

# Introduction to



# *Firedrake*

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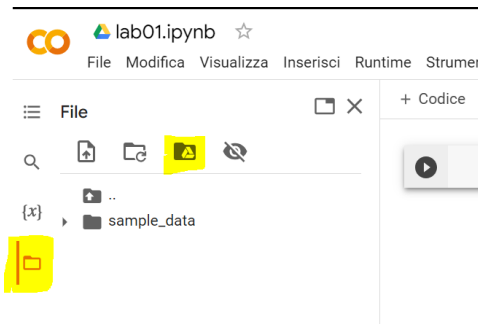
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```
from firedrake import *  
import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

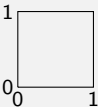
# Steps of FEM implementation

- ① mesh generation
- ② creation of finite element spaces
- ③ assembling matrices and vectors
- ④ solving the algebraic problem
- ⑤ save or visualize the solution

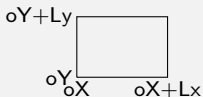
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## Rectangular domains

```
mesh = UnitSquareMesh(nx, ny,  
    diagonal='left',  
    quadrilateral=False)
```



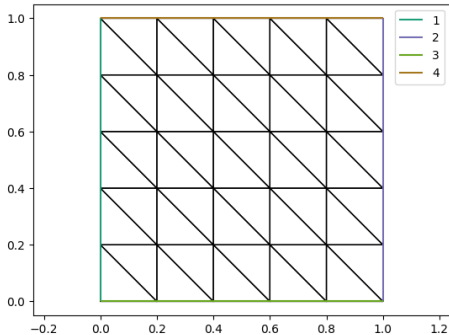
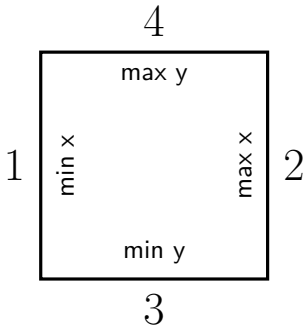
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mesh = RectangleMesh(nx, ny,  
    Lx, Ly,  
    originX=0.0, originY=0.0,  
    diagonal='left',  
    quadrilateral=False)
```



$nx, ny$ : subdivisions along  $x$  and  $y$  axis

# Mesh generation

## Boundary labels



```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
triplot(mesh, axes=ax)  
ax.legend()
```



# Finite element spaces

```
V = FunctionSpace(mesh, family,  
degree)
```

family = 'P'/'CG'/Lagrange' (continuous FE),  
'DG'/'Discontinuous Lagrange', ...  
(full list [here](#))

degree = 0 (NOT for 'CG'), 1, 2, ...

**N.B.** We use the FunctionSpace by Firedrake (documented [here](#)),  
not the one in UFL (see [here](#)).

# The diffusion-reaction problem

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Galerkin projection - Finite Element Method

mesh  $\mathcal{T}_h$  of  $\Omega$

$$X_h^p = \{u \in C^0(\overline{\Omega}) : u|_K \in \mathbb{P}^p(K) \quad \forall K \in \mathcal{T}_h\}$$

$$V_h = V \cap X_h^1$$

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# The diffusion-reaction problem

Firedrake code

```
u = TrialFunction(V) # placeholders
v = TestFunction(V) # not func's

a = dot(grad(u), grad(v)) * dx
    + u * v * dx
L = f * v * dx

u_h = Function(V) # actual function
solve(a == L, u_h)
```

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#     + d*v * ds(3) + d*v * ds(4)

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# Visualization

## matplotlib

```
fig, ax = plt.subplots()  
q = tripcolor(u_h, axes=ax)  
fig.colorbar(q) # show the colorbar
```

## ParaView

Software for enhanced visualization  
(later in the course)

<https://www.paraview.org/download>

# Algebraic formulation of FEM

Let  $V_h \subset V$  be a finite element space with dimension  $N_h$  and  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^{N_h}$  its basis. Then, the FE approximation of the problem is:

Find  $u_h = \sum_{j=1}^{N_h} u_j \varphi_j \in V_h$  such that

$$\int_{\Omega} (\nabla u_h \cdot \nabla \varphi_i + u_h \varphi_i) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\partial\Omega} d \varphi_i ds$$
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$$\Updownarrow$$

$$A\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{b} \text{ with}$$

$$A_{ij} = \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \varphi_j \cdot \nabla \varphi_i + \varphi_j \varphi_i) d\mathbf{x},$$

$$b_i = \int_{\partial\Omega} d\varphi_i ds$$

# Algebraic formulation of FEM

Firedrake code

```
A = assemble(a)
rhs = assemble(L)

solver = LinearSolver(A,
                      solver_parameters={...})

u_h = Function(V)
solver.solve(u_h, rhs)
```

# The diffusion-reaction problem

Dirichlet boundary conditions

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Find  $u = \check{u} + \mathcal{R}g \in V_D$  with  $\check{u} \in V_0$  s.t.

$$a(\check{u}, v) = F(v) - a(\mathcal{R}g, v) \quad \forall v \in V_0$$

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Dirichlet boundary conditions - Firedrake code

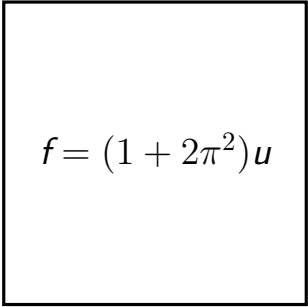
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1 x = SpatialCoordinate(mesh)
2 g = x[0] * sin(x[1]) # example
3
4 bc = DirichletBC(V, g, [1,2,3,4])
5 bcs = list(bc)
6 solve(a == L, u_h, bcs=bcs,
7       solver_parameters={...})
```



# Exercise

$$-\Delta u + u = f \quad \text{in } \Omega = [0, 1]^2$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$


$$u = 0 \quad f = (1 + 2\pi^2)u \quad u = 0$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

$$u_{\text{exact}} = \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi y)$$