

1 Introduction

In this document, we will recapitulate our code and provide further explanations on selected excerpts of our code

2 Mesh

We start of with our mesh generator 'mesh_generate'. Our domain $\Omega = [0, 1]^2$ will not be subject to change for this task, therefore our only input will be the mesh size h . The result will be two matrices, namely *vertex_matrix* and *cell_matrix*. *vertex_matrix* will store the coordinates of each vertex, while *cell_matrix* only stores the numbers of the four vertices of each cell.

Example: $h = 0.5$

$$vertex_matrix = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad cell_matrix = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$

3 Shape Functions

An essential concept for finite element methods would be shape functions. We have to set up certain points, so called *nodes* on a reference cell $\hat{T} = [0, 1]^2$ such that our shape functions p_i are uniquely defined by two properties:

1. $p_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$, x_j node
2. p_i is a polynomial on each edge.

A way to achieve this, is to choose the location of the nodes in the same way as our mesh. Afterwards, we choose appropriate base-polynomials. If we want polynomials of degree k on the edges, the appropriate basis would be $\{x^i y^j, i, j = 0 \dots k\}$. Although the resulting polynomials are of order $2k$, they are only of order k in each variable and therefore only of order k on each edge. A mesh generated with mesh-size $\frac{1}{k}$ will yield $k + 1$ nodes on each edge; the interpolation is well-posed.

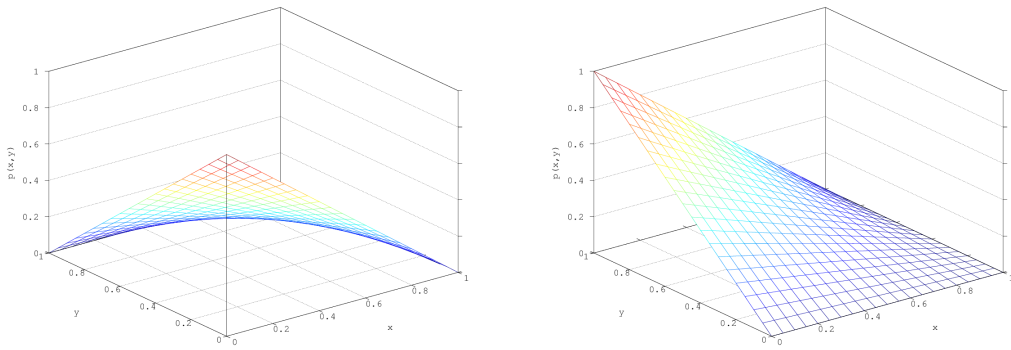
Remark: The way we order our basis has to be consistent for the entire code, because we only store the coefficients when we want to store a polynomial. In particular, this means that one entry of the coefficient vector must refer to the same polynomial basis element, even for different orders of polynomials. Effectively, this means that the basis for a higher order polynomial can only add basis elements at the end of any lower order polynomial basis.

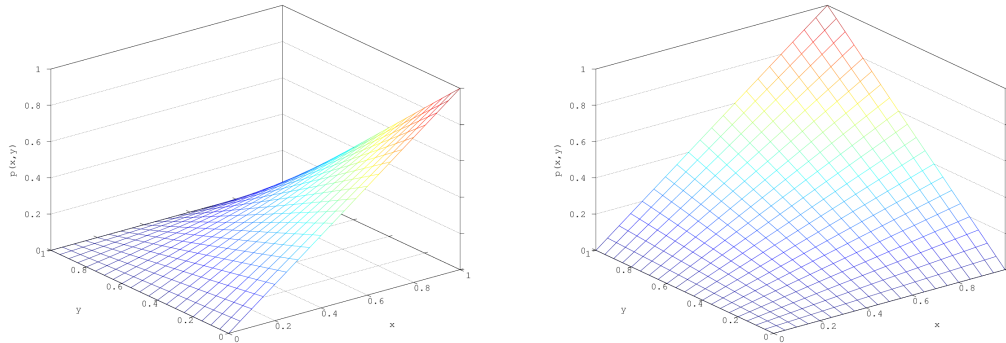
sf_generate follows this scheme closely. Since the shape functions only depend on the polynomial degree k we want to have on the edges, our only input will be the integer k . The function will create the nodes using *mesh_generate* with mesh-size $\frac{1}{k}$. Next, it will create a data-set, containing the coordinates and the value at these coordinates for each node. In total, we get $(k+1)^2 := n$ nodes, their values are computed using the Kronecker Delta. This will ensure, that property 1) holds true when interpolating over all these points. The interpolation is done by solving

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & \cdots & x_0^k y_0^k \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & \cdots & x_n^k y_n^k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The output of our function is the matrix SF , which stores the coefficient vectors of each shape function in its rows. Again, we see that a consistent numbering is needed when we want to evaluate a shape function. Let's look at some shape functions:

Example: Let the polynomial degree on the edges be 1. The four resulting shape functions:





You can clearly see, that each shape function has the value 1 at one vertex, and 0 at all the other vertices

4 Stiffness Matrix

Next up is the assembly of the stiffness matrix, this will be the left hand side of our linear system. The original idea behind the stiffness matrix was to build every combination of our basis functions in our bilinear form, namely $A_{ij} = a(\phi_i, \phi_j)$. As seen in the lecture, it is more efficient to compute a *local* stiffness matrix for each cell, and then insert these values in the right way in a global stiffness matrix. This approach proves to be even more efficient, considering that in our case, the local stiffness matrices are identical for each cell (*see also*: Theoretical Construct, Chapter 'Integrals and Transformations').

The computation of the local matrix is done by *sm_assemble_local*. As already shown, the computation will not depend on a specific cell, therefore we only need the mesh-size h and the shape function coefficients SF . Furthermore, we need several help functions which will compute the required integrals

- *hf_eval_poly* will evaluate a given polynomial at a given point, by using our specific polynomial basis and a coefficient vector
- *sf_derivate* will return the coefficient vectors for the derivative in x and y direction for a given polynomial.
- *int_gauss_weights* will return quadrature points and weights for a given order and a given quadratic domain.
- *int_gauss* will evaluate a given function at the quadrature points and sum over the product of the quadrature weights.

Note that the computation of the quadrature points and the actual quadrature is split up into two function. The transformations we use enable us to only integrate over the unit square. Therefore, we only have to compute the quadrature points and weights once. This will save alot of recources. Having these functions at hand, the local matrix can be easily computed. The symmetric bilinear form will result in a symmetric local matrix, we will only compute on half if the matrix.

The next step will be the assembly of the global stiffness matrix. Let $(a_{ij})^T$ be the local stiffness matrix for a cell T . For any given i and j , the entry in the global stiffness matrix can be obtained by

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} a_{\rho^{-1}(i)\rho(j)}^T$$

where ρ will map the local node numbering to the global numbering. The most efficient way to implement this, is to iterate over all cells, and add the entries of the local matrix at the right spot.

Key to this operation is the mapping ρ . Our function *mesh_nodes* will handle the renumbering by generating a matrix. The i -th row corresponds to the i -th cell, the j -th entry in this row corresponds to the j -th local node within the cell. In this entry, the matrix will store the global number of the degree of freedom, which corresponds to the j -th local node of the i -th cell. For each iteration, we will select the corresponding entries of the global matrix by using *mesh_nodes* and simply add the local stiffness matrix.

5 Right Hand Side

The linear system is still missing its right hand side. We already discussed the computation of it in the 'Theoretical Construct', Chapter 'Integrals and Transformations'. The function *rhs_integration* will compute the right hand side, it has three essential steps:

1. Find the cells, on which the current basis function is not vanishing (we will call these cells *active*)
2. Find the appropriate shape function for each active cell, to ensure continuity
3. Sum up over all active cells, integrate the appropriate shape functions over the active cell

The function *node_to_cells* will have the number of a global node, the mesh-size and the polynomial degree as an input. It will 'build' a basis function, which has the value 1 at this node, and 0 at all the other nodes, by telling us, which shape function we have to evaluate on which cell. Effectively, we will obtain a matrix, with the cell number in one column, and the appropriate shape function number in the other column. Step 1) and 2) are therefore done.

Step 3) will only consist of the computation of the integrals, which will be handled by our functions *int_gauss* and *int_gauss_weights*. We will use the transformations we already discussed in the chapter 'Integrals and Transformations'.

6 Linear Solvers

The global stiffness matrix will be sparse, due to the way we chose the basis functions (zero on the vast majority of the cells). The preferred solvers for linear systems with sparse matrices are iterative solvers. We implemented two common algorithms, namely the *generalized minimal residual method* and the *conjugate gradient method*. We are left with a coefficient vector u . We will get our solution, by building the linear combination of the basis ϕ_i with u :

$$u_h = \sum \phi_i u_i$$

Remember, that we do not actually have the basis functions ϕ_i at hand, since we accessed the needed values by using shape functions and transforming the integral. We will need an auxiliary function to evaluate u_h

7 Evaluation of the Solution

The idea behind *hf_eval_solution* is to find the indices of the basis functions, that do not vanish at a given point (x, y) . Similar to the calculation of the right hand side, we will need to know which shape function should be evaluated at which cell. Additionally, we need to know to which entry of the coefficient vector u the computation correlates.

In the special case, that (x, y) lies on a node, the function will return the corresponding entry of u_h . If not, *hf_eval_solution* starts searching for adjacent cells to the given point (x, y) , at which we want to evaluate our solution. Once we have the numbers of the active cells, we want to know, which nodes are located on these cells. We will store the local and the global number of the

node. This leaves us with a matrix with rows consisting of the local node number, the corresponding global node number and the cell, on which the node lies. If a node lies on an edge between two cells, only one cell will be stored, the other one will be omitted. It remains to evaluate the correct shapefunction over the correct cell and multiply with the corresponding entry of u_h .

8 Presentation our Results

Our function *m_plot_solution* will create three plots:

- The analytical solution
- The right hand side of the strong formulation (to show, that it is a multiple of the solution)
- The approximation, using *hf_eval_solution* and the coefficient vector u_h