



# Lecture 4: Solving Poisson's Equation

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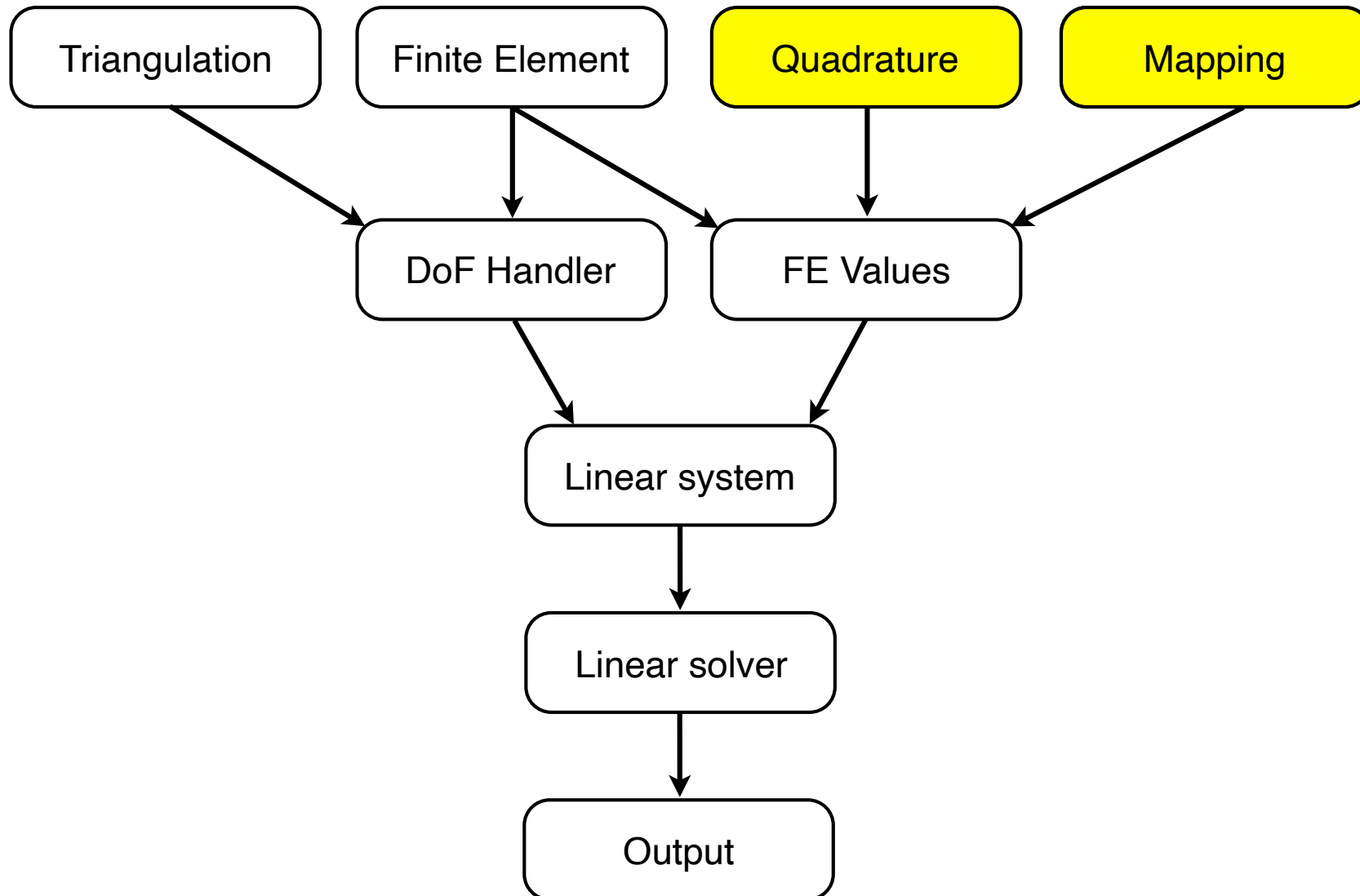
# Aims for this module

- First introduction into assembly of sparse linear systems
  - Translation of weak form to assembly loops
  - Applying boundary conditions
- Using linear solvers
- Post-processing and visualization

# Reference material

- Tutorials
  - Step-3  
[https://dealii.org/current/doxygen/deal.II/step\\_3.html](https://dealii.org/current/doxygen/deal.II/step_3.html)
- Documentation
  - [https://www.dealii.org/current/doxygen/deal.II/group\\_FE\\_vs\\_Mapping\\_vs\\_FEValues.html](https://www.dealii.org/current/doxygen/deal.II/group_FE_vs_Mapping_vs_FEValues.html)
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# Structure of a prototypical FE problem



# Matrix form

$$\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$$

$$K_{ij} := a(N_i, N_j)$$

$$i, j \in \mathcal{N}_U$$

$$F_i := (N_i, f) + (N_i, h)_{\partial\Omega} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_D} a(N_i, N_j) q(\mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$(S) = (W) \approx (W^h) = (D)$$

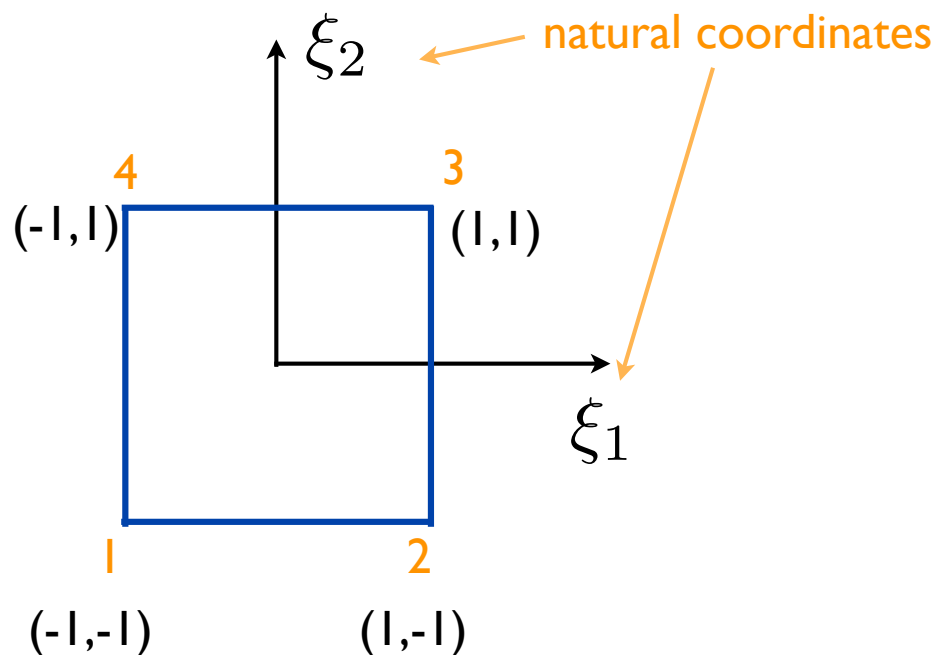
need to evaluate  
integrals numerically

$$a(N_i, N_j) := \sum_K \int_{\Omega_K} \nabla N_i \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \nabla N_j \, dv$$

$$(N_i, f) := \sum_K \int_{\Omega_K} N_i f(\mathbf{x}) \, dv$$

$$(w, h)_{\partial\Omega} := \sum_K \int_{\partial\Omega_K^N} w h \, ds$$

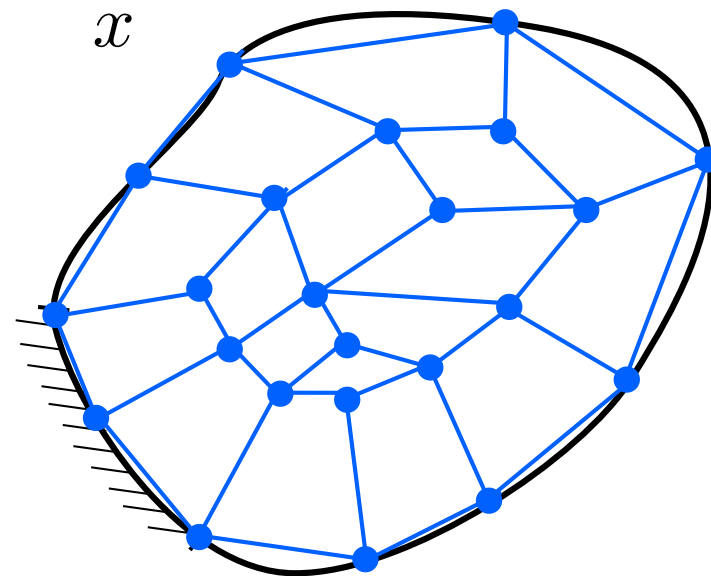
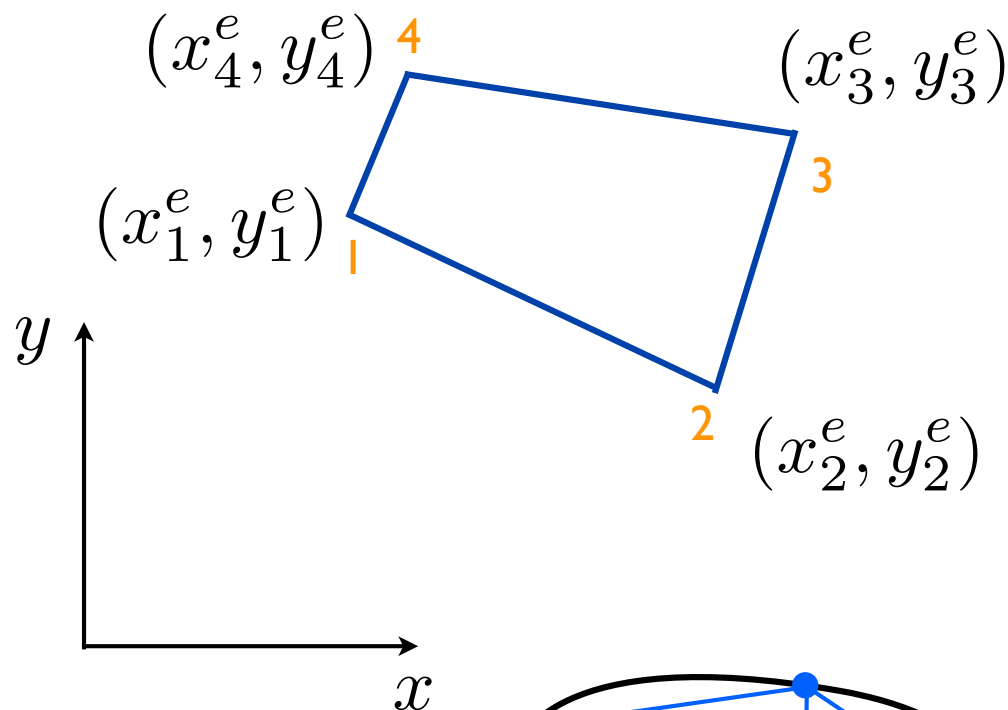
# Q1 mapping



reference element

we can construct the mapping  
between the two elements

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$



# Bilinear Quadrilateral Element

Bilinear expansion

$$x(\xi_1, \xi_2) =: \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \xi_1 + \alpha_2 \xi_2 + \alpha_3 \xi_1 \xi_2$$

$$y(\xi_1, \xi_2) =: \beta_0 + \beta_1 \xi_1 + \beta_2 \xi_2 + \beta_3 \xi_1 \xi_2$$

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$$x(\xi_1^a, \xi_2^a) = x_a^e \quad a = \overline{1, 4}$$

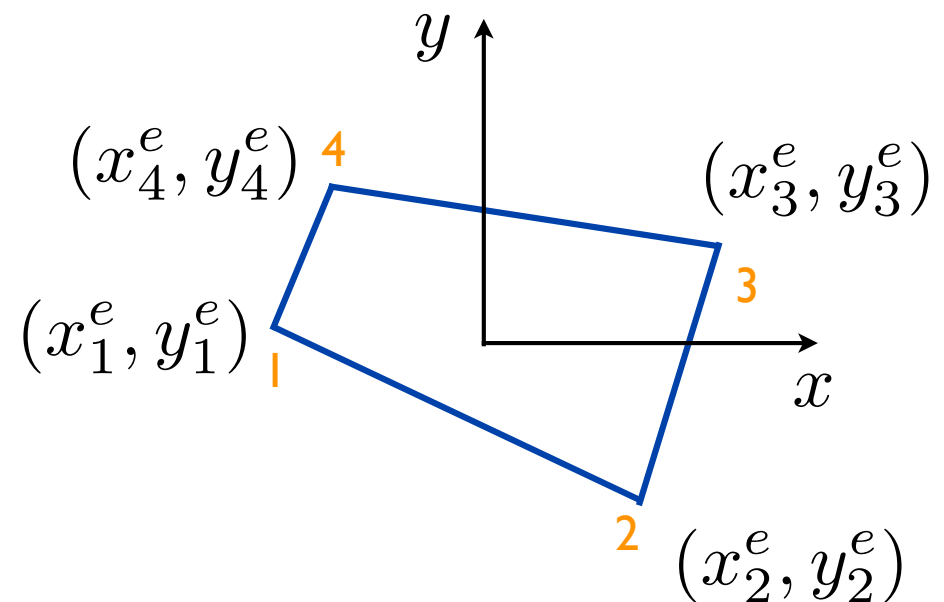
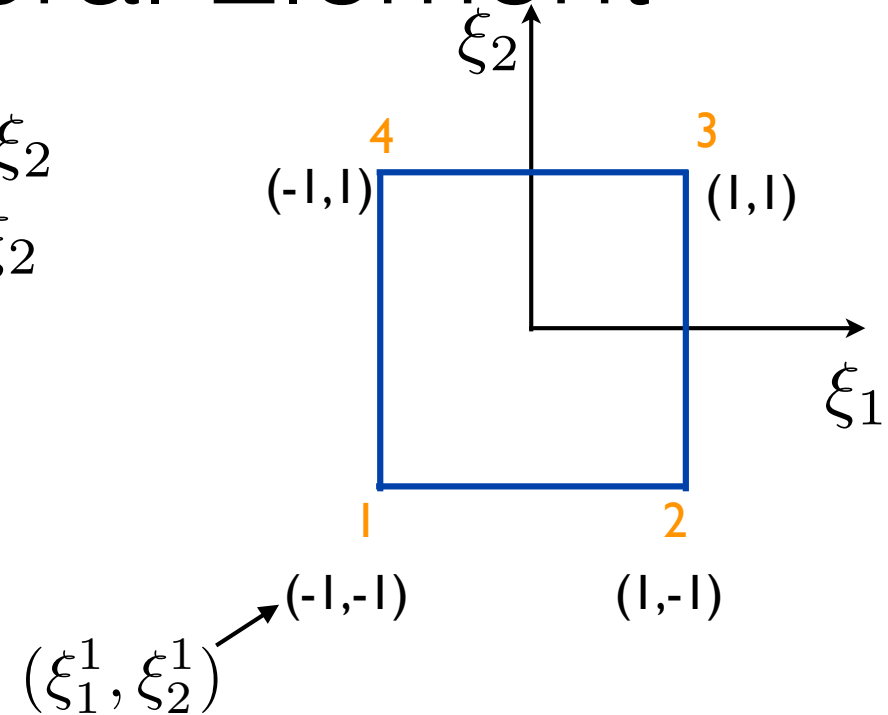
$$y(\xi_1^a, \xi_2^a) = y_a^e$$

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$$x(\xi) = \sum_{a=1}^4 N_a(\xi) x_a^e$$

maps any point  
in the reference  
element to the  
actual element

$$N_a(\xi) = \frac{1}{4} [1 + \xi_1^a \xi_1] [1 + \xi_2^a \xi_2]$$



# Mapping to the reference element:

$$\mathbf{J} := \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \xi}$$

$$\nabla = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$dv = \det(\mathbf{J}_K) d\hat{v}$$

$$\text{grad}(\cdot) = (\cdot) \nabla = \frac{\partial(\cdot)}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{e}_i = \frac{\partial(\cdot)}{\partial \xi_j} \frac{\partial \xi_j}{\partial x_i} \mathbf{e}_i = \widehat{\text{grad}}(\cdot) \cdot \mathbf{J}_K^{-1}$$

$$(S) = (W) \approx (W^h) = (D) \approx (D^q)$$

$$a(N_i, N_j) = \sum_K \int_{\Omega_K} \text{grad } N_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \text{grad } N_j(\mathbf{x}) dv$$

$$= \sum_K \int_{\hat{\Omega}_K} [\widehat{\text{grad}} \hat{N}_i(\xi) \cdot \mathbf{J}_K^{-1}(\xi)] \cdot [\widehat{\text{grad}} \hat{N}_j(\xi) \cdot \mathbf{J}_K^{-1}(\xi)] \det(\mathbf{J}_K(\xi)) d\hat{v}$$

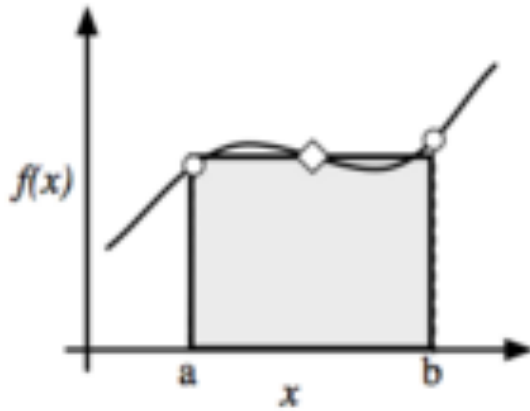
$$\approx \sum_K \sum_q [\widehat{\text{grad}} \hat{N}_i(\xi_q) \cdot \mathbf{J}_K^{-1}(\xi_q)] \cdot [\widehat{\text{grad}} \hat{N}_j(\xi_q) \cdot \mathbf{J}_K^{-1}(\xi_q)] \det(\mathbf{J}_K(\xi_q)) w_q$$

do not depend on a particular cell



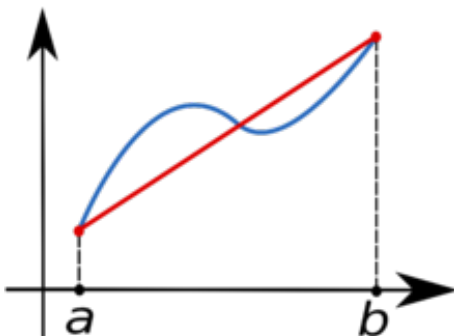
# Integration rules:

## 1. midpoint



$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) [b-a]$$

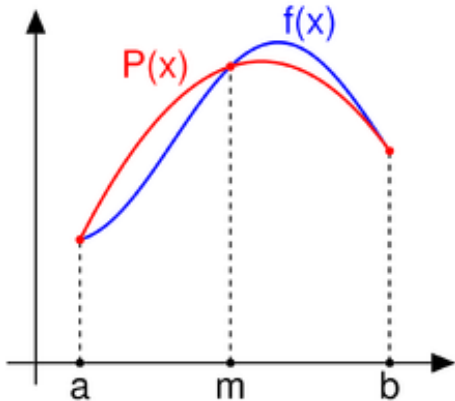
## 2. trapezoidal



$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \left[ \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right] [b-a]$$

# Integration rules:

## 3. Simpson



$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \left[ f(a) + 4f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b) \right] \frac{b-a}{6}$$

## 4. Gauss quadrature rule

Constructed to be exact for polynomials of degree  $2n-1$

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx \approx \sum_q f(x_q)w_q$$

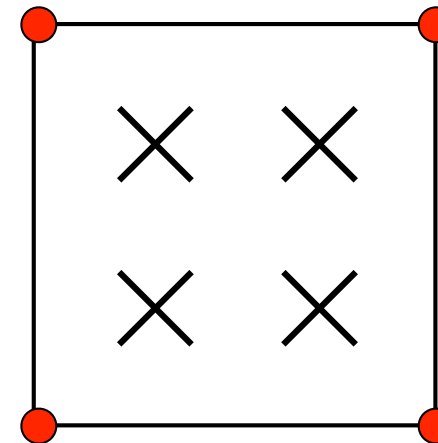
$n_q$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
1	0			2		
2	$-1/\sqrt{3}$	$1/\sqrt{3}$		1	1	
3	$-\sqrt{3/5}$	0	$\sqrt{3/5}$	5/9	8/9	5/9

there are other integration rules: Monte Carlo, Newton-Cotes, Runge-Kutta,...

# Integration on a cell: the Quadrature classes

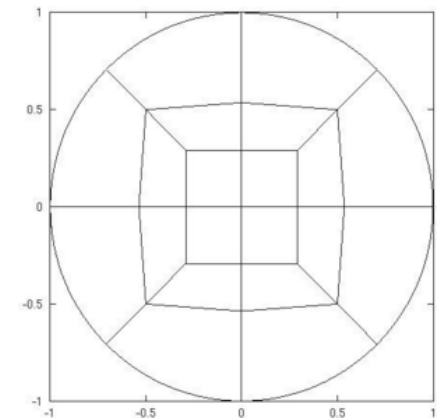
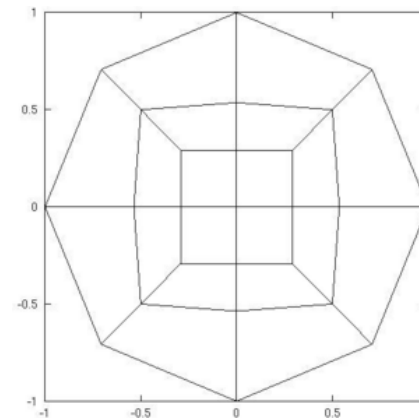
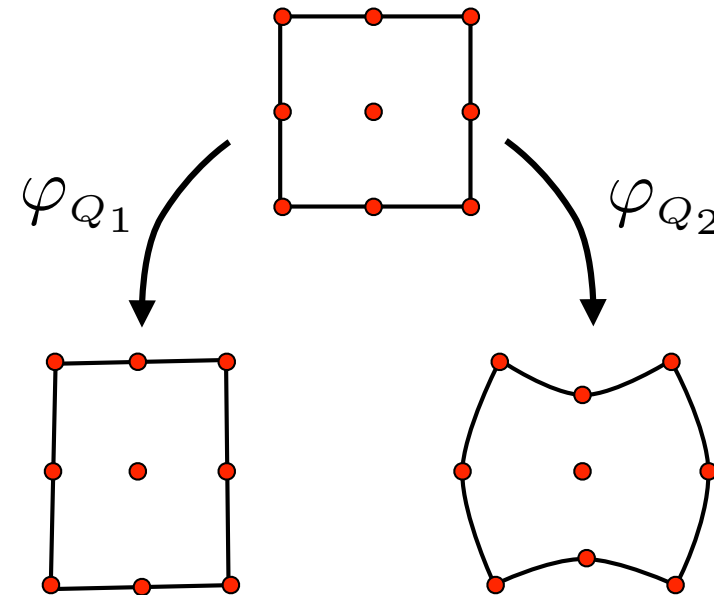
- QGauss<dim> n-Order Gauss quadrature
- Other rules
  - QGaussLobatto<dim> Gauss Lobatto
  - QSimpson<dim> Simpson
  - QTrapez<dim> Trapezoidal
  - QMidpoint Midpoint
  - ...

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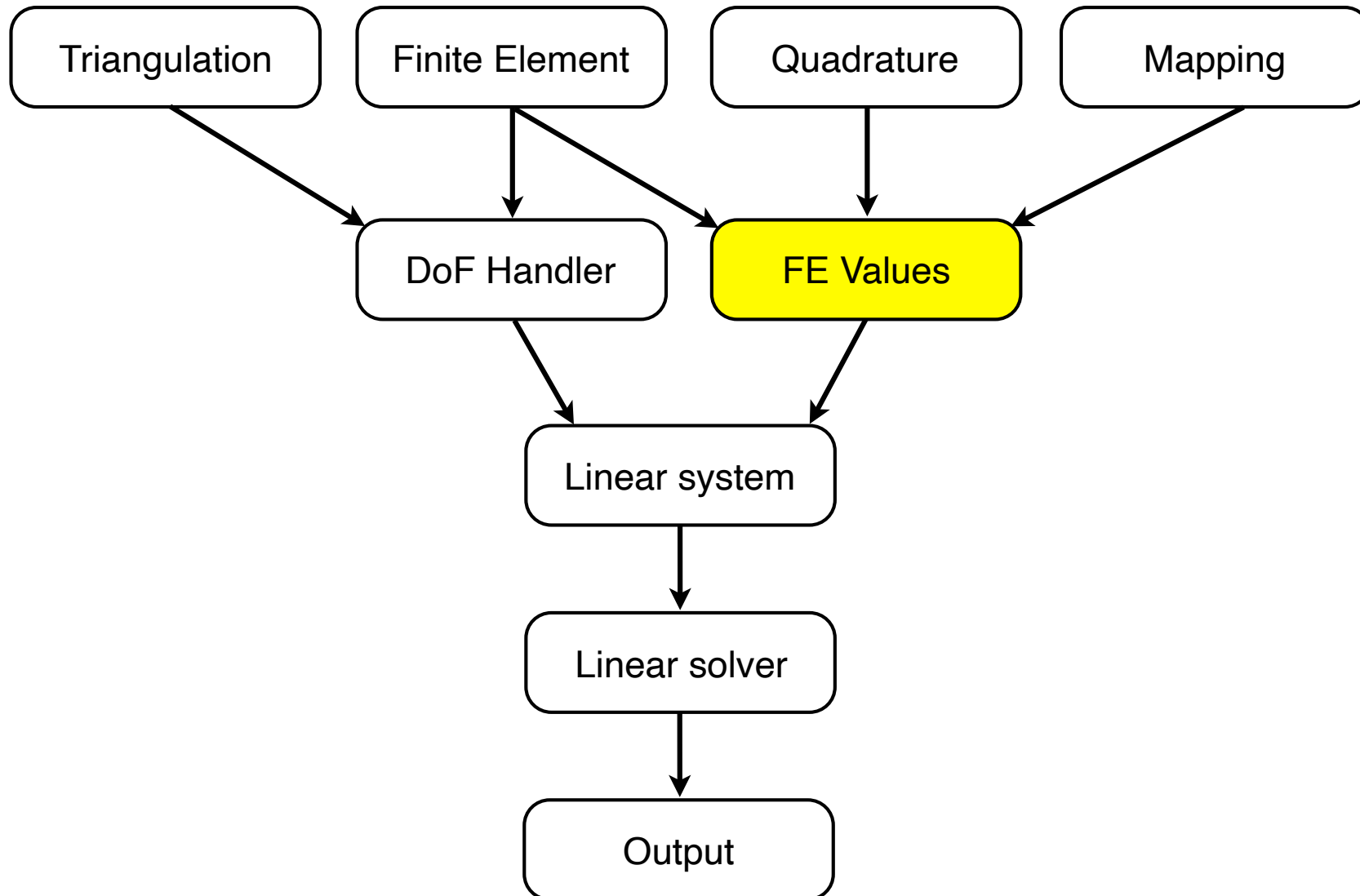


# Integration on a cell: the Mapping classes

- n-order mappings
  - Increase accuracy of:
    - Integration schemes
    - Surface basis vectors
- Lagrangian / Eulerian
  - Latter useful for fluid and contact problems, data visualization
- Boundary and interior manifolds



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# Integration on a cell: the FEValues class

$$K = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \delta \phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot k \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}) dV$$

$$\approx \delta \phi^I \sum_K \left( \int_{\Omega_K^h} \nabla N^I(\mathbf{x}) \cdot k \nabla N^J(\mathbf{x}) dV^h \right) \phi^J$$

$$J_K = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}^\xi}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$$

$$\approx \delta \phi^I \sum_K \underbrace{\left( \sum_q \nabla N^I(\mathbf{x}_q) \cdot k_q \nabla N^J(\mathbf{x}_q) w_q \right)}_{K_{IJ} = (\nabla N^I, k \nabla N^J)} \phi^J$$

$$\approx \delta \phi^I \sum_K \underbrace{\left( \sum_q J_K^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) \hat{\nabla} \hat{N}^I(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) \cdot k_q J_K^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) \hat{\nabla} \hat{N}^J(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) |\det J_K(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q)| w_q \right)}_{K_{IJ}} \phi^J$$

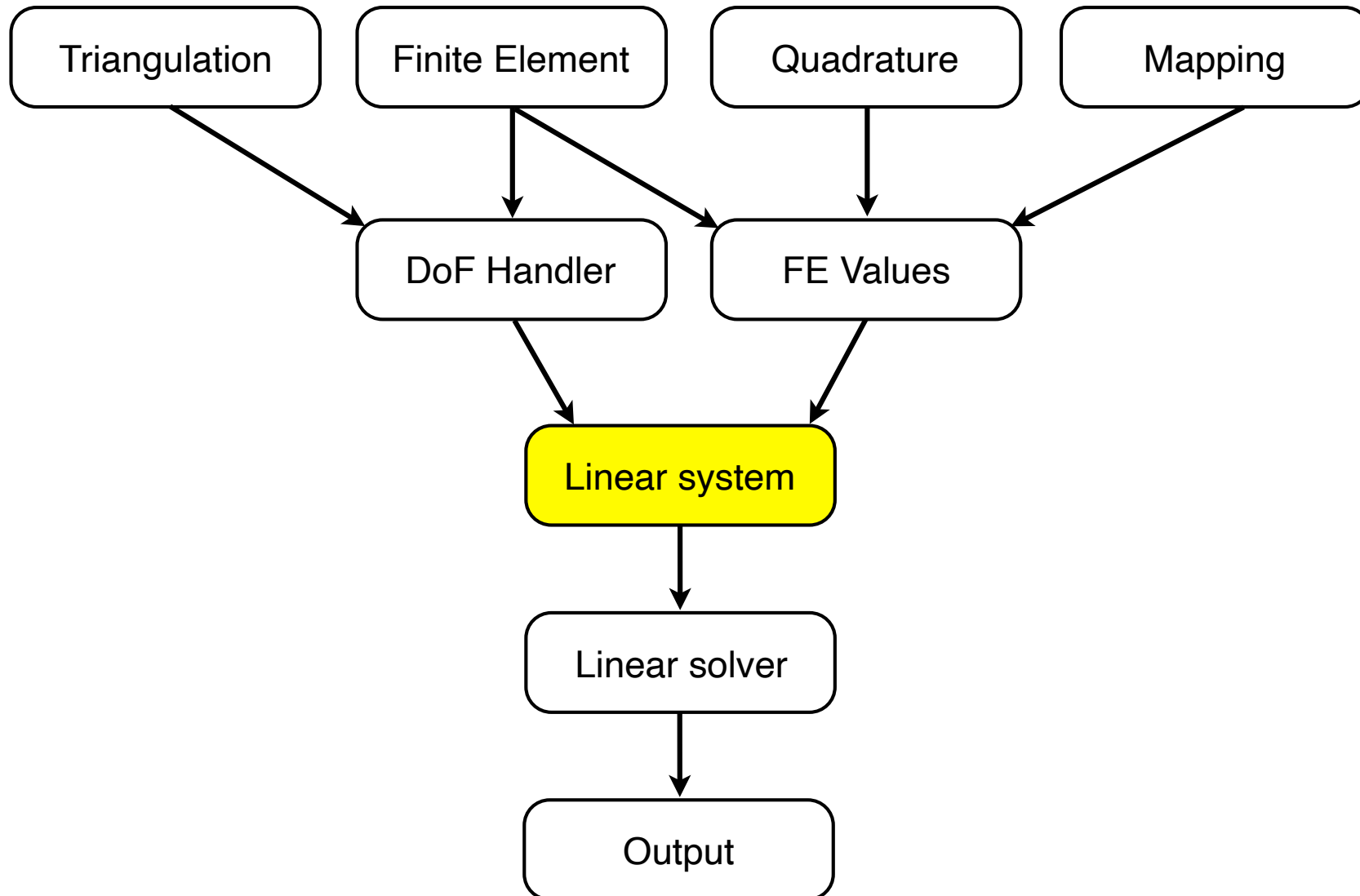
# Integration on a cell: the FEValues class

- Object that helps perform integration
- Combines information of:
  - Cell geometry
  - Finite-element system
  - Quadrature rule
  - Mappings
- Can provide:
  - Shape function data
  - Quadrature weights and mapping Jacobian at a point
  - Normal on face surface
  - Covariant/contravariant basis vectors
- More ways it can help:
  - Object to extract shape function data for individual fields
  - Natural expressions when coding
- Low level optimizations

$$K_{IJ} = \sum_K \left( \sum_q J_K^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) \hat{\mathbf{V}} \hat{N}^I(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) \cdot J_K^{-1}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) \hat{\mathbf{V}} \hat{N}^J(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q) |\det J_K(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_q)| w_q \right)$$

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cell_matrix(I,J) += k
    * fe_values.shape_grad (I, q_point)
    * fe_values.shape_grad (J, q_point)
    * fe_values.JxW (q_point);
```

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# Sparse linear systems

- Minimize data storage
  - Evaluate grid connectivity
- Functions to help set up
  - Sparsity pattern
  - Constraints
- Minimal access times
  - Direct manipulation of (non-zero) entries
  - Matrix-vector operations (skip over zero-entries)
- Types
  - Unity (monolithic, contiguous)
  - Block sparse structures
- Sub-organisation (e.g. component-wise)

$$[K] \{d\} = \{F\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (K_{11} - K_{12}K_{22}^{-1}K_{21}) d_1 \\ & = F_1 - K_{12}K_{22}^{-1}F_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$d_2 = K_{22}^{-1} (F_2 - K_{21}d_1)$$

# Constraints on sparse linear systems

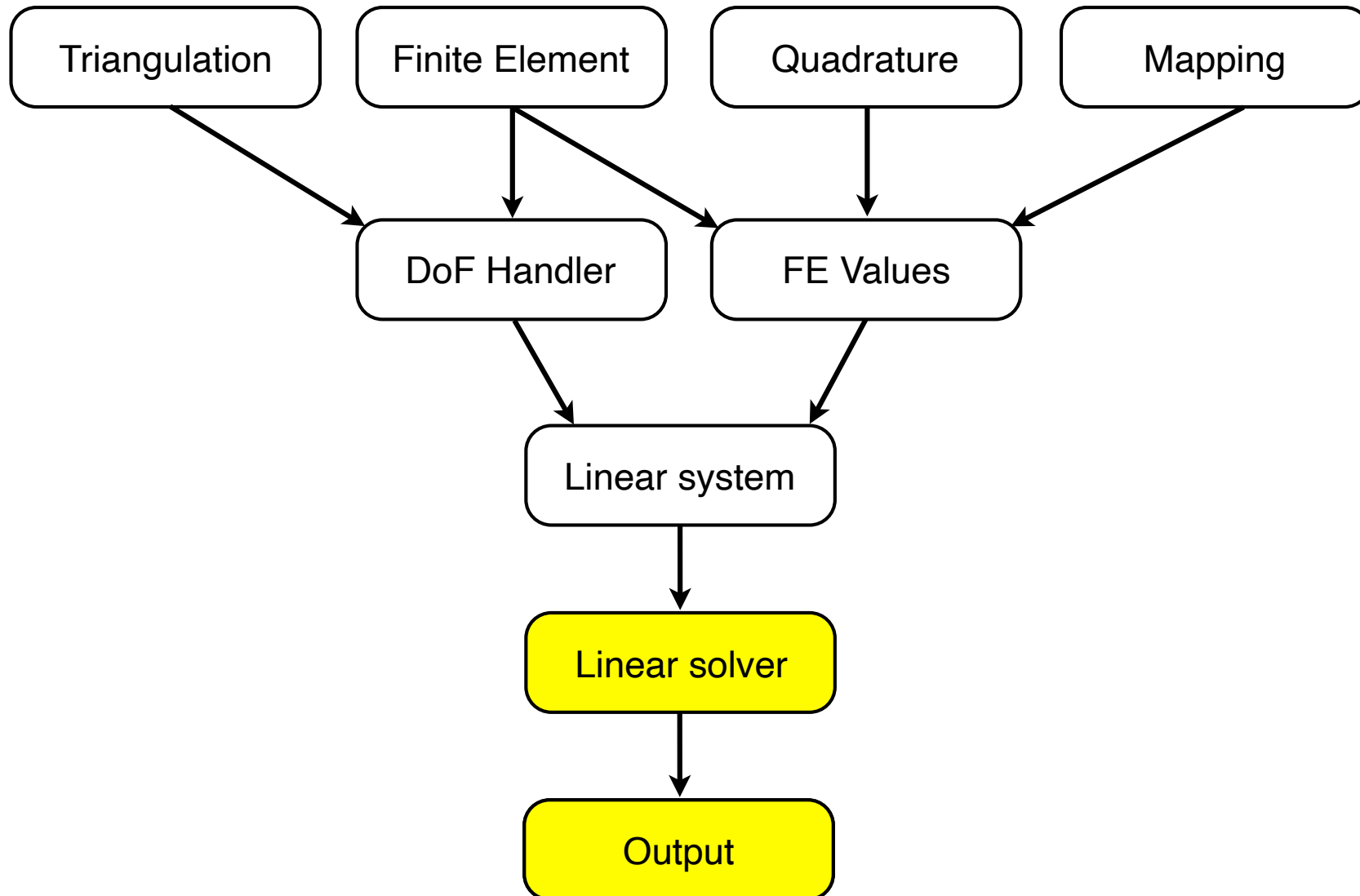
- Strong Dirichlet boundary conditions
  - Apply user-defined spatially-dependent functions to specific boundaries
  - Can restrict to components of a multi-dimensional field
  - Limited to interpolatory FEM
- Neumann boundary conditions
  - Implementation dependent
- Other constraints need special consideration
  - Periodic boundary conditions
  - Refinement with hanging nodes
  - Some time-dependent formulations

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# Solving Poisson's equation

- Demonstration: Step-3  
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<http://www.math.colostate.edu/~bangerth/videos.676.10.html>
- Key points
  - Local assembly + quadrature rules
  - Distribution of local contributions to the global linear system
  - Application of boundary conditions
  - Solving a linear system
  - Output for visualisation

