#### Report for MAT 7990 Directed Study

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## 1 Code Development of Finite Element Mesh in 2D by MATLAB

- 1. Uniform Mesh
  - (a) Partition of an arbitrary triangle through linking the midpoints of each side.

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function [node,elem,bdFlag]=TriMesh(m)
node=rand(3,2);
elem=[1,2,3];
bdFlag = setboundary(node,elem,'Dirichlet');
for i=1:m
[node,elem,bdFlag] = uniformrefine(node,elem,bdFlag);
end
node=node;
elem=elem;
bdFlag=bdFlag;
showmesh(node,elem);
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where the program uniform refine is given by MATLAB software package IFEM developed by Prof. Long Chen

- (b) Partition of an arbitrary quadrangle through dividing into two triangles.
- (c) Partition of an arbitrary convex polygon
- (d) Uniform mesh of a circle
  - i. Quasi-uniform mesh program circlemesh is given by MATLAB software package IFEM developed by Prof.Long Chen
  - ii. Mesh generator DistMesh in MATLAB
- 2. Refine the Mesh
  - (a) Refine a vertex of a triangle
  - (b) Refine a circle near the boundary by constructing a proper distance function for DistMesh using rejection method

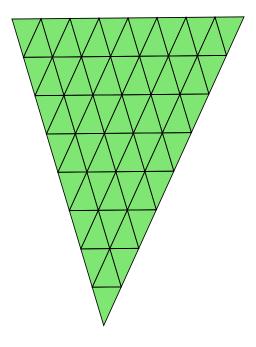


Figure 1: Uniform mesh for an arbitrary triangle

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function [node,elem,bdFlag]=Mesh4side(m)
node=rand(4,2);
x = node(:,1);
y = node(:,2);
cx=mean(x);
cy=mean(y);
a=atan2(y-cy,x-cx);
[\text{order}] = \text{sort}(a);
node(:,1)=x(order);
node(:,2)=y(order);
elem=[1,2,3;1,3,4];
if m > 1
for i=1:m-1
[node,elem] = uniformrefine(node,elem);
end
else
end
bdFlag = setboundary(node,elem,'Neumann');
showmesh(node,elem);
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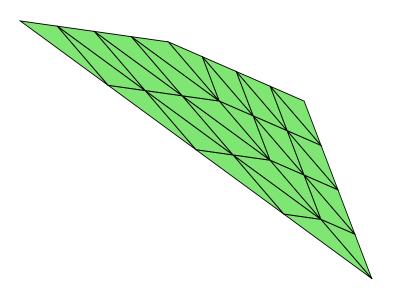


Figure 2: Uniform mesh for an arbitrary quadrangle

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function [node,elem,bdFlag]=Meshnside(n,m)
a = rand(n,1);
a = 2*pi*(rand+cumsum(a/sum(a)));
r = rand(n,1);
r = r/sum(r);
x = cumsum(r.*cos(a));
y = cumsum(r.*sin(a));
r = cumsum(r);
x = rand + [0; x-x(n)*r];
y = rand + [0; y-y(n)*r];
xo = (x(1) + x(fix(n/2) + 1))/2;
yo=(y(1)+y(fix(n/2)+1))/2;
node=[xo\ yo;x(1:n)\ y(1:n)];
elem=[ones(n-1,1) (2:1:n)' (3:1:n+1)';1 n+1 2];
if m > 1
for i=1:m-1
[node,elem] = uniformrefine(node,elem);
end
else
end
bdFlag = setboundary(node,elem,'Dirichlet');
showmesh(node,elem);
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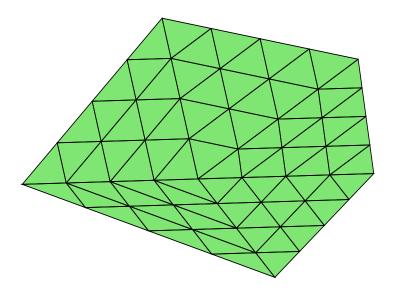


Figure 3: Uniform mesh for an arbitrary pentagon

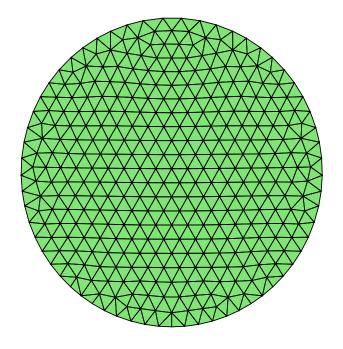


Figure 4: Uniform mesh for a unit circle with size 0.1 by IFEM

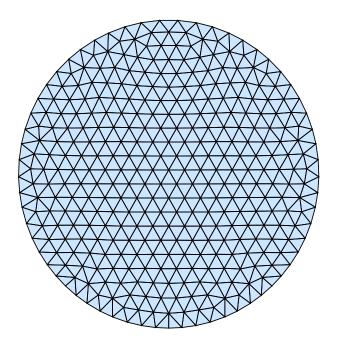


Figure 5: Uniform mesh for a unit circle with size 0.1 by DistMesh

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function [node,elem,bdFlag]=TriRefine(m,lambda)
node=rand(3,2);
elem=[1,2,3];
bdFlag = setboundary(node,elem,'Dirichlet');
for i=1:m
[node,relem,bdFlag] = uniformrefine(node,elem,bdFlag);
node(relem(1,2),:)=(lambda*node(1,:)+node(elem(1,2),:))/(1+lambda);
node(relem(1,3),:)=(lambda*node(1,:)+node(elem(1,3),:))/(1+lambda);
elem=relem
end
showmesh(node,elem);
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function [p,t]=Circlerefine a=0.01; b=0.04; h0=a+b; fd=@(p) \sqrt{sum(p^2,2)}-1; fh=@(p) a+b*(1-\sqrt{sum(p^2,2)}; [p,t]=distmesh2d(fd,fh,h0,[-1,-1;1,1],[]);
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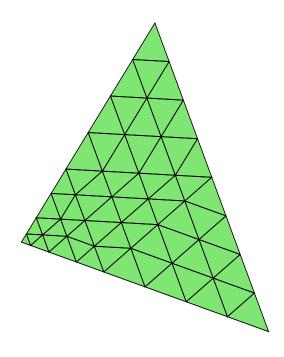


Figure 6: Refine a vertex of a triangle

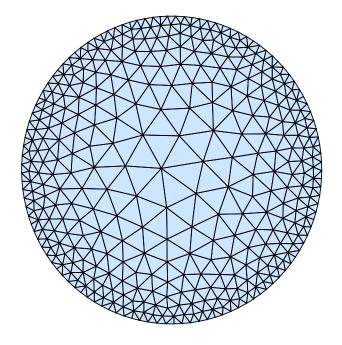


Figure 7: Refine a circle near the boundary  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

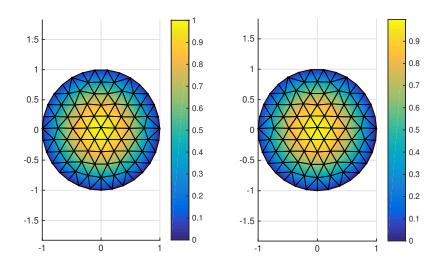


Figure 8: Comparison of numerical solution in uniform mesh  $u_h$  (Left , size h=0.2 ) and exact solution  $u=1-x^2-y^2$  (right). The condition number of stiffness matrix is 40.1023.  $\|u_h-u\|_{l^1}=0.1057$ ,  $\|u_h-u\|_{l^2}=0.1056$  and  $\|u_h-u\|_{l^\infty}=0.073$ 

# 2 Solution to Poisson Equation $-\Delta u = 4$ on a Unite Circle in Dirichlet Boundary Condition

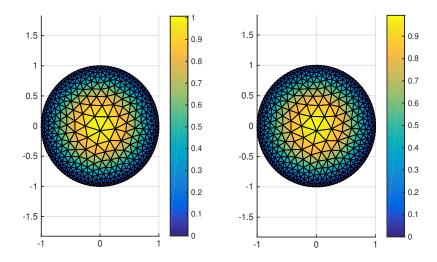


Figure 9: Comparison of numerical solution in refined mesh near the boundary  $u_h$  (Left , initial size h=0.2 ) and exact solution u (right). The condition number of stiffness matrix is 98.4177.  $\|u_h - u\|_{l^1} = 0.4287$ ,  $\|u_h - u\|_{l^2} = 0.0387$  and  $\|u_h - u\|_{l^\infty} = 0.0123$ 

### 3 Application to Diffusion of Optically Pumped Atoms on a Square Domain

We consider a large number of atoms confined in a container. Each atom has an internal state (e.g, quantum mechanical energy levels), denoted by  $|\psi\rangle$ . The probability distribution of an atom on this state is described by a function  $\rho(x,t)$ . We consider the following processes:

- 1. Quantum evolution :  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \rho$
- 2. Spatial diffusion: In general, the atomic state also depends on spatial coordinate r, ie,  $\rho = \rho(r)$ . The atoms will diffuse from the location with higher density to lower density, which is described by standard diffusion equation.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \Delta \rho$$

In summary, within the container (denoted by a domain  $\Omega$  ), the full atomic evolution is governed by

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \Delta \rho + \rho \quad for \quad r \in \Omega$$

The boundary condition is of Dirichlet type

$$\rho = 1$$
 for  $r \in \partial \Omega$ 

The initial condition is

$$\rho(t=0) = 1 \quad for \quad r \in \Omega$$

We want to find the solution  $\rho(r,t)$  of the equation above using finite element method on a unit square domain .

For time direction, we use Back Euler Finite Difference Scheme

$$\frac{\rho^{n+1} - \rho^n}{\tau} = \Delta \rho^{n+1} + \rho^{n+1} \quad for \quad r \in \Omega$$

For each time step, we solve a Helmholtz equation

$$-\tau\Delta\rho^{n+1}+(1-\tau)\rho^{n+1}=\rho^n\quad for\quad r\in\Omega$$

By Principle of Virtual Work

$$\int_{\Omega} [\tau \nabla \rho^{n+1} \nabla v + (1-\tau)\rho^{n+1} v] dx dy = \int_{\Omega} \rho^{n} v dx dy \quad for \quad v \in V$$

where the linear element space on triangulation T of  $\Omega$  is

$$V = \{ v \in C(\overline{\Omega}) : v|_T \in P_1 \quad \forall T \in \mathbf{T} \}$$

 $P_1$  is the space of linear polynomial. For each vertex  $v_i$  of  $\mathbf{T}$ , let  $\phi_i$  be the piecewise linear function such that  $\phi_i(v_j) = \delta_{ij}$ . We want to find the numerical solution  $\rho_h = \sum_{i=1}^N \rho_i \phi_i$ 

$$K_{ij} = \sum_{T} \int_{T} [\tau \nabla \phi_i \nabla \phi_j + (1 - \tau)\phi_i \phi_j] dx dy$$

We now transfer the computation to a reference triangle  $\hat{T}$  (spanned by  $\hat{v}_1 = (1,0)$ ,  $\hat{v}_2 = (0,1)$  and  $\hat{v}_3 = (0,0)$  )through an affine map, on computing of the local stiffness matrix. In the reference triangle,  $\hat{\phi}_1 = x$ ,  $\hat{\phi}_2 = y$  and  $\hat{\phi}_3 = 1 - x - y$ . The MATLAB code is as following

```
function Learn(NT)
M=3;
[p,t,bdFlag] = Mesh4side(M);
N = size(p,1);
T=size(t,1);
K=sparse(N,N);
F=zeros(N,1);
dt = 0.1;
Area = 0.5/(M+1)^2;
L=[1/12 1/24 1/24;1/24 1/12 1/24;1/24 1/24 1/12];
U=ones(N,1);
for Nt=1:NT
for e=1:T
nodes=t(e,:);
Pe=[ones(3,1),p(nodes,:)];
C=inv(Pe);
grad = C(2:3,:);
Ke = dt *Area *grad *grad + (1-dt) *Area *L;
K(nodes,nodes)=K(nodes,nodes)+Ke;
Fe=Area/3*U(nodes);
F(nodes) = F(nodes) + Fe;
end
b=unique(boundedges(p,t));
K(b,:)=0;
K(:,b)=0;
F(b)=1;
K(b,b)=speye(length(b),length(b));
Kb=K;
Fb=F;
U = Kb \backslash Fb;
end
Uh=U:
trisurf(t,p(:,1),p(:,2),0*p(:,1),Uh,'edgecolor','k','facecolor','interp');
view(2), axis([0\ 1\ 0\ 1]), axis equal, colorbar
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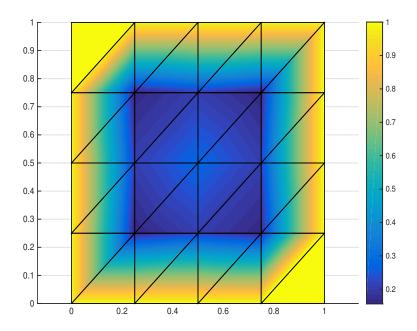


Figure 10: Probability distribution of the atom when t=5 with time step  $\tau = 0.1$ 

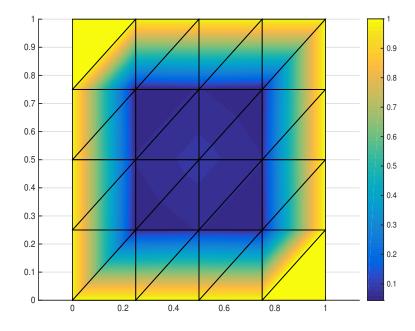


Figure 11: Probability distribution of the atom when t=50 with time step  $\tau=0.1$ 

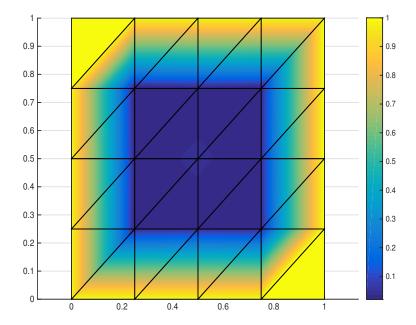


Figure 12: Probability distribution of the atom when t=200 with time step  $\tau = 0.1$ 

## 4 Finite Element Convergence of Elliptic Problem for Singular Data

We consider the finite element solution  $u_h$  of the Dirichlet problem  $\Delta u = \delta$  in two dimensions.

$$u(x) = \int_{\Omega} \delta(y)G(x,y)dy$$

where G(x,y) is corresponding Green's function.

The exact solution u should behave as log r by fundamental solution, which is not belong to  $H^1$ . So we consider the  $L^2$  error  $||u - u_h||_{L^2}$ .

We construct a sequence  $\{\delta_h\}$  to approximate  $\delta$ . Let  $U_h$  be the finite element solution of the Dirichlet problem  $\Delta u = \delta_h$ , then by triangle inequality

$$||u - u_h||_{L^2} \le ||u - U_h||_{L^2} + ||U_h - u_h||_{L^2}$$

Through the proper construction of  $\{\delta_h\}$ , we can have  $\|U_h - u_h\|_{L^2} \leq Ch$ . And we use the more arcane data space as following than the negative Sobolev space to get  $\|u - U_h\|_{L^2} \leq Ch$ .

$$\Xi^{r} = \{ v \in L^{2} ||v||_{\Xi^{r}} = \sum_{|\alpha| \le r} ||\rho^{|\alpha|} D^{\alpha} v||_{L^{2}} < \infty \}$$

#### 5 Optimal Order Convergence of Parabolic Problem for Nonsmooth Initial Data

We assume that  $S_h$  is a family of finite dimensional subspaces of  $L_2$ , and  $T_h$  a family of operators:  $L_2 \to S_h$ , approximating the exact solution operator of the Dirichlet problem  $-\Delta u = f$  such that

- 1.  $T_h$  is selfadjoint, positive semidefinite on  $L_2$ , and positive definite on  $S_h$ .
- 2. There is a positive integer  $r \geq 2$  such that  $||(T_h T)f|| \leq Ch^s ||f||_{s-2}$  for  $2 \leq s \leq r$  and  $f \in H^{s-2}$

The semidiscrete analogue of the initial boundary value problem for the homogeneous parabolic equation

$$u_{t} - \Delta u = 0 \quad in \quad \Omega, \quad for \quad t > 0$$

$$u = 0 \quad on \quad \partial \Omega, \quad for \quad t > 0$$

$$u(.,0) = v \quad in \quad \Omega$$

$$(1)$$

is then defined as  $T_h u_{h,t} + u_h = 0$  for t > 0 with  $u_h(0) = v_h$ .

Then we have for t > 0 the error

$$||u_h(t) - u(t)||_{L_2} \le Ch^r t^{-\frac{r}{2}} ||v||_{L_2}$$

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