# Simple finite element methods in Python

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# 1 Heat equation

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , d=2,3 be the computational domain. We suppose to have a disjoined partition of its boundary:  $\partial \Omega = \Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R$ . We consider the parabolic equation for the temperature T, heat flux  $\vec{q}$  and heat release  $\dot{q}$ 

### Heat equation (strong formulation)

$$\begin{cases} \vec{q} = -k\nabla T \\ \rho C_p \frac{dT}{dt} + \operatorname{div}(\vec{v}T) + \operatorname{div}\vec{q} = \dot{q} & \text{in } \Omega \\ T = T^D & \text{in } \Gamma_D \\ k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = q^N & \text{in } \Gamma_N \\ c_R T + k \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = q^R & \text{in } \Gamma_R \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

### Heat equation (weak formulation)

Let  $H^1_f:=\Big\{u\in H^1(\Omega)\ \Big|\ T\Big|_{\Gamma_D}=f\Big\}$ . The standard weak formulation looks for  $T\in H^1_{T^D}$  such that for all  $\varphi\in H^1_0(\Omega)$ 

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho C_{p} \frac{dT}{dt} \varphi - \int_{\Omega} \vec{v} T \cdot \nabla \varphi + \int_{\Omega} k \nabla T \cdot \nabla \varphi + \int_{\Gamma_{R}} c_{R} T \varphi + \int_{\Gamma_{R} \cup \Gamma_{N}} \vec{v}_{n} T \varphi = \int_{\Omega} \dot{q} \varphi + \int_{\Gamma_{R}} q^{R} \varphi \ (1.2)$$

We can derive (??) from (??) by the divergence theorem

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \vec{F} = \int_{\partial \Omega} \vec{F}_n \quad \stackrel{F \to F \varphi}{\Longleftrightarrow} \quad \int_{\Omega} (\operatorname{div} \vec{F}) \varphi = - \int_{\Omega} \vec{F} \cdot \nabla \varphi + \int_{\partial \Omega} \vec{F}_n \varphi,$$

which gives with  $\vec{F} = \vec{v} + \vec{q}$ 

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \left( \vec{v} + \vec{q} \right) \varphi = - \int_{\Omega} \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \varphi + \int_{\Omega} k \nabla T \cdot \nabla \varphi + \int_{\partial \Omega} \vec{F}_{n} \varphi.$$

Using that  $\phi$  vanishes on  $\Gamma_D$  we have

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \vec{F}_n \varphi = \! \int_{\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R} \vec{F}_n \varphi = \! \int_{\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R} \vec{\nu}_n \varphi + \! \int_{\Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R} \vec{q}_n \varphi,$$

and then with the different boundary conditions, we find

$$\int_{\Gamma_{N}\cup\Gamma_{R}}\vec{q}_{n}\varphi=\int_{\Gamma_{D}}q^{N}\varphi+\int_{\Gamma_{R}}\left(q^{R}-c_{R}T\right)\varphi$$

### 1.1 Boundary conditions

### 1.1.1 Nitsche's method

$$\begin{cases} u_{h} \in V_{h}: & a_{\Omega}(u_{h}, \varphi) + a_{\partial\Omega}(u_{h}, \varphi) = l_{\Omega}(\varphi) + l_{\partial\Omega}(\varphi) & \forall \varphi \in V_{h} \\ a_{\Omega}(\nu, \varphi) \coloneqq \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla u \cdot \nabla \varphi \\ a_{\partial\Omega}(\nu, \varphi) \coloneqq \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \frac{\gamma \mu}{h} u \varphi - \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \varphi + u \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \right) \\ l_{\Omega}(\varphi) \coloneqq \int_{\Omega} f \varphi, \quad l_{\partial\Omega}(\varphi) = \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu u^{D} \left( \frac{\gamma}{h} \varphi - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$(1.3)$$

Let  $-\operatorname{div}(\mu \nabla z) = 0$  and  $z\big|_{\Gamma_{\!D}} = 1$  and  $z\big|_{\Gamma_{\!N}} = 0$ . Then

$$\int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla u \cdot \nabla z - \int_{\Omega} fz = \int_{\Omega} \left( \mu \nabla u \cdot \nabla z + \operatorname{div}(\mu \nabla u)z \right) = \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}.$$

Now, if  $z_h \in V_h$  such that  $z - z_h \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ 

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{h}) \cdot \nabla (z - z_{h}) &= \int_{\Omega} f(z - z_{h}) - \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla \mathbf{u}_{h} \cdot \nabla (z - z_{h}) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} fz - \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla \mathbf{u}_{h} \cdot \nabla z + \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla \mathbf{u}_{h} \cdot \nabla (z - z_{h}) - \int_{\Omega} fz_{h} \\ &= - \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{h}) \cdot \nabla z + \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu (\mathbf{u}^{D} - \mathbf{u}_{h}) \left( \frac{\gamma}{h} z_{h} - \frac{\partial z_{h}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \right) + \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_{h}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \\ &= \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}_{h}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \int_{\Gamma_{D}} (\mathbf{u}^{D} - \mathbf{u}_{h}) \frac{\mu \gamma}{h} - \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{n}} + \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_{h}) \frac{\partial (z - z_{h})}{\partial \mathbf{n}}, \end{split}$$

so we get a possibly second-order approximation of the flux by

$$F_{h} := \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \frac{\partial u_{h}}{\partial n} + \int_{\Gamma_{D}} (u^{D} - u_{h}) \frac{\mu \gamma}{h}. \tag{1.4}$$

# **1.2** Computation of the matrices for $\mathcal{P}^1_h(\Omega)$

For the convection, we suppose that  $\vec{\nu} \in \mathfrak{RT}_h^0(\Omega)$  and let for given  $K \in \mathcal{K}_h$   $\vec{\nu} = \sum_{k=1}^{d+1} \nu_k \Phi_k$ . Using

$$x_k = x_{S_k}^K, \quad h_k = h_{S_k}^K, \quad \sigma_k = \sigma_{S_k}^K, n_k = n_{S_k}$$

we compute

$$\begin{split} \int_{K} \lambda_{j} \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \lambda_{i} &= \sum_{k=1}^{d+1} \nu_{k} \int_{K} \lambda_{j} \Phi_{k} \cdot \nabla \lambda_{i} \\ \int_{K} \lambda_{j} \Phi_{k} \cdot \nabla \lambda_{i} &= -\frac{\sigma_{k} \sigma_{i}}{h_{k} h_{i}} \int_{K} \lambda_{j} (x - x_{k}) \cdot n_{i} = -\frac{\sigma_{k} \sigma_{i}}{h_{k} h_{i}} \sum_{l=1}^{d+1} (x_{l} - x_{k}) \cdot n_{i} \int_{K} \lambda_{j} \lambda_{l} \end{split}$$

# 2 Stokes problem

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , d=2,3 be the computational domain. We suppose to have a disjoined partition of its boundary:  $\partial \Omega = \Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N \cup \Gamma_R$ .

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}\left(\mu\nabla\nu\right) + \nabla p = f & \text{in } \Omega \\ \operatorname{div}\nu = g & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases} \\ \nu = \nu^{D} & \text{in } \Gamma_{D}, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mu \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} - pn = -p^{N}n & \text{in } \Gamma_{N} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \nu_{n} = \nu_{n}^{R} \\ \left(I - nn^{T}\right) \left(\lambda_{R}\nu + \mu \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n}\right) = (I - nn^{T})g^{R} & \text{in } \Gamma_{R} \end{cases}$$

$$(2.1)$$

We can express the equations by means of the Cauchy stress tensor

$$\sigma := 2\mu D(\nu) + \lambda \operatorname{div}(\nu)I - pI, \quad D(\nu) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \nabla \nu + \nabla \nu^{\mathsf{T}} \right). \tag{2.2}$$

Then the momentum balance is (with the row-wise divergence operator)

$$-\operatorname{div} \sigma = f$$
 in  $\Omega$ .

Using  $\sigma$  in a weak formulation will in general generate different boundary conditions.

#### 2.1 Weak formulation

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$$\begin{cases} V_{\nu^{\mathrm{D}},\nu^{\mathrm{R}}_{n}} := \left\{ \nu \in \mathsf{H}^{1}(\Omega,\mathbb{R}^{d}) \;\middle|\; \nu \middle|_{\Gamma_{\mathrm{D}}} = \nu^{\mathrm{D}} \;\&\; \nu_{n} \middle|_{\Gamma_{\mathrm{R}}} = \nu^{\mathrm{R}}_{n} \right\} \quad Q := \mathsf{L}^{2}(\Omega) \quad \left( Q := \mathsf{L}^{2}(\Omega) / \mathbb{R} \text{ if } |\Gamma_{\mathrm{N}}| = 0 \right) \\ (\nu,p) \in V_{\nu^{\mathrm{D}},\nu^{\mathrm{R}}_{n}} \times Q : \quad a_{\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi\xi) = \mathsf{l}_{\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) \quad \forall (\varphi,\xi) \in V_{0,0} \times Q \\ a_{\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi,\xi) := \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla \nu : \nabla \varphi - \int_{\Omega} p \operatorname{div} \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_{\mathrm{R}} \int_{\Gamma_{\mathrm{R}}} (\nu \cdot \varphi - \nu_{n} \varphi_{n}) \,, \\ \mathsf{l}_{\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) := \int_{\Omega} f \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} g \xi + \int_{\Gamma_{\mathrm{R}}} \left( g^{\mathrm{R}} \cdot \varphi - g^{\mathrm{R}}_{n} \varphi_{n} \right) - \int_{\Gamma_{\mathrm{N}}} p^{\mathrm{N}} \varphi_{n}. \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** A regular solution of the formulation (??) satisfies (??).

*Proof.* By integration by parts we have, together with  $\nu\cdot\varphi-\nu_n\varphi_n=(I-nn^T)\nu\cdot\varphi$ 

$$\alpha_{\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi,\xi) = \int_{\Omega} \left( -\mu \Delta \nu + \nabla p \right) \cdot \varphi + \int_{\partial\Omega} \mu \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot \varphi - \int_{\partial\Omega} p \varphi_n + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\partial\Omega} \mu \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot \varphi - \int_{\partial\Omega} p \varphi_n + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\partial\Omega} \mu \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot \varphi - \int_{\partial\Omega} p \varphi_n + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_R \int_{\Gamma_R} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Omega} (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \nu \cdot$$

Then the (regular) weak solution satisfies

Taking  $\varphi \in H^1_0(\Omega,\mathbb{R}^d)$ , the right-hand side vanishes and the density of this space in  $L^2(\Omega)$  gives us

$$-\mu\Delta\nu + \nabla p = f$$
, div  $\nu = g$  a.e. in  $\Omega$ .

But this means that for general  $\phi \in V_{0,0}$ 

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} p \varphi_{\mathfrak{n}} - \int_{\partial\Omega} \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial \mathfrak{n}} \cdot \varphi - \int_{\Gamma_{N}} p^{N} \varphi_{\mathfrak{n}} + \int_{\Gamma_{R}} (I - \mathfrak{n}\mathfrak{n}^{\mathsf{T}}) (g^{R} - \lambda_{R} \nu) \cdot \varphi = 0$$

Decomposing the test function as

$$\phi = \phi_n n + (I - nn^T)\phi$$

and using the definition of  $V_{0,0}$  we find

$$\int_{\Gamma_N} \left( (\textbf{p} - \textbf{p}^N) \varphi_n - \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} \cdot \varphi \right) + \int_{\Gamma_R} (\textbf{I} - \textbf{n} \textbf{n}^\mathsf{T}) (\textbf{g}^R - \lambda_R \nu - \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n}) \cdot \varphi = 0$$

**Proposition 2.2.** If we use the weak formulation based on the stress tensor

$$a_{\Omega}(\nu, p; \phi, \xi) := \int_{\Omega} \sigma : \nabla \phi + \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi + \lambda_{R} \int_{\Gamma_{R}} \nu_{n^{\perp}} \phi_{n^{\perp}}, \tag{2.4}$$

the resulting boundary conditions are

$$\begin{cases} v = v^{D} & \text{in } \Gamma_{D}, \\ \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} + \mu (\nabla v)^{T} n - p n = -p^{N} n & \text{in } \Gamma_{N} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} v_{n} = v_{n}^{R} \\ (I - n n^{T}) \left( \lambda_{R} v + \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right) = (I - n n^{T}) g^{R} & \text{in } \Gamma_{R} \end{cases}$$

$$(2.5)$$

*Proof.* Using now

$$\int_{\Omega} \sigma : \nabla \phi = -\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \sigma \cdot \phi + \int_{\partial \Omega} \sigma n \cdot \phi$$

we get in similar way as before

$$-\int_{\Gamma_{N}}\left(\sigma n+p^{N}n\right)\cdot\varphi$$

We have with  $nn^T(\nabla v)^T n = n\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}^T n = nn^T \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial n}$ 

$$\sigma n = \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} - p n + \mu (\nabla \nu)^\mathsf{T} n \quad \Rightarrow \quad (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \sigma n = (I - n n^\mathsf{T}) \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n}$$

#### 2.2 Discretization

We use finite element spaces  $V_h$  for the velocity and  $Q_h$  for the pressure. One main difficulty is to obtain a stable approximation of the pressure gradient, which requires the inf-sup condition

$$\inf_{\mathfrak{p}\in Q_{h}\setminus\{0\}} \sup_{\nu\in V_{h}\setminus\{0\}} \frac{\int_{\Omega} \mathfrak{p} \operatorname{div} \nu}{\|\nu\|_{V} \|\mathfrak{p}\|_{Q}} \geqslant \gamma > 0. \tag{2.6}$$

To this end, we use the classical spaces  $V_h=\mathfrak{CR}^1_h(\Omega,\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $Q_h=\mathfrak{D}^0_h.$ 

### 2.3 Implementations of Boundary condition

### 2.3.1 Strong implementation of Dirichlet condition

We write the discrete velocity space  $V_h$  as a direct sum  $V_h = V_h^{\rm int} \oplus V_h^{\rm dir}$ , with  $V_h^{\rm dir}$  corresponding to the discrete functions not vanishing on  $\Gamma_D$ . Splitting the matrix and right-hand side vector correspondingly, and letting  $\mathfrak{u}_h^D \in V_h^{\rm dir}$  be an approximation of the Dirichlet data  $\mathfrak{v}^D$  we have the traditional way to implement Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^{\text{int}} & 0 & -B^{\text{int}^{\mathsf{T}}} \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ B^{\text{int}} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{h}^{\text{int}} \\ v_{h}^{\text{dir}} \\ p_{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f^{\text{int}} - A^{\text{int,dir}} v_{h}^{D} \\ v_{h}^{D} \\ g - B^{\text{dir}} v_{h}^{D} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.7)

As for the Poisson problem, we obtain an alternative formulation

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^{\text{int}} & 0 & -B^{\text{int}}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ 0 & A^{\text{dir}} & 0 \\ B^{\text{int}} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{h}^{\text{int}} \\ v_{h}^{\text{dir}} \\ p_{h} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f^{\text{int}} - A^{\text{int}, \text{dir}} v_{h}^{D} \\ A^{\text{dir}} v_{h}^{D} \\ g - B^{\text{dir}} v_{h}^{D} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(2.8)

#### 2.3.2 Weak implementation (Nitsche's method)

Instead of modifying the discrete velocity space, we add additional terms to the bilinear and linear forms.

$$\begin{cases} (\nu,p) \in V_h \times Q_h : & a_{\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi\xi) + a_{\partial\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi,\xi) = l_{\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) + l_{\partial\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) \quad \forall (\varphi,\xi) \in V_h \times Q_h \\ a_{\partial\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi,\xi) := \int_{\Gamma_D} \frac{\gamma\mu}{h} \nu \cdot \varphi - \int_{\Gamma_D} \mu \left( \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot \varphi + \nu \cdot \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n} \right) + \int_{\Gamma_R} \frac{\gamma\mu}{h} \nu_n \varphi_n - \int_{\Gamma_R} \mu \left( \frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot n \varphi_n + \nu_n \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n} \cdot n \right) \\ + \int_{\Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_R} (p\varphi_n - \nu_n \xi) \\ l_{\partial\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) = \int_{\Gamma_D} \mu \nu^D \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma}{h} \varphi - \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n} \right) - \int_{\Gamma_D} \nu^D_n \xi + \int_{\Gamma_R} \mu \nu^R_n \cdot \left( \frac{\gamma}{h} \varphi_n - \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n} \cdot n \right) - \int_{\Gamma_D} \nu^R_n \xi. \end{cases} \tag{2.9}$$

**Lemma 2.3.** A regular continuous solution of the formulation (??) satisfies (??).

*Proof.* We have already seen that a regular continuous solution satisfies for  $(\phi, \xi) \in V_h \times Q_h$ 

$$a_{\Omega}(\nu, p; \varphi \xi) - l_{\Omega}(\varphi, \xi) = \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} - p n \right) \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Gamma_{R}} \left( \mu \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} \cdot n - p \right) \varphi_{n}$$

Thanks to the boundary conditions we also have

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Gamma_D} \mu(\nu^D - \nu) \cdot \left(\frac{\gamma}{h} \varphi - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n}\right) - \int_{\Gamma_D} (\nu^D_n - \nu_n) \xi &= 0 \\ \int_{\Gamma_R} \mu(\nu^R_n - \nu_n) \left(\frac{\gamma}{h} \varphi_n - \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \cdot n\right) - \int_{\Gamma_R} (\nu^R_n - \nu_n) \xi &= 0 \end{split}$$

Adding these terms we get

$$\begin{split} a_{\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi\xi) - l_{\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) &= -\int_{\Gamma_D} \frac{\gamma\mu}{h}\nu \cdot \varphi + \int_{\Gamma_D} \mu \left(\frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot \varphi + \nu \cdot \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n}\right) - \int_{\Gamma_D} (p\varphi_n - \nu_n\xi) \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma_D} \mu\nu^D \cdot \left(\frac{\gamma}{h}\varphi - \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n}\right) - \int_{\Gamma_D} \nu^D_n\xi \\ &- \int_{\Gamma_R} \frac{\gamma\mu}{h}\nu_n\varphi_n + \int_{\Gamma_R} \mu \left(\frac{\partial\nu}{\partial n} \cdot n\varphi_n + \nu_n\frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n} \cdot n\right) - \int_{\Gamma_R} (p\varphi_n - \nu_n\xi) \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma_R} \mu\nu^R_n \cdot \left(\frac{\gamma}{h}\varphi_n - \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial n} \cdot n\right) - \int_{\Gamma_D} \nu^R_n\xi \\ &= l_{\partial\Omega}(\varphi,\xi) - a_{\partial\Omega}(\nu,p;\varphi,\xi) \end{split}$$

Alternatively, we can write the system as

$$\begin{cases} (\nu, p) \in V_{h} \times Q_{h} : & a(\nu, p; \varphi \xi) + b(\nu, \xi) - b(\varphi, p) = l_{\Omega}(\varphi, \xi) + l_{\partial\Omega}(\varphi, \xi) & \forall (\varphi, \xi) \in V_{h} \times Q_{h} \\ a(\nu, p; \varphi, \xi) := \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla \nu : \nabla \varphi + \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \frac{\gamma \mu}{h} \nu \cdot \varphi - \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \mu \left( \frac{\partial \nu}{\partial n} \cdot n \varphi + \nu n \cdot \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n} \right) \\ b(\nu, \xi) := \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \nu \xi - \int_{\Gamma_{D}} \nu_{n} \xi \end{cases}$$
(2.10)

### 2.4 Pressure mean

If no boundary conditions is Neumann, the pressure is only determined up to a constant. In order to impose the zero mean on the pressure, let C the matrix of size (1, nc)

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & -B^{\mathsf{T}} & 0 \\ B & 0 & C^{\mathsf{T}} \\ 0 & C & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v \\ p \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{2.11}$$

Let us considered solution of (??) with  $S = BA^{-1}B^T$ ,  $T = CS^{-1}C^T$ 

$$\begin{cases} A\tilde{v} &= f \\ S\tilde{p} &= g - B\tilde{v} \\ T\lambda &= -C\tilde{p} \\ S(p - \tilde{p}) &= C^{\mathsf{T}}\lambda \\ A(v - \tilde{v}) &= B^{\mathsf{T}}p \end{cases}$$
(2.12)

#### 2.4.1 Iterative solution

We have to solve (??) with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A & -B^{\mathsf{T}} & 0 \\ B & 0 & C^{\mathsf{T}} \\ 0 & C & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ BA^{-1} & I & 0 \\ 0 & CS^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & -A^{-1}B^{\mathsf{T}} & 0 \\ 0 & I & S^{-1}C^{\mathsf{T}} \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $S = BA^{-1}B^{\mathsf{T}}$ ,  $T = -CS^{-1}C^{\mathsf{T}}$ . We have

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\mathsf{T} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{C}^\mathsf{T} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{S}^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{T}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^{-1} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{C} \mathbf{S}^{-1} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

We construct our preconditioner by approximations of A, S, and T. The preconditioner  $(y_{\nu}, p_{\nu}, y_{\lambda}) \rightarrow (x_{\nu}, x_{p}, x_{\lambda})$  has the steps

$$\begin{cases} Ax'_{\nu} = y_{\nu} \\ Sx'_{p} = y_{p} - Bx'_{\nu} \\ Tx_{\lambda} = y_{\lambda} - Cx'_{p} \\ Sx''_{p} = C^{T}x_{\lambda} \\ x_{p} = x'_{p} - x''_{p} \\ Ax''_{\nu} = B^{T}x_{p} \\ x_{\nu} = x'_{\nu} + x''_{\nu} \end{cases}$$

# 3 Beam problem

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\text{EI}\frac{d^2w}{dx^2})(x) = q(x) \quad \Omega = ]0; L[$$

$$\begin{cases} w(x) = \frac{dw}{dx}(x) = 0 & \text{(clamped end)} \\ w(x) = \frac{d^2w}{dx^2}(x) = 0 & \text{(simply supported end)} \\ \frac{d^2w}{dx^2}(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\text{EI}}, \frac{d^3w}{dx^3}(x) = \frac{\beta}{\text{EI}} & \text{(free end with forces)} \end{cases}$$
(3.1)

#### 3.1 Weak formulation

Let  $\Gamma_C \subset \partial\Omega$ ,  $\Gamma_S \subset \partial\Omega$ , and  $\Gamma_F \subset \partial\Omega$  be the points where the clamped, simply supported and fixed boundary conditions hold.

$$V := \left\{ \nu \in H^2(\Omega) \middle| \nu(x_c) = \frac{d\nu}{dx}(x_c) = 0, \quad \nu(x_s) = 0, \quad x_c \in \Gamma_C, x_s \in \Gamma_S \right\}$$
 (3.2)

For  $\mathfrak{a} \in L^2(\Omega)$ 

$$w \in V: \quad \int_{\Omega} EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} = \int_{\Omega} qv + \int_{\Gamma_E} (\alpha \frac{dv}{dx} + \beta v) =: l(v) \quad \forall v \in V.$$
 (3.3)

**Lemma 3.1.** (??) has a unique solution if  $\Gamma_C \neq \emptyset$  and the solution satisfies a weak version of (??).

*Proof.* Existence and uniqueness follow from the Lax-Milgram lemma and Poincaré's inequality, for which we need the boundary condition.

If w is smooth enough, integration by parts gives

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Omega} \mathsf{E}\mathsf{I} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d} x^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 v}{\mathrm{d} x^2} &= -\int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} x} (\mathsf{E}\mathsf{I} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d} x^2}) \frac{\mathrm{d} v}{\mathrm{d} x} + \left[ \mathsf{E}\mathsf{I} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d} x^2} \frac{\mathrm{d} v}{\mathrm{d} x} \right]_0^{\mathsf{L}} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2}{\mathrm{d} x^2} (\mathsf{E}\mathsf{I} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d} x^2}) v + \left[ \mathsf{E}\mathsf{I} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d} x^2} \frac{\mathrm{d} v}{\mathrm{d} x} \right]_0^{\mathsf{L}} - \left[ \mathsf{E}\mathsf{I} \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 w}{\mathrm{d} x^3} v \right]_0^{\mathsf{L}} \end{split}$$

Taking  $\nu\in H^2_0(\Omega)\subset V$ , we have  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(\mathsf{E} I\frac{d^2w}{dx^2})(x)=\mathsf{q}(x)$  a.e. For arbitrary  $\nu\in V$  we then have

$$\left[ EI \frac{d^2 w}{dx^2} \frac{dv}{dx} \right]_0^L - \left[ EI \frac{d^3 w}{dx^3} v \right]_0^L = 0$$
 (3.4)

find the boundary conditions. First of  $0=x_c$  we have the boundary conditions by the definition of V and the corresponding boundary terms in (??) vanish. If  $0=x_s$  we have by definition of V w(0)=0 and the remaining term in (??) yields  $\mathrm{EI}\frac{\mathrm{d}^2w}{\mathrm{d}x^2}(0)=0$ . Finally for  $0=x_f$  we find the free end conditions by (??) .

### 3.2 Lowest order approximation

We use a mesh  $h: 0=x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_N=L$  and the spaces of quadratic B-splines, writing them as the subspace of quadratic finite elements of class  $C^1$ . Let  $(\varphi_i)_{0\leqslant i\leqslant N}$  be the canonical bases  $\mathcal{P}^1_h$  and  $\psi_i(x):=\frac{(x-x_{i-1})(x_i-x)}{2h_i^2}$ ,  $1\leqslant i\leqslant N$ . In addition let  $h_i:=x_i-x_{i-1}$  and  $x_{i-\frac{1}{2}}:=\frac{x_{i-1}+x_i}{2}$ ,  $1\leqslant i\leqslant N$ .

We consider the case of a left and right clamped beam. Noticing that, with  $\mathfrak{u}'$  the piecewise derivative of  $\mathfrak{u} \in \mathcal{P}^2_h$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{u} \in C^{1}(\Omega) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \int_{\Omega} \left( \mathfrak{u}' \varphi_{\mathfrak{i}}' + \mathfrak{u}'' \varphi_{\mathfrak{i}} \right) = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leqslant \mathfrak{i} < N, \tag{3.5}$$

we define

$$V_h := \left\{ \nu \in \mathcal{P}_h^2 \, \middle| \, \int_{\Omega} \left( \nu' \varphi_i' + \nu'' \varphi_i \right) = 0 \quad \forall 0 \leqslant i \leqslant N \right\} \cap H_0^1(\Omega). \tag{3.6}$$

and the discrete problem is

$$\inf \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{EI}\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 w}{\mathrm{d} x^2}\right)^2 - \mathfrak{l}(w) \mid w \in V_h \right\}. \tag{3.7}$$

For the implementation we consider (??) as a constrained minimization and use the representation in terms of the indicated basis and a lagrange multiplier

$$w = \sum_{j=0}^{N} \alpha_j \phi_j + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \beta_j \psi_j, \quad \lambda := \sum_{j=0}^{N} \gamma_j \phi_j.$$
 (3.8)

Then the discrete system reads

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & A^{\mathsf{T}} & C^{\mathsf{T}} \\ 0 & D & B^{\mathsf{T}} & 0 \\ A & B & 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ b \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{cases} a_{i} := l(\phi_{i}), \quad b_{i} := l(\psi_{i}) \\ D_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} EI\psi_{i}''\psi_{j}'', \quad A_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_{i}'\phi_{j}', \\ B_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} \phi_{i}'\psi_{j}' + \phi_{i}\psi_{j}'', \\ C_{ij} = \phi_{j}(x_{i}) \quad x_{i} \in \{0; L\}. \end{cases}$$
(3.9)

Since D is a regular diagonal matrix we can easily eliminate  $\beta$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & A^\mathsf{T} & C^\mathsf{T} \\ A & X & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ BD^{-1}b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X := -BD^{-1}B^\mathsf{T}$$

We have

$$\begin{split} \psi_i'(x) &= \frac{(x_{i-\frac{1}{2}} - x)}{h_i^2}, \quad \psi_i''(x) = \frac{-1}{h_i^2}, \\ B_{ii} &= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \varphi_i' \psi_i'' + \varphi_i \psi_i'' = \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \varphi_i \psi_i'' = \frac{-1}{2h_i}, \quad B_{i,i+1} = \frac{-1}{2h_{i+1}}, \quad D_{ii} = \frac{EI_i}{h_i^3}, \\ \begin{cases} X_{i,i-1} = \frac{h_i}{4EI_i} \\ X_{i,i} = \frac{h_i}{4EI_i} + \frac{h_{i+1}}{4EI_{i+1}} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

# A Python implementation

We suppose to have a class SimplexMesh containing the following elements

```
class SimplexMesh():
    dimension, nnodes, ncells, nfaces
    simplices # np.array((ncells, dimension+1))
    faces # np.array((nfaces, dimension))
    points, pointsc, pointsf # np.array((nnodes,3)), np.array((ncells,3)), np.array((normals, sigma # np.array((nfaces,dimension)), np.array((ncells, dimension+1)))
    dV # np.array((ncells))
    bdrylabels # dictionary(keys: colors, values: id's of boundary faces)
```

The norm of the 'normals'  $\widetilde{\overrightarrow{n}}$  is the measure of of the face

$$\widetilde{\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]} = |S_i| \overrightarrow{\pi}[i]$$

# B Finite elements on simplices

### **B.1** Simplices

We consider an arbitrary non-degenerate simplex  $K = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_d)$ . The volume of K is given by

 $|K| = \frac{1}{d!} \det(x_1 - x_0, \dots, x_d - x_0) = \frac{1}{d!} \det(1, x_0, x_1 \dots, x_d) \quad 1 = (1, \dots, 1)^{\mathsf{T}1}. \tag{B.1}$ 

The d+1 sides  $S_k$  (co-dimension one, d-1-simplices or facets) are defined by  $S_k = (x_0, \dots, \cancel{y_k}, \dots, x_d)$ . The height is  $h_k = |P_{S_k}x_k - x_k|$ , where  $P_S$  is the orthogonal projection on the hyperplane associated to  $S_k$ . We have  $P_{S_k}x_k = x_k + h_k \overrightarrow{\pi}[k]$  and  $S_k = \left\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \ \middle| \ \overrightarrow{\pi}[k]^\mathsf{T} x = h_k\right\}$  and

$$0 = \int_{\mathsf{K}} \operatorname{div}(\vec{c}) = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \int_{S_{i}} \vec{c} \cdot \overrightarrow{\pi}[i] = \vec{c} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{d} |S_{i}| \, \overrightarrow{\pi}[i] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum_{i=0}^{d} |S_{i}| \, \overrightarrow{\pi}[i] = 0$$
$$d|\mathsf{K}| = \int_{\mathsf{K}} \operatorname{div}(\mathsf{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \int_{S_{i}} \mathsf{x} \cdot \overrightarrow{\pi}[i] = \sum_{i=0}^{d} |S_{i}| \, h_{i}$$

Height formula

$$h_k = d \frac{|K|}{|S_k|}$$

# **B.2** Barycentric coordinates

The barycentric coordinate of a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  give the coefficients in the affine combination of  $x = \sum_{i=0}^d \lambda_i x_i$  ( $\sum_{i=0}^d \lambda_i = 1$ ) and can be expressed by means of the outer unit normal  $\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]$  of  $S_i$  or the signed distance  $d^s$  as

$$\lambda_{i}(x) = \frac{\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]^{\mathsf{T}}(x_{j} - x)}{\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]^{\mathsf{T}}(x_{j} - x_{i})} \quad (j \neq i), \qquad \lambda_{i}(x) = \frac{d^{s}(x, H)}{h_{i}}. \tag{B.2}$$

Any polynomial in the barycentric coordinates can be integrated exactly. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^{d+1}$  we let  $\alpha! = \prod_{i=0}^d \alpha_i!$ ,  $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=0}^d \alpha_i$ , and  $\lambda^\alpha = \prod_{i=0}^d \lambda_i^{\alpha_i}$ 

Integration on K

$$\int_{K} \lambda^{\alpha} = |K| \frac{d!\alpha!}{(|\alpha| + d)!}$$
(B.3)

see [EisenbergMalvern73], [VermolenSegal18].

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simplex#Volume

### Gradient of $\lambda_i$

$$\nabla \lambda_{i} = -\frac{1}{h_{i}} \vec{n_{i}}.$$

### **B.3** Finite elements

We consider a family  $\mathcal H$  of regular simplicial meshes h on a polyhedral domain  $\Omega\subset\mathbb R^d$ . The set of simplices of  $h\in\mathcal H$  is denoted by  $\mathcal K_h$ , and its d-1-dimensional sides by  $\mathcal S_h$ , divided into interior and boundary sides  $\mathcal S_h^{int}$  and  $\mathcal S_h^{\partial}$ , respectively. The set of d+1 sides of  $K\in\mathcal K_h$  is  $\mathcal S_h(K)$ . To any side  $S\in\mathcal S_h$  we associate a unit normal vector  $n_S$ , which coincides with the unit outward normal vector  $n_{\partial\Omega}$  if  $S\in\mathcal S_h^{\partial}$ .

For  $K \in \mathfrak{K}_h$  and  $S \in \mathcal{S}_h$ , or  $S \in \mathcal{S}_h(K)$  we denote

 $x_K$ : barycenter of K  $x_S$ : barycenter of S  $x_S^K$ : vertex opposite to S in K  $h_S^K$ : distance of  $x_S^K$  to S

 $\sigma_S^K := \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } n_S = n_K, \\ -1 & \text{if } n_S = -n_K. \end{cases}$   $\lambda_S^K : \text{ barycentric coordinates of } K$ 

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we denote by  $\mathcal{C}^k_h(\Omega)$  the space of piecewise k-times differential functions with respect to  $\mathcal{K}_h$ . The subspace of piecewise polynomial functions of order  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  in  $C^k_h(\Omega)$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}^k_h(\Omega)$  and the  $L^2(\Omega)$ -projection by  $\pi^k_h: L^2(\Omega) \to \mathcal{D}^k_h(\Omega)$ .

# **B.3.1** $\mathcal{P}^1_{\mathsf{h}}(\Omega)$

We have  $\mathcal{P}_h^1(\Omega)=\mathcal{D}_h^1(\Omega)\cap C(\overline{\Omega})$ , but the FEM definition also provides a basis. The restrictions of the basis functions of  $\mathcal{P}_h^1(\Omega)$  to the simplex K are the barycentric coordinates  $\lambda_S^K$  associated to the node opposite to S in K.

# Formulae for $\mathcal{P}^1_{\mathbf{h}}(\Omega)$

$$\nabla \lambda_S^K = -\frac{\sigma_S^K}{h_S^K} n_S, \quad \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K \lambda_S^K = \frac{1}{d+1}. \tag{B.4}$$

For the computation of matrices we use (??), for example for  $i, j \in [0, d]$ 

$$\int_{\mathsf{K}} \lambda_{i} \lambda_{j} = |\mathsf{K}| \frac{d!\alpha!}{(|\alpha|+d)!} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha = (1,1,0,\cdots,0) & (\mathfrak{i} \neq \mathfrak{j}) \\ \alpha = (2,0,\cdots,0) & (\mathfrak{i} = \mathfrak{j}) \end{cases}$$

so

$$\int_{K} \lambda_{i} \lambda_{j} = \frac{|K|}{(d+2)(d+1)} (1 + \delta_{ij})$$
(B.5)

More generally, we have for  $i_l \in [0, d]$  with  $1 \le l \le k$ 

$$\int_{K} \lambda_{\mathfrak{i}_{1}} \cdots \lambda_{\mathfrak{i}_{k}} = \frac{|K|\alpha!}{(d+k)\cdots(d+1)}, \quad \alpha_{\mathfrak{l}} = \# \left\{ \mathfrak{j} \in \llbracket 0, d \rrbracket \; \middle| \; \mathfrak{i}_{\mathfrak{j}} = \mathfrak{l} \right\}, \quad 1 \leqslant \mathfrak{l} \leqslant k. \tag{B.6}$$

### **B.3.2** $\operatorname{CR}_{h}^{1}(\Omega)$

$$\operatorname{CR}_h^k(\Omega) := \left\{ q \in \mathcal{D}_h^k(\Omega) \, \middle| \, \int_{S} [q] \, p = 0 \, \forall S \in \mathcal{S}_h^{\mathrm{int}}, \forall p \in P^{k-1}(S) \right\}. \tag{B.7}$$

Denote in addition the basis of  $\mathbb{CR}^1_h(\Omega)$  by  $\psi_S$ , we have

### Formulae for $\mathfrak{C}\!\mathfrak{R}^1_{\mathsf{h}}$

$$\psi_S\big|_K = 1 - d\lambda_S^K, \quad \nabla \psi_S\big|_K = \frac{|S|\sigma_S^K}{|K|} n_S, \quad \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K \psi_S = \frac{1}{d+1}. \tag{B.8}$$

### **B.3.3** $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathbf{b}}^{0}(\Omega)$

The Raviart-Thomas space for  $k \ge 0$  is given by

$$\mathcal{RT}^k_h(\Omega) := \left\{ \nu \in D^k_h(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^d) \oplus X^k_h \; \bigg| \; \int_S \left[ \nu_n \right] p = 0 \; \forall S \in \mathcal{S}^{int}_h, \forall p \in P^k(S) \right\} \tag{B.9}$$

where  $X_h^k := \left\{ xp \; \middle| \; p \middle|_K \in P_{\mathrm{hom}}^k(K) \; \forall K \in \mathcal{K}_h \right\}$  with  $P_{\mathrm{hom}}^k(K)$  the space of k-th order homogenous polynomials.

Then the Raviart-Thomas basis function of lowest order is given by

## Formulae for $\mathfrak{RT}^0$

$$\Phi_{S}\big|_{K} := \sigma_{S}^{K} \frac{x - x_{S}^{K}}{h_{S}^{K}}, \quad \int_{K} \operatorname{div} \Phi_{S}\big|_{K} = \sigma_{S}^{K} \frac{d|K|}{h_{S}^{K}} = \sigma_{S}^{K}|S|, \quad \frac{1}{|K|} \int_{K} \Phi_{S} = \sigma_{S}^{K} \frac{x_{K} - x_{S}^{K}}{h_{S}^{K}}. \quad (B.10)$$

For the pyhon implementation of the projection on  $\mathcal{D}^0_h(\Omega,\mathbb{R}^d)$  we have with the height formula

$$\pi_h(\vec{v})\big|_K = \sum_{i=1}^d \nu_i \frac{1}{|K|} \int_K \Phi_i(x) = \sum_{i=1}^d \nu_i \sigma_i^K (x_K - x_{S_i}) \frac{|S_i|}{d|K|}$$

The pyhon implementation reads

### B.3.4 Moving a point to the boundary

Let K be a simplex and  $x \in K = conv\{a_i \mid 0 \le i \le d\}$  given, i.e.

$$x = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \lambda_i \alpha_i = \alpha_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{d} \lambda_i (\alpha_i - \alpha_0)$$

Given  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  we wish to find  $x_\beta \in \partial K$  such that

$$x_{\beta} = \sum_{i=0}^{d} \mu_{i} a_{i}, \quad x_{\beta} = x + \delta \beta, \quad \delta > 0.$$
 (B.11)

The condition  $x_{\beta} \in \partial K$  amounts to  $0 \leqslant \mu_i \leqslant 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=0}^d \mu_i = 1$ , and  $\delta$  to be maximal. We get the solution in two steps. First we find  $b_i$  such that

$$\beta = \sum_{i=1}^{d} b_i (a_i - a_0),$$

which gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^{d} (\mu_i - \lambda_i - \delta b_i)(\alpha_i - \alpha_0) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_i = \lambda_i + \delta b_i \quad \forall 1 \leqslant i \leqslant d.$$

Now  $\delta$  has to be chosen, such that the point  $x_{\beta}$  lies inside K, i.e.

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leqslant \lambda_i + \delta b_i \leqslant 1 \\ 0 \leqslant \sum_{i=1}^d (\lambda_i + \delta b_i) \leqslant 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -\lambda_i \leqslant \delta b_i \leqslant 1 - \lambda_i & \forall 1 \leqslant i \leqslant d, \\ \delta \sum_{i=1}^d b_i \leqslant \lambda_0 \end{cases}$$

**Lemma B.1.** Let  $0 \leqslant \lambda_i \leqslant 1$ . Then the solution of

$$\max \left\{ \delta \, \middle| \, -\lambda_{\mathfrak{i}} \leqslant \delta b_{\mathfrak{i}} \leqslant 1 - \lambda_{\mathfrak{i}} \quad \forall 1 \leqslant \mathfrak{i} \leqslant d, \quad \delta \sum_{\mathfrak{i}=1}^{d} b_{\mathfrak{i}} \leqslant \lambda_{0} \right\} \tag{B.12}$$

is

$$\delta = \min \left\{ \min \left\{ \frac{1 - \lambda_{i}}{b_{i}} \mid b_{i} > 0 \right\}, \min \left\{ \frac{-\lambda_{i}}{b_{i}} \mid b_{i} < 0 \right\}, \frac{\lambda_{0}}{\sum_{i=1}^{d} b_{i}} \right\} \quad \text{if} \quad \sum_{i=1}^{d} b_{i} > 0 \quad (B.13)$$

*Proof.* For  $b_i > 0$  we have  $\delta \leqslant \frac{1-\lambda_i}{b_i}$ , so  $0 \leqslant \delta b_i + \lambda_i \leqslant 1$ . For  $b_i < 0$  we have  $\delta \leqslant \frac{-\lambda_i}{b_i}$ , so  $0 \leqslant \lambda_i + \delta b_i \leqslant \lambda_i \leqslant 1$ .

For 
$$b_i < 0$$
 we have  $\delta \leqslant \frac{-\lambda_i}{b_i}$ , so  $0 \leqslant \lambda_i + \delta b_i \leqslant \lambda_i \leqslant 1$ .

# C Discreization of the transport equation

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we denote by  $\mathcal{C}_h^k(\Omega)$  the space of piecewise k-times differential functions with respect to  $\mathcal{K}_h$ , and piecewise differential operators  $\nabla_h : \mathcal{C}_h^l(\Omega) \to \mathcal{C}_h^{l-1}(\Omega,\mathbb{R}^d)$   $(l \in \mathbb{N})$  by  $\nabla_h q\big|_K := \nabla \left(q\big|_K\right)$  for  $q \in \mathcal{C}_h^l(\Omega)$  and similarly for  $\operatorname{div}_h : \mathcal{C}_h^l(\Omega,\mathbb{R}^d) \to \mathcal{C}_h^{l-1}(\Omega)$ . We frequently use the piecewise Stokes formula

$$\int_{\Omega} (\nabla_{h} q) \nu + \int_{\Omega} q(\operatorname{div}_{h} \nu) = \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}^{int}} [q \nu_{n}] + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}^{\partial}} q \nu_{n}, \tag{C.1}$$

where  $\int_{\mathcal{S}_h} = \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_h} \int_S$  and  $\mathfrak{n}$  in the sum stands for  $\mathfrak{n}_S$ .

The subspace of piecewise polynomial functions of order  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  in  $C_h^k(\Omega)$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_h^k(\Omega)$  and the  $L^2(\Omega)$ -projection by  $\pi_h^k : L^2(\Omega) \to \mathcal{D}_h^k(\Omega)$ .

Suppose u satisfies

$$\operatorname{div}(\beta \mathfrak{u}) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \qquad \beta_{\mathfrak{n}}^{-}(\mathfrak{u} - \mathfrak{u}^{D}) = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega.$$
 (C.2)

From the integration by parts formula

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\beta \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} = -\int_{\Omega} \beta \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} + \int_{\partial \Omega} \beta_{\mathbf{n}} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v}$$
 (C.3)

it then follows that u satisfies

$$a(u, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

with

$$a(\mathfrak{u},\mathfrak{v}):=\int_{\Omega}\operatorname{div}(\beta\mathfrak{u})\mathfrak{v}-\int_{\partial\Omega}\beta_{\mathfrak{n}}^{-}\mathfrak{u}\mathfrak{v},\quad l(\mathfrak{v}):=\int_{\Omega}\mathsf{f}\mathfrak{v}-\int_{\partial\Omega}\beta_{\mathfrak{n}}^{-}\mathfrak{u}^{D}\mathfrak{v}.\tag{C.4}$$

Lemma C.1.

$$a(u,u) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\operatorname{div}(\beta)}{2} u^2 + \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{|\beta_n|}{2} u^2.$$
 (C.5)

Proof. We also have

$$\begin{split} \alpha(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\beta) \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\beta \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} - \int_{\partial \Omega} \beta_{\mathbf{n}}^{-} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} \\ = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\beta) \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left( (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}) \right) + \int_{\partial \Omega} (\frac{1}{2} \beta_{\mathbf{n}} - \beta_{\mathbf{n}}^{-}) \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} \\ = & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(\beta) \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left( (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u} (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v}) \right) + \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{|\beta_{\mathbf{n}}|}{2} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} \end{split}$$

such that the result follows with v = u.

**C.1**  $\mathfrak{D}_{h}^{k}(\Omega)$ 

Let

$$\begin{cases} a_h(u,\nu) := \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_h(\beta u) \nu - \int_{\partial\Omega} \beta_n^- u \nu - \int_{\mathcal{S}_h} [u] \, \beta_S^\sharp(\nu) \\ \beta_S^\sharp(\nu) := \beta_{n_S}^- \nu^{\mathrm{in}} + \beta_{n_S}^+ \nu^{\mathrm{ex}} = \beta_{n_S} \{\nu\} - \frac{|\beta_{n_S}|}{2} [\nu] \end{cases} \tag{C.6} \label{eq:continuous_co$$

#### Lemma C.2. We have

$$\begin{cases} a_{h}(u,v) = -\int_{\Omega} u(\beta \cdot \nabla_{h}v) + \int_{\partial\Omega} \beta_{n}^{+}uv + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \beta_{S}^{\flat}(u) [v], \\ \beta_{S}^{\flat}(u) := \beta_{n_{S}}^{+}u^{\mathrm{in}} + \beta_{n_{S}}^{-}u^{\mathrm{ex}} = -(-\beta_{S})^{\sharp}(u) = \beta_{n_{S}}\{v\} + \frac{|\beta_{n_{S}}|}{2} [v] \end{cases}$$
(C.7)

and

$$a_{h}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \left( \operatorname{div}_{h}(\beta \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}(\beta \cdot \nabla_{h} \mathbf{v}) \right) + \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{|\beta_{n}|}{2} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \frac{|\beta_{n}|}{2} \left[ \mathbf{u} \right] \left[ \mathbf{v} \right] + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \frac{\beta_{n}}{2} \left( \mathbf{u}^{\text{ex}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{in}} - \mathbf{u}^{\text{in}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{ex}} \right)$$
(C.8)

Proof.

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{h}(\beta u) v = -\int_{\Omega} u(\beta \cdot \nabla_{h} v) + \int_{\partial \Omega} \beta_{n} u v + \int_{S_{h}} \beta_{n_{S}} [uv]$$

We get (??) with

$$\begin{split} \beta_{\pi_S} \left[ u \nu \right] - \left[ u \right] \beta_S^{\sharp} (\nu) = & \beta_{\pi_S} \left( \left[ u \right] \left\{ \nu \right\} + \left\{ u \right\} \left[ \nu \right] \right) - \left[ u \right] \beta_{\pi_S} \left\{ \nu \right\} + \frac{|\beta_{\pi_S}|}{2} \left[ u \right] \left[ \nu \right] \\ = & \beta_{\pi_S} \left\{ u \right\} \left[ \nu \right] + \frac{|\beta_{\pi_S}|}{2} \left[ u \right] \left[ \nu \right] = \beta_S^{\flat} (u) \left[ \nu \right]. \end{split}$$

Finally for (??)

$$\begin{split} \beta_S^{\flat}(u)\left[\nu\right] - \left[u\right]\beta_S^{\sharp}(\nu) &= \left|\beta_{n}\right|\left[u\right]\left[\nu\right] + \beta_{n_S}\left\{u\right\}\left[\nu\right] - \left[u\right]\beta_{n_S}\left\{\nu\right\} \\ \beta_{n_S}\left\{u\right\}\left[\nu\right] - \left[u\right]\beta_{n_S}\left\{\nu\right\} &= \frac{\beta_{n}}{2}\left(u^{\mathrm{ex}}v^{\mathrm{in}} - u^{\mathrm{in}}v^{\mathrm{ex}}\right) \end{split}$$

Corollary C.3.

$$a_{h}(u,u) = \int_{O} \frac{\operatorname{div}_{h}(\beta)}{2} u^{2} + \int_{\partial O} \frac{|\beta_{n}|}{2} u^{2} + \int_{\delta_{h}} \frac{|\beta_{n_{s}}|}{2} [u]^{2}$$
 (C.9)

Proof.

$$\begin{split} 2\alpha_{h}(u,u) &= \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{h}(\beta u) u - \int_{\partial\Omega} \beta_{n}^{-} u u - \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \beta_{S}^{\sharp}(u) \left[ u \right] - \int_{\Omega} u (\beta \cdot \nabla_{h} u) + \int_{\partial\Omega} \beta_{n}^{+} u u + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \left[ u \right] \beta_{S}^{\flat}(u) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}_{h}(\beta) u^{2} + \int_{\partial\Omega} |\beta_{n}| u^{2} + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \left[ u \right] \left( \beta_{S}^{\flat}(u) - \beta_{S}^{\sharp}(u) \right) \end{split}$$

$$\beta_{S}^{\flat}(u) - \beta_{S}^{\sharp}(u) = \beta_{n_{s}}^{+} u^{in} + \beta_{n_{s}}^{-} u^{ex} - \beta_{n_{s}}^{-} u^{in} - \beta_{n_{s}}^{+} u^{ex} = |\beta_{n_{S}}| u^{in} - |\beta_{n_{S}}| u^{ex}$$

We suppose  $\beta\in \mathfrak{RT}^1_h$  with  $\operatorname{div}\beta=0.$  Then  $\beta\in D^0_h$  and we have

$$\int_{\Omega} u(\beta \cdot \nabla_h v) = \int_{\Omega} \pi_h u(\beta \cdot \nabla_h v) = \int_{\partial \Omega} \beta_n (\pi_h u) v + \int_{S_h} \beta_n [\pi_h u] v$$

**Corollary C.4.** For k = 0 the solution to

$$u \in \mathcal{D}_{h}^{0}: \quad a_{h}(u, v) = l(v) \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{D}_{h}^{0}$$
 (C.10)

satisfies monotonicity:  $l \geqslant 0$  implies  $u \geqslant 0$ 

*Proof.* We write  $u = u^+ + u^-$  and use  $v = u^-$  in (??) such that

$$\alpha(u^-, u^-) = \alpha(u, u^-) - \alpha(u^+, u^-) = l(u^-) - \alpha(u^+, u^-) \leqslant -\alpha(u^+, u^-).$$

and since with  $x - |x| = 2x^-$  and  $-x - |x| = -2x^+$ 

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \frac{|\beta_{n}|}{2} \left[ \mathbf{u} \right] \left[ \mathbf{v} \right] + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \frac{\beta_{n}}{2} \left( \mathbf{u}^{\text{ex}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{in}} - \mathbf{u}^{\text{in}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{ex}} \right) = \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \frac{|\beta_{n}|}{2} \left( \mathbf{u}^{\text{in}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{in}} + \mathbf{u}^{\text{ex}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{ex}} \right) + \int_{\mathcal{S}_{h}} \left( \beta_{n}^{-} \mathbf{u}^{\text{ex}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{in}} - \beta^{+} \mathbf{u}^{\text{in}} \mathbf{v}^{\text{ex}} \right)$$
(C.11)

$$\begin{split} \alpha(u^+,u^-) = & \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{|\beta_n|}{2} u^+ u^- + \int_{\mathcal{S}_h} \frac{|\beta_n|}{2} \left[ u^+ \right] \left[ u^- \right] + \int_{\mathcal{S}_h} \frac{\beta_n}{2} \left( u^{+\mathrm{ex}} u^{-\mathrm{in}} - u^{+\mathrm{in}} u^{-\mathrm{ex}} \right) \\ = & \underbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{|\beta_n|}{2} u^+ u^-}_{=0} + \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{S}_h} \frac{|\beta_n|}{2} \left( u^{+\mathrm{in}} u^{-\mathrm{in}} + u^{+\mathrm{ex}} u^{-\mathrm{ex}} \right)}_{=0} + \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{S}_h} \left( \beta_n^- u^{+\mathrm{ex}} u^{-\mathrm{in}} - \beta^+ u^{+\mathrm{in}} u^{-\mathrm{ex}} \right)}_{\geqslant 0} \end{split}$$

Since a(u, u) is norm on  $\mathcal{D}_h^0$ , we have  $u^- = 0$ , i.e.  $u \ge 0$ .

## C.2 $\mathcal{D}_{h}^{1}(\Omega)$

We have for  $\beta \in \mathcal{R}\mathcal{T}_h^0$  with  $\operatorname{div} \beta = 0$ 

$$\int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla_h u) v = \int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla_h u) \pi_h^0 v = \int_{\mathcal{S}_h^{int}} \beta_n \left[ u \pi_h^0 v \right] + \int_{\partial \Omega} u \beta_n \pi_h^0 v$$

# **C.3** $\mathcal{P}^1_h(\Omega)$

Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}_h$ ,  $\beta_K = \pi_K \beta$ ,  $x_K$  be the barycenter of K and  $x_K^\sharp \in \partial K$  such that with  $\delta_K \geqslant 0$ 

$$x_{K}^{\sharp} = x_{K} + \delta_{K} \beta_{K} \tag{C.12}$$

If we know  $\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]^T \beta_K$ , we can compute  $x_K^{\sharp}$  as follows.

$$\lambda_{i}(x_{K}^{\sharp}) = \lambda_{i}(x_{K}) + \delta_{K} \nabla \lambda_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \beta_{K} = \frac{1}{d+1} - \delta_{K} \frac{\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]^{\mathsf{T}} \beta_{K}}{h_{i}} = \frac{1}{d+1} - \delta_{K} \frac{\overrightarrow{\pi}[i]^{\mathsf{T}} \beta_{K} |S_{i}|}{d|K|}$$

It follows that

$$\delta_{\mathsf{K}} = \max \left\{ \frac{d \, |\mathsf{K}|}{(d+1) \, |\mathsf{S}_{\mathfrak{i}}| \left(\overrightarrow{\pi}[\mathfrak{i}]^{\mathsf{T}} \beta_{\mathsf{K}}\right)^{+}} \, \middle| \, 0 \leqslant \mathfrak{i} \leqslant d \right\}. \tag{C.13}$$

The stabilized bilinear form is

$$a^{\text{supg}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := \int_{\Omega} (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{v} - \int_{\partial \Omega} \beta_{\mathbf{n}}^{-} \mathbf{u} \mathbf{v} + \int_{\Omega} \delta(\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) (\beta \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v})$$
 (C.14)

Then we have

$$a^{\text{supg}}(\mathfrak{u}, \mathfrak{v}) =$$