier in this section, this BVP can be shown to be equivalent to minimizing the functional:

over the following set of admissible functions:

Note that the class of admissible functions requires only the Dirichlet boundary conditions (on  $\Gamma_1$ ). The Robin boundary conditions are not required.

Analogous to the one-dimensional method presented in Section 10.5, the FEM will solve a corresponding finite-dimensional problem. The basis functions corresponding to nodes on the boundary portion  $\Gamma_1$  will have their coefficients determined by the Dirichlet boundary conditions.

#### FEM FOR THE BVP (10)-GENERAL CASE:

**Step #1: Decompose the domain into elements, and represent the set of nodes and elements using matrices.**

**Step #2: Use the Dirichlet BCs  $u(x, y) = g(x, y)$  on  $\Gamma_1$  to determine the coefficients of the Dirichlet boundary basis functions.**

**Step #3: Assemble the  $n \times n$  stiffness matrix  $A$  and load vector  $b$  needed to determine the remaining coefficients.**

**Step #4: Solve the stiffness equation  $Ac = b$ , and obtain the FEM solution  $u_h$ .**

As before, the coefficients  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$  will eventually be determined as the solution vector  $c = [c_1 c_2 \dots c_n]'$  of a linear system  $Ac = b$ .

and

In these formulas the integrals over  $\Gamma_2$  are with respect to arclength (i.e., positively oriented line integrals). These can be computed using the definition of line integrals.

The assembly process can be coded much like the way we did it for Example 13.7. The only new feature here is the presence of the boundary integrals over  $\Gamma_2$ .

from the definition of line integrals. Such integrals could be done with MATLAB's `quad` (or `quad1`)-but in a general FE program, it is more convenient to use a routine that computes line integrals directly.

This formula, known as the **Newton-Coates formula** with three equally spaced points, is exact for polynomials up to degree 2.

**EXERCISE FOR THE READER 13.13:** (a) Write an M-file `lineint = bdyintapprox(fun, tri, redges)` that works for a general triangulation.

In our next example, we will solve a BVP over an odd-shaped region. The problem is carefully constructed so that the exact solution is known.

**EXAMPLE 13.8:** Use the finite element method to solve the following mixed BVP over the parabolically shaped domain shown in Figure 13.10.

(a) Use first a triangulation with between 300 and 500 nodes that are more or less uniformly distributed. Compare with the exact solution.

This appendix is meant as a quick reference for occasions in which exact mathematical calculations or manipulation are required. It covers the following topics:

- Computing the (formula) for the derivative or antiderivative of a function
- Simplifying or combining algebraic expressions
- Computing a definite integral exactly and expressing the answer in terms of known functions and constants such as  $\pi$ ,  $e$ , etc.
- Finding analytical solutions of differential equations (if possible)
- Solving algebraic or matrix equations exactly (if possible)

Such exact arithmetic computations are known collectively as **symbolic computations**. MATLAB is unable to perform these computations.

There are also circumstances where the precision of MATLAB's floating point arithmetic is not good enough for a given application. The remainder of this appendix will present a brief survey of some of the functionality and features of the Symbolic Toolbox.

## A.2: ANALYTICAL MANIPULATIONS AND CALCULATIONS

To begin a symbolic calculation, we need to declare the relevant variables as symbolic. To declare  $x$ ,  $y$  as symbolic variables, we use the `syms` command:

```
>> syms x y
```

Let's now do a few algebraic manipulations. The basic algebra manipulation commands that MAPLE has are as follows:

```
>> p2 = (x + 2*y)^2; p4 = (x + 2*y)^4;
>> expand(p2) %Multiplies out the binomial product.
->ans = x^2 + 4*x*y + 4*y^2
>> expand(p4)
-> ans = x^4 + 8*x^3*y + 24*x^2*y^2 + 32*x*y^3 + 16*y^4
>> pretty(ans) %Puts the answer in a prettier form.
>> 4 3 2 2 3 4
x + 8 x y + 24 x y + 32 x y +16y
```

In general, for any sort of analytical expression `exp`, the command `expand (exp)` will use known analytical identities to transform `exp` into a sum of terms.

```
>> prett y (expand (tan (x + 2*y) ))->
```

To clean up (simplify) any sort of analytical expression (involving powers, radicals, trig functions, exponential functions, etc.), we use the `simplify` command:

```
>> h = x^6 - x^5 - 12*x^4 - 2*x^3 + 41*x^2 + 51*x + 18;
>> pretty(factor(h))
-> 2 3
(x+2(x-3)(x+1))
```

This function will also factor positive integers into primes. This brings up an important point. MATLAB also has a function `factor` for factoring integers, but it is not symbolic.

```
>> factor(3^101-1)
??? Error using ==_factor
The maximum value of n allowed is 2^32
>> factor(sym(3^101-1)) %declaring the integer input as symbolic
%brings forth the MAPLE version this command.
>>ans = (2)^110*(43)*(47)*(89)*(6622026029)
```

Whereas the Student Version of MATLAB includes access to many of the Symbolic Toolbox commands that one might expect, the full version of MATLAB includes access to all of the Symbolic Toolbox commands.