

# **Finite Elements**

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# Agenda

## 1. The Laplace Equation

- From 1d to 2d/3d
- Regularity of the solution
- Variational formulation

## 2. Finite Elements

- Finite element meshes
  - Linear finite elements
  - From finite elements to linear systems
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## The agenda for today

- You studied the Laplace-problem in one dimension:

$$-\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2 x}(x) = f(x) \text{ in } I = [a, b]$$

with

$$u(a) = u_a \text{ and } u(b) = u_b$$

- And you learned about finite elements for the Laplace problem

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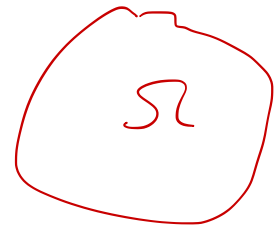


- We learn how to extend this problem to 2d

$$-\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2 x}(x, y) - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2 y}(x, y) = f(x, y) \text{ in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

or 3d

$$-\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2 x}(x, y, z) - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2 y}(x, y, z) - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial^2 z}(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z) \text{ in } \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$



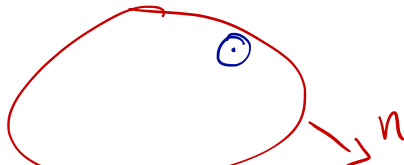
- What is  $\Omega$
- How do boundary values work in 2d and 3d?
- How do we do finite elements in 2d and 3d?
- What are the main differences between 1d and 2d?

## The Laplace problem

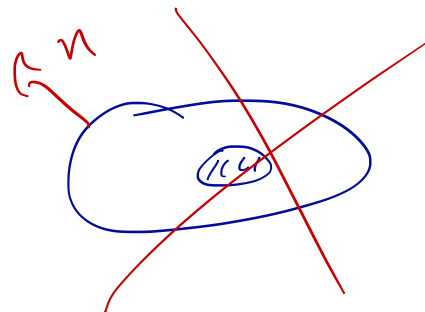
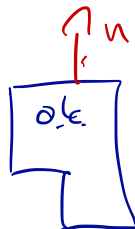
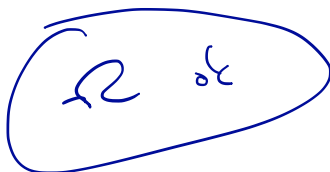
## The domain

- We call  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  for  $d = 1, 2, 3$  a **domain** if:

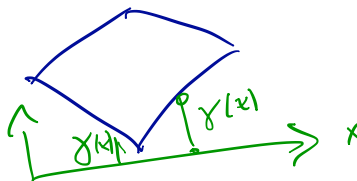
- $\Omega$  is open: for each point  $x \in \Omega$  there is a small open interval (in 1d) or sphere (in 2d) or ball (in 3d) around  $x$  that is also completely in  $\Omega$ . (The boundary does not belong to the domain)



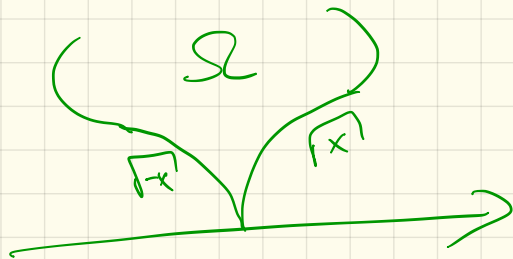
- $\Omega$  is connected, i.e. it has no holes



- We call  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega$  the **boundary** of the domain  $\Omega$ . We assume that the boundary is “nice”

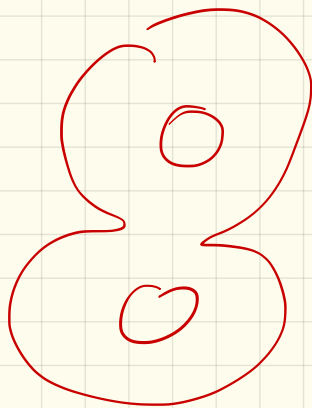


- By  $\vec{n}$  we denote the **unit normal vector** (facing outwards) on the boundary



$\sqrt{|x|}$  not Lipschitz  
in  $x = 0$

Boundary is not regular  
enough  $\sigma$



- Let  $d = 2, 3$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be the domain
- We define the **function space of differentiable functions**

$$C^m(\Omega) := \{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f(x_1, \dots, x_d) \text{ is continuous and the first } m \text{ derivatives are continuous}\}$$

- We define the **Laplace operator**

$$\Delta : C^m(\Omega) \rightarrow C^{m-2}(\Omega), \quad \Delta := \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2}$$

$$\Delta : C^2(\Omega) \rightarrow C(\Omega)$$

## The Laplace problem

- Let  $f \in C^0(\Omega)$  be the **right hand side function**
- Let  $g \in C^0(\Gamma)$  be the **boundary value function**
- **Dirichlet problem:** we are looking for  $u \in C^2(\Omega)$  such that

$$-\Delta u = f \text{ in } \Omega$$

and on the boundary

$$u = g \text{ on } \Gamma$$

- **Neumann problem:** we are looking for  $u \in C^2(\Omega)$  such that

$$-\Delta u = f \text{ in } \Omega$$

and on the boundary

$$(\vec{n} \cdot \nabla)u = g \text{ on } \Gamma$$

with the **normal derivative**

$$(\vec{n} \cdot \nabla)u = \vec{n}_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) + \vec{n}_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \quad \text{in 2d}$$

$$(\vec{n} \cdot \nabla)u = \vec{n}_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y, z) + \vec{n}_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y, z) + \vec{n}_3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}(x, y, z) \quad \text{in 3d}$$

Where

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, y) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}(x, y)$$

$$\nabla u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \end{pmatrix}$$

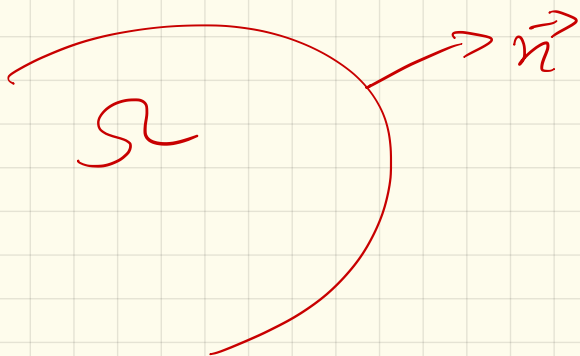
and - in 3d

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, y, z) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}(x, y, z)$$

$$+ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}(x, y, z)$$

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Neumann:

$$(\vec{n} \cdot \nabla) u = g$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \\ \partial_y \end{pmatrix} \right] u = g$$

$$n_1 \partial_x u + n_2 \partial_y u = g$$

## The Laplace problem

### Example 1

- Let  $\Omega$  be the unit-sphere

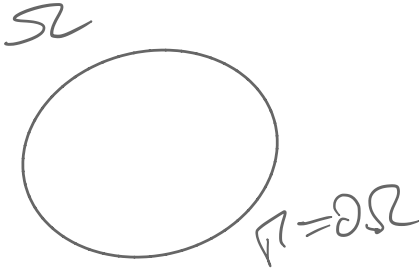
$$\Omega = \{\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$$

- Let  $f \equiv 1$  and  $g = 0$
- The solution to the Dirichlet problem

$$-\Delta u = 1 \text{ in } \Omega \text{ and } u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

is

$$u(x, y) = \frac{1 - x^2 - y^2}{4}$$



$$-\Delta u = -\partial_{xx} u - \partial_{yy} u$$

$$= \frac{2+2}{4} = 1$$

## The Laplace problem

### Example 2

- Let  $\Omega$  be the unit-square

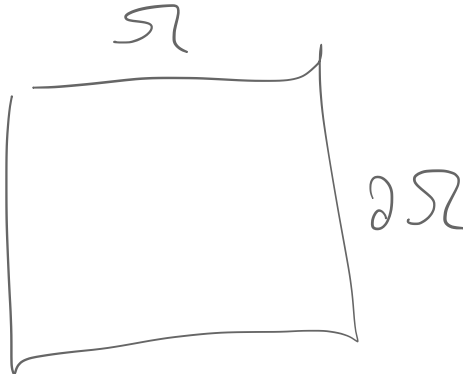
$$\Omega = \{\mathbf{x} = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 < x < 1 \text{ and } 0 < y < 1\}$$

- Let  $f \equiv 1$  and  $g = 0$
- There is **no solution** to the Dirichlet problem

$$-\Delta u = 1 \text{ in } \Omega \text{ and } u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

which is 2 times differentiable

$$u \in C^2(\Omega)$$



## The variational formulation

- Assume that  $u \in C^2(\Omega)$  is a solution to the Laplace problem

$$-\Delta u(x, y) = f(x, y) \text{ in } \Omega \text{ with } u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma$$

- Then, we can multiply this equation with a **test function**  $\phi$

$$\Rightarrow -\Delta u(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) = f(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \text{ in } \Omega$$

- Then, we can **integrate over the domain**

$$\Rightarrow -\int_{\Omega} \Delta u(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{\Omega} f(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

- We assume that the test function is differentiable  $\phi \in C^1(\Omega)$ . Then, we can **integrate by parts**

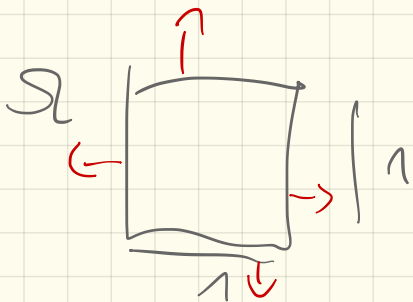
$$\Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x, y) \cdot \nabla \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy - \int_{\Gamma} (\vec{n} \cdot \nabla) u \cdot \phi \, ds = \int_{\Omega} f(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

- We assume that the **test-function is zero on the boundary**. Then

$$u \in C^1(\Omega) \Rightarrow \int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x, y) \cdot \nabla \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{\Omega} f(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

$$\forall \phi \in C^1(\Omega) \text{ and } \phi = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \iint \partial_{xx} u \cdot \vec{\varphi} \, dx \, dy - \iint \partial_{yy} u \cdot \vec{\varphi} \, dx \, dy \\
 & = \iint \partial_x u \, \partial_x \varphi \, dx \, dy + \iint \partial_y u \cdot \partial_y \varphi \, dx \, dy \\
 & - \int_0^h \partial_x u \cdot \varphi \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} \, dy - \int_0^h \partial_y u \cdot \varphi \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & = \iint \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x u \\ \partial_y u \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \partial_x \varphi \\ \partial_y \varphi \end{pmatrix} \, dx \, dy \\
 & - \int_{\partial \Omega} (n \cdot \vec{\tau}) u \cdot \varphi \, ds
 \end{aligned}$$

- We call  $u \in C^1(\Omega)$  with  $u = 0$  on  $\Gamma$  which satisfies

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u(x, y) \cdot \nabla \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{\Omega} f(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

for all test functions  $\phi \in C^1(\Omega)$  with  $\phi = 0$  on  $\Gamma$  the **weak solution to the Laplace equation**

- Is a weak solution also a **classical solution**?

$$\Rightarrow \quad -\Delta u(x, y) = f(x, y) \text{ in } \Omega$$

- Assume that  $u \in C^2(\Omega)$  is a solution to the Laplace problem

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$\pi$  if  $u \in C^2$

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if the boundary is given by  
the graph of a function in  $C^2$   
then there exists a classical solution  
 $u \in C^2(\Omega)$



- We introduce the  $L^2$  scalar product

$$(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} u(x) \cdot \phi(x) \, dx \quad \text{in 1d}$$

$$(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} u(x, y) \cdot \phi(x, y) \, dx \, dy \quad \text{in 2d}$$

$$(u, \phi) := \int_{\Omega} u(x, y, z) \cdot \phi(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz \quad \text{in 3d}$$

- Then, the **weak formulation** is to find  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  as solution to

$$(\nabla u, \nabla \phi) = (f, \phi)$$

for all **test functions**  $\phi \in V$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  for  $d = 1, 2, 3$  be a domain and  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ . Then, there exists a solution

$$u \in \mathcal{V} := H_0^1(\Omega)$$

to the Laplace problem in variational formulation

$$(\nabla u, \nabla \phi) = (f, \phi).$$

- The space  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  is the **Sobolev space** of functions:

- $u \in L^2(\Omega)$ , which means square integrable

$$\int_{\Omega} u^2 \, dx < \infty$$

- which have a first (that is the 1) **weak derivative**  $\nabla u \in L^2(\Omega)^d$

- and that are zero on the boundary (this is the 0)  $u = 0$  on  $\Gamma$

- Functions  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$  have weak derivatives that can be integrated

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right|^2 \, dx < \infty$$

but they are not necessarily continuous.

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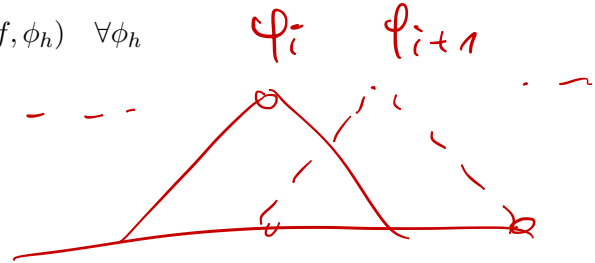
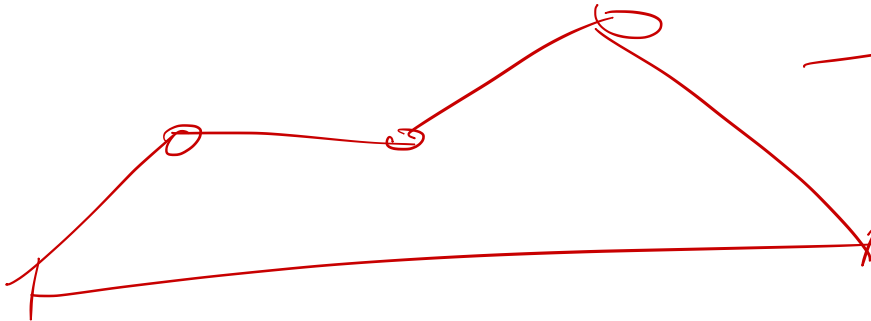
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## Steps for a finite element discretization

1. We discretize the domain  $\Omega$  by a mesh  $\Omega_h$
2. On  $\Omega_h$  we discretize the function space  $\mathcal{V} = H_0^1(\Omega)$  by a finite element space  $V_h$
3. We restrict the variational formulation to  $V_h$

$$u_h \in V_h \quad (\nabla u_h, \nabla \phi_h) = (f, \phi_h) \quad \forall \phi_h$$

4. We solve a linear system of equations



- We discretize the domain  $\Omega$  by splitting it into simple **open elements**, e.g. triangles, quadrilaterals (in 2d) or tetrahedras, prisms, hexahedras, pyramids (in 3d)
- The **finite element mesh**  $\Omega_h$  is the set of all **elements**

$$\Omega_h = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, T_N\}$$

- We make the following **structural assumptions**

1. The union of all elements covers the domain

$$\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{i=1}^N \bar{T}_i$$

2. Two different elements never overlap

$$T_i \cap T_j = \emptyset \quad \forall i \neq j$$

3. The closure of two elements can only overlap in a **corner vertex**, an **edge** or a **face**

$$\bar{T}_i \cap \bar{T}_j = \begin{cases} x & \text{a vertex} \\ e & \text{an edge} \\ f & \text{a face} \end{cases} \quad \forall i \neq j$$

**Basic rule:** *triangles should look like triangles, tetrahedras should look like tetrahedras, ...*

**Shape regularity for triangular meshes:**

- We call a mesh shape regular, if it holds for all  $T \in \Omega_h$

$$\frac{\rho_T}{\text{diam}(T)} < c,$$

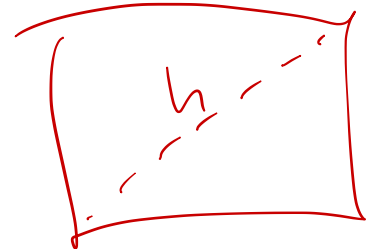
$$h := \text{diam}(T)$$

where  $\rho_T$  is the diameter of the largest circle in  $T$  and  $\text{diam}(T)$  the longest edge of  $T$

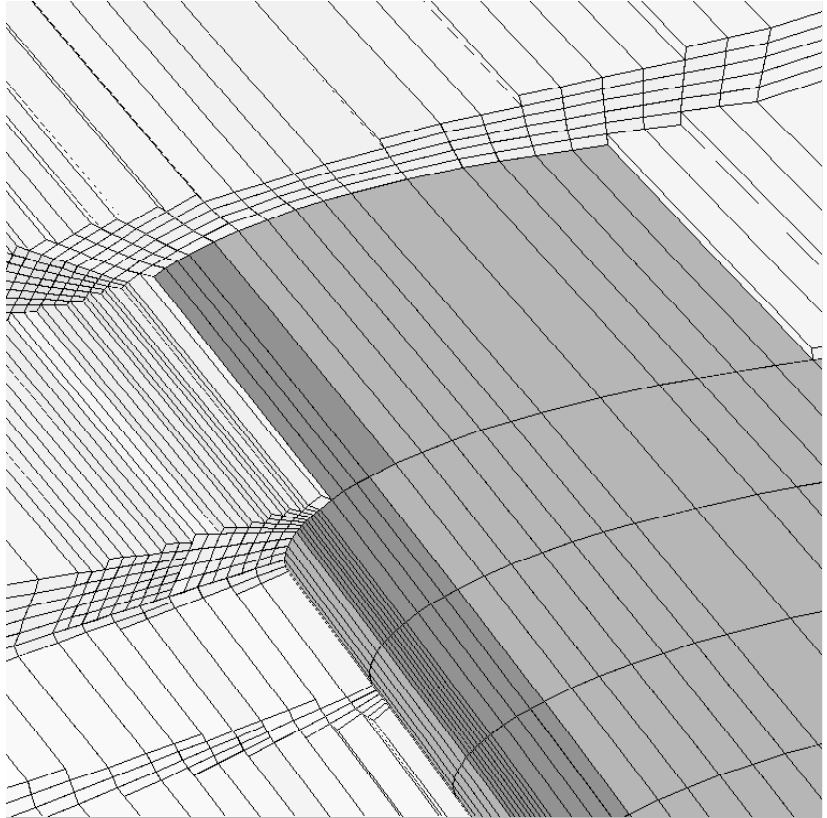
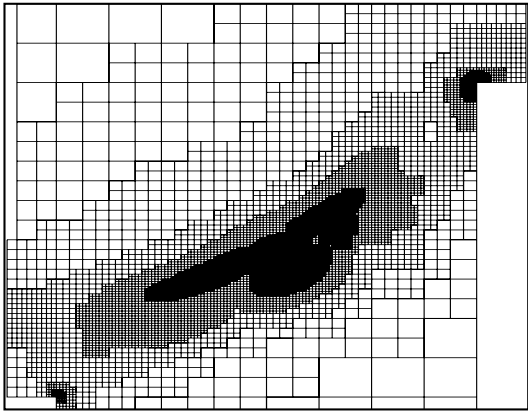
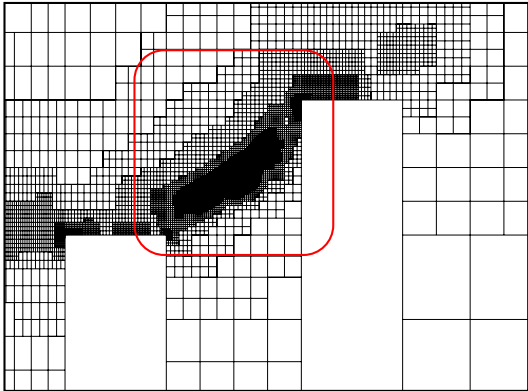
- Equivalent definition: All angles  $\alpha$  in  $T$  are bound away from zero

$$\alpha \geq \alpha_0 > 0$$

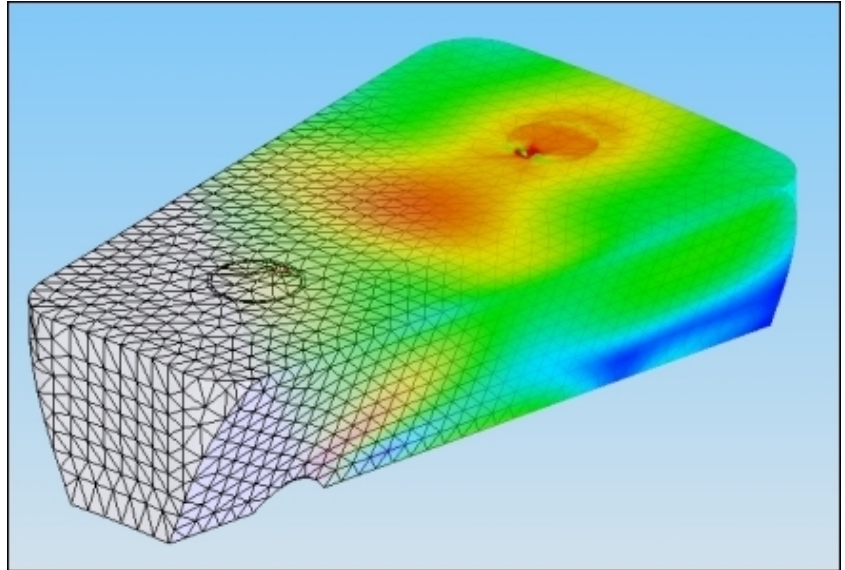
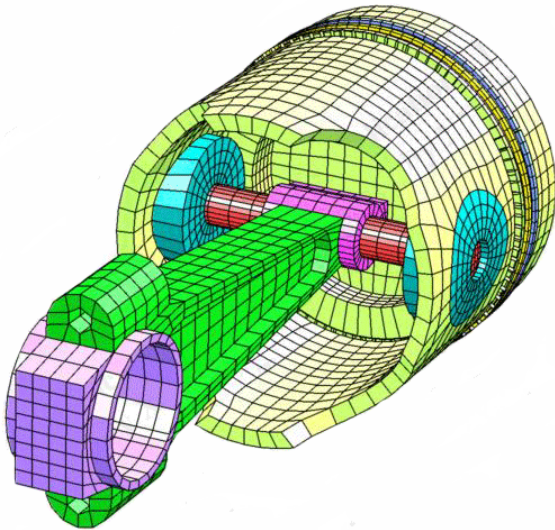
with a constant  $\alpha_0 > 0$ .











### Local Finite Element space

- On every element  $T \in \Omega_h$  define the basis functions of a simple polynomial space
- **linear finite elements** on triangles
- Triangle with the points  $x^{(1)} = (0, 0)$ ,  $x^{(2)} = (h, 0)$  and  $x^{(3)} = (0, h)$

$$\phi^{(1)}(x, y) = 1 - \frac{x}{h} - \frac{y}{h}, \quad \phi^{(2)}(x, y) = \frac{x}{h}, \quad \phi^{(3)}(x, y) = \frac{y}{h}$$

- We have basis functions on every triangle  $T \in \Omega_h$
- We combine them to a global function space

$$V_h := \{\phi_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \mid \phi|_T \in P^1 := \text{span}(\phi_h^{(1)}, \phi_h^{(2)}, \phi_h^{(3)})\}$$

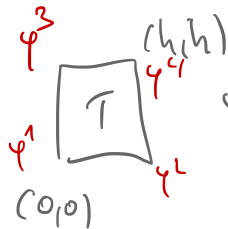
- This is called the **Lagrange basis** or **nodal basis**. It holds

$$\phi_h^{(i)} \in V_h : \quad \phi_h^{(i)}|_T \in P^1, \quad \phi_h^{(i)}(x_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

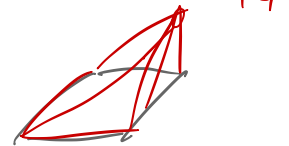
- Assume that the mesh elements  $T \in \Omega_h$  are quadrilaterals
- bi-linear finite elements:**
- Let  $T$  be a quadrilateral with the points  $x^{(1)} = (0, 0)$ ,  $x^{(2)} = (h, 0)$ ,  $x^{(3)} = (0, h)$ ,  $x^{(4)} = (h, h)$ .

$$V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$\varphi_n \in V_h$  ① is continuous on  $\Omega$   
② on each element  $T$



$\varphi_n|_T \in \mathbb{Q}^1 = \langle 1, x, y, xy \rangle$   $\varphi_n|_T$  is polynomial



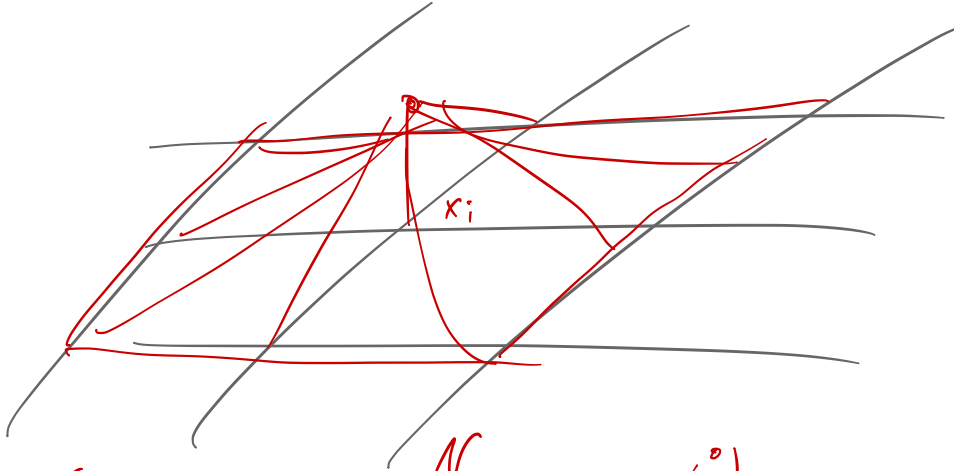
$$\phi^{(1)}(x, y) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{h}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right), \quad \phi^{(2)}(x, y) = \frac{x}{h} \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right), \quad \phi^{(3)}(x, y) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{h}\right) \frac{y}{h}, \quad \phi^{(4)}(x, y) = \frac{xy}{h^2}$$

- The Lagrange basis of the finite element space is given as

$$V_h := \{\phi_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) \mid \phi|_T \in Q^1 := \text{span}(\phi_h^{(1)}, \phi_h^{(2)}, \phi_h^{(3)}, \phi_h^{(4)})\}$$

- The **Lagrange basis** or **nodal basis** is given by

$$\phi_h^{(i)} \in V_h : \quad \phi_h^{(i)}|_T \in Q^1, \quad \phi_h^{(i)}(x_j) = \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$



$$u_h \in V_h \quad u_h = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i^o \varphi_n^{(i)} \Rightarrow u_h(x_i) = u_i^o$$

- Starting point: weak formulation of Laplace equation

$$u \in \mathcal{V} \quad (\nabla u, \nabla \phi) = (f, \phi) \quad \forall \phi \in \mathcal{V}$$

- We discretize the **trial functions**  $u_h \in V_h \subset \mathcal{V}$  and the **test functions**  $\phi_h \in V_h \subset \mathcal{V}$

$$u_h \in V_h \quad (\nabla u_h, \nabla \phi_h) = (f, \phi_h) \quad \forall \phi_h \in V_h.$$

$$u_h \in V_h \quad (\nabla u_h, \nabla \phi_h) = (f, \phi_h) \quad \forall \phi_h \in V_h. \quad (1)$$

- The finite element space is given by a local basis

$$V_h = \text{span}\{\phi_h^{(1)}, \dots, \phi_h^{(N)}\}$$

- We split (1) into  $N$  equations

$$u_h \in V_h \quad (\nabla u_h, \nabla \phi_h^{(i)}) = (f, \phi_h^{(i)}) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N \quad (2)$$

- We write the unknown solution  $u_h \in V_h$  as

$$u_h(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^N \mathbf{u}_j \phi_h^{(j)}(x, y)$$

and insert this notation into (3)

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \underbrace{(\nabla \phi_h^{(j)}, \nabla \phi_h^{(i)})}_{=: A_{ij}} \mathbf{u}_j = \underbrace{(f, \phi_h^{(i)})}_{=: f_i} \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N \quad (3)$$

- This is equivalent to a **linear system of equations**

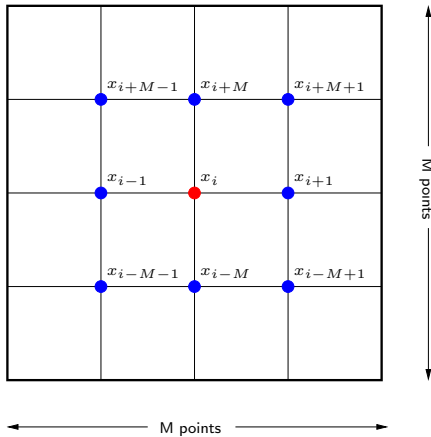
$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}, \quad \mathbf{A}_{ij} := (\nabla \phi_h^{(j)}, \nabla \phi_h^{(i)}), \quad \mathbf{f}_i := (f, \phi_h^{(i)})$$

## Assembling the matrix

- We must compute the matrix entries

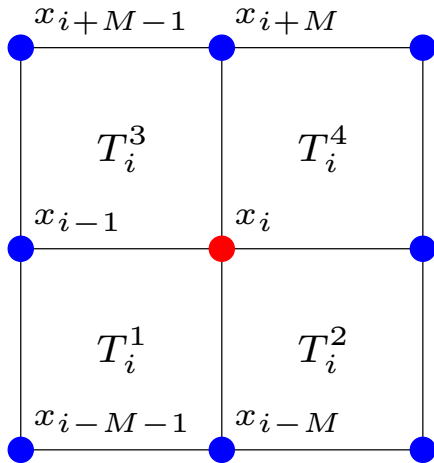
$$A_{ij} = (\nabla \phi_h^{(j)}, \nabla \phi_h^{(i)}) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \phi_h^{(j)} \cdot \nabla \phi_h^{(i)} \, dx = \sum_{T \in \Omega_h} \int_T \nabla \phi_h^{(j)} \cdot \nabla \phi_h^{(i)} \, dx$$

- Each **nodal basis function**  $\phi_h^{(i)}$  is non-zero only in the four quadrilaterals touching  $x_i$
- The product  $\nabla \phi_h^{(j)} \cdot \nabla \phi_h^{(i)}$  is non-zero only on elements  $T$  that have both points  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  in common



- Regular mesh with  $N = M \cdot M$  nodes
- The test function  $\phi_h^{(i)}$  couples with itself and 8 further testfunctions
- The matrix elements  $A_{ij}$  must only be computed in 4 elements





- We first compute all couplings in every element  $T_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$

$$a_{ij}^T := \int_T \nabla \phi_h^{(i)} \cdot \nabla \phi_h^{(j)} dx$$

- Then, we put it all together in the global matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{i,i} &= a_{i,i}^{T_1} + a_{i,i}^{T_2} + a_{i,i}^{T_3} + a_{i,i}^{T_4} \\
 A_{i,i+1} &= \underbrace{a_{i,i+1}^{T_1}}_{=0} + a_{i,i+1}^{T_2} + \underbrace{a_{i,i+1}^{T_3}}_{=0} + a_{i,i+1}^{T_4} = a_{i,i+1}^{T_2} + a_{i,i+1}^{T_4} \\
 A_{i,i+M+1} &= a_{i,i+M+1}^{T_4} \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example** Let  $T_i^4 = (0, h) \times (0, h)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_h^{(i)} &= \left(1 - \frac{x}{h}\right) \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right) & \phi_h^{(i+1)} &= \frac{x}{h} \left(1 - \frac{y}{h}\right) \\
 \phi_h^{(i+M)} &= \left(1 - \frac{x}{h}\right) \frac{y}{h} & \phi_h^{(i+M+1)} &= \frac{xy}{h^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- We combine the result in a **stencil**

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} s_{31} & s_{32} & s_{33} \\ s_{21} & s_{22} & s_{23} \\ s_{11} & s_{12} & s_{13} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The entries have the following meaning:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{i,i-M-1} &= s_{11}, & \mathbf{A}_{i,i-M} &= s_{12}, & \mathbf{A}_{i,i-M+1} &= s_{13} \\ \mathbf{A}_{i,i-1} &= s_{21}, & \mathbf{A}_{i,i} &= s_{22}, & \mathbf{A}_{i,i+1} &= s_{23} \\ \mathbf{A}_{i,i+M-1} &= s_{31}, & \mathbf{A}_{i,i+M} &= s_{32}, & \mathbf{A}_{i,i+M+1} &= s_{33} \end{aligned}$$

- For the Laplace problem with bi-linear finite elements the stencil is given by

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{8}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the Laplace problem with linear finite elements on triangles the stencil would be given by

$$S_{tria} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 4 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_{id} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

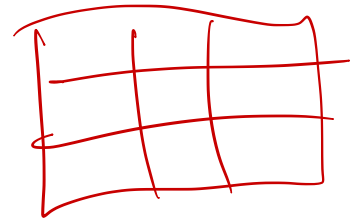
- The finite element matrix on a small mesh with  $16 = 4 \cdot 4$  nodes looks like

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 8 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

- But: all the nodes  $x_i \in \Gamma$  on the boundary are Dirichlet-Nodes. Here we want so set

$$u(x_i) = 0$$

- We must modify the matrix!



- The finite element matrix on a small mesh with  $16 = 4 \cdot 4$  nodes looks like

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 8 & -1 & 0 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We also have to compute the right hand side

$$\mathbf{f}_i = (f, \phi_h^{(i)}) = \int_{\Omega} f \phi_h^{(i)} \, dx = \sum_{T \in \Omega_h} \int_T f \phi_h^{(i)} \, dx$$

- The right hand side  $\mathbf{f}_i$  is only computed in those elements  $T$  that touch the basis function  $\phi_h^{(i)}$
- Only 4 elements in 2d

**Problem!** If  $f$  is a general function we cannot compute the integral analytically!

- Computation of the integrals by numerical quadrature

$$\int_T f(x, y) \phi_h^{(i)}(x, y) \, dx \, dy \approx \sum_{k=1}^{q_N} \omega_k f(x_k, y_k) \phi_h^{(i)}(x_k, y_k)$$

where:

$q_N$  is the number of quadrature points

$\omega_k$  is the quadrature weight

$x_k, y_k$  is the quadrature point

- A typical numerical quadrature rule is the  $2 \times 2$ -point *Gauss rule*

$$\int_0^h \int_0^h g(x, y) \, dx \, dy \approx \frac{h^2}{4} \left( g\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + g\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \right. \\ \left. + g\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + g\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \right)$$

- It is very accurate and efficient.

- For all nodes  $x_i \in \Gamma$  on the boundary we modify the right hand side vector  $\mathbf{f}_i$  such that (out example uses  $g(x) = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{f}_i = g(x_i) = 0$$

- Then, the  $i$ -th line of the linear system is

$$(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u})_i = \mathbf{f}_i \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_i = g_i \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{u}_i = 0.$$

## Summary

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- The main difference between 1d and 2d (or 3d) is the domain  
In 1d we have only intervals
- In 2d, the solution is usually not regular
- We first discretize the domain, then we set up the finite element space
- We must integrate the matrix and the right hand side
- Assembling the matrix is easy if we use the stencil, the right hand side often needs numerical quadrature

Thanks