

## Formulation of 1D Poisson FEM

Look @  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = s$  on  $x \in [a, b]$  with periodic bcs

$W$

Let  $\phi \in \{ \text{space of continuous functions} \}$  Then:

$$\int_a^b \phi \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} dx = \int_a^b s \phi dx \Rightarrow \phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx = \int_a^b s \phi dx$$

Or periodicity  $\phi \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \Big|_a^b = 0$

So we have weak-form  $-\int_a^b \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx = \int_a^b s \phi dx$

This needs to be satisfied for all  $\phi \in W$ .

Discretize into cells & let  $\phi_j \in W_h$  st  $\phi_j|_G \in P^n$  is restriction of  $\phi_j$  on cell  $G$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ .

So discrete weak-form on a single cell  $C \equiv [x_{i-1/2}, x_{i+1/2}]$  is

$$\int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \phi_j^{(c)} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} dx = \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} s \phi_j^{(c)} dx \Rightarrow \phi_j^{(c)} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} - \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \frac{\partial \phi_j^{(c)}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dx = \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} s \phi_j^{(c)} dx$$

Now express in each cell

$$\psi^{(c)}(x) = \sum_k \psi_k^{(c)} \phi_k^{(c)}(x) \quad \& \quad s^{(c)}(x) = \sum_k s_k^{(c)} \phi_k^{(c)}(x)$$

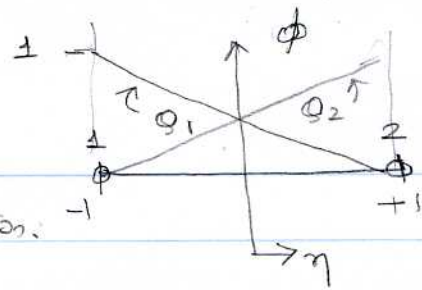
$$\text{Then: } \sum_k \phi_j^{(c)} \frac{\partial \phi_k^{(c)}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \psi_k^{(c)} - \sum_k \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \frac{\partial \phi_j^{(c)}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi_k^{(c)}}{\partial x} dx \psi_k^{(c)} = \sum_k \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \phi_j^{(c)} \phi_k^{(c)} dx s_k^{(c)}$$

$$\text{Let } K_{jk}^C \equiv \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \frac{\partial \phi_j^{(c)}}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \phi_k^{(c)}}{\partial x} dx \quad M_{jk}^C \equiv \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} \phi_j^{(c)} \phi_k^{(c)} dx \quad \forall C \text{ in grid}$$

these are local matrices. We need to compute these for every cell & assemble them to get global matrices.

[Note: Edge integrals disappear on assembly. So ignore them]

Example: Consider a "standard" cell  
Pick nodes 1 & 2 & define basis-functions.



$$\phi_1(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}(1-\eta) \quad \phi_2(\eta) = \frac{1}{2}(1+\eta) \quad \text{The transform } \eta = \frac{x-x_u}{\Delta x/2}$$

will take  $\phi_i(\eta)$  & give  $\phi_i^{(c)}(x)$  with  $x_i \equiv (x_{i+1/2} + x_{i-1/2})/2$

$$\Delta x \equiv x_{i+1/2} - x_{i-1/2}$$

Integrals like  $\int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} f(x) dx \rightarrow \int_{-1}^{+1} f(x(\eta)) d\eta \frac{\Delta x}{2}$

$$\text{As } \frac{\partial \phi_i^{(c)}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{\Delta x} \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial \eta} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \phi_1^{(c)}}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{\Delta x} \quad \frac{\partial \phi_2^{(c)}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\Delta x}$$

We hence get for these basis functions

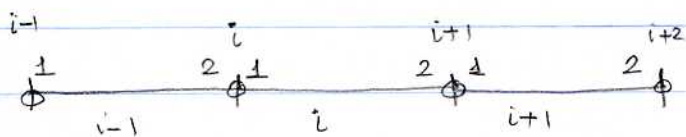
$$\underline{K}^c \approx \frac{1}{\Delta x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \& \quad \underline{M}^c \approx \Delta x \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

The local discrete weak-form is

$$-\frac{1}{\Delta x} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1^{(c)} \\ \psi_2^{(c)} \end{bmatrix} = \Delta x \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/6 \\ 1/6 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1^{(c)} \\ s_2^{(c)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{Ignore edge terms for now})$$

How to do global assembly? Ans: Create connectivity matrix by

identifying shared nodes.  $\rightarrow$  global unknown



Eg:  $\psi_1^{(i)} = \psi_2^{(i+1)} = \psi_i$   
 $\psi_2^{(i)} = \psi_1^{(i+1)} = \psi_{i+1}$

Let  $\underline{\psi}$  be vector of global unknowns. Then each cell needs a

connectivity matrix  $\underline{G}^{(i)}$  which maps  $\underline{\psi}^{(i)}$  to  $\underline{\psi}$ :

ie  $\underline{\psi} = \underline{G}^{(i)} \underline{\psi}^{(i)}$ . A matrix like  $\underline{K}^{(c)}$  is mapped as

$$\underline{\underline{K}} = \underline{\underline{G}}^{(i)} \underline{\underline{K}}^{(c)} \underline{\underline{G}}^{(i)T} \quad \text{Hence to assemble do}$$

$$\underline{\underline{K}} = \sum_i \underline{\underline{G}}^{(i)} \underline{\underline{K}}^{(i)} \underline{\underline{G}}^{(i)T}$$

$$\underline{\underline{M}} = \sum_i \underline{\underline{G}}^{(i)} \underline{\underline{M}}^{(i)} \underline{\underline{G}}^{(i)T}$$

For 1D Poisson it is easy to see that:

$$\underline{\underline{K}} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & & \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & \\ & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ & & & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad S = \Delta x \begin{bmatrix} 2/3 & 1/6 & & \\ 1/6 & 2/3 & 1/6 & \\ & 1/6 & 2/3 & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the FEM looks like

$$\left[ \frac{\psi_{i-1} - 2\psi_i + \psi_{i+1}}{\Delta x^2} = \frac{1}{6} s_{i-1} + \frac{2}{3} s_i + \frac{1}{6} s_{i+1} \right]$$

which "looks" like a central difference on  $\partial^2 \psi / \partial x^2$  & some sort of averaging for the source term. of course in 2D on general geometry this is no longer true, or even in 1D with order greater than 1 (linear basis)