# Discretization of the Poisson Problem in $\mathbb{R}^1$ : Formulation

## **Model Problems**

#### **Dirichlet**

#### **Strong Form**

Domain: 
$$\Omega = (0,1)$$
.

Find **u** such that

$$-u_{xx}= f \qquad \qquad ext{in } \Omega$$

$$u(0)=u(1)=0$$

for given f.

#### **Model Problems**

#### **Minimization Statement**

Define 
$$X \equiv H_0^1(\Omega)$$
.

Find

$$u = rg \min_{w \in X} J(w)$$

where

$$J(w) = rac{1}{2} \int_0^1 w_x^2 \, dx - \int_0^1 fw \, dx \; .$$

### **Model Problems**

#### Dirichlet

#### Weak Formulation

Find  $u \in X$  such that

$$\delta J_v(u) = 0 \;, \qquad orall \, v \in X$$

$$orall oldsymbol{v} \in oldsymbol{X}$$



$$\left|\int_0^1 oldsymbol{u_x} \, oldsymbol{v_x} \, oldsymbol{dx} = \int_0^1 oldsymbol{f} \, oldsymbol{v} \, oldsymbol{dx} \, , \qquad orall \, oldsymbol{v} \in oldsymbol{X} \, . 
ight|$$

$$orall \, oldsymbol{v} \in oldsymbol{X}$$
 .

#### **Model Problems**

#### **Notation**

Define

$$a(w,v) = \int_0^1 w_x \, v_x \, dx$$

$$\ell(v) = \int_0^1 f v \, dx.$$

Minimization:

$$u = rg \min_{w \in X} rac{1}{2} a(w,w) - \ell(w)$$

Weak:

$$u \in X$$
:  $a(u,v) = \ell(v)$ ,  $\forall v \in X$ 

#### **Model Problems**

#### Generalization

For any 
$$\boldsymbol{\ell}(\boldsymbol{v}) \in \boldsymbol{H}^{-1}(\Omega),$$
 find  $\boldsymbol{u} \in \boldsymbol{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  such that

$$u=rg\min_{w\in H^1_0(\Omega)}rac{1}{2}a(w,w)-\ell(w)\;;$$
 or  $a(u,v)=\ell(v), \qquad orall\,v\in H^1_0(\Omega)\;;$ 

for example,  $\ell(v) = \langle \delta_{x_0}, v \rangle = v(x_0)$  is admissible.

## **Model Problems**

#### Regularity

If 
$$oldsymbol{\ell} \in H^{-1}(\Omega),$$
  $\|oldsymbol{u}\|_{H^1(\Omega)} \leq C \, \|oldsymbol{\ell}\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}$  .

If 
$$\ell \in L^2(\Omega), \,\, \ell(v) = \int_0^1 \, f \, v \, dx$$

$$\|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)} \leq C_0 \, \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$
 .

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#### "Neumann"

#### **Model Problems**

#### **Strong Form**

Domain: 
$$\Omega = (0,1)$$
.

Find **u** such that

$$-u_{xx}=f$$

in 
$$\Omega$$
 ,

$$u(0)=0\;,$$

$$u_x(1)=g$$
,

for given f, g .

#### "Neumann"

#### **Model Problems**

#### Minimization Statement

Define 
$$X \equiv \left\{ v \in H^1(\Omega) \mid v(0) = 0 \right\}$$
.

**Find** 

$$u = rg \min_{w \in X} J(w)$$

where

$$J(w) = rac{1}{2} \int_0^1 w_x^2 \, dx - \int_0^1 f \, w \, dx - g \, w(1) \, .$$

## **Model Problems**

#### "Neumann"

#### Weak Statement

Find  $u \in X$  such that

$$\delta J_v(u) = 0 \;, \qquad orall \, v \in X$$

$$orall \, oldsymbol{v} \in oldsymbol{X}$$



$$\left|\int_0^1 u_x\,v_x\,dx = \int_0^1 f\,v\,dx + g\,v(1)\;, \qquad orall\,v \in X\;. 
ight.$$

#### "Neumann"

#### **Model Problems**

#### **Notation**

$$a(w,v)=\int_0^1 w_x\,v_x\,dx$$

$$\ell(v) = \int_0^1 f v \, dx + g \, v(1) .$$

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Minimization:

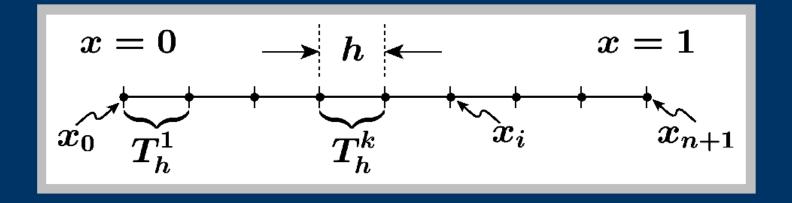
$$u = rg \min_{w \in X} rac{1}{2} a(w,w) - \ell(w)$$

Weak:

$$u \in X$$
:  $a(u,v) = \ell(v)$ ,  $\forall v \in X$ 

#### **Approximation**

#### Mesh



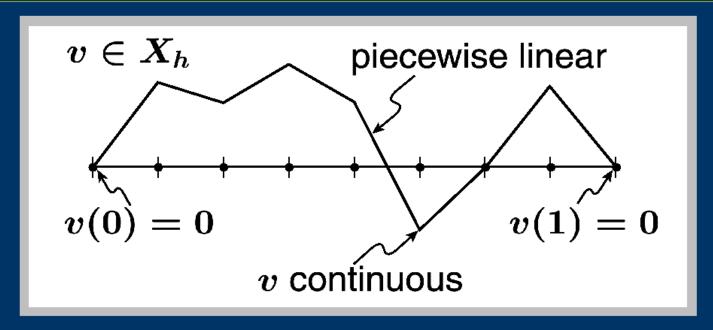
$$\overline{\Omega} = igcup_{k=1}^K \, \overline{T}_h^k \quad T_h^k \,, \, k=1,\ldots,K=n+1 \colon$$
 elements  $x_i \,, \, i=0,\ldots,n+1 \colon$  nodes

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#### **Approximation**

Space  $X_h \subset X$ 

$$oldsymbol{X}_h = \left\{ oldsymbol{v} \in oldsymbol{X} \ \middle| \ oldsymbol{v} |_{T_h^k} \in \mathbb{P}_1(T_h^k), \quad k = 1, \ldots, K 
ight\}$$



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#### **Approximation**

Basis...

General definition: given a linear space Y,

a set of members  $y_j \in Y$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, M$ ,

is a basis for Y if and only if

 $\forall y \in Y$ ,  $\exists$  unique  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^{M} \, lpha_j \, y_j \; ;$$

$$\dim(\text{ension})(Y) = M$$
.

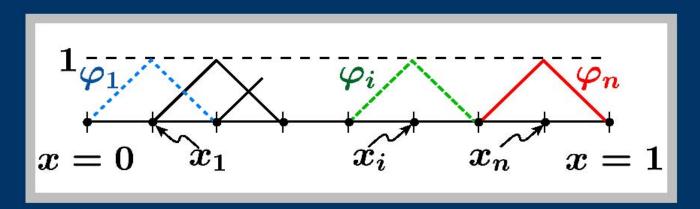
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#### **Approximation**

...Basis

*Nodal* basis for  $X_h$ :

$$arphi_j,\ j=1,\ldots,n=\dim(X_h)$$



 $|arphi_i|$  nonzero only on  $|\overline{T}_h^i| \bigcup |\overline{T}_h^{i+1}|$ 

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## "Projection"

Plan...

Let

$$\underbrace{u_h \ (\in X_h)}_{ ext{RR/FE Approximation}} = \sum_{j=1}^n \, u_{hj} \, arphi_j(x) \; ;$$

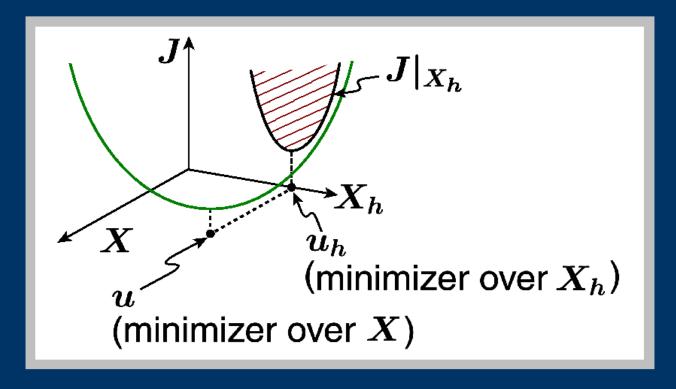
set  $u_{hj} = w_j$  that minimize

$$J\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j\,arphi_j
ight)$$
 .

"Projection"

...Plan

#### Geometric Picture:



## "Projection"

$$J|_{X_h}$$
...

$$J\left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_j\,arphi_j
ight) = rac{1}{2}\,a\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i\,arphi_i,\sum_{j=1}^n w_j\,arphi_j
ight) - \ell\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i\,arphi_i
ight)$$

$$=rac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n\sum_{j=1}^n w_i\,a(arphi_i,arphi_j)\,w_j-\sum_{i=1}^n w_i\,\ell(arphi_i)$$

by bilinearity and linearity.

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### "Projection"

$$...J|_{X_h}$$

$$egin{align} oldsymbol{J^R}(oldsymbol{\underline{w}} \in 
eals^n) &\equiv oldsymbol{J} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n oldsymbol{w}_j oldsymbol{arphi}_j
ight) \ &= rac{1}{2} oldsymbol{\underline{w}}^T oldsymbol{A}_h oldsymbol{\underline{w}} - oldsymbol{\underline{w}}^T oldsymbol{F}_h \;. \end{align}$$

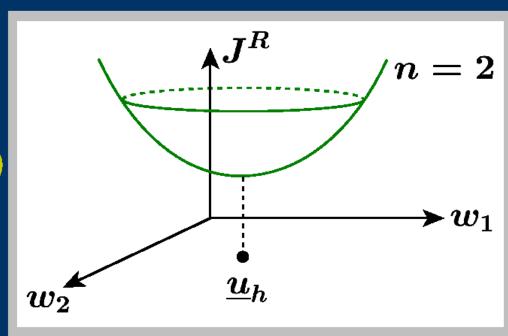
$$egin{aligned} & \underline{F}_h \in \mathbb{R}^n ext{: } F_{h\,i} \equiv \ell(arphi_i) \left( = \int_{\Omega} f \, arphi_i \, dx 
ight) \ & \underline{A}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{n imes n} ext{: } A_{h\,ij} \equiv a(arphi_i, arphi_j) = \int_{\Omega} rac{darphi_i}{dx} rac{darphi_j}{dx} \, dx \end{aligned}$$

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#### "Projection"

Minimization...

$$\underline{u}_h = rg \min_{\underline{w} \in {
m I\!R}^n} J^R(\underline{w})$$



Expand  $J^R(\underline{w} = \underline{u}_h + \underline{v})$ ; require  $J^R(\underline{w}) > J^R(\underline{u}_h)$  unless  $\underline{v} = 0$ .

### "Projection"

...Minimization...

$$J^{R}(\underline{u}_{h} + \underline{v})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\underline{u}_{h} + \underline{v})^{T} \underline{A}_{h} (\underline{u}_{h} + \underline{v}) - (\underline{u}_{h} + \underline{v})^{T} \underline{F}_{h}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}_{h}^{T} \underline{A}_{h} \underline{u}_{h} - \underline{u}_{h}^{T} \underline{F}_{h}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underline{v}^{T} \underline{A}_{h} \underline{u}_{h} + \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}_{h}^{T} \underline{A}_{h} \underline{v} - \underline{v}^{T} \underline{F}_{h}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \underline{v}^{T} \underline{A}_{h} \underline{v}$$

#### "Projection"

...Minimization...

$$J^R(\underline{u}_h + \underline{v}) = J^R(\underline{u})$$

$$+\underbrace{(\underline{A_h}\,\underline{u}_h-\underline{F}_h)}^T\,\underline{v}\,\,\,\,\delta J^R_{\underline{v}}(\underline{u}_h)$$
 SPD

$$+\frac{1}{2}\underbrace{v^T}_{>0}\underbrace{A_h}\underbrace{v}_{\neq 0}$$

SPD

## "Projection"

...Minimization

If (and only if)

then

$$J^R(\underline{w}=\underline{u}_h+\underline{v})>J^R(\underline{u}_h)\;, \qquad orall\, \underline{v}
eq 0\;.$$
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### "Projection"

#### **Final Result**

Find  $\underline{u}_h \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\underbrace{\underbrace{A}_h}_{a(arphi_i,arphi_j)} \, \underline{u}_h = \underbrace{F}_h_{\ell(arphi_i)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_h(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N \, u_{hj} \, arphi_j(x) \; .$$

SPD ⇒ existence and uniqueness.

#### **Approximation**

Triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$ ;

Space  $X_h$ ; and

(Nodal) Basis  $X_h = \operatorname{span} \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ ;

as for the Rayleigh-Ritz approach.

### **Projection**

Plan...

Let

$$u_h(\in X_h) = \sum_{j=1}^n \, u_{hj} \, arphi_j(x) \; ;$$

set  $u_{hj}$  such that

$$\delta J_v(u_h) = 0 \; , \qquad orall \, v \in X_h 
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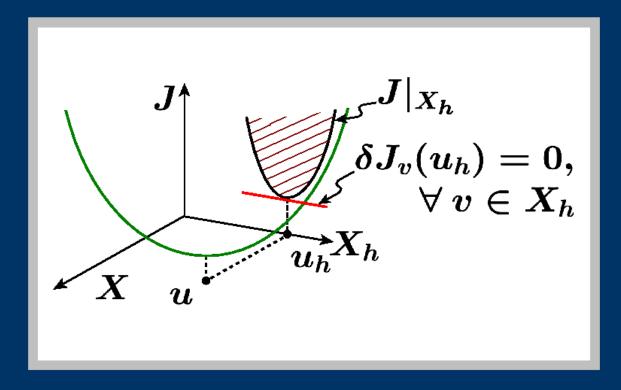
$$a(u_h,v)=\ell(v)\;, \qquad orall \, v\in X_h\;.$$

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#### **Projection**

...Plan

#### Geometric Picture:



#### **Projection**

#### Variation...

Since any  $v \in X_h$  can be written as

$$v = \sum_{i=1}^n \, v_i \, arphi_i(x) \ ,$$

$$a(u_h,v)=\ell(v)\;, \qquad orall\, v\in X_h$$



$$a\left(u_h,\sum_{i=1}^n\,v_i\,arphi_i
ight)=\ell\left(\sum_{i=1}^n\,v_i\,arphi_i
ight)\;, \qquad orall\, \underline{v}\in {
m I\!R}^n\;.$$

#### **Projection**

...Variation...

But 
$$u_h = \sum_{i=1}^n u_{hj} \, arphi_j$$
 , so

$$a\left(\sum_{j=1}^n u_{hj}\,arphi_j,\;\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\,arphi_i
ight)=\ell\left(\sum_{i=1}^n v_i\,arphi_i
ight),\quadorall \underline{v}\in{
m I\!R}^n$$

or, by bilinearity and linearity

$$\underline{v}^T \underline{A}_h \underline{u}_h = \underline{v}^T \underline{F}_h$$
,  $\forall \underline{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

### **Projection**

#### ...Variation

Take 
$$\underline{v} = (1 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0)^T \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^n A_{h\,1\,j}\, u_{h\,j} = F_{h\,1}$$

$$\underline{v} = (0 \ 1 \ \dots \ 0)^T \Rightarrow \sum_{j=1} A_{h\, 2\, j} \, u_{h\, j} = F_{h\, 2}$$

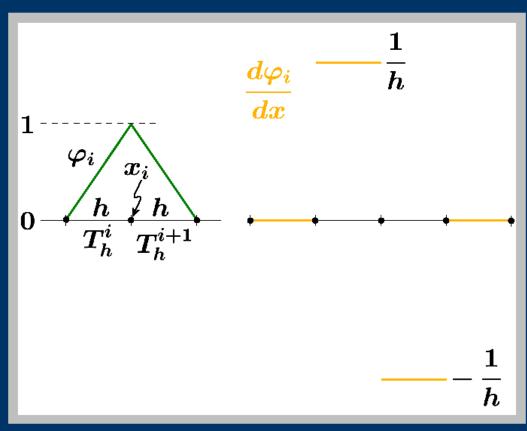
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$$ig| \underline{v}^T \, \underline{A}_h \, \underline{u}_h = \underline{v}^T \, \underline{F}_h \;,\; orall \, \underline{v} \in {
m I\!R}^n \; \Leftrightarrow \; \underline{A}_h \, \underline{u}_h = \underline{F}_h \;.$$

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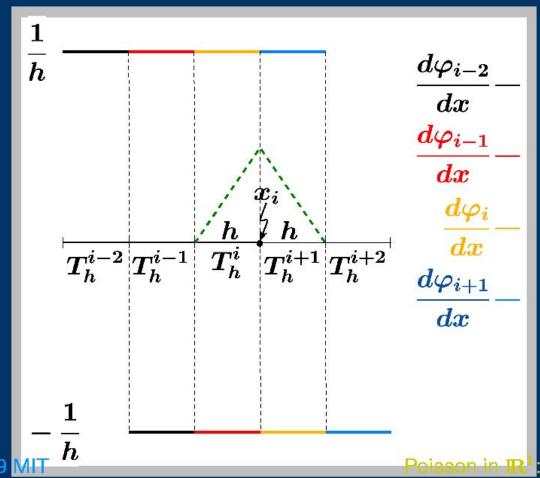
### Matrix Elements: $\underline{A}_h$

 $arphi_i$  and  $darphi_i/dx...$ 



#### Matrix Elements: $\underline{A}_h$

... $arphi_i$  and  $darphi_i/dx$ 



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### Matrix Elements: $\underline{A}_h$

#### Typical Row

$$A_{h\,i\,j} = \int_{\Omega} rac{darphi_i darphi_j}{dx} dx = \int_{T_h^i} rac{darphi_i darphi_j}{dx} dx + \int_{T_h^{i+1}} rac{darphi_i darphi_j}{dx} dx$$

is nonzero only for j = i - 1, i, i + 1

$$A_{h\,i\,i} = \frac{1}{h^2}(h) + \frac{1}{h^2}(h) = \frac{2}{h}$$

$$A_{h i i-1} = \frac{1}{h} \left(-\frac{1}{h}\right) (h) = -\frac{1}{h}$$

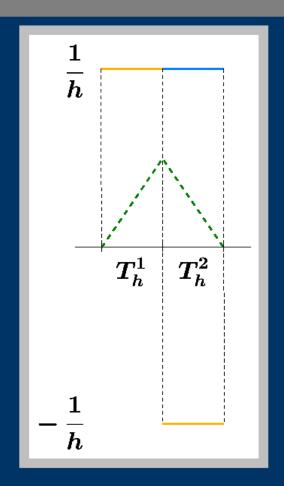
$$A_{h i i+1} = \left(-\frac{1}{h}\right) \frac{1}{h} (h) = -\frac{1}{h}$$

#### Matrix Elements: $\underline{A}_h$

#### **Boundary Rows**

$$A_{h11} = \frac{2}{h}, \ A_{h12} = -\frac{1}{h},$$

$$A_{h\,n\,n}=\frac{2}{h},\ A_{h\,n\,n-1}=-\frac{1}{h}$$
.



#### Matrix Elements: $\underline{A}_h$

Properties of  $\underline{A}_h$ 

$$egin{aligned} \underline{A}_h = rac{1}{h} egin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & & & & 0 \ -1 & 2 & -1 & & & 0 \ & 0 & & & 2 & -1 \ & & & & -1 & 2 \ \end{pmatrix}$$

A<sub>h</sub> is SPD; and diagonally dominant; and sparse; and tridiagonal.

#### "Load" Vector Elements: $\underline{F}_h$

General case,  $\ell(v)$ :  $F_{hi} = \ell(\varphi_i)$ 

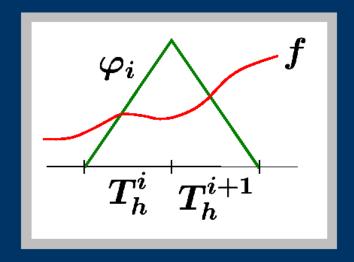
Example:  $\ell(v) = \langle \delta_{x_{i^*}}, v 
angle$ 

$$egin{aligned} \ell(arphi_i) &= \langle \delta_{x_{i^*}}, arphi_i 
angle \ &= arphi_i(x_{i^*}) \ &= \delta_{i\,i^*} \,. \end{aligned}$$

"Load" Vector Elements:  $\underline{F}_h$ 

Particular case, 
$$\ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$
:

$$F_{h\,i} = \int_{T_h^i} f \, arphi_i \, dx + \int_{T_h^{i+1}} f \, arphi_i \, dx, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \; ;$$



Numerical quadrature —

"variational crime" — next
lecture.

## **Summary**

 $\underline{u}_h \in \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies

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**E4** 

**E7** 

#### **Motivation**

#### **The Mass Matrix**

#### **Definition**

$$\underline{M}_h \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$
:

$$M_{h\,i\,j} = \int_{\Omega} arphi_i arphi_j \, dx \;\;;$$
 originating form:  $(w,v)_{L^2(\Omega)}$ 

the finite element "identity" (I) operator.

#### **Motivation**

#### The Mass Matrix

"Applications"

 $M_h$  appears where the identity appears

- as part of differential operator,  $-u_{xx} + Iu = f$ ; E8
- ullet in eigenvalue problems,  $-u_{xx} = \lambda Iu$ ;
- ullet in parabolic PDEs,  $I \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 
  abla^2 u;$
- in quadrature by interpolation.

#### **Properties**

#### The Mass Matrix

#### General

### $\underline{M}_h$ is SPD:

$$egin{aligned} & \underline{v}^T \underline{M} \ \underline{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ v_i \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \int_0^1 arphi_i arphi_j \, dx \ & = \int_0^1 \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \, arphi_i \sum_{j=1}^n v_j \, arphi_j \, dx \ & = \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \, arphi_i 
ight)^2 \, dx > 0 \quad ext{if } \underline{v} 
eq 0 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

#### **Properties**

#### **The Mass Matrix**

#### **Particular**

For linear elements, nodal basis:

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sparse, banded, tri-diagonal — "close" to  $\underline{I}$ .