

# Lecture 9 (9/28/21)

## FEM in 1d (continued)

### Matrix Formulation     Let

$$U = \sum_{j=0}^I u_j \phi_j = \alpha \phi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^I u_j \phi_j \in \mathbb{V}_Z(x)$$

and let  $\underline{U}$  be the vector of nodal values

$$\underline{U} = (U_i)_{i=1}^I \in \mathbb{R}^I.$$

The discrete problem

$$U \in \mathbb{V}_Z(x) : \mathcal{B}[U, v] = L[v] \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}_Z(0) = \text{span}\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^I$$

is equivalent to

$$\sum_{j=0}^I u_j \mathcal{B}[\phi_j, \phi_i] = L[\phi_i] \quad 1 \leq i \leq I.$$

This also reads

$$(1) \quad \sum_{j=1}^I u_j \mathcal{B}[\phi_j, \phi_i] = L[\phi_i] - \alpha \mathcal{B}[\phi_0, \phi_i] \quad 1 \leq i \leq I$$

which is square system with matrix  $K = (k_{ij})_{i,j=1}^I$

$$k_{ij} = \mathcal{B}[\phi_j, \phi_i] = \int_0^1 (a(x) \phi_j' \phi_i' + b(x) \phi_j' \phi_i + c(x) \phi_j \phi_i) dx$$

Assume  $b=0$ . We call

$$a_{ij} = \int_0^1 a(x) \phi_j' \phi_i' dx$$

$$A = (a_{ij}) \text{ stiffness matrix}$$

$$m_{ij} = \int_0^1 c(x) \phi_j \phi_i dx$$

$$M = (m_{ij}) \text{ mass matrix}$$

$$\implies K = A + M \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times I}$$

Problem (1) can be written in matrix form as follows:

$$(2) \quad \boxed{K \underline{U} = \underline{F}}$$

where

$$\underline{F} = (F_i) \quad F_i = L[\phi_i] - \alpha B[\phi_0, \phi_i]$$

•  $i=1$  :

$$F_1 = \underbrace{\int_0^1 f \phi_1 + \beta \phi_1(1)}_{L[\phi_1]} - \underbrace{\alpha B[\phi_0, \phi_1]}_{\text{Dirichlet cond} = 0}$$

•  $i=I$  :

$$F_I = \int_0^1 f \phi_I + \underbrace{\beta \phi_I(1)}_{\text{Neumann cond} = 0} - \alpha B[\phi_0, \phi_I]$$

Remark The Neumann cond is naturally built on the right-hand side and does not destroy symmetry of  $K$  if  $b=0$

### Relation w/ Finite Differences

1. Stiffness matrix:  $a(x)=1$  and compute

$$a_{ij} = \int_0^1 \phi_j'(x) \phi_i'(x) dx = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{h_i} & j=i-1 \\ \frac{1}{h_i} + \frac{1}{h_{i+1}} & j=i \\ -\frac{1}{h_{i+1}} & j=i+1 \end{cases}$$

check

$a_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

If mesh  $\mathcal{T}$  is uniform,  $h_i = h$  const for all  $i$ , then

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{h} & j=i-1, i+1 \\ \frac{2}{h} & j=i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. Mass matrix:  $c(x)=1$  and compute

$$m_{ij} = \int_0^1 \phi_j(x) \phi_i(x) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6} h_i & j=i-1 \\ \frac{1}{3} (h_i + h_{i+1}) & j=i \\ \frac{1}{6} h_{i+1} & j=i+1 \end{cases}$$

check

$m_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

Suppose we use quadrature (Trapezoidal rule) to compute  $m_{ij}$  :

$$\tilde{m}_{ij} = \int_0^1 I_{\mathcal{T}}(\phi_j \phi_i) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq i \\ \frac{h_i}{2} + \frac{h_{i+1}}{2} & j = i \end{cases}$$

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linear interpolant over  $\mathcal{T}$

Suppose that  $\mathcal{T}$  is uniform  $h_i = h$

$$\tilde{m}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq i \\ h & j = i \end{cases}$$

3. The  $i$ th equation for  $\mathcal{T}$  uniform reads

$$\frac{-u_{i-1} + 2u_i - u_{i+1}}{h^2} + \cancel{h} u_i = \frac{1}{h} \left( L[\phi_i] - \alpha \beta[\phi_i, \phi_i] \right)$$

We see that FEM with quadrature reduces to  $\tilde{F}$  FDM

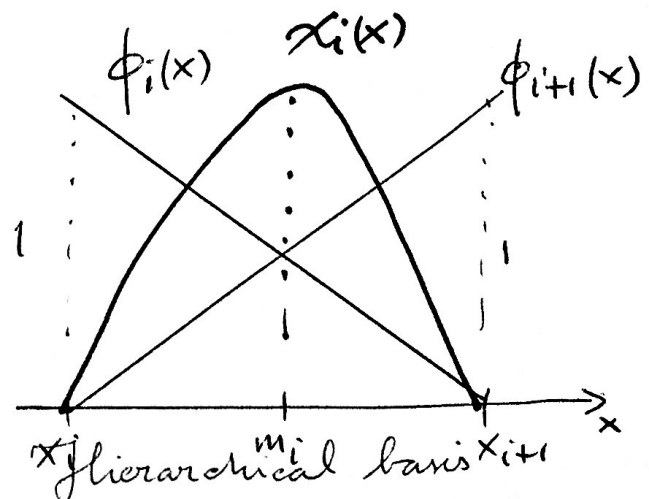
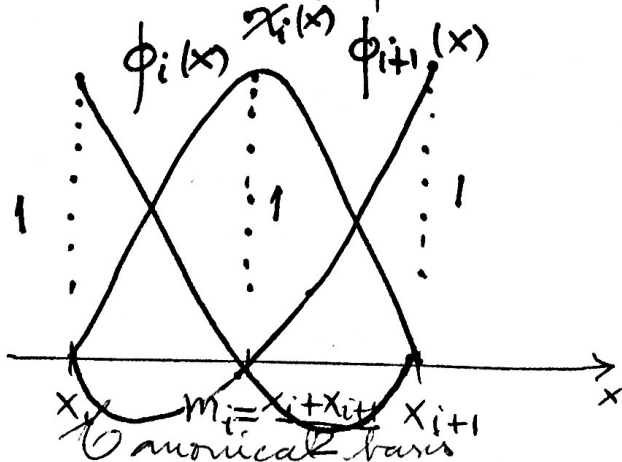
Remark note that

$$\int_0^1 I_{\mathcal{T}}(f \phi_i) dx = h f(x_i)$$

Higher Order CA approximation let  $k \geq 1$  be the polynomial degree and define

$$W_{\mathcal{T}} := \left\{ v \in \underbrace{W_{\infty}'(\Omega)}_{C(\bar{\Omega})} : v|_T \in P_k \quad \forall T \in \mathcal{T} \right\}$$

Case  $k=2$  (quadratics)



Then

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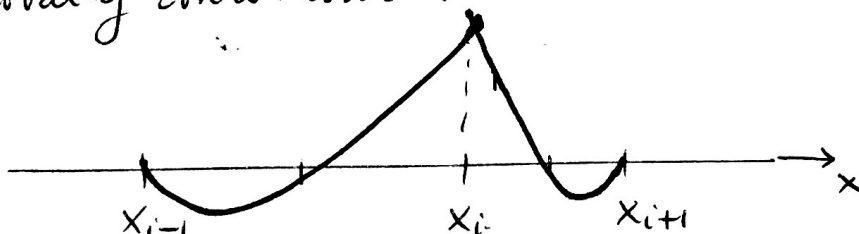
$$P_2(\tau) = \text{span} \{ \phi_i, \phi_{i+1}, \chi_i \}$$

Remark For the canonical basis we have the nodal representation

$$v(x) = v(x_i) \phi_i(x) + v(m_i) \chi_i(x) + v(x_{i+1}) \phi_{i+1}(x)$$

Exercise Find representation of  $v$  in terms of the hierarchical basis.

Remark Notice that piecewise quadratic functions are only globally continuous:



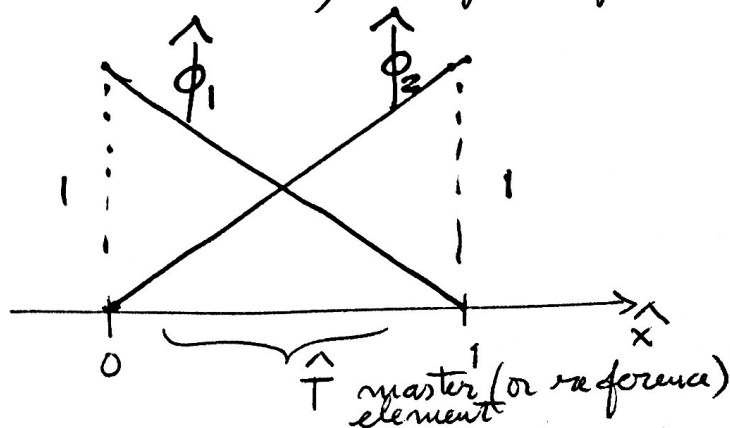
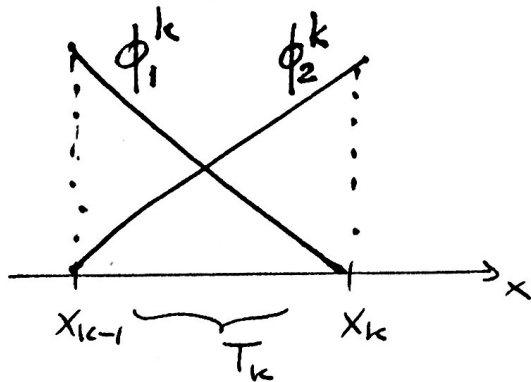
### Computer Implementation

The matrix  $K$  is computed element-by-element as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{ij} = B[\phi_j, \phi_i] &= \int_0^1 (a(x) \phi_j' \phi_i' + b(x) \phi_j' \phi_i + c(x) \phi_j \phi_i) dx \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^I \underbrace{\int_{x_{k-1}}^{x_k}}_{B_k[\phi_j, \phi_i]} \end{aligned}$$

where  $k$  stands for the element.

Notation (local-to-global node index)  $n(k, j) = k + j - 2$



- Traverse mesh  $\mathcal{T}$  using element index  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq I$ )
- Given  $k$  consider the affine map  $\Phi_k: \hat{T} \rightarrow T$

$$x = \Phi_k(\hat{x}) = x_{k-1} + \underbrace{(x_k - x_{k-1})}_{=h_k} \hat{x} \in T$$

$\hat{x} \in \hat{T}$

This induces a change of variables

$$\tilde{v}(x) = \hat{v}(\hat{x}) \Rightarrow \tilde{v}'(x) = \hat{v}'(\hat{x}) \frac{1}{h_k}$$

and

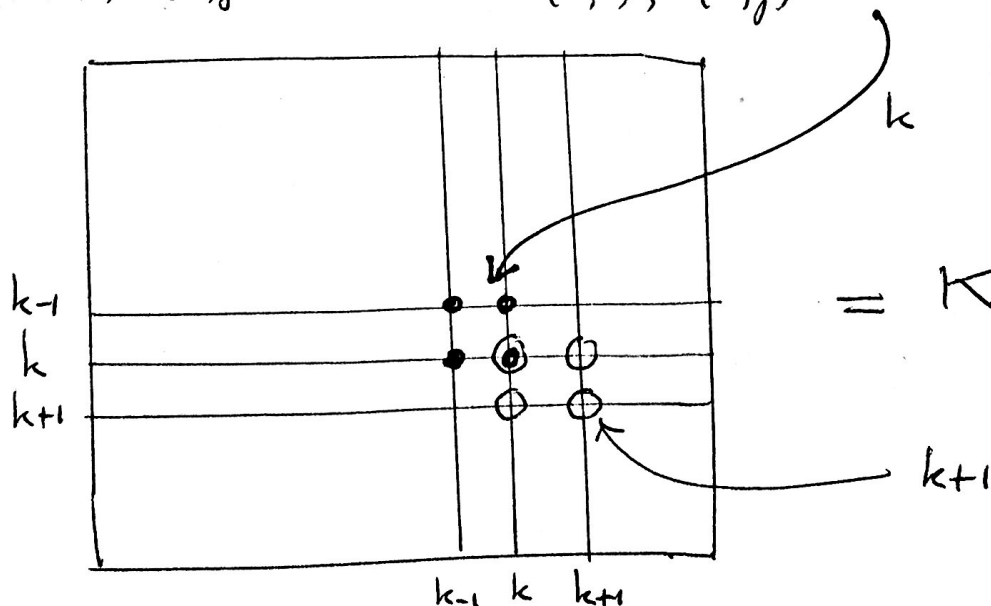
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_k[\phi_j^k, \phi_i^k] &= \int_0^1 a(\Phi_k(\hat{x})) \frac{\hat{\phi}_j'(\hat{x})}{h_k} \frac{\hat{\phi}_i'(\hat{x})}{h_k} h_k d\hat{x} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{h_k} \int_0^1 \hat{a}(\hat{x}) \hat{\phi}_j' \hat{\phi}_i' d\hat{x} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We compute these integrals over  $\hat{T} = (0,1)$  using the same quadrature for every  $k$ . This leads to

$$(\mathcal{B}_k[\phi_i^k, \phi_j^k])_{i,j=1}^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$$

- Global assembly: initialize to 0 the matrix  $K$  and then update

$$K_{n(k,i), n(k,j)} \leftarrow K_{n(k,i), n(k,j)} + \mathcal{B}_k[\phi_j^k, \phi_i^k]$$



## Galerkin Method

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Take  $\alpha=0$  and note  $\mathbb{V}_\tau \subset H_0^1(\Omega) = \mathbb{V}$ . The Galerkin approx is

$$U \in \mathbb{V}_\tau : \mathcal{B}[U, v] = L[v] \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}_\tau$$

The true solution solves

$$u \in \mathbb{V} : \mathcal{B}[u, v] = L[v] \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}$$

Subtract the two equations and take  $v \in \mathbb{V}_\tau \subset \mathbb{V}$ :

$$\boxed{\mathcal{B}[u-U, v] = 0 \quad \forall v \in \mathbb{V}_\tau}$$

This is called Galerkin orthogonality. This is because in case  $\mathcal{B}$  is symmetric ( $b(x)=0$ ),  $\mathcal{B}$  induces an inner product equivalent to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{H_0^1(\Omega)}$

