

# HW 4

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Due Wednesday, May 10, 2023

## Constructing Some FE Spaces (35)

Consider a mesh of Lagrange  $P_k$ -elements (see Example 1.65 in the notes) with  $n_{el} = 3$  elements of equal length in the interval  $[0, 3]$ . Elements are numbered consecutively from 1 to  $n_{el}$  from left to right (from 0 to 3).

1. Let  $k = 3$ . For the following local-to-global maps, state the dimension of the finite element space, and plot each one of the basis functions.

(a) (5)

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) (5)

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

1.

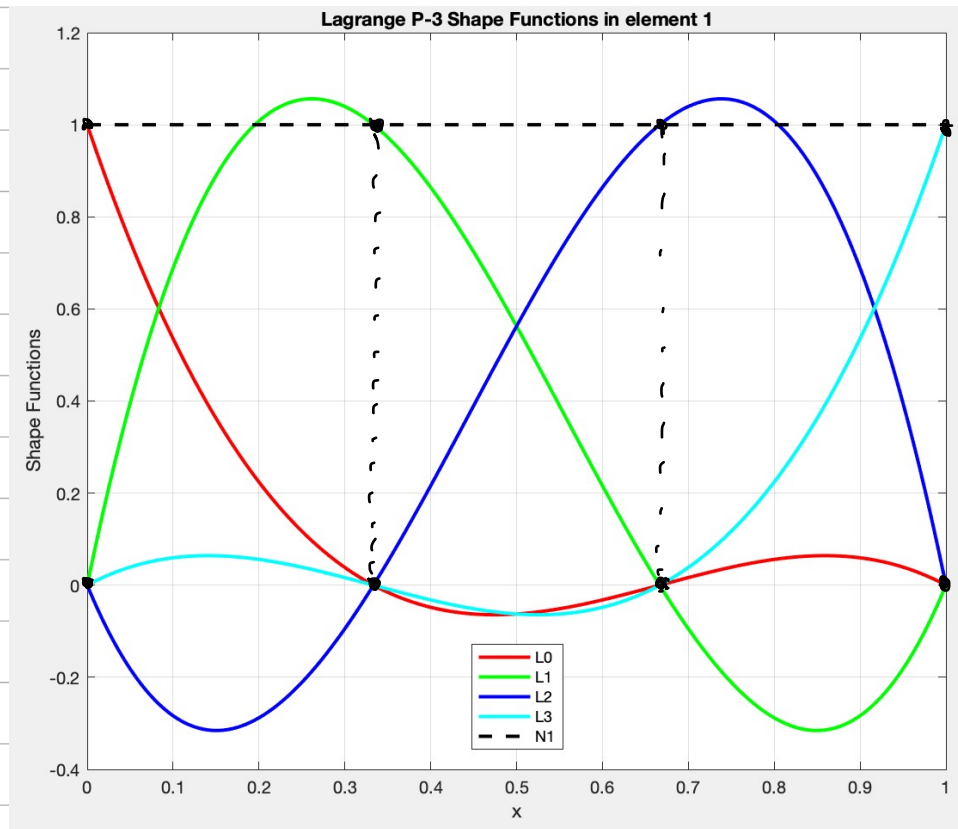
(a) observing LG Map, we know there are 3 global basis functions  $N_1, N_2, N_3$ . The dimension of the finite element space is 3.

For each element, there are 4 local degree of freedom. We can use Lagrange  $P_3$  elements defined as:

$$N_a^e(x) = \frac{\prod_{b=1, b \neq a}^4 (x - x_b^e)}{\prod_{b=1, b \neq a}^4 (x_a^e - x_b^e)}$$

Consider element 1 for example.  $N_a^e$  only contribute to  $N^1$ , we have

$$N^1(x) = N_1^1(x) + N_2^1(x) + N_3^1(x) + N_4^1(x) = 1$$

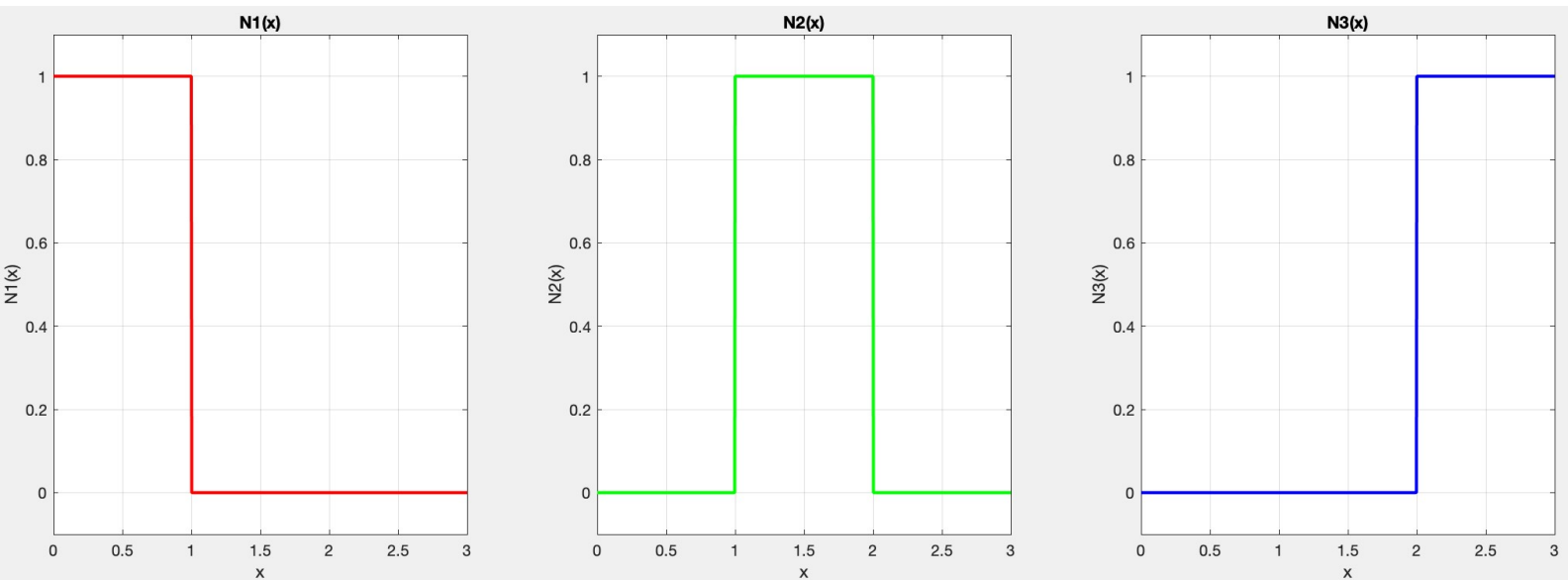


Therefore,  $N^1(x) = 1$  (dash line) in element 1.

Similarly, we have  $N^2(x) = N_1^2(x) + N_2^2(x) + N_3^2(x) + N_4^2(x) = 1$ .

$$N^3(x) = N_1^3(x) + N_2^3(x) + N_3^3(x) + N_4^3(x) = 1$$

So, the global basis functions  $N_1, N_2, N_3$  are



(b). We have  $\mathbf{L}G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ . We know there are

6 global basis functions. The dimension of FE space is 6.

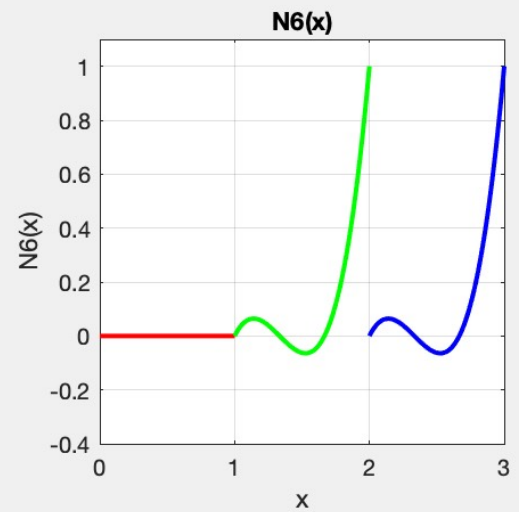
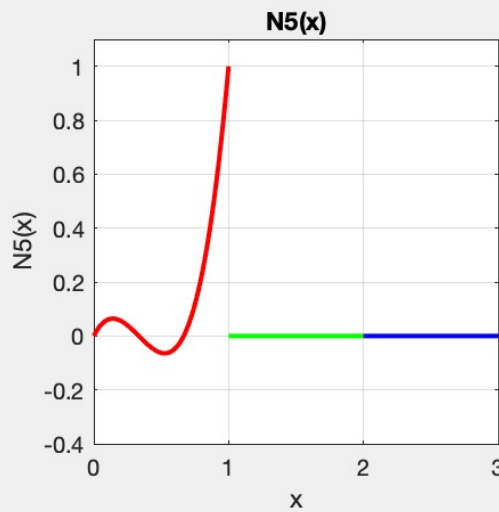
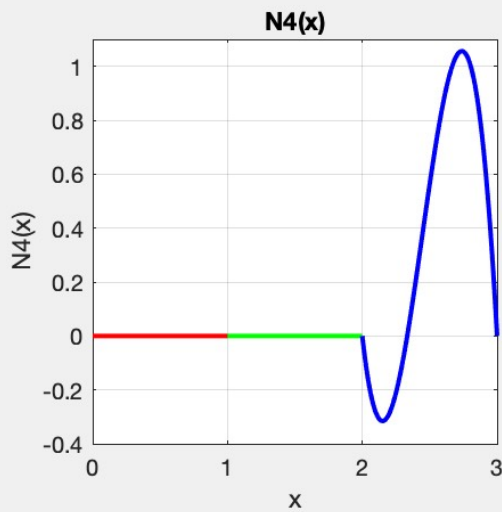
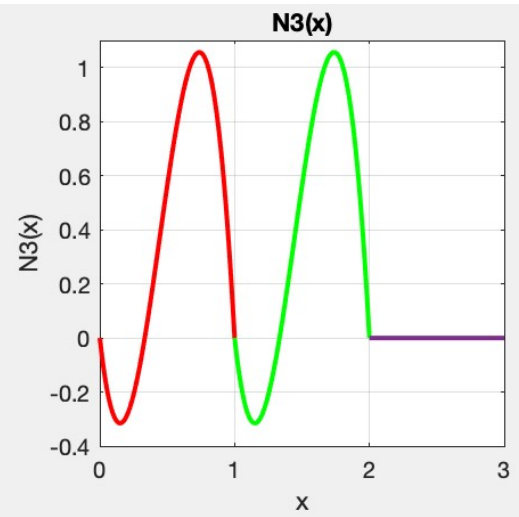
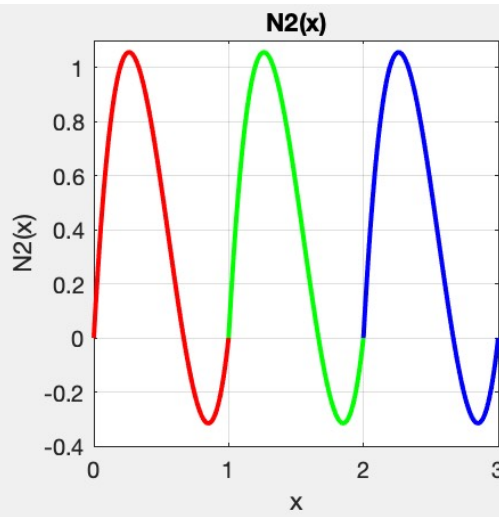
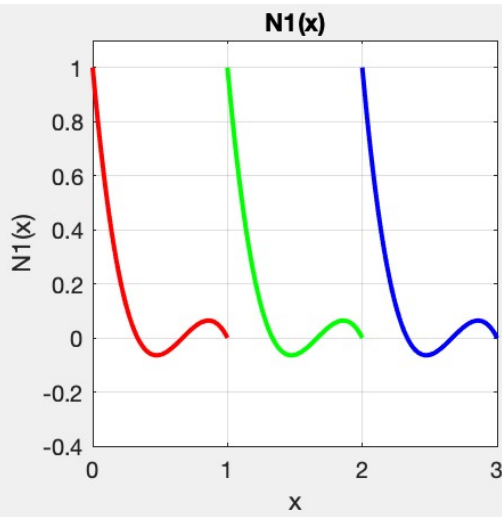
Observing first row, we know  $N_1^1, N_1^2, N_1^3$  contribute to  $N_1$ . Here, shape functions  $N_a^e(x)$  are defined as  $P_3$  lagrange functions.

second row tells  $N_2^1, N_2^2, N_2^3$  contribute to  $N_2$

$N_3^1, N_3^2$  contribute to  $N_3$ . and  $N_3^3$  contribute to  $N_4$

$N_4^1$  contribute to  $N_5$ ;  $N_4^2$  and  $N_4^3$  contribute to  $N_6$

Therefore, the plots of all basis functions are:



2. The following local-to-global map renders the basis functions to be continuous and have minimal support.

(a). For  $P_3$  - elements.

Each element have 4 shape functions.

FE should be continuous with and across element boundaries. One possible LG map is:

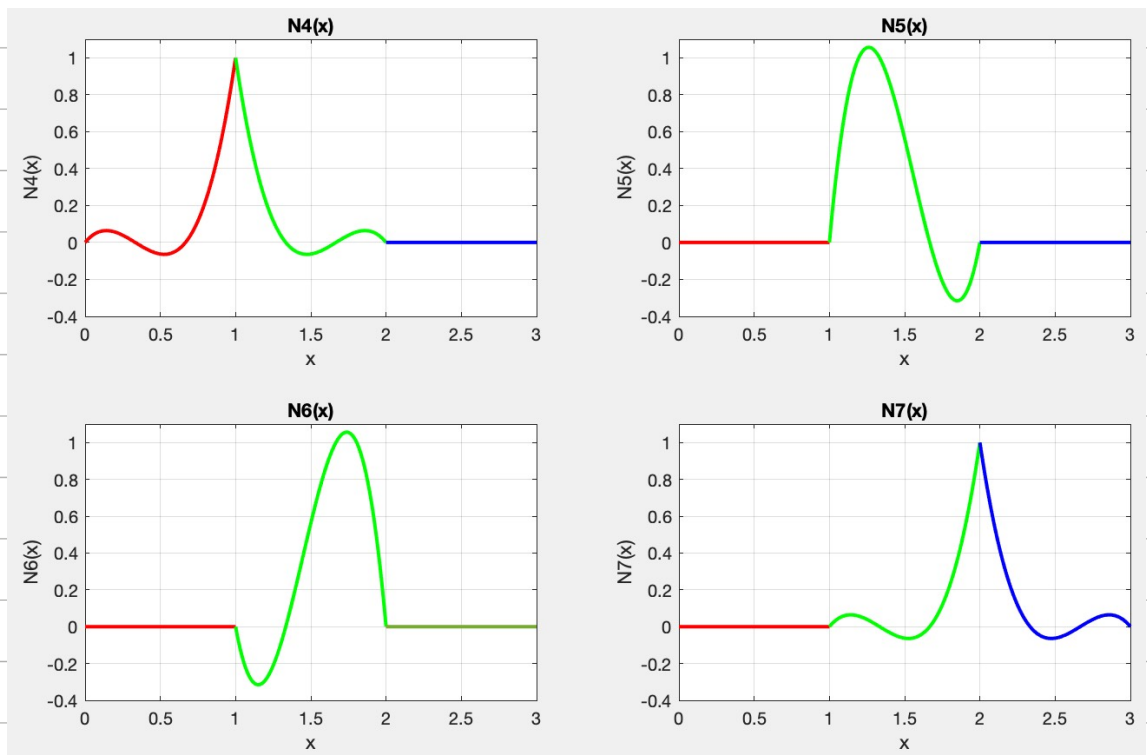
$$L G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 4 & 7 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, there 10 global base functions.

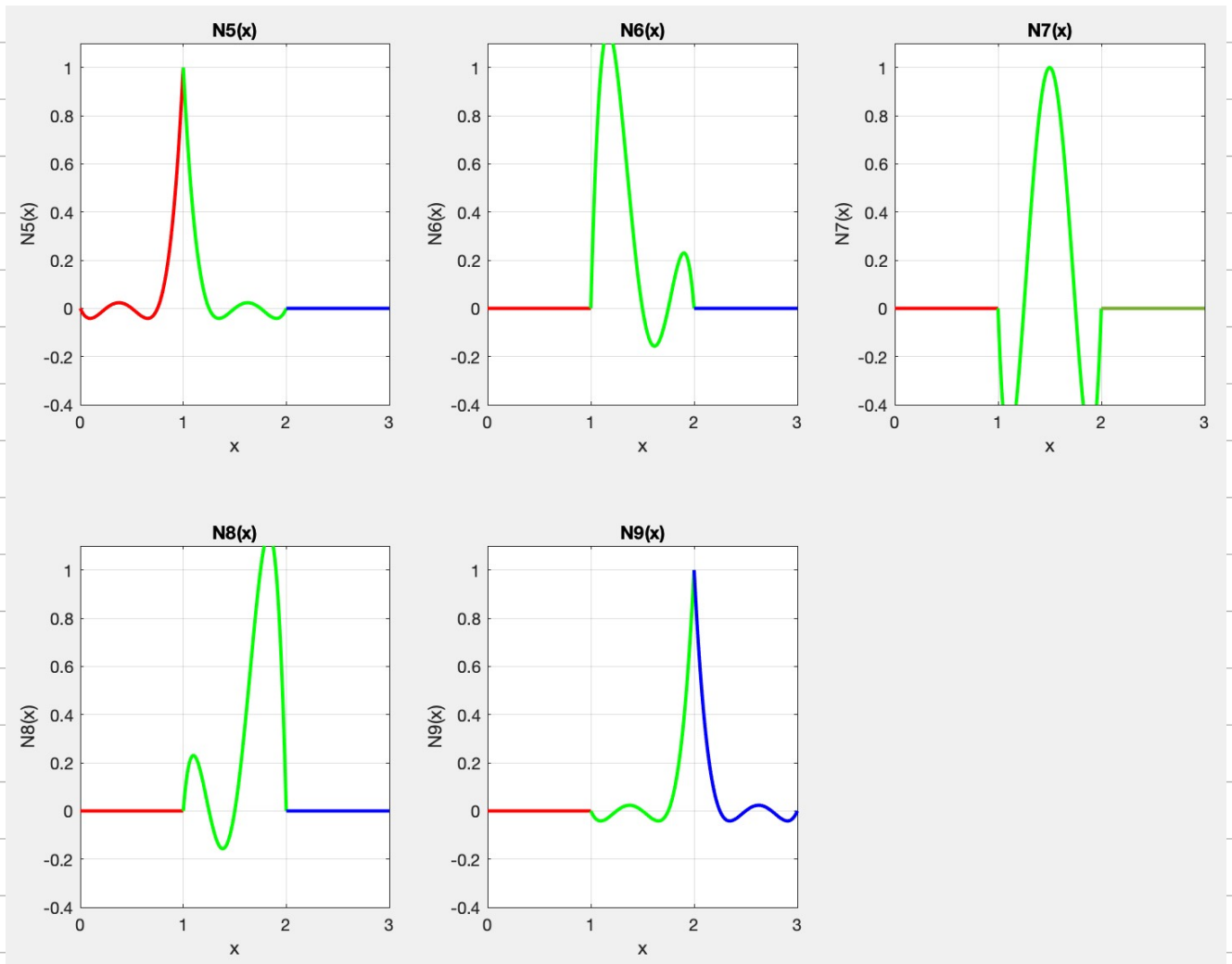
(b). Similarly, for  $P_4$ -element, we have 5 local basis functions. The  $L G$  can be written as:

$$L G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 9 \\ 2 & 6 & 10 \\ 3 & 7 & 11 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 \\ 5 & 9 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.① For  $P_3$  element



②. For  $P_1$  element



4. To enforce  $u(0) = u(3)$ , we could make

$$\sum_{i=1}^a N_i(x=0) = \sum_{i=1}^a N_i(x=3)$$

If we assume using  $P_1$  element and continuous everywhere, we can write LG map as:

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The dimension of FE space is 3.

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