

Introduction and Basic Implementation for Finite Element Methods

Chapter 3: Finite Elements for 2D second order elliptic equation

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Target problem

- Consider the 2D second order elliptic equation

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) &= f, \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= g, \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.\end{aligned}$$

where Ω is a 2D domain, $f(x, y)$ and $c(x, y)$ are given functions on Ω , $g(x, y)$ is a given function on $\partial\Omega$ and $u(x, y)$ is the unknown function.

- The gradient of a 2D function u is defined by

$$\nabla u = (u_x, u_y).$$

- The divergence of a 2×1 vector \vec{v} is defined by

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y}.$$

Weak formulation

- First, multiply a function $v(x, y)$ on both sides of the original equation,

$$\begin{aligned} & -\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \Rightarrow & -\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) v = f v \quad \text{in } \Omega \\ \Rightarrow & - \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

- $u(x, y)$ is called a trial function and $v(x, y)$ is called a test function.

Weak formulation

- Second, using Green's formula (divergence theory, integration by parts in multi-dimension)

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) v \, dx dy = \int_{\partial \Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds - \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy,$$

we obtain

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial \Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

Weak formulation

- Since the solution on the domain boundary $\partial\Omega$ are given by $u(x, y) = g(x, y)$, then we can choose the test function $v(x, y)$ such that $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$.
- Hence

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- What spaces should u and v belong to? **Sobolev spaces!**

Sobolev spaces

Definition (Support)

If u is a function defined on a domain Ω , then its support $\text{supp}(u)$ is the closure of the set on which u is nonzero.

Definition (Compactly supported)

If u is a function defined on a domain Ω and $\text{supp}(u)$ is a compact subset (that is, a closed and bounded subset), then u is said to be compactly supported in Ω .

Lemma (I)

A function compactly supported in Ω is zero on and near the boundary of Ω .

Sobolev spaces

Definition

$C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ is the set of all functions that are infinitely differentiable on Ω and compactly supported in Ω .

- Recall integration by parts:

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} v \, dx dy = \int_{\partial\Omega} u v n_x \, ds - \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \, dx dy.$$

- For $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, we have $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$. Then

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} v \, dx dy = - \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \, dx dy.$$

Sobolev spaces

Definition (weak derivative with respect to x in 2D)

Suppose u is a real-valued function defined on a domain Ω and that u is integrable over every compact subset of Ω . If there exists another locally integrable function w defined on Ω such that

$$\int_{\Omega} wv \, dxdy = - \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \, dxdy.$$

for all $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, then u is said to be weakly differentiable with respect to x and w is called the weak partial derivative of u with respect to x .

Sobolev spaces

Definition (general weak derivative in 2D)

Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$. Suppose u is a real-valued function defined on a domain Ω and that u is integrable over every compact subset of Ω . If there exists another locally integrable function w defined on Ω such that

$$\int_{\Omega} wv \, dx dy = (-1)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \int_{\Omega} u \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \, dx dy.$$

for all $v \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$, then u is said to be α weakly differentiable and w is called the weak partial derivative of order α of u .

Sobolev spaces

Lemma (II)

If u is differentiable, then u is weakly differentiable and its weak derivative of order $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$ is $\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}}$.

Remark

In the Sobolev spaces, which will be defined below, $\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}}$ is used to represent the weak derivative of order $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$.

Sobolev spaces

Definition (L^p space)

$$L^p(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} |v|^p \, dx dy < \infty\}.$$

Definition (L^2 space)

$$L^2(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} v^2 \, dx dy < \infty\}.$$

Definition (L^∞ space)

$$L^\infty(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y)| < \infty\}.$$

Sobolev spaces

Definition (H^m space)

$$H^m(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \in L^2(\Omega), \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

Definition (H^1 space)

$$H^1(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \in L^2(\Omega), \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1\}.$$

Definition (H_0^1 space)

$$H_0^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}.$$

Sobolev spaces

Definition (W_p^m space)

$$W_p^m(\Omega) = \left\{ v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \right]^p dx dy < \infty, \right. \\ \left. \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 0, \dots, m \right\}.$$

Remark

- $L^p(\Omega) = W_p^0(\Omega);$
- $L^2(\Omega) = W_2^0(\Omega);$
- $H^m(\Omega) = W_2^m(\Omega);$
- $H^1(\Omega) = W_2^1(\Omega).$

Weak formulation

- Weak formulation: find $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

for any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$.

- Let $a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy$ and $(f, v) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy$.

- Weak formulation: find $u \in H^1(\Omega)$ such that

$$a(u, v) = (f, v)$$

for any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$.

Galerkin formulation

- Assume there is a finite dimensional subspace $U_h \subset H^1(\Omega)$. Define U_{h0} to be the space which consists of the functions of U_h with value 0 on the Dirichlet boundary.
- Then the Galerkin formulation is to find $u_h \in U_h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h, v_h) &= (f, v_h) \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dxdy &= \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dxdy \end{aligned}$$

for any $v_h \in U_{h0}$.

- Basic idea of Galerkin formulation: use **finite** dimensional space to **approximate infinite** dimensional space.
- Here $U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ is chosen to be a finite element space where $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ are the global finite element basis functions.

Galerkin formulation

- For an easier implementation, we use the following Galerkin formulation (without considering the Dirichlet boundary condition, which will be handled later): find $u_h \in U_h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h, v_h) &= (f, v_h) \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy &= \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

for any $v_h \in U_h$.

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Discretization formulation

Recall the following definitions from Chapter 2:

- N : number of mesh elements.
- N_m : number of mesh nodes.
- E_n ($n = 1, \dots, N$): mesh elements.
- Z_k ($k = 1, \dots, N_m$): mesh nodes.
- N_l : number of local mesh nodes in a mesh element.
- P : information matrix consisting of the coordinates of all mesh nodes.
- T : information matrix consisting of the global node indices of the mesh nodes of all the mesh elements.

Discretization formulation

- We only consider the nodal basis functions (Lagrange type) in this course.
- N_{lb} : number of local finite element nodes (=number of local finite element basis functions) in a mesh element.
- N_b : number of the finite element nodes (= the number of unknowns = the total number of the finite element basis functions).
- X_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$): finite element nodes.
- P_b : information matrix consisting of the coordinates of all finite element nodes.
- T_b : information matrix consisting of the global node indices of the finite element nodes of all the mesh elements.

Discretization formulation

- Recall the Galerkin formulation: find $u_h \in U_h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} a(u_h, v_h) &= (f, v_h) \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy &= \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy \end{aligned}$$

for any $v_h \in U_h$.

- Here $U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ is chosen to be a finite element space where $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$ are the global finite element basis functions defined in Chapter 2.
- Since $u_h \in U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$, then

$$u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$$

for some coefficients u_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$).

Discretization formulation

- In fact, since

$$\phi_j(X_k) = \delta_{jk} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j \neq k, \\ 1, & \text{if } j = k. \end{cases}$$

then

$$u_h(X_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j(X_k) = u_k.$$

- Hence the coefficient u_j is actually the numerical solution at the node X_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$).

Discretization formulation

- If we can set up a linear algebraic system for u_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$) and solve it, then we can obtain the finite element solution u_h .
- Therefore, we choose the test function $v_h = \phi_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, N_b$). Then the finite element formulation gives

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy,$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \right] = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

Matrix formulation

- Define the stiffness matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the load vector

$$\vec{b} = [b_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the unknown vector

$$\vec{X} = [u_j]_{j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Then we obtain the linear algebraic system

$$A\vec{X} = \vec{b}.$$

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Once \vec{X} is obtained, the finite element solution u_h and the numerical solutions at all the mesh nodes are obtained.
- From the definition of ϕ_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$), we can see that ϕ_j are non-zero only on the elements adjacent to the node X_j , but 0 on all the other elements.
- This observation motivates us to think about

$$a_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy.$$

- It is easy to see that most of $\int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy$ will be 0.
- So we only need to use numerical integration to compute those nonzero integrals.

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

General local assembly idea for A :

- Loop over all the elements;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for A ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the stiffness matrix A .

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for A :

- On the n^{th} element E_n , we get non-zero local integrals only when the trial and test basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of this element.
- Let $p_s = T_b(s, n)$ ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- Then we only consider the trial and test basis functions to be ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- There are only N_{lb}^2 non-zero local integrals on E_n with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \quad (i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}).$$

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{ns} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_n} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions ψ_{ns} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- **Gauss quadrature.** The needed information is stored in the matrices P and T .

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into A :

- When the trial function is ϕ_i and the test function is ϕ_j , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to a_{ij} .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the trial and test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dxdy \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \quad (i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local trial and test basis functions $\psi_{n\alpha}$ and $\psi_{n\beta}$ ($\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$)?

- **Information matrix T_b !**

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Recall that $T_b(\alpha, n)$ and $T_b(\beta, n)$ give the global node indices of the local trial and test basis functions $\psi_{n\alpha}$ and $\psi_{n\beta}$ ($\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- That is, for $n = 1, \dots, N$,

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to a_{ij} where $i = T_b(\beta, n)$ and $j = T_b(\alpha, n)$.

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm I-1:

- Initialize the matrix: $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into A :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy$;

Add r to $A(T_b(\beta, n), T_b(\alpha, n))$.

END

END

END

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm I-2:

- Initialize the matrix: $A = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ and $S = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, N_{lb})$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into A :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

 Compute $S(\beta, \alpha) = \int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy$;

END

END

$A(T_b(:, n), T_b(:, n)) = A(T_b(:, n), T_b(:, n)) + S$;

END

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Note that

$$\int_{E_n} c \nabla \psi_{n\alpha} \cdot \nabla \psi_{n\beta} dx dy = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x} dx dy + \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial y} dx dy.$$

- Hence we can consider to develop an algorithm to assemble the matrix arising from a more general integral

$$\int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \psi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy.$$

with parameters r , s , p , and q .

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- Again, in Petrov Galerkin method, the trial and test function spaces can be different.
- For example, consider the trial function space $\text{span}\{\varphi_{n\alpha}\}$ and test function space $\text{span}\{\psi_{n\beta}\}$. Then we can consider to develop an algorithm to assemble the matrix arising from a more general integral

$$\int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \varphi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy.$$

with parameters r , s , p , and q .

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

To make a general subroutine for different cases, more information needed for computing and assembling the integral should be treated as input parameters or input functions of this subroutine:

- the coefficient function c ;
- the Gauss quadrature points and weights for numerical integrals;
- the mesh information matrices P and T , which can also provide the number of mesh elements $N = \text{size}(T, 2)$ and the number of mesh nodes $N_m = \text{size}(P, 2)$;

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- the **type of the basis functions**, which can be different for the trial and test functions;
- the finite element information matrices **P_b and T_b** , which can also provide the number of local basis functions $N_{lb} = \text{size}(T_b, 1)$ and the number of the global basis functions $N_b = \text{size}(P_b, 2)$ (= the number of unknowns).
(They can be different for the trial and test functions)

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm I-3:

- Initialize the matrix: $A = \text{sparse}(N_b^{\text{test}}, N_b^{\text{trial}})$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into A :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{\text{trial}}$

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{\text{test}}$

Compute $r = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \varphi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;

Add r to $A(T_b^{\text{test}}(\beta, n), T_b^{\text{trial}}(\alpha, n))$.

END

END

END

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

Algorithm 1-4:

- Initialize the matrix: $A = \text{sparse}(N_b^{\text{test}}, N_b^{\text{trial}})$ and $S = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}^{\text{test}}, N_{lb}^{\text{trial}})$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into A :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{\text{trial}}$

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{\text{test}}$

Compute $S(\beta, \alpha) = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \varphi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;

END

END

$A(T_b^{\text{test}}(:, n), T_b^{\text{trial}}(:, n)) = A(T_b^{\text{test}}(:, n), T_b^{\text{trial}}(:, n)) + S$;

END

Assembly of the stiffness matrix

- First, we call **Algorithm I-3** with $r = p = 1$ and $s = q = 0$ to obtain **A1**.
- Second, we call **Algorithm I-3** with $r = p = 0$ and $s = q = 1$ to obtain **A2**.
- Then the stiffness matrix $A = A1 + A2$.
- That is, Algorithm I-1 is equivalent to calling Algorithm I-3 twice with two different groups of parameters ($r = p = 1, s = q = 0$ and $r = p = 0, s = q = 1$) and then adding the two resulted matrices together.
- Algorithm I-2 and Algorithm I-4 have a similar relationship.

Assembly of the load vector

- The idea for the assembly of the load vector is similar. We have

$$b_i = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy = \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} f \phi_i \, dxdy, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

- Loop over all the elements;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for the load vector \vec{b} ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the load vector \vec{b} .

Assembly of the load vector

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each element for \vec{b} :

- On the n^{th} element E_n , we get non-zero local integrals only when the test basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of the element.
- Let $p_s = T_b(s, n)$ ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- Then we only consider the test basis functions to be ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- There are only N_{lb} non-zero local integrals on E_n with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{E_n} f \phi_i \, dxdy \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}).$$

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{ns} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_n} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

Assembly of the load vector

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions ψ_{ns} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- **Gauss quadrature.** The needed information is stored in the matrices P and T .

Assembly of the load vector

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into \vec{b} :

- When the test function is ϕ_i , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to b_i .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.
- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dxdy \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{E_n} f \phi_i \, dxdy \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local test basis functions $\psi_{n\beta}$ ($\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$)?

- **Information matrix T_b !**

Assembly of the load vector

- Recall that $T_b(\beta, n)$ give the global node indices of the local test basis functions $\psi_{n\beta}$ ($\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- That is, for $n = 1, \dots, N$,

$$\int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to b_i where $i = T_b(\beta, n)$.

Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-1:

- Initialize the matrix: $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into b :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{E_n} f \psi_{n\beta} \, dx dy$;

$b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) = b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) + r$;

END

END

Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-2:

- Initialize the vector: $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ and $d = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into b :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

 Compute $d(\beta, 1) = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;

END

$b(T_b(:, n), 1) = b(T_b(:, n), 1) + d$;

END

Assembly of the load vector

To make a general subroutine for different cases, more information needed for computing and assembling the integral should be treated as input parameters or input functions of this subroutine:

- the right hand side function f ;
- the quadrature points and weights for numerical integrals;
- the mesh information matrices P and T , which can also provide the number of mesh elements $N = \text{size}(T, 2)$ and the number of mesh nodes $N_m = \text{size}(P, 2)$;
- the type of the basis function for the test functions;
- the finite element information matrices P_b and T_b , which can also provide the number of local basis functions $N_{lb} = \text{size}(T_b, 1)$ and the number of the global basis functions $N_b = \text{size}(P_b, 2)$ (= the number of unknowns), for the test functions.

Assembly of the load vector

- We can also consider to develop an algorithm to assemble the vector arising from

$$\int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy.$$

Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-3:

- Initialize the matrix: $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into b :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;

$b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) = b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) + r$;

END

END

Assembly of the load vector

Algorithm II-4:

- Initialize the vector: $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$ and $d = \text{zeros}(N_{lb}, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into b :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

 Compute $d(\beta, 1) = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;

END

$b(T_b(:, n), 1) = b(T_b(:, n), 1) + d$;

END

Assembly of the load vector

- We call **Algorithm I-3** with $p = q = 0$ to obtain b .
- That is, Algorithm II-3 is equivalent to Algorithm II-1 with $p = q = 0$.
- Algorithm II-2 and Algorithm II-4 have a similar relationship.

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Dirichlet boundary condition

- Basically, the Dirichlet boundary condition $u = g$ give the solutions at all boundary finite element nodes.
- Since the coefficient u_j in the finite element solution $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$ is actually the numerical solution at the finite element node X_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$), we actually know those u_j which are corresponding to the boundary finite element nodes.
- Recall that `boundarynodes(2,:)` store the global node indices of all boundary finite element nodes.
- If $m \in \text{boundarynodes}(2, :)$, then the m^{th} equation is called a boundary node equation.
- Set `nb` to be the number of boundary nodes;

Dirichlet boundary condition

- One way to impose the Dirichlet boundary condition is to replace the boundary node equations in the linear system by the following equations

$$u_m = g(X_m).$$

for all $m \in \text{boundarynodes}(2, :)$.

Dirichlet boundary condition

Algorithm III:

- Deal with the Dirichlet boundary conditions:

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nbn$:

 If *boundarynodes*(1, k) shows Dirichlet condition, then

$i = \text{boundarynodes}(2, k)$;

$A(i, :) = 0$;

$A(i, i) = 1$;

$b(i) = g(P_b(:, i))$;

ENDIF

END

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Universal framework of the finite element method

- Generate the mesh information: **matrices P and T** ;
- Assemble the matrices and vectors: **local assembly based on P and T only**;
- Deal with the boundary conditions: **boundary information matrix and local assembly**;
- Solve linear systems: **numerical linear algebra**.

Algorithm

- Generate the mesh information matrices P and T .
- Assemble the stiffness matrix A by using Algorithm I. (We will choose Algorithm I-3 in class)
- Assemble the load vector \vec{b} by using Algorithm II. (We will choose Algorithm II-3 in class)
- Deal with the Dirichlet boundary condition by using Algorithm III.
- Solve $A\vec{X} = \vec{b}$ for \vec{X} by using a direct or iterative method.

Algorithm

Recall Algorithm I-3:

- Initialize the matrix: $A = \text{sparse}(N_b^{\text{test}}, N_b^{\text{trial}})$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into A :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{\text{trial}}$

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{\text{test}}$

Compute $r = \int_{E_n} c \frac{\partial^{r+s} \varphi_{n\alpha}}{\partial x^r \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;

Add r to $A(T_b(\beta, n), T_b(\alpha, n))$.

END

END

END

Algorithm

Recall

- First, we call **Algorithm I-3** with $r = p = 1$ and $s = q = 0$ to obtain **$A1$** .
- Second, we call **Algorithm I-3** with $r = p = 0$ and $s = q = 1$ to obtain **$A2$** .
- Then the stiffness matrix $A = A1 + A2$.

Algorithm

Recall Algorithm II-3:

- Initialize the matrix: $b = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into b :

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{E_n} f \frac{\partial^{p+q} \psi_{n\beta}}{\partial x^p \partial y^q} dx dy$;
 $b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) = b(T_b(\beta, n), 1) + r$;

END

END

- Recall: We call **Algorithm I-3** with $p = q = 0$ to obtain b .

Algorithm

Recall Algorithm III:

- Deal with the Dirichlet boundary conditions:

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nb_n$:

 If *boundarynodes*(1, k) shows Dirichlet condition, then

$i = \text{boundarynodes}(2, k);$

$A(i, :) = 0;$

$A(i, i) = 1;$

$b(i) = g(P_b(:, i));$

ENDIF

END

Measurements for errors

Recall

Definition (L^2 space)

$$L^2(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \int_{\Omega} v^2 \, dx dy < \infty\}.$$

Definition (H^1 space)

$$H^1(\Omega) = \{v \in L^2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} v}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \in L^2(\Omega), \forall \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1\}.$$

Definition (L^∞ space)

$$L^\infty(\Omega) = \{v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y)| < \infty\}.$$

Measurements for errors

- L^∞ norm: $\|u\|_\infty = \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y)|$ for $u \in L^\infty(\Omega)$.
- L^∞ norm error: $\|u - u_h\|_\infty = \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y) - u_h(x,y)|$.
- L^2 norm: $\|u\|_0 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega u^2 dx dy}$ for $u \in L^2(\Omega)$.
- L^2 norm error: $\|u - u_h\|_0 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega (u - u_h)^2 dx dy}$.
- H^1 semi-norm: $|u|_1 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 dx dy + \int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 dx dy}$ for $u \in H^1(\Omega)$.
- H^1 semi-norm error:
 $|u - u_h|_1 = \sqrt{\int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial(u-u_h)}{\partial x}\right)^2 dx dy + \int_\Omega \left(\frac{\partial(u-u_h)}{\partial y}\right)^2 dx dy}$.

Measurements for errors

- By using $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$, the definition of T_b , and the definition of the local basis functions ψ_{nk} , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u - u_h\|_\infty &= \sup_{(x,y) \in \Omega} |u(x,y) - u_h(x,y)| \\
 &= \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x,y) - u_h(x,y)| \\
 &= \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} \left| u(x,y) - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right| \\
 &= \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} \left| u(x,y) - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk}(x,y) \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Measurements for errors

- Define

$$w_n(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk}(x, y).$$

Then

$$\|u - u_h\|_{\infty} = \max_{1 \leq n \leq N} \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x, y) - w_n(x, y)|.$$

- $\max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x, y) - w_n(x, y)|$ can be approximated by choosing the maximum values of $|u(x, y) - w_n(x, y)|$ on a group of chosen points in E_n , such as some Gauss quadrature nodes in this element. We denote the approximation by r_n .

Measurements for errors

Algorithm IV:

- Initialize the error $error = 0$;
- Approximate the maximum absolute errors on all elements and then choose the largest one as the final approximation:

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

 Compute $r_n \approx \max_{(x,y) \in E_n} |u(x,y) - w_n(x,y)|$;

IF $r_n > error$, *THEN*

$error = r_n$;

END

END

Measurements for errors

- By using $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$, the definition of T_b , and the definition of the local basis functions ψ_{nk} , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|u - u_h\|_0 &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} (u - u_h)^2 dx dy} \\&= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} (u - u_h)^2 dx dy} \\&= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(u - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right)^2 dx dy} \\&= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(u - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk} \right)^2 dx dy}.\end{aligned}$$

Measurements for errors

- Define

$$w_n = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \psi_{nk}.$$

Then

$$\|u - u_h\|_0 = \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} (u - w_n)^2 dx dy}.$$

- Each integral $\int_{E_n} (u - w_n)^2 dx dy$ can be computed by numerical integration.

Measurements for errors

- By using $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$, the definition of T_b , and the definition of the local basis functions ψ_{nk} , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u - u_h|_{1,x} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial x} \right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Measurements for errors

- Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} |u - u_h|_{1,y} &= \sqrt{\int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial(u - u_h)}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy}. \end{aligned}$$

Measurements for errors

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |u - u_h|_1^2 \\ = & |u - u_h|_{1,x}^2 + |u - u_h|_{1,y}^2 \\ = & \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial x} \right)^2 dx dy \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial y} \right)^2 dx dy. \end{aligned}$$

Measurements for errors

- Define

$$w_{n1} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial x},$$

$$w_{n2} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial \psi_{nk}}{\partial y}.$$

Then

$$|u - u_h|_1 = \sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - w_{n1} \right)^2 dx dy + \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - w_{n2} \right)^2 dx dy}.$$

- Each integral $\int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - w_{n1} \right)^2 dx dy$ or $\int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - w_{n2} \right)^2 dx dy$ can be computed by numerical integration.

Measurements for errors

- Develop a subroutine for a more general formulation

$$\sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \psi_{nk}}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \right)^2 dx dy}.$$

- $\|u - u_h\|_0$ is equivalent to calling this subroutine with $\alpha_1 = 0$ and $\alpha_2 = 0$.
- $|u - u_h|_{1,x}$ is equivalent to calling this subroutine with $\alpha_1 = 1$ and $\alpha_2 = 0$.
- $|u - u_h|_{1,y}$ is equivalent to calling this subroutine with $\alpha_1 = 0$ and $\alpha_2 = 1$.

Measurements for errors

Algorithm V:

- Initialize the error $error = 0$; input the parameters α_1 and α_2 ;
- Compute the integrals and add them into the total error:

FOR $n = 1, \dots, N$:

$$error = error + \int_{E_n} \left(\frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} u}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} - \sum_{k=1}^{N_{lb}} u_{T_b(k,n)} \frac{\partial^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \psi_{nk}}{\partial x^{\alpha_1} \partial y^{\alpha_2}} \right)^2 dx dy;$$

END

$$error = \sqrt{error};$$

Numerical example

- Example 1: Use the finite element method to solve the following equation on the domain $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$:

$$\begin{aligned}-\nabla \cdot (\nabla u) &= -y(1-y)(1-x - \frac{x^2}{2})e^{x+y} \\ &\quad -x(1 - \frac{x}{2})(-3y - y^2)e^{x+y}, \\ u &= -1.5y(1-y)e^{-1+y} \quad \text{on } x = -1, \\ u &= 0.5y(1-y)e^{1+y} \quad \text{on } x = 1, \\ u &= -2x(1 - \frac{x}{2})e^{x-1} \quad \text{on } y = -1, \\ u &= 0 \quad \text{on } y = 1.\end{aligned}$$

- The analytic solution of this problem is $u = xy(1 - \frac{x}{2})(1-y)e^{x+y}$, which can be used to compute the error of the numerical solution.

Numerical example

- Let's code for the linear and quadratic finite element method of the 2D second order elliptic equation together!
- Open your Matlab!

Numerical example

h	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	2.3620×10^{-2}	6.8300×10^{-3}	1.8774×10^{-1}
1/16	6.3421×10^{-3}	1.7189×10^{-3}	9.4167×10^{-2}
1/32	1.6430×10^{-3}	4.3049×10^{-4}	4.7121×10^{-2}
1/64	4.1810×10^{-4}	1.0767×10^{-4}	2.3565×10^{-2}
1/128	1.0546×10^{-4}	2.6922×10^{-5}	1.1783×10^{-2}

Table: The numerical errors for linear finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Second order convergence $O(h^2)$ in L^2/L^∞ norm and first order convergence $O(h)$ in H^1 semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise linear functions.

Numerical example

h	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	3.3678×10^{-4}	1.1705×10^{-4}	8.9192×10^{-3}
1/16	4.4273×10^{-5}	1.4637×10^{-5}	2.2414×10^{-3}
1/32	5.6752×10^{-6}	1.8289×10^{-6}	5.6131×10^{-4}
1/64	7.1839×10^{-7}	2.2853×10^{-7}	1.4042×10^{-4}
1/128	9.0366×10^{-8}	2.8560×10^{-8}	3.5114×10^{-5}

Table: The numerical errors for quadratic finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Third order convergence $O(h^3)$ in L^2/L^∞ norm and second order convergence $O(h^2)$ in H^1 semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise quadratic functions.

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Neumann boundary conditions

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Hence

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy + \int_{\partial\Omega} c p v \, ds.$$

- Is there anything wrong? **The solution is not unique!**
- If u is a solution, then $u + c$ is also a solution where c is a constant.

Neumann boundary condition

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \subset \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/\Gamma_N.$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Since the solution on $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_N$ is given by $u = g$, then we can choose the test function $v(x)$ such that $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_N$.

Neumann boundary condition

- Since

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\partial\Omega} (c\nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds &= \int_{\Gamma_N} (c\nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds + \int_{\partial\Omega/\Gamma_N} (c\nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_N} cpv \, ds,\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} c\nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy - \int_{\Gamma_N} cpv \, ds = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dxdy.$$

- Hence the weak formulation is

$$\int_{\Omega} c\nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_N} cpv \, ds.$$

Neumann boundary condition

- Then the Galerkin formulation is to find $u_h \in U_h$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dx dy + \int_{\Gamma_N} c p v_h \, ds$$

for any $v_h \in U_h$.

- Recall: Since $u_h \in U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$, then

$$u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$$

for some coefficients u_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$).

- Recall: Choose $v_h = \phi_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, N_b$).

Neumann boundary condition

- Then for $i = 1, \dots, N_b$, the finite element formulation gives

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_N} cp \phi_i \, ds,$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \right] = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_N} cp \phi_i \, ds.$$

Neumann boundary condition

Recall

- Define the stiffness matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the load vector

$$\vec{b} = [b_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dx dy \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the unknown vector

$$\vec{X} = [u_j]_{j=1}^{N_b}.$$

Neumann boundary condition

- Define the additional vector from the Neumann boundary condition

$$\vec{v} = [v_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Gamma_N} cp\phi_i \, ds \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the new vector $\tilde{\vec{b}} = \vec{b} + \vec{v}$.
- Then we obtain the linear algebraic system

$$A\vec{X} = \tilde{\vec{b}}.$$

- Code?
- Add one more subroutine for \vec{v} to the existing code!

Neumann boundary condition

Recall

- Matrix *boundaryedges*:
- $boundaryedges(1, k)$ is the type of the k^{th} boundary edge e_k : Dirichlet (-1), Neumann (-2), Robin (-3).....
- $boundaryedges(2, k)$ is the index of the element which contains the k^{th} boundary edge e_k .
- Each boundary edge has two end nodes. We index them as the first and the second counterclock wise along the boundary.
- $boundaryedges(3, k)$ is the global node index of the first end node of the k^{th} boundary edge e_k .
- $boundaryedges(4, k)$ is the global node index of the second end node of the k^{th} boundary edge e_k .
- Set $nbe = size(boundaryedges, 2)$ to be the number of boundary edges;

Neumann boundary condition

- The idea for the assembly of the vector \vec{v} is similar to that of the load vector. We have

$$v_i = \int_{\Gamma_N} cp\phi_i ds = \sum_{\substack{e_k \subset \Gamma_N \\ 1 \leq k \leq n_{be}}} \int_{e_k} cp\phi_i ds, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

- Loop over all the boundary edges;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Neumann boundary edge for the vector \vec{v} ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the vector \vec{v} .

Neumann boundary condition

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Neumann boundary edge for \vec{v} :

- The index of the element which contains the k^{th} boundary edge e_k is $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$. Then on e_k , we get non-zero local integrals only when the test basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of the n_k^{th} element E_{n_k} .
- Let $p_s = T_b(s, n_k)$ ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- Then we only consider the test basis functions to be ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- There are only N_{lb} non-zero local integrals on e_k with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{e_k} c p \phi_i \, ds \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}).$$

Neumann boundary condition

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{n_k s} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_{n_k}} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions $\psi_{n_k s}$ ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k \beta} \, ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- **Gauss quadrature**. The needed information is stored in the matrices P and *boundaryedges*.

Neumann boundary condition

- $P(:, \text{boundaryedges}(3 : 4, k))$ provides the coordinates of the two end points of the k^{th} boundary edge. We discuss three cases based on these coordinates.
- Case 1: If a boundary edge is vertical, then it can be described as $x = c$ ($y_1 \leq y \leq y_2$). The y -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on $[y_1, y_2]$. And the x -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be c .

Neumann boundary condition

- Case 2: If a boundary edge is horizontal, then it can be described as $y = c$ ($x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$). The x -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on $[x_1, x_2]$. And the y -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be c .
- Case 3: Otherwise, a boundary edge can be described as $y = ax + b$ ($x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$). The x -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss nodes in $[x_1, x_2]$. And the y -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are obtained from $y = ax + b$.
- The case 3 with $a = 0$ and $b = c$ is equivalent to case 2. Hence case 2 and case 3 can be combined into one case.

Neumann boundary condition

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into \vec{v} :

- When the test function is ϕ_i , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to v_i .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.
- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{e_k} cp\psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{e_k} cp\phi_i ds \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local test basis functions $\psi_{n_k\beta} \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$?

- **Information matrix T_b !**

Neumann boundary condition

- Recall that $T_b(\beta, n_k)$ give the global node indices of the local test basis functions $\psi_{n_k\beta}$ ($\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- That is,

$$\int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k\beta} \, ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to v_i where $i = T_b(\beta, n_k)$.

Neumann boundary condition

Algorithm VI-1:

- Initialize the vector: $v = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into v :

FOR $k = 1, \dots, n_{be}$:

IF $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$ shows Neumann boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$;

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k \beta} ds$;

$v(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = v(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$;

END

ENDIF

END

Neumann boundary condition

- If we follow Algorithm VI-1 to develop a subroutine to assemble the vector arising from

$$\int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds,$$

then Algorithm VI-1 is equivalent to calling this subroutine with parameters: $a = b = 0$ and $\tilde{p} = cp$.

Neumann boundary condition

Algorithm VI:

- Initialize the vector: $v = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into v :

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nbe$:

IF $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$ shows Neumann boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$;

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds$;

$v(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = v(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$;

END

ENDIF

END

Neumann boundary condition

Recall

- Matrix *boundarynodes*:
- $boundarynodes(1, k)$ is the type of the k^{th} boundary finite element node: Dirichlet (-1), Neumann (-2), Robin (-3).....
- The intersection nodes of Dirichlet boundary condition and other boundary conditions usually need to be treated as Dirichlet boundary nodes.
- $boundarynodes(2, k)$ is the global node index of the k^{th} boundary boundary finite element node.
- Set $nbm = size(boundarynodes, 2)$ to be the number of boundary finite element nodes;

Neumann boundary condition

- Example 2: Use the finite element method to solve the following equation on the domain $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$:

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\nabla u) &= -2e^{x+y}, \\ u &= e^{-1+y} \quad \text{on } x = -1, \\ u &= e^{1+y} \quad \text{on } x = 1, \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} &= -e^{x-1} \quad \text{on } y = -1, \\ u &= e^{x+1} \quad \text{on } y = 1. \end{aligned}$$

- The analytic solution of this problem is $u = e^{x+y}$, which can be used to compute the error of the numerical solution.

Neumann boundary condition

- Let's code for the linear and quadratic finite element method of the 2D second order elliptic equation with Neumann boundary condition!
- Open your Matlab!

Neumann boundary condition

h	$\ u - u_h\ _\infty$	$\ u - u_h\ _0$	$ u - u_h _1$
1/8	1.3358×10^{-2}	5.1224×10^{-3}	1.8523×10^{-1}
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Table: The numerical errors for linear finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Second order convergence $O(h^2)$ in L^2/L^∞ norm and first order convergence $O(h)$ in H^1 semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise linear functions.

Neumann boundary condition

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1/8	1.0956×10^{-4}	3.9285×10^{-5}	2.9874×10^{-3}
1/16	1.4074×10^{-5}	4.9015×10^{-6}	7.4668×10^{-4}
1/32	1.7835×10^{-6}	6.1244×10^{-7}	1.8667×10^{-4}
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1/128	2.8155×10^{-8}	9.5686×10^{-9}	1.1667×10^{-5}

Table: The numerical errors for quadratic finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Third order convergence $O(h^3)$ in L^2/L^∞ norm and second order convergence $O(h^2)$ in H^1 semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise quadratic functions.

Robin boundary conditions

- Consider

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru &= q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_R \subseteq \partial\Omega, \\ u &= g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/\Gamma_R. \end{aligned}$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Since the solution on $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_R$ is given by $u = g$, then we can choose the test function $v(x)$ such that $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega/\Gamma_R$.

Robin boundary condition

- Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\partial\Omega} (c\nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds &= \int_{\Gamma_R} (c\nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds + \int_{\partial\Omega/\Gamma_R} (c\nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds \\
 &= \int_{\Gamma_R} c(q - ru)v \, ds \\
 &= \int_{\Gamma_R} cq v \, ds - \int_{\Gamma_R} cru v \, ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\int_{\Omega} c\nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy - \left(\int_{\Gamma_R} cq v \, ds - \int_{\Gamma_R} cru v \, ds \right) = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dxdy.$$

- Hence the weak formulation is

$$\int_{\Omega} c\nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} cru v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} cq v \, ds.$$

Robin boundary condition

- Then the Galerkin formulation is to find $u_h \in U_h$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} c r u_h v_h \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v_h \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} c q v_h \, ds$$

for any $v_h \in U_h$.

- Recall: Since $u_h \in U_h = \text{span}\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^{N_b}$, then

$$u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j$$

for some coefficients u_j ($j = 1, \dots, N_b$).

- Recall: Choose $v_h = \phi_i$ ($i = 1, \dots, N_b$).

Robin boundary condition

- Then for $i = 1, \dots, N_b$, the finite element formulation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} cr \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \phi_j \right) \phi_i \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} cq \phi_i \, ds, \\ \Rightarrow & \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{N_b} u_j \left[\int_{\Gamma_R} cr \phi_j \phi_i \, ds \right] \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} cq \phi_i \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

Robin boundary condition

- Recall: Define the stiffness matrix

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Omega} c \nabla \phi_j \cdot \nabla \phi_i \, dxdy \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Recall: Define the load vector

$$\vec{b} = [b_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Omega} f \phi_i \, dxdy \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Recall: Define the unknown vector

$$\vec{X} = [u_j]_{j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the additional vector from the Robin boundary condition

$$\vec{w} = [w_i]_{i=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Gamma_R} cq \phi_i \, ds \right]_{i=1}^{N_b}.$$

Robin boundary condition

- Define the additional matrix from the Robin boundary condition

$$R = [r_{ij}]_{i,j=1}^{N_b} = \left[\int_{\Gamma_R} cr \phi_j \phi_i \, ds \right]_{i,j=1}^{N_b}.$$

- Define the new vector $\tilde{\vec{b}} = \vec{b} + \vec{w}$.
- Define the new matrix $\tilde{A} = A + R$.
- Then we obtain the linear algebraic system

$$\tilde{A} \vec{X} = \tilde{\vec{b}}.$$

- Code?
- Add one more subroutine for \vec{w} and R to the existing code!

Robin boundary condition

Recall

- Matrix *boundaryedges*:
- $boundaryedges(1, k)$ is the type of the k^{th} boundary edge e_k : Dirichlet (-1), Neumann (-2), Robin (-3).....
- $boundaryedges(2, k)$ is the index of the element which contains the k^{th} boundary edge e_k .
- Each boundary edge has two end nodes. We index them as the first and the second counterclock wise along the boundary.
- $boundaryedges(3, k)$ is the global node index of the first end node of the k^{th} boundary boundary edge e_k .
- $boundaryedges(4, k)$ is the global node index of the second end node of the k^{th} boundary boundary edge e_k .
- Set $nbe = size(boundaryedges, 2)$ to be the number of boundary edges;

Robin boundary condition

- The idea for the assembly of the matrix R and the vector \vec{w} is similar to that of the stiffness matrix and the load vector. We have

$$w_i = \int_{\Gamma_R} cq\phi_i ds = \sum_{\substack{e_k \subset \Gamma_R \\ 1 \leq k \leq nbe}} \int_{e_k} cq\phi_i ds, \quad i = 1, \dots, N_b,$$

$$r_{ij} = \int_{\Gamma_R} cr\phi_j\phi_i ds = \sum_{\substack{e_k \subset \Gamma_R \\ 1 \leq k \leq nbe}} \int_{e_k} cr\phi_j\phi_i ds, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, N_b.$$

- Loop over all the boundary edges;
- Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Robin boundary edge for the vector \vec{w} and the matrix R ;
- Assemble these non-zero local integrals into the corresponding entries of the vector \vec{w} and the matrix R .

Robin boundary condition

Compute all non-zero local integrals on each Robin boundary edge for the vector \vec{w} and the matrix R :

- The index of the element which contains the k^{th} boundary edge e_k is $n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$. Then on e_k , we get non-zero local integrals only when the test and trial basis functions are corresponding to the finite element nodes of the n_k^{th} element E_{n_k} .
- Let $p_s = T_b(s, n)$ ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- Then we only consider the test basis functions to be ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).

Robin boundary condition

- There are only N_{lb} non-zero local integrals on e_k with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{e_k} c q \phi_i \, ds, \quad i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}, \\ \int_{e_k} c r \phi_j \phi_i \, ds, \quad i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}. \end{aligned}$$

- In fact, we have

$$\psi_{n_k s} = \phi_{p_s}|_{E_{n_k}} \quad (s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}).$$

Robin boundary condition

- That is, instead of the original non-zero local integrals with the global basis functions ϕ_{p_s} ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$), we will compute the following non-zero local integrals with the local basis functions $\psi_{n_k s}$ ($s = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$):

$$\int_{e_k} c p \psi_{n_k \beta} ds, \quad \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb},$$
$$\int_{e_k} c r \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}.$$

- Question: how to compute these integrals?
- Gauss quadrature.** The needed information is stored in the matrices P and *boundaryedges*.

Robin boundary condition

Recall

- $P(:, \text{boundaryedges}(3 : 4, k))$ provides the coordinates of the two end points of the k^{th} boundary edge. We discuss three cases based on these coordinates.
- Case 1: If a boundary edge is vertical, then it can be described as $x = c$ ($y_1 \leq y \leq y_2$). The y -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on $[y_1, y_2]$. And the x -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be c .

Robin boundary condition

- Case 2: If a boundary edge is horizontal, then it can be described as $y = c$ ($x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$). The x -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss quadrature on $[x_1, x_2]$. And the y -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are fixed to be c .
- Case 3: Otherwise, a boundary edge can be described as $y = ax + b$ ($x_1 \leq x \leq x_2$). The x -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes on this boundary edge and the Gauss quadrature weights can be obtained from the 1D local Gauss nodes in $[x_1, x_2]$. And the y -coordinates of the Gauss quadrature nodes are obtained from $y = ax + b$.
- The case 3 with $a = 0$ and $b = c$ is equivalent to case 2. Hence case 2 and case 3 can be combined into one case.

Robin boundary condition

Assemble the non-zero local integrals into \vec{w} and R :

- When the test function is ϕ_i , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to w_i .
- When the trial function is ϕ_i and the test function is ϕ_j , the corresponding non-zero local integrals should be assembled to r_{ij} .
- Therefore, if we find the global node indices of the trial and test basis functions, we can easily locate where to assemble a non-zero local integral.

Robin boundary condition

- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{e_k} cq\psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{e_k} cq\phi_i ds \quad (i = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local test basis functions $\psi_{n_k\beta}$ ($\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$)?

Robin boundary condition

- Question: Since we compute

$$\int_{e_k} cr \psi_{n_k \beta} \psi_{n_k \alpha} ds \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

instead of

$$\int_{e_k} cr \phi_j \phi_i ds \quad (i, j = p_1, \dots, p_{N_{lb}}),$$

how do we obtain the corresponding **global node indices** of the local trial and test basis functions $\psi_{n_k \alpha}$ and $\psi_{n_k \beta}$ ($\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$)?

- **Information matrix T_b !**

Robin boundary condition

- Recall that $T_b(\alpha, n_k)$ and $T_b(\beta, n_k)$ give the global node indices of the local trial and test basis functions $\psi_{n_k\alpha}$ and $\psi_{n_k\beta}$ ($\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$).
- That is,

$$\int_{e_k} cq\psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to w_i where $i = T_b(\beta, n_k)$.

- And

$$\int_{e_k} cr\psi_{n_k\alpha}\psi_{n_k\beta} ds \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb})$$

should be assembled to r_{ij} where $i = T_b(\beta, n_k)$ and $j = T_b(\alpha, n_k)$.

Robin boundary condition

Algorithm VII-1:

- Initialize $R = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ and $w = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into R and w :

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nbe$:

IF $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$ shows Robin boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$;

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

 Compute $r = \int_{e_k} cq\psi_{n_k\beta} ds$;

$w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$;

END

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

 Compute $r = \int_{e_k} cr\psi_{n_k\beta}\psi_{n_k\alpha} ds$;

 Add r to $R(T_b(\beta, n_k), T_b(\alpha, n_k))$;

END

END

ENDIF

END

Robin boundary condition

Algorithm VII-2:

- Initialize $R = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ and $w = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into R and w :

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nbe$:

IF $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$ shows Robin boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$;

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{e_k} cq\psi_{n_k\beta} ds$;

$w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$;

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{e_k} cr\psi_{n_k\beta}\psi_{n_k\alpha} ds$;

Add r to $R(T_b(\beta, n_k), T_b(\alpha, n_k))$;

END

END

ENDIF

END

Robin boundary condition

- If we follow Algorithm VII-1 to develop a subroutine to assemble the vector arising from

$$\int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds,$$

and the matrix arising from

$$\int_{e_k} \tilde{r} \frac{\partial^{m+s} \psi_{n_k \alpha}}{\partial x^m \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{d+l} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^d \partial y^l} ds,$$

then Algorithm VII-1 is equivalent to calling this subroutine with parameters: $a = b = r = s = d = l = 0$, $\tilde{p} = cq$, and $\tilde{r} = cr$.

- Note that the vector part is exactly the same as what we had for the Neumann boundary condition!

Robin boundary condition

Algorithm VII:

- Initialize $R = \text{sparse}(N_b, N_b)$ and $w = \text{sparse}(N_b, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into R and w :

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nbe$:

IF $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$ shows Robin boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$;

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

Compute $r = \int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds$;

$w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$;

END

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}$:

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Add r to $R(T_b(\beta, n_k), T_b(\alpha, n_k))$;

END

END

ENDIF

END

Robin boundary condition

Following Algorithm I-3, we can further improve Algorithm VII:

- Initialize $R = \text{sparse}(N_b^{test}, N_b^{trial})$ and $w = \text{sparse}(N_b^{test}, 1)$;
- Compute the integrals and assemble them into R and w :

FOR $k = 1, \dots, nbe$:

IF $\text{boundaryedges}(1, k)$ shows Robin boundary condition, *THEN*

$n_k = \text{boundaryedges}(2, k)$;

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{test}$:

Computer $= \int_{e_k} \tilde{p} \frac{\partial^{a+b} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^a \partial y^b} ds$;

$w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) = w(T_b(\beta, n_k), 1) + r$;

END

FOR $\alpha = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{trial}$:

FOR $\beta = 1, \dots, N_{lb}^{test}$:

Compute $r = \int_{e_k} \tilde{r} \frac{\partial^{m+s} \varphi_{n_k \alpha}}{\partial x^m \partial y^s} \frac{\partial^{d+l} \psi_{n_k \beta}}{\partial x^d \partial y^l} ds$;

Add r to $R(T_b(\beta, n_k), T_b(\alpha, n_k))$;

END

END

ENDIF

END

Robin boundary condition

- Example 3: Use the finite element method to solve the following equation on the domain $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$:

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\nabla u) &= -2e^{x+y}, \\ u &= e^{-1+y} \quad \text{on } x = -1, \\ u &= e^{1+y} \quad \text{on } x = 1, \\ \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + u &= 0 \quad \text{on } y = -1, \\ u &= e^{x+1} \quad \text{on } y = 1. \end{aligned}$$

- The analytic solution of this problem is $u = e^{x+y}$, which can be used to compute the error of the numerical solution.

Robin boundary condition

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- Second order convergence $O(h^2)$ in L^2/L^∞ norm and first order convergence $O(h)$ in H^1 semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise linear functions.

Robin boundary condition

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Table: The numerical errors for quadratic finite element.

- Any Observation?
- Third order convergence $O(h^3)$ in L^2/L^∞ norm and second order convergence $O(h^2)$ in H^1 semi-norm, which match the optimal approximation capability expected from piecewise quadratic functions.

Dirichlet/Neumann/Robin mixed boundary condition

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \subset \partial\Omega,$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_R \subseteq \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R).$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

- Since the solution on $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R)$ is given by $u = g$, then we can choose the test function $v(x)$ such that $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R)$.

Dirichlet/Neumann/Robin mixed boundary condition

- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} cru v \, ds \\ = & \int_{\Omega} f v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_N} cpv \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_R} cq v \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

- Code?
- Combine all of the subroutines for Dirichlet/Neumann/Robin boundary conditions.

Non-isotropic equation

- Consider

$$-\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} = p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \subset \partial\Omega,$$

$$c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru = q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_R \subseteq \partial\Omega,$$

$$u = g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega / (\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R),$$

where

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Recall

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy.$$

Non-isotropic equation

- Since the solution on $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R)$ is given by $u = g$, then we can choose the test function $v(x)$ such that $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R)$.
- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} ruv \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_N} p v \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_R} q v \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v &= \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_{11}u_x + c_{12}u_y \\ c_{21}u_x + c_{22}u_y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \end{pmatrix} \\ &= c_{11}u_x v_x + c_{12}u_y v_x + c_{21}u_x v_y + c_{22}u_y v_y. \end{aligned}$$

Non-isotropic equation

- Code? Just call **Algorithm I-3** four times! Everything else is the same as before!
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 1, s = 0, p = 1, q = 0$, and $c = c_{11}$ to obtain A_1 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 0, s = 1, p = 1, q = 0$, and $c = c_{11}$ to obtain A_2 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 1, s = 0, p = 0, q = 1$, and $c = c_{21}$ to obtain A_3 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 0, s = 1, p = 0, q = 1$, and $c = c_{22}$ to obtain A_4 .
- Then the stiffness matrix is $A = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$.

A more general second order equation

- Consider

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (c \nabla u) + au &= f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \\ c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} &= p \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N \subset \partial\Omega, \\ c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n} + ru &= q \quad \text{on } \Gamma_R \subseteq \partial\Omega, \\ u &= g \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega / (\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c = \begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Then

$$\int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx dy - \int_{\partial\Omega} (c \nabla u \cdot \vec{n}) v \, ds + \int_{\Omega} auv \, dx dy = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx dy$$

A more general second order equation

- Since the solution on $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R)$ is given by $u = g$, then we can choose the test function $v(x)$ such that $v = 0$ on $\partial\Omega/(\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R)$.
- Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dxdy + \int_{\Omega} a uv \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_R} r uv \, ds \\ &= \int_{\Omega} f v \, dxdy + \int_{\Gamma_N} p v \, ds + \int_{\Gamma_R} q v \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

where

$$c \nabla u \cdot \nabla v = c_{11} u_x v_x + c_{12} u_y v_x + c_{21} u_x v_y + c_{22} u_y v_y.$$

A more general second order equation

- Code? Just call **Algorithm I-3** five times! Everything else is the same as before!
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 0$, $s = 0$, $p = 0$, $q = 0$, and $c = a$ to obtain A_0 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 1$, $s = 0$, $p = 1$, $q = 0$, and $c = c_{11}$ to obtain A_1 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 0$, $s = 1$, $p = 1$, $q = 0$, and $c = c_{11}$ to obtain A_2 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 1$, $s = 0$, $p = 0$, $q = 1$, and $c = c_{21}$ to obtain A_3 ;
- Call Algorithm I-3 with $r = 0$, $s = 1$, $p = 0$, $q = 1$, and $c = c_{22}$ to obtain A_4 .
- Then the stiffness matrix is $A = A_0 + A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4$.

Linear regression for the convergence order

- Consider $\|u - u_h\| = Ch^r$.
- The goal is to design a linear regression to obtain the C and r based on the h and errors given in the table.
- First,

$$\begin{aligned}\log(\|u - u_h\|) &= \log(Ch^r) \\ &= \log(C) + \log(h^r) \\ &= \log(C) + r \log(h).\end{aligned}$$

- Let $y = \log(\|u - u_h\|)$, $x = \log(h)$, $a = r$, $b = \log(C)$.
- Then $y = ax + b$.
- For different h , we can obtain the corresponding x and y .
- Then by the regular linear regression, we can obtain a and b , which give us the $C = e^b$ and $r = a$.