Solution of 1D heat conduction with constant source using FEM

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Problem definition and analytical solution

▶ 1D HC with T = 0 at boundaries and heat source, Q = 2.0

 Analytical solution obtained using the method of manufactured solutions

$$T(x) = x - x^2$$

Governining equation

$$K\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + Q = 0$$

Finite element fomulation

 Galerkin method with linear shape function elements were used

$$\int_0^L \phi(x) \left(K \frac{d^2 T}{dx^2} + Q \right) dx = 0$$

► Shape functions

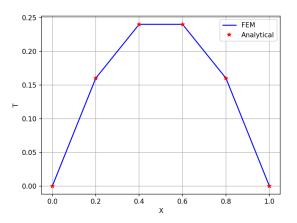
$$N_1 = 1 - rac{x}{h}$$
 $N_2 = rac{x}{h}$ h - spatial step size

► Matrix equation

$$\frac{K}{h} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} T_1 \\ T_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{Qh}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

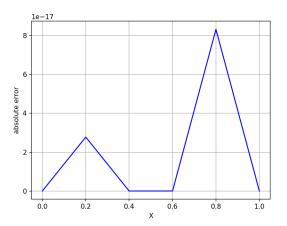
Results - with 5 elements

Computed result



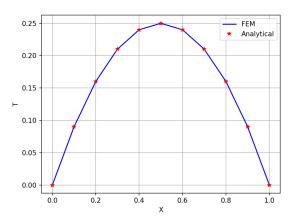
Results - with 5 elements

Computed error



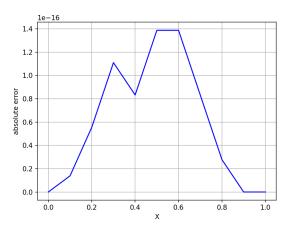
Results - with 10 elements

Computed result



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Reference

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