

Problem Session Notes for Finite Element Method

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Problem Session #1

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Overview

► Problem 1.1. recall strong form.

$$- (k(x) u'(x))' + b(x) u'(x) + c(x) u(x) = f(x)$$

$\forall x \in \Omega$ ~~in~~ domain:

$$(1) L(u, x) - f = \phi$$

$$(2) L(\hat{u}, x) - f \neq \phi \leftarrow \text{approximated}$$

Construct residual: $R_\Omega = (2) - (1)^{(1)} \neq \phi$.

Variational formulation \rightarrow integrate the residual:

$$\int_{\Omega} R_\Omega v \, d\Omega = \phi$$

↓ test functions (weighting func.)

Weak form can be constructed as:

$$\int_{S_2} R_S v \, dS_2 + \int_P R_p \, dt = 0$$

↓
Residual over domain

↓
Residual over boundaries.

R_S : linear combinations of basis functions } Galerkin
 $\sum_{m=1}^M a_m N_m$ method.

"in (a) force, $V(x)$:" can be any function of x that
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is sufficiently well behaved for the integrals
to exist."

You may put on constraints
on $V(x)$ based on your problems.

You will explore this in your HW 1.

Boundary Conditions

- Dirichlet B.C.s. $u(x=a) = g_0$

- Neumann B.C.s $u'(x=b) = d_1$

- Robin B.C.s $u'(x=c) + u(x=c) = \alpha$

Trial space: $\mathcal{S} = \{w: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth}\}$

Test space: $\mathcal{V} = \{w: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth}\}$

trial functions \rightarrow approximation of the solution

\cdots represents the sol'n to the problem

examples. - polynomials: $u(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$

test functions \rightarrow test how well trial function

satisfies the governing equations

\hookrightarrow PDE.

\cdots used to evaluate the error.

Example (1.10)

$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, find $u: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t.

$$u''' = f, \quad x \in (a, b)$$

$$u(a) = 1$$

$$u'(b) = 2$$

$$u''(a) = 3.$$

Solution (short)

$$\int_a^x f(y) dy = \int_a^x u'''(y) dy$$

$$= u''(x) - u''(a) = u''(x) - 3.$$

$$\int_b^x \int_a^y f(z) dz dy = \int_b^x u''(z) - 3 dz.$$

$$= u'(x) - u'(b) - 3(x-b)$$

$$= u'(x) - 2 - 3(x-b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^x \int_b^w \int_a^z f(y) dy dz dw &= \int_a^x u'(w) - 2 - 3(w-b) dw \\ &= u(x) - u(a) \stackrel{1}{\overbrace{-2(x-a)}} - \frac{3}{2}(x^2 - a^2) \\ &\quad + 3b(x-a) \end{aligned}$$

Exact solution writes.

$$u(x) = 1 + (2-3b)(x-a) + \frac{3}{2}(x^2 - a^2)$$
$$+ \int_a^x \int_b^m \int_a^z f(y) dy dz dw.$$

Solving it w/ variational method.

(a) form the residual. $r = u''' - f$.

(b) multiply by test function and integrate.

$$\int_a^b (u''' - f)v dx = 0$$

↑
Smooth

(c) integration by parts.

$$u''(b)v(b) - u''(a)v(a) - \int_a^b u''v' + fv dx = 0$$

for all v smooth.

(d). Subs. B.C.s. we know $u''(a) = 3$.

... needs to request $v(b) = 0$

$$\rightarrow -3v(a) - \int_a^b u''v' + fv dx = 0.$$

Hence, $u''(a) = 3$ is a natural B.C.s

(e). formulate the weak form

essential B.C.s: $u(a) = 1$ & $u'(b) = 2$.

let: $\mathcal{S} = \{u: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \mid u(a) = 1, u'(b) = 2\}$.

$\mathcal{V} = \{v: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \mid v(b) = 0\}$

* Weak form of the problem.

- find $u \in \mathcal{S}$ s.t. for all $v \in \mathcal{V}$

$$-\int_a^b u''v' dx = \int_a^b fv dx - 3v(a)$$

Problem Session 2

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▷ Vector space

▷ Euler-Lagrange

▷ (possibly) test functions, shape functions

& basis functions ...

Vector Space

"Nerdy definition"



~ Renzo Cavallini, CSo

"A vector space is a set that is closed under addition and scalar multiplication."

basis for a vector space

↳ sets w/ simple structure

⇒ they can be added together & multiplied by

scalars.

Definition

Additive

Multiplicative

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Additive closure | $u+v \in V$ |
| Additive Commutativity | $u+v = v+u$ |
| Additive Associativity | $(u+v)+w = u+(v+w)$ |
| Zero: | $u + 0_V = u \quad \forall u \in V$ |
| Additive Inverse | For every u , exists w $u+w = 0_V$ |
| Multiplicative Closure | $c \cdot v \in V$ |
| Distributivity | $(c+d) \cdot v = c \cdot v + d \cdot v$ |
| Distributivity | $c \cdot (u+v) = c \cdot u + c \cdot v$ |
| Associativity | $(cd) \cdot v = c \cdot (d \cdot v)$ |
| Unity | $1 \cdot v = v \quad \forall v \in V$ |

Examples

Credit : Sebastian Tomaskovic-Moore, UPenn.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \{(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : b = 3a + 1\}.$$

counter example :

- No zero vector
- Not closed addition & multiplication.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \{(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \text{ w/ scalar mult. } k(a,b) = (ka, b)$$

$$(r+s)(a,b) = ((r+s)a, b) = (ra+sa, b)$$

$$r(a,b) + s(a,b) = (ra, b) + (sa, b) = (ra+sa, 2b).$$

violates the distributivity

(3) $\{(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2\}$ w/ scalar mul. $r(a, b) = (ka, 0)$.

$$1(a, b) = (1a, 0) = (a, 0) \neq (a, b)$$

violates both Mul. closure & Unital mul.

Enter Lagrange Equation

credit: Norbert Stoer, MIT

Let us define an "Energy functional".

$$P(u) = \int_a^b F(u, u') dx \quad w/ \begin{cases} u(0) = a \\ u(1) = b \end{cases}$$

- Recall functional derivative:

$$J[f] = \int_a^b L(x, f(x), f'(x)) dx.$$

$$\frac{\delta J}{\delta f} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial f} - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\partial L}{\partial f'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta J = \int_a^b \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial f} \delta f(x) + \frac{\partial L}{\partial f'} \frac{d}{dx} \delta f(x) \right) dx$$

Giaquinta & Hildebrandt, 1996

First Variation

(not required for this course)

$$\frac{\delta P}{\delta u} = \int_a^b \left(v \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} + v' \frac{\partial F}{\partial u'} \right) dx \quad \text{for every } v$$



our old friend, test function !!

Weak form: $\int_0^1 v(x) \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u'} \right) \right) dx + \left[v \frac{\partial F}{\partial u'} \right]_0^1 = 0$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{\text{integral}} \qquad \qquad \qquad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{\text{boundary terms}}$

Note that this is satisfied
for ALL test functions

Euler-Lagrange equation for u :

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} - \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u'} \right) = 0.$$

Example (Ex. 2.20; P. 36)

function u satisfies

$$\int_0^L u'v' dx + u'(0)v(0) + u(0)v'(0) + u(u(0))v(0)$$

$$-\int_0^L f(x)v(x) dx - d_x v(L) - g_0 v(0) - u g_0 v(0) = 0.$$

for all $v \in \mathcal{V} = \{v: [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth}\}$

For general procedure, See P. 35 n 36

Step 1: eliminate the derivative on v

$$\begin{aligned} u'(L)v(L) - \underbrace{u'(0)v(0)}_{\Delta} - \int_0^L u''v \, dx + \underbrace{u'(0)v(0)}_{\square} \\ + u(0)v'(0) + \mu u(0)v(0) = \int_0^L f v \, dx + d_L v(L) \\ + g_0 v'(0) + \mu g_0 v(0) \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Collect v terms

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^L (u'' + f) v \, dx &= (u'(L) - d_L) v(L) \\ &\quad + (u(0) - g_0) v'(0) + \mu(u(0) - g_0) v(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } v \in \mathcal{V} : \rightarrow v(0) = v(L) = v'(0) = 0$$

thus implying RHS = 0

$$\text{we conclude: } \int_0^L (u'' + f) v \, dx = 0$$

Step 3: Obtain PDE & B.C.s

$$\rightarrow u''(x) + f(x) = 0 \quad x \in (0, L)$$

u needs to satisfy this PDE

For such u , the previous RHS should be satisfied for all v , not just

$$v(0) = v(L) = v'(0) = 0 \quad v \in \mathcal{V}.$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (u'(L) - d_L) v(L) + (u(0) - g_0) v'(0) \\ + \cancel{\alpha(u(0) - g_0)} v(0)$$

$$\text{if } v(L) \neq 0 \rightarrow u'(L) - d_L = 0.$$

(Neumann B.C.s)

$$\text{if } v'(0) \neq 0 \quad v(0) \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u(0) - g_0 = 0$$

(Dirichlet B.C.s)

Euler-Lagrange equation:

$$u''(x) + f(x) = 0, \quad x \in (0, L)$$

$$u(0) = g_0,$$

$$u'(L) = d_L$$

Conceptual Classifications

test functions

~ test how well trial functions satisfy soln

how do we use

(Recall last P.S.)

"A test function is an infinitely differentiable function

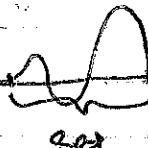
how does it look like

of compact support".

(NIST. Math. Func)

"A function has compact support if (Wolfram)
it is zero outside of a compact set."

1D example



(topological space)

example

$$\int_0^1 u'' v \, dx < \infty \quad \text{... test & trial func.}$$

u must be twice differentiable
not necessarily same.

doesn't even have to be continuous

basis functions

→ usually referred to in the context of approximation in FEA

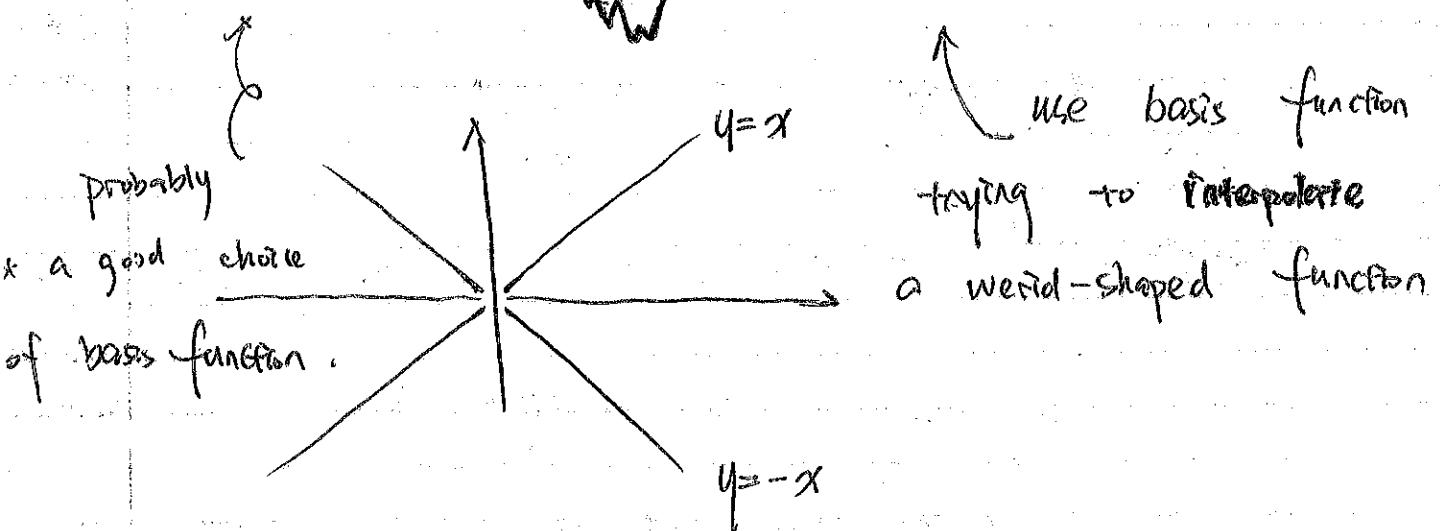
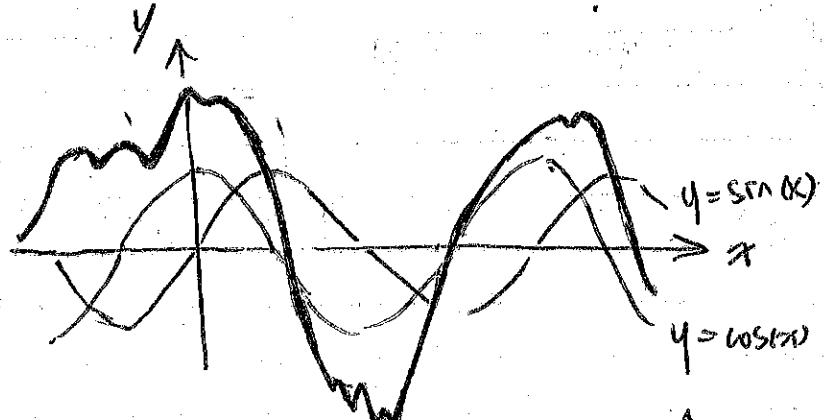
$$u(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \varphi_i$$

"an element of a particular basis for a function space."

every function in the function space

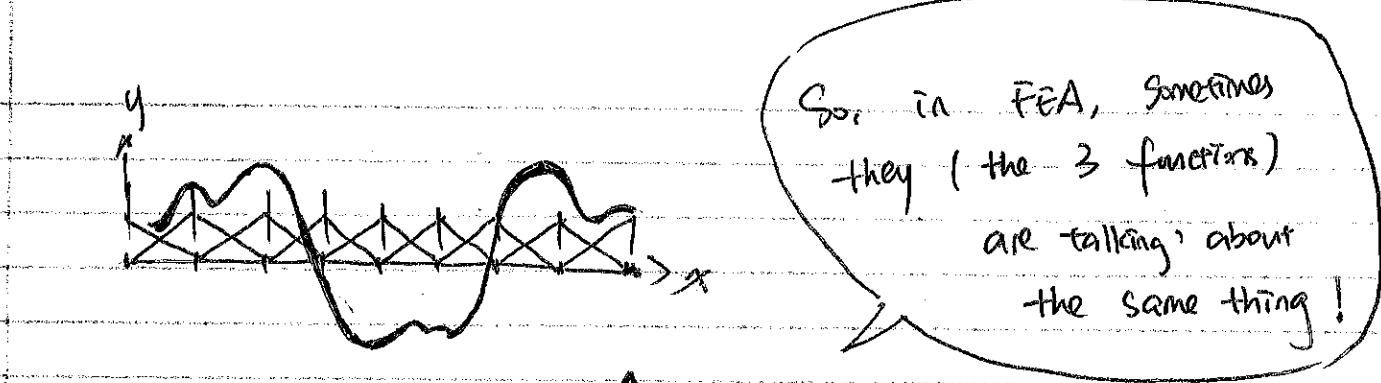
can be represented as a linear combination of basis functions.

Example



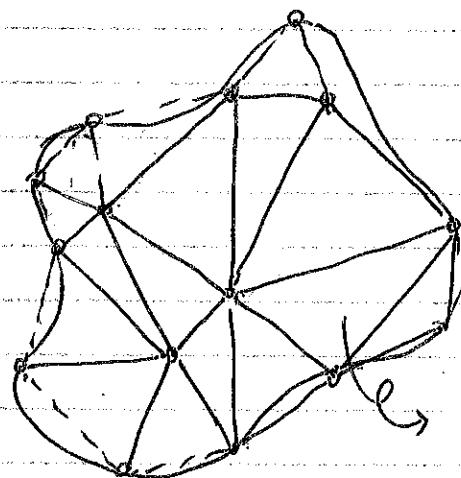
Shape functions ---- (usually referred specifically in FEA) -----

The shape function is the function which interpolates the solution between the discrete values obtained at the mesh nodes

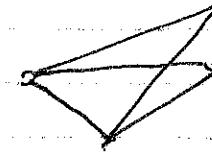
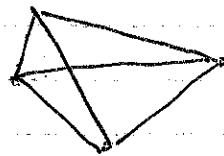
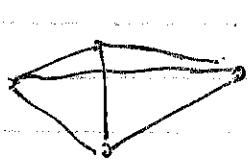
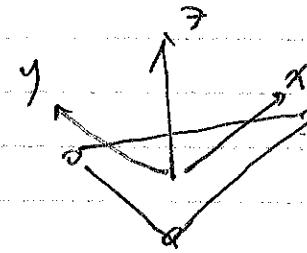


Much easier to approximate :)) !!!

in higher dimensions



pick this element



three basis functions !

Example 2.40

base space $\mathcal{V}_h = \text{span}(\{1, x, x^2, x^3\})$.

test space $\mathcal{V}_h = \text{span}(\{x, x^2, x^3\})$

trial space $\mathcal{S}_h = \{3 + v_h \mid v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h\}$

$$\begin{array}{c} m=4 \\ n=3. \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} x & x^2 & x^3 & & 1 \\ N_1(x) & N_2(x) & N_3(x) & & N_4(x) \\ \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{n} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$u_h(x) = 3N_4(x) = 3.$$

Near definition of consistency

$$R_h(u, v_h) = 0 \quad a_h(u_h, v_h) = l_h(v_h)$$

"and"



solves

$$a_h(u, v_h) = l_h(v_h)$$

$$\{ a_h(u_h, N_1) = l_h(N_1) \}$$

$$a_h(u_h, N_2) = l_h(N_2)$$

$$a_h(u_h, N_3) = l_h(N_3)$$

$$\because u_h \in S_h, \therefore \bar{u}_4 = 3.$$

> Load vector

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} l_h(N_1) \\ l_h(N_2) \\ l_h(N_3) \\ \bar{u}_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

> Stiffness matrix

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} a_h(N_1, N_1) & a_h(N_2, N_1) & a_h(N_3, N_1) & a_h(N_4, N_1) \\ a_h(N_1, N_2) & a_h(N_2, N_2) & a_h(N_3, N_2) & a_h(N_4, N_2) \\ a_h(N_1, N_3) & a_h(N_2, N_3) & a_h(N_3, N_3) & a_h(N_4, N_3) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write some codes (MATLAB & Python) to
solve for the numerical values in K_{ij} .

Solving for $\underline{K}\underline{U} = F \rightarrow \underline{U} = \underline{K}^{-1}F$

$$\underline{U} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow u_h(x) = u_1 N_1(x) + u_2 N_2(x) + u_3 N_3(x) + u_4 N_4(x) \quad (-\bar{u}_4)$$

Some values

(from Yip Shu)

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Problem Session #3.

2 point BVP. $f(x) = 1, g=0, h=0$

constant D & μ parameters.

find smooth u s.t.

$$-Du'' + \mu u' = f \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

$$u(0) = g$$

$$u(1) = h.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{exact solution: } u(x) = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(x - \frac{1 - e^{\mu x}}{1 - e^{\mu}} \right)$$

Standard procedure

(a) form residual: $r = -Du'' + \vartheta u' - f$.



exact sol'n should satisfy $r=0$
 $x \in (0, 1)$

(b). for $v \in V$ integrated over $(0, 1)$,

$$\int_0^1 Du(x)v(x) dx = 0$$

(c) integration by part for any $v \in V$.

$$\begin{aligned} u \int_0^1 u' v dx - D u' v \Big|_0^1 + D \int_0^1 u' v' dx \\ = \int_0^1 v f dx, \quad x \in (0, 1). \\ \dots (*) \end{aligned}$$

(d). Use B.C.s & I.C.s for v , \rightarrow we do not have requirement for u' @ $x=0$ & $x=1$.

Eq. (*) holds $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v(0) = 0 \\ v(1) = 0 \end{array} \right.$

Eq. (*) becomes

$$u \int_0^1 u' v dx + D \int_0^1 u' v' dx = \int_0^1 v f dx, \quad x \in (0, 1).$$

Formulate weak form. Find $u \in \mathcal{S}$ s.t.

$$a(u, v) = l(v), \text{ for all } v \in V.$$

$$a(u, v) = u \int_0^1 u' v dx + D \int_0^1 u' v' dx.$$

$$l(v) = \int_0^1 f v dx$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{u: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ smooth } | u(0) = g, \\ u(1) = h\}.$$

$$\mathcal{V} = \{v: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ smooth } | v(0) = 0, \\ v(1) = 0\}.$$

Note that $a(u, v) \neq a(v, u)$.

→ State Galerkin formulation.

let $\mathcal{S}_h \subset \mathcal{S}$, $\mathcal{V}_h \subset \mathcal{V}$.

Find $u_h \in \mathcal{S}_h$ s.t. ... (**)

$$a(u_h, v_h) = l(v_h) \text{ for all } v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h$$

because $g=0$, $h=0$. \mathcal{S} & \mathcal{V} are the same

Consider equidistant mesh w/ nodes $x_a = \frac{a}{N} = a\Delta x$

in $[0, 1]$. $a=0, 1, 2, \dots, N$. piecewise linear shape functions $\{N_a\}$ defined to span \mathcal{S}_h & \mathcal{V}_h .

$$N_a = \begin{cases} 0, & x < x_{a-1} \\ \frac{x - x_{a-1}}{x_a - x_{a-1}}, & x_{a-1} \leq x < x_a. \\ 1, & \text{if } x = x_a \\ \frac{x_{a+1} - x}{x_{a+1} - x_a}, & x_a < x \leq x_{a+1} \\ 0 & x_{a+1} < x \end{cases}$$

approximation w/ N nodes

$$v_h = \sum_{a=1}^{N-1} N_a v_a$$

$$u_h = \sum_{b=1}^{N-1} N_b u_b$$

proceed to compute $a(u_h, v_h)$ & $\ell(v_h)$.

$$a(u_h, v_h) = a\left(\sum_{a=1}^{N-1} N_a v_a, \sum_{b=1}^{N-1} N_b u_b\right)$$

$$= \sum_{a=1}^{N-1} \sum_{b=1}^{N-1} v_a u_b a(N_a, N_b)$$

$$\ell(v_h) = \ell\left(\sum_{a=1}^{N-1} N_a v_a\right)$$

$$= \sum_{a=1}^{N-1} v_a \ell(N_a)$$

rewriting Eq. (**)

$$\sum_{a=1}^{N-1} \sum_{b=1}^{N-1} v_a u_b a(N_b, N_a) = \sum_{a=1}^{N-1} v_a l(N_a) \quad \text{for all } v_a$$

$$\sum_{b=1}^{N-1} a(N_b, N_a) = l(N_a)$$

entries of load vector \underline{F} , $f_a = l(N_a)$.

Stiffness matrix $\underline{\underline{K}}$, $K_{ab} = a(N_b, N_a)$

One can solve for \underline{U}

$$\underline{\underline{K}} \underline{U} = \underline{F}$$

$$a(N_b, N_a) = \mu \int_0^1 N_a' N_b \, dx + D \int_0^1 N_b' N_a \, dx$$

$$l(N_a) = \int_0^1 N_a \, dx$$

Case study $N=3$ nodes in the mesh

$$0, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 1.$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{L}} \rightarrow 2 \times 2$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{U}} \rightarrow 2 \times 1$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} \rightarrow 2 \times 1$$

$$K_{11} = a(N_1, N_1) = \mu \int_0^1 N_1 N_1' dx + D \int_0^1 N_1' N_1' dx \\ = \frac{2D}{\Delta x}$$

$$K_{22} = a(N_2, N_2) = \mu \int_0^1 N_2 N_2' dx + D \int_0^1 N_2' N_2' dx \\ = \frac{2D}{\Delta x}$$

$$K_{12} = a(N_1, N_2) = \mu \int_0^1 N_1' N_2 dx + D \int_0^1 N_2' N_1 dx \\ = \mu/2 - D/\Delta x$$

$$K_{21} = a(N_2, N_1) = \mu \int_0^1 N_1 N_2' dx + D \int_0^1 N_1' N_2 dx \\ = -\mu/2 - D/\Delta x$$

Solving for load vector

$$F \rightarrow \begin{cases} F_1 = 1 \\ F_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

linear system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2D/\Delta x & \mu/2 - D/\Delta x \\ -\mu/2 - D/\Delta x & 2D/\Delta x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(K) = 3D^2/\Delta x^2 + \mu^2/4 \neq 0$$

the system is invertible

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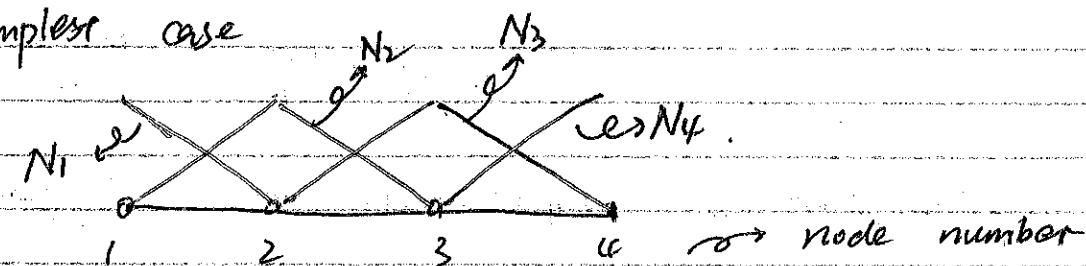
▷ Local → Global Map

▷ Examples on FEM implementation

▷ R & A.

Local → Global Map

Simpler case

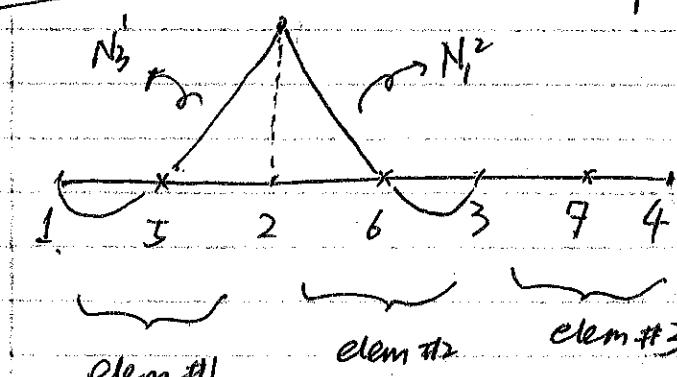


$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

↓ ↓ ↓
element #1 element #2 element #3

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex. Example 3.11 continuous piecewise quadratic functions



$$N_1 = N_1'$$

$$N_2 = N_3^1 + N_4^2$$

$$N_3 = N_3^2 + N_4^3$$

$$N_4 = N_3^3$$

$$N_5 = N_2^1$$

$N_a^b \rightarrow b$: element number $N_b^a \rightarrow a$: shape functions (local)

$$N_6 = N_2^2, \quad N_7 = N_3^2$$

Modified example from Philip Deyond

Consider a 1D diffusion-advection equation,

given constant $k < 0$, f , v .

--- find T smooth enough s.t.

$$K \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + v \frac{dT}{dx} = f \quad \text{in } \Omega \in [-1, 1].$$

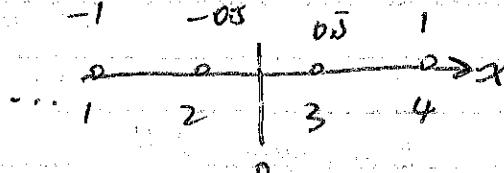
$$T(x=-1) = T_1$$

$$T(x=1) = T_2 \quad \text{B.C.s}$$

Consider a simple mesh w/ 4 nodes

using linear elements

| Node | coordinate |
|------|------------|
| 1 | -1 |
| 2 | -0.5 |
| 3 | 0.5 |
| 4 | 1 |



Start Galerkin form:

Starting from Strong form:

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(K \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + v \frac{dT}{dx} \right) w dx = \int_{\Omega} f w dx$$

$$\int f'' w dx = \int w dT'$$

$$T \left(\frac{\partial T' w}{\partial x} \right)_{\partial \Omega} - \int T' w' dx$$

$$-k \int_{\Omega} \frac{dT}{dx} \frac{dw}{dx} dx + v \int_{\Omega} \frac{dT}{dx} w dx = \int_{\Omega} f w dx$$

the Galerkin form is stated:

$$a(w, T) = \int_{\Omega} \left(k \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{dT}{dx} - v \frac{dT}{dx} w \right) dx$$

$$l(w) = - \int_{\Omega} f w dx$$

Find $T_h \in \mathcal{T}_h = \text{span } \{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$ s.t.

$$a(w_h, T_h) = l(w_h) - a(w_h, T_h^g),$$

$$\forall w_h \in W_h = \mathcal{T}_h$$

~ Determine the LG matrix



Impose
B.C.s

$\begin{matrix} l & l & l \\ \#1 & \#2 & \#3 \end{matrix}$

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Global statement for the finite element problem

$$\text{Dirichlet B.C.s: } T_h^g = T_1 N_1 + T_4 N_4.$$

$$\text{Unknown point: } T_h = T_2 N_2 + T_3 N_3$$

$$\text{Full soln: } T_h^{\text{total}} = T_h^g + T_h = \sum_{i=1}^4 T_i N_i$$

test function: $w_h = \sum_{i=1}^q w_i N_i$

$$w_1 = w_4 = 0 \quad (\text{due to Dirichlet B.C.s})$$

Recall def'n of bilinear func.

$$a(u, w+v) = a(u, w) + a(u, v)$$

Substitute into bilinear form:

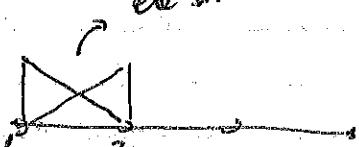
$$\sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^4 w_i a(N_i, N_j) T_j = \sum_{i=1}^4 w_i l(N_i) - \sum_{i=1}^4 w_i a(N_i, T_h)$$

Since $w_1 = w_4 = 0$, system reduces to

$$\sum_{j=2}^3 a(N_i, N_j) T_j = l(N_i) - a(N_i, T_h) \quad i=2, 3$$

Local version of finite element.

Element #1

$$K'_{ab} = \int_{\Omega} \left(k \frac{dN'_a}{dx} \frac{dN'_b}{dx} - v \frac{dN'_b}{dx} N'_a \right) dx, \quad a, b = 1, 2$$


$$F'_a = - \int_{\Omega} f N'_a dx - a(N'_a, T_h), \quad a = 1, 2$$

K' , F' corresponding to $LG(a, 1)$ & $LG(b, 1)$

Element #2 (nodes #2 & #3)

$$K^2 = \int_{\Omega} \left(k \frac{dN_a^2}{dx} \frac{dN_b^2}{dx} - \alpha \frac{dN_b^2}{dx} N_a^2 \right) dx, \quad a,b=1,2.$$

$$F_a^2 = - \int_{\Omega} f N_a^2 dx - a(N_a, P_h), \quad a=1,2.$$

K^2, F^2 correspond to $LG(a,2)$ & $LG(b,2)$

same procedure with elements #3 & #4.

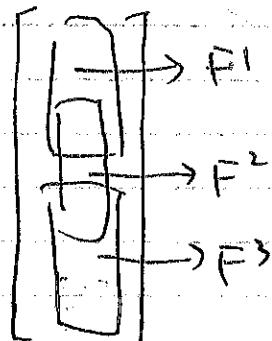
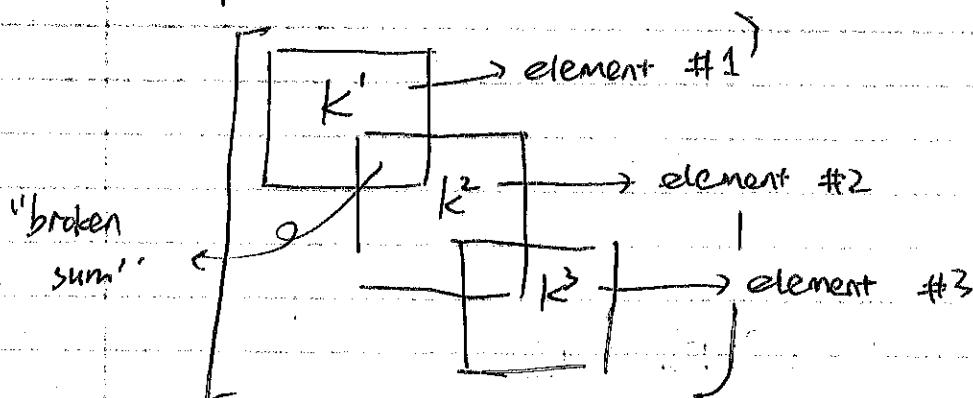
↳ corresponding to $LG(a,3), LG(b,3) \dots ?$
 $LG(a,4), LG(b,4)$

(Important !!) Assemble the Global System.

$$K_{G(a,e)}, LG(b,e) \leftarrow K_{LG(a,e)}, LG(b,e) + K_{ab}^e \text{ for all } e=a,b$$

$$F_{G(a,e)} \leftarrow F_{LG(a,e)} + f_a^e$$

Stiffness matrix



Final step : Solve the global system

$$KT = F$$

$$T = K^{-1}F$$

after solving for T , the soln:

$$T_h = T_1 N_1 + T_2 N_2 + T_3 N_3 + T_4 N_4$$

... implement these in

Python / MATLAB

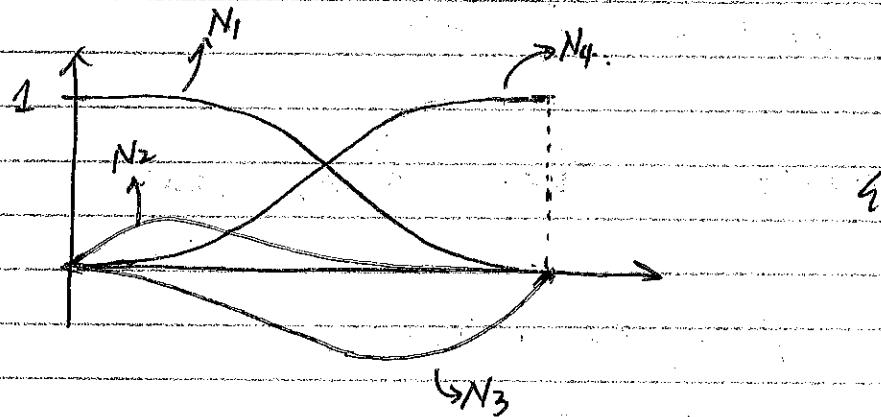
~ your first FEM code !

Problem Session #5.

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LG matrix.

Definitions of Hermite element



Eqs. (4.29)

$$N_1^e(x) = \left(\frac{x_2^e - x}{x_2^e - x_1^e} \right)^2 \left(1 + 2 \frac{x - x_1^e}{x_2^e - x_1^e} \right)$$

$$N_2^e(x) = \left(\frac{x - x_1^e}{x_2^e - x_1^e} \right)^2 (x - x_1^e)$$

$$N_3^e(x) = \left(\frac{x_1^e - x}{x_1^e - x_2^e} \right)^2 \left(1 + 2 \frac{x - x_2^e}{x_1^e - x_2^e} \right)$$

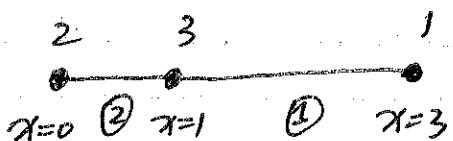
$$N_4^e(x) = \left(\frac{x_1^e - x}{x_1^e - x_2^e} \right)^2 (x - x_2^e)$$

Cubic polynomial in e:

$$f^e(x) = \phi_1^e N_1^e(x) + \phi_2^e N_2^e(x) + \phi_3^e N_3^e(x) + \phi_4^e N_4^e(x)$$

Example 4.8

Consider a two-element mesh.



nodal coordinates: $x_1 = 3$, $x_2 = 0$, $x_3 = 1$

Local - to - global map writes:

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 6 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the definition of LG matrix:

$$N_A = \sum_{\{(a,e) | LG(a,e) = A\}} N_a^e$$

One writes for $A = 1, \dots, 6$

$$N_1 = N_3^1$$

$$N_2 = N_4^1$$

$$N_3 = N_1^2$$

$$N_4 = N_2^2$$

$$N_5 = N_1^1 + N_3^2$$

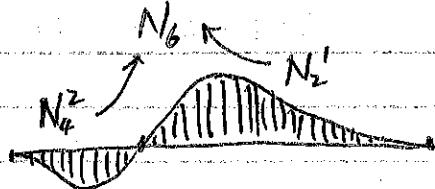
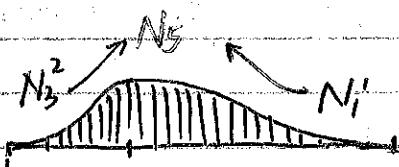
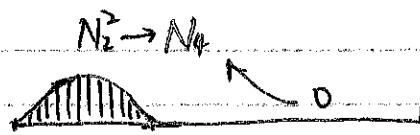
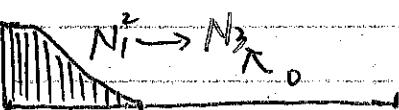
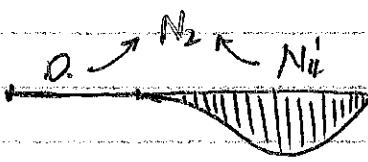
$$N_6 = N_2^1 + N_4^2$$

Global shape functions

$$N_1, N_3, N_5$$



$$N_2, N_4, N_6$$



... just a review
Recall the standard form for a 2nd order diff. eqn.

$$-(k(x)u'(x))' + b(x)u'(x) + c(x)u(x) = f(x)$$

(12.1)

After variational formulation, some algebra, defining
the finite element, ... we have:

$$a_h(u_h, v_h) = \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} \int_{k_e} \{ k(x) u'_h(x) v'_h(x) + b(x) u'_h(x) v_h(x) + c(x) u_h(x) v_h(x) \} dx$$

assembly step

$$= a_h^e(u_h, v_h)$$

$$= \sum_{e=1}^{N_e} a_h^e(u_h, v_h)$$

$$l_h(v_h) = k(\omega) d_\omega v_h(\omega) + \sum_{e=1}^{N_{el}} \int_{K_0}^{f(x)} f(x) v_h(x) dx$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{l_h^e(v_h)}$

$$= k(\omega) d_\omega v_h(\omega) + \sum_{e=1}^{N_{el}} l_h^e(v_h)$$

Consider BVP: constant f , EI , find smooth u s.t.

$$(EI u_{xx})_{xx} = f \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

$$u(0) = 0$$

$$u'(0) = 0$$

$$u(1) = 0$$

$$u'(1) = 0$$

Galerkin form:

Find $u_h \in \mathcal{S}_h \subset \mathcal{S} = \{u: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ smooth } | u(0) = 0$

$$a(u_h, v_h) = l(v_h)$$

$$a(u_h, v_h) = \int_0^1 u_h'' EI v_h'' dx$$

$$l(v_h) = \int_0^1 f v_h dx$$

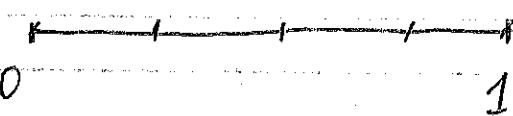
$$v(1) = 0$$

$$v'(1) = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v'(0) = 0 \\ v(0) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

for all $v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h \subset \mathcal{V} = \{v: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \text{ smooth } | v'(0) = 0$

consider a mesh of 4 elements l_1, l_2, l_3, l_4



$$l_e = x_2 - x_1 > 0$$

$$N_1^e = \frac{-(x - x_1)^2 [-l_e + 2(x_1 - x)]}{l_e^3} \quad \Omega^e = [x_1, x_2]$$

$$N_2^e = \frac{(x - x_1)(x - x_2)^2}{l_e^3}$$

$$N_3^e = \frac{(x - x_1)^2 [l_e + 2(x_2 - x)]}{l_e^3}$$

$$N_4^e = \frac{(x - x_1)^2 (x - x_2)}{l_e^3}$$

for general element w/ length l_e ,

entries $K_{ab}^e = a(N_b^e, N_a^e)$

→ take second derivative of N^e :

$$N_{1,xx}^e = \frac{2(l_e + 6x - 2x_1 - 4x_2)}{l_e^3} = \frac{2(-3l_e + 6x - 6x_1)}{l_e^3}$$

Using change of variable: $x = x_1 + \xi(x_2 - x_1), \xi \in [0, 1]$

we have: $dx = l_e d\xi$

$$\frac{d^2x}{d\xi^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = \frac{dN}{ds} \frac{ds}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d^2N}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2N}{ds^2} \left(\frac{ds}{dx} \right)^2 + \frac{dN}{ds} \frac{d^2s}{dx^2}$$

because $\frac{d^2s}{dx^2} = 0$.

$$\frac{d^2N}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2N}{ds^2} \left(\frac{ds}{dx} \right)^2$$

We have $N_i^e = (-s)^2 (1+2s)$

$$\frac{d^2N_i^e}{ds^2} = -6 + 12s$$

$$\frac{d^2N_i^e}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2N_i^e}{ds^2} \left(\frac{ds}{dx} \right)^2 = \frac{-6 + 12s}{l_e^2}$$

We can calculate k_{ii}^e as an example:

$$a(N_i^e, N_i^e) = EI \int_{x_1}^{x_2} N_{i,xx}^e N_{i,xx}^e dx$$

$$= \frac{36EI}{l_e^3} \int_0^1 (-1 + 2s)^2 ds.$$

$$= \dots = \frac{12EI}{l_e^3}$$

Using this transformation, we derive the other shape functions

$$N_i^e = (-s)^2 (1+2s)$$

$$N_2^e = le^{\xi} (\xi - 1)^2$$

$$N_3^e = \xi^2 (3 - 2\xi)$$

$$N_4^e = le^{\xi^2} (\xi - 1)$$

2nd order derivatives:

$$N_{1,xx}^e = -6 + 12\xi$$

$$N_{2,xx}^e = le(6\xi - 4)$$

$$N_{3,xx}^e = 6 - 12\xi$$

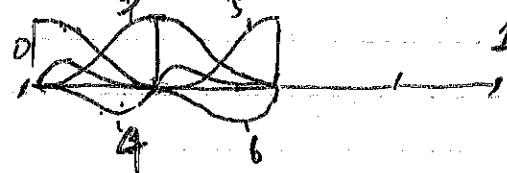
$$N_{4,xx}^e = le(6\xi - 2)$$

elemental stiffness matrix.

$$k^e = EI \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 6 & -12 & 6 \\ 6 & \frac{4}{le} & -6 & \frac{2}{le} \\ -12 & -6 & \frac{12}{le^3} & \frac{6}{le} \\ 6 & \frac{2}{le} & -\frac{6}{le^2} & \frac{4}{le} \end{bmatrix}$$

Write LG matrix

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$



Assemble the global stiffness matrix

$$K = EI \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{l_1^3} & -\frac{6}{l_1^2} & & & \\ -\frac{6}{l_1^2} & \frac{4}{l_1} & & & \\ & & \frac{12}{l_2^3} & \frac{6}{l_2^2} & \\ & & \frac{6}{l_2^2} & \frac{4}{l_2} & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix} + EI \begin{bmatrix} \frac{12}{l_1^3} & \frac{6}{l_1^2} & -\frac{12}{l_1^3} & \frac{6}{l_1^2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{6}{l_1^2} & \frac{4}{l_1} & -\frac{6}{l_1^2} & \frac{2}{l_1} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{12}{l_1^3} & -\frac{6}{l_1^2} & \frac{12}{l_2^3} + \frac{12}{l_3^3} & -\frac{6}{l_2^2} + \frac{6}{l_3^2} & -\frac{12}{l_3^3} & \frac{6}{l_3^2} \\ \frac{6}{l_2^2} & \frac{2}{l_2} & -\frac{6}{l_2^2} + \frac{6}{l_3^2} & \frac{4}{l_2} + \frac{4}{l_3} & -\frac{6}{l_3^2} & \frac{2}{l_3} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{12}{l_3^3} & -\frac{6}{l_3^2} & \frac{12}{l_2^2} & -\frac{6}{l_2^2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{6}{l_3^2} & \frac{2}{l_3} & -\frac{6}{l_2^2} & \frac{4}{l_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Assemble force vector $f_a^e = f \int_{x_1}^{x_2} N_a^e dx$

$$f_1^e = lef \int_0^1 (1-\xi)^2 (H_2 \xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{2} fle$$

$$f_2^e = le^2 f \int_0^1 \xi_2 (\xi-1)^2 d\xi = \frac{1}{12} fle$$

$$f_3^e = lef \int_0^1 \xi_3 (3-2\xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{2} fle$$

$$f_4^e = le^2 f \int_0^1 \xi_2^2 (\xi-1) d\xi = -\frac{1}{12} fle$$

Assemble global F

$$F = f \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}l_1 + \frac{1}{2}h \\ -\frac{1}{12}l_1^2 + \frac{1}{12}h^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}h + \frac{1}{2}l_3 \\ -\frac{1}{12}l_3^2 + \frac{1}{12}h^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}l_3 + \frac{1}{2}l_4 \\ -\frac{1}{12}l_3^2 + \frac{1}{12}l_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problem Session #6

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▷ 2D !!!

Recall Problem Session #4, we solved 1D diffusion-advection equation using FEA. Today we are going to solve it in 2D.

2D diffusion-advection problem, $k < 0$, f , v_1 & v_2 are constants.

find T smooth enough such that.

$$k \left(\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} \right) + v_1 \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + v_2 \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = f$$

in $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [0, 1]$,

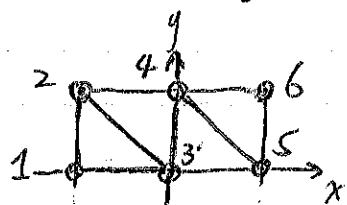
$$T(-1, y) = \tilde{T}_1$$

$$T(1, y) = \tilde{T}_2$$

$T_{,i} n_i = 0$ on $y = -1$ and $y = 1$.

Consider a simple mesh \rightarrow 6 nodes using linear triangles.

| Node | Coordinate |
|------|------------|
| # 1 | (-1, 0) |
| # 2 | (-1, 1) |
| # 3 | (0, 0) |
| # 4 | (0, 1) |
| # 5 | (1, 0) |
| # 6 | (1, 1) |



State the Galerkin formulation:

$$\rightarrow T_i w_i = T_1 w_1 + T_2 w_2$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (k T_{ii} + v_i T_{ii}) w \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} f w \, d\Omega$$

$$\int_{\Omega} (-k T_{ii} w_i + v_i T_{ii} w) \, d\Omega + \int_{\partial\Omega} k w T_{ii} n \, d\Gamma \\ = \int_{\Omega} f w \, d\Omega$$

Since $w=0$ on Γ_g , therefore $\int_{\Gamma_g} k w T_{ii} n \, d\Gamma = 0$.

$$\int_{\Omega} (-k T_{ii} w_i + v_i T_{ii} w) \, d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_h} k w T_{ii} n \, d\Gamma \\ = \int_{\Omega} f w \, d\Omega$$

$\therefore T_{ii} n_i = 0$ on Γ_h , we then have

$$\int_{\Omega} (k T_{ii} w_i - v_i T_{ii} w) \, d\Omega = - \int_{\Omega} f w \, d\Omega$$

$$a(T, w) = \int_{\Omega} (k T_{ii} w_i - v_i T_{ii} w) \, d\Omega$$

$$l(w) = - \int_{\Omega} f w \, d\Omega$$

The Galerkin formulation is stated as:

Find $T_h^g \in \mathcal{T}_h = \text{span} \{N_3, N_4\}$ s.t.

$$a(T_h^g, w_h) = l(w_h) - a(w_h, T_h^g),$$

$$\forall w_h \in \mathcal{W}_h = \mathcal{T}_h$$

* LG matrix:

$$LG = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Global version of finite element.

$$T_h^g = T_1 N_1 + T_2 N_2 + T_5 N_5 + T_6 N_6.$$

$$T_h = \sum_{b=3}^4 T_b N_b \quad \quad \quad T_h = T_h^a + T_h^g$$

$$w_h = \sum_{a=3}^4 w_a N_a.$$

Substitute into the weak form.

$$a\left(\sum_{b=3}^4 T_b N_b, \sum_{a=3}^4 w_a N_a\right) = l\left(\sum_{a=3}^4 w_a N_a\right) - a\left(T_h^g, \sum_{a=3}^4 w_a N_a\right),$$

$$\forall w_h = 2w_h = T_h.$$

reorganize the sign of summation

$$\sum_{a=3}^4 \sum_{b=3}^4 w_a a(T_b N_b, N_a) = \sum_{a=3}^4 w_a l(N_a) - \sum_{a=3}^4 w_a a(T_h^g, N_a),$$

$$A w_h \in \mathcal{W}_h^1 = T_h$$

We can reformulate the equation as.

$$\sum_{b=3}^4 a(N_b, N_a) T_b = l(N_a) - a(T_h^g, N_a).$$

$$K_{(b), (a)} = a(N_b, N_a)$$

$$F_{(a)} = l(N_a) - a(T_h^g, N_a)$$

$K \rightarrow$ not symmetric because $a(T, w)$ is not symmetric.

local version of finite element.

$$a(T_h, w_h)_G = \sum_e a(T_h, w_h)_e$$

\curvearrowright a simplified symbol for
global assembly

$$l(w_h)_e = \sum_{LG} l(w_h)_e$$

on Ω^e $T_h = \sum_{b=1}^3 T_b e N_b^e$

$$w^e = \sum_{a=1}^4 w_a^e N_a^e$$

We have

$$K_{ab}^e = a(N_b^e, N_a^e)_{\Omega^e}$$

$$l_a^e = l(N_a^e)_{\Omega^e} - a(T_h^g, N_a^e)_{\Omega^e}$$

$$\rightarrow a(T_h^g, N_a^e)_{\Omega^e} = K_{ab}^e g^e$$

on Ω^1 :

$$T_h^g = \tilde{T}_1 N_1' + \tilde{T}_2 N_2'$$

$$G^e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(T_h^g, N_a^e)_{\Omega^1} &= a(\tilde{T}_1 N_1' + \tilde{T}_2 N_2', N_a^e)_{\Omega^1} \\ &= a(\tilde{T}_1 N_1' + 0N_2' + \tilde{T}_2 N_2', N_a^e)_{\Omega^1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a(T_h^g, N_a^e)_{\Omega^1} &= a(N_1', N_a^e)_{\Omega^1} \tilde{T}_1 + a(N_2', N_a^e)_{\Omega^1} 0 \\ &\quad + a(N_2', N_a^e) \tilde{T}_2 \end{aligned}$$

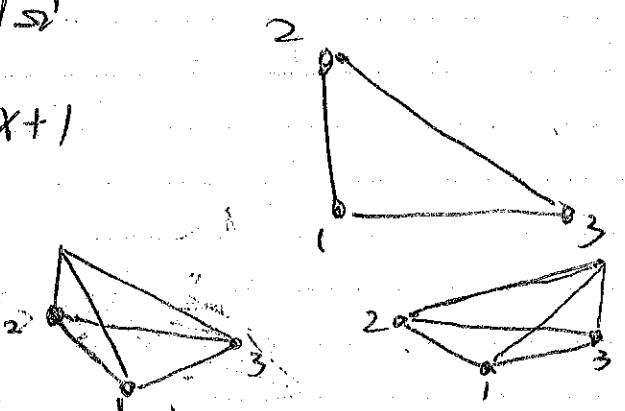
Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} a(T_h^g, N_1')_{\Omega^1} \\ a(T_h^g, N_2')_{\Omega^1} \\ a(T_h^g, N_3')_{\Omega^1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a(N_1', N_1') & a(N_2', N_1') & a(N_3', N_1') \\ a(N_1', N_2') & a(N_2', N_2') & a(N_3', N_2') \\ a(N_1', N_3') & a(N_2', N_3') & a(N_3', N_3') \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{T}_1 \\ 0 \\ \tilde{T}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute $a(N_2', N_3')_{\Omega^1}$

$$N_3'(x, y) = x+1$$

$$N_2'(x, y) = y$$



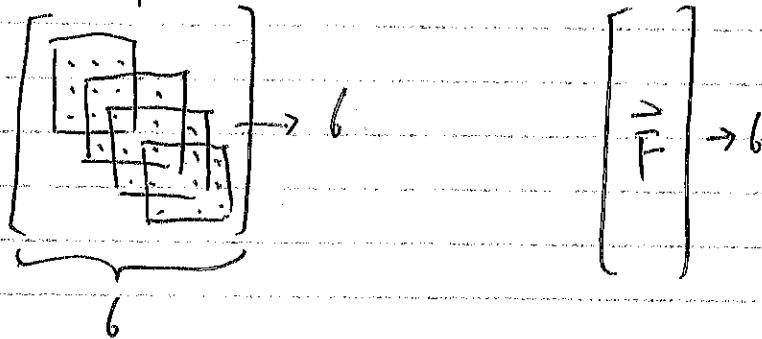
$$\begin{aligned}
 a(N_2', N_3')|_{S^1} &= \int_{S^1} (k N_{3,x}' N_{2,x}' + k N_{3,y}' N_{2,y}' \\
 &\quad - v_1 N_{2,x}' N_3' - v_2 N_{2,y}' N_3') d\sigma_2 \\
 &= \int_{S^1} (-v_1 N_{2,x}' N_3') d\sigma_2 \\
 &= -v_1 \int_{S^1} y d\sigma_2 = -\frac{v_1}{6}.
 \end{aligned}$$

We can then do the assembly of K and F

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} K_{22}' + K_{22}^2 & K_{23}^2 \\ K_{32}^2 & K_{33}^2 \end{bmatrix} + \dots$$

the next steps should be the same

Dimension of overall K ?



Tutorial on FEniCS: solving 2D Poisson equation

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Introduction

This tutorial demonstrates how to solve the Poisson equation using the finite element method (FEM) with the [FEniCS](#) library¹. The [Poisson equation](#) is a widely used partial differential equation (PDE) that models physical phenomena such as heat conduction, electrostatics, and diffusion.

Mathematical Formulation

The Poisson equation in two dimensions is written as:

$$-\nabla \cdot (k \nabla u) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega, \tag{1}$$

where:

- u is the unknown scalar field (e.g., temperature).
- k is the thermal conductivity (assumed constant in this example).
- f is the source term (e.g., heat generation). $f = 0$ in this example.
- Ω is the computational domain (\mathbb{R}^2).

The boundary conditions are defined as:

$$u = g_D \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D, \tag{2}$$

$$-k \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = g_N \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N, \tag{3}$$

where Γ_D and Γ_N are Dirichlet and Neumann boundaries, respectively, and n is the outward normal vector.

In this example, we solve Equation (1) with Dirichlet boundary conditions on all boundaries.

Implementation in FEniCS

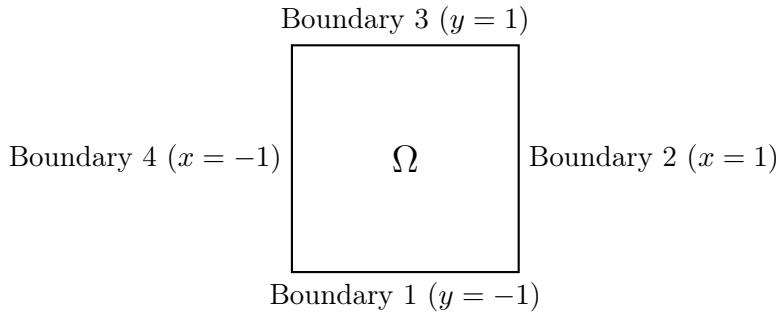
The following Python code implements the solution of the Poisson equation using FEniCS. The computational domain is a square, and the Dirichlet boundary conditions set $u = 1000$ on all edges of the domain. The source term is constant, $f = 0.2$, and $k = 2 \times 10^{-4}$. The solution is visualized as a heatmap and as a 3D surface plot.

¹We use FEniCS 2019 version

Schematic of the Domain

The computational domain is a square defined as $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$. The boundaries are labeled as follows:

- Boundary 1: $y = -1$,
- Boundary 2: $x = 1$,
- Boundary 3: $y = 1$,
- Boundary 4: $x = -1$.



Key Steps in the Code

1. **Mesh Generation:** The domain is discretized using a triangular mesh generated by Gmsh and converted for use in FEniCS.
2. **Boundary Conditions:** Dirichlet boundary conditions are applied on all edges of the square.
3. **Variational Formulation:** The weak form of the Poisson equation is derived as:

$$\int_{\Omega} k \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} f v \, dx, \quad (4)$$

where v is the test function.

4. **Solution Computation:** The linear system resulting from the discretization is solved, yielding the scalar field u .
5. **Visualization:** The solution is plotted as a 2D heatmap and a 3D surface.

```
[ ]: # installing required packages
try:
    import dolfin
except ImportError:
    !wget "https://fem-on-colab.github.io/releases/fenics-install-real.sh" -O "/tmp/fenics-install.sh" && bash "/tmp/fenics-install.sh"
    import dolfin
!pip install meshio
!apt-get install gmsh
!gmsh --version
!pip install --upgrade gmsh
```

We begin with importing the necessary packages.

```
[ ]: import gmsh, meshio
from fenics import *
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.tri import Triangulation
from dolfin import *
import numpy as np
from mesh_converter import msh_to_xdmf
```

The mesh is defined accordingly given the geometry.

```
[ ]: def Tutorialmesh(Hmax, elementOrder, elementType):
    # Given Hmax, construct a mesh to be read by FEniCS
    gmsh.initialize()
    gmsh.model.add('Tutorialmesh')
    meshObject = gmsh.model

    # Points for the outer boundary
    point1 = meshObject.geo.addPoint(-1,-1,0,Hmax, 1)
    point2 = meshObject.geo.addPoint(1,-1,0,Hmax, 2)
    point3 = meshObject.geo.addPoint(1,1,0,Hmax, 3)
    point4 = meshObject.geo.addPoint(-1,1,0,Hmax, 4)

    # Construct lines from points
    line1 = meshObject.geo.addLine(1, 2, 101)
    line2 = meshObject.geo.addLine(2, 3, 102)
    line3 = meshObject.geo.addLine(3, 4, 103)
    line4 = meshObject.geo.addLine(4, 1, 104)

    # Construct closed curve loops
    outerBoundary = meshObject.geo.addCurveLoop([line1, line2, line3, line4], ↴201)

    # Define the domain as a 2D plane surface with holes
    domain2D = meshObject.geo.addPlaneSurface([outerBoundary], 301)

    # Synchronize gmsh
    meshObject.geo.synchronize()

    # Add physical groups for firedrake
    meshObject.addPhysicalGroup(2, [301], name='domain')

    meshObject.addPhysicalGroup(1, [line2], 1)
    meshObject.addPhysicalGroup(1, [line3], 2)
    meshObject.addPhysicalGroup(1, [line4], 3)
    meshObject.addPhysicalGroup(1, [line1], 4)
```

```

# Set element order
meshObject.mesh.setOrder(elementOrder)

if elementType == 2:
    # Generate quad mesh from triangles by recombination
    meshObject.mesh.setRecombine(2, domain2D)

# Generate the mesh
gmsh.model.mesh.generate(2)
gmsh.write('mesh.msh')

gmsh.finalize()
mesh_from_gmsh = meshio.read("mesh.msh")

triangle_mesh = meshio.Mesh(
    points=mesh_from_gmsh.points,
    cells={"triangle": mesh_from_gmsh.get_cells_type("triangle")},
)

meshio.write("mesh.xml", triangle_mesh)
msh_to_xdmf('mesh')
mesh = Mesh("mesh.xml")

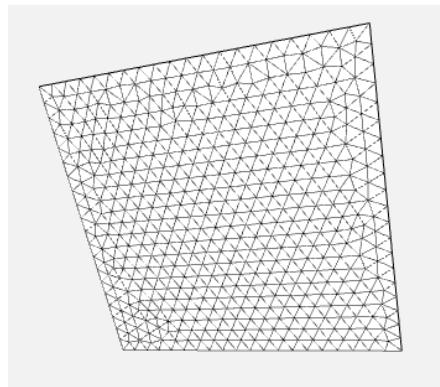
return mesh

```

The mesh of the domain is generated via

```
[ ]: # Generate the mesh
elementOrder = 1 # Polynomial order in each element (integer)
elementType = 1 # 1 - Triangle; 2 - Quad
HMax = 0.1

mesh = Tutorialmesh(HMax, elementOrder, elementType)
'''visualize the mesh (the object)'''
mesh
```



```
[ ]: <dolfin.cpp.mesh.Mesh at 0x7fd76fd93f10>
```

```
[ ]: mesh = Mesh()
      with XDMFFile('mesh' + ".xdmf") as infile:
          infile.read(mesh)
          # load boundary markers from facet file
          mvc_facet = MeshValueCollection("size_t", mesh, mesh.topology().dim() - 1)
          with XDMFFile('mesh' + "_facets.xdmf") as infile:
              infile.read(mvc_facet, "facet_marker")
          boundaries = cpp.mesh.MeshFunctionSizet(mesh, mvc_facet)
          ds = Measure("ds", subdomain_data=boundaries)
```

```
[ ]: V = FunctionSpace(mesh, "CG", 1)
      boundary_markers = MeshFunction("size_t", mesh, mesh.topology().dim()-1)

      DirBC = [DirichletBC(V, Constant(1000.0), boundaries, marker) for marker in_
      ↪[1,2,3,4]]
      bcs = DirBC
```

```
[ ]: ke = Constant(2e-4)

      f = Constant(0.2)
      u = TrialFunction(V)
      v = TestFunction(V)

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

      u_sol = Function(V)

      solve(a == L, u_sol, bcs)
```

```
[ ]: coordinates = mesh.coordinates()
      values = u_sol.compute_vertex_values(mesh)
      x, y = coordinates[:, 1], coordinates[:, 0]

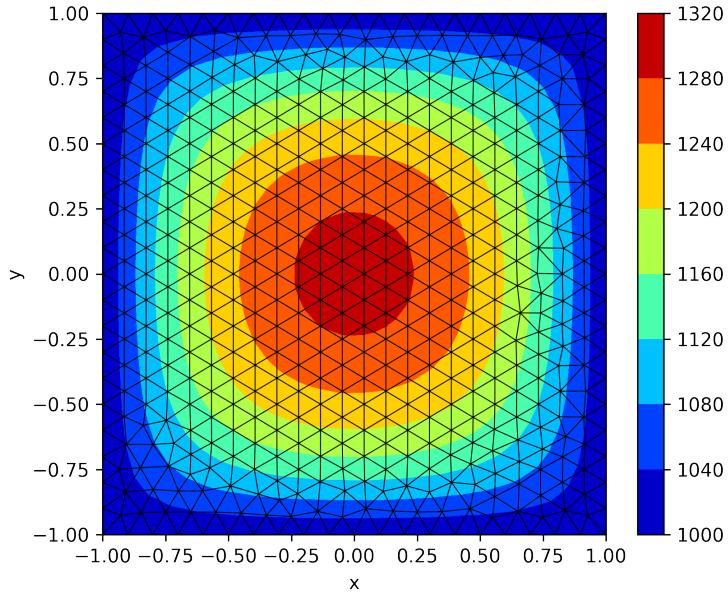
      triang = Triangulation(x, y, mesh.cells())
      plt.figure(figsize=(6,5))

      plt.tricontourf(triang, values, cmap='jet')
      plt.colorbar()
      plt.triplot(triang, 'k-', lw=0.5)
      plt.xlabel('x')
      plt.ylabel('y')
      plt.savefig(f'heat_2d', dpi=300, transparent=True); plt.show()
```

```

point = Point(0.25, 0.25)
u_value = u_sol(point)
print(f"Solution at point {point}: {u_value}")

```



Solution at point <dolfin.cpp.geometry.Point object at 0x7fd76fd9c430>:
1263.3179567734976

```

[ ]: fig = plt.figure(figsize=(5, 5))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

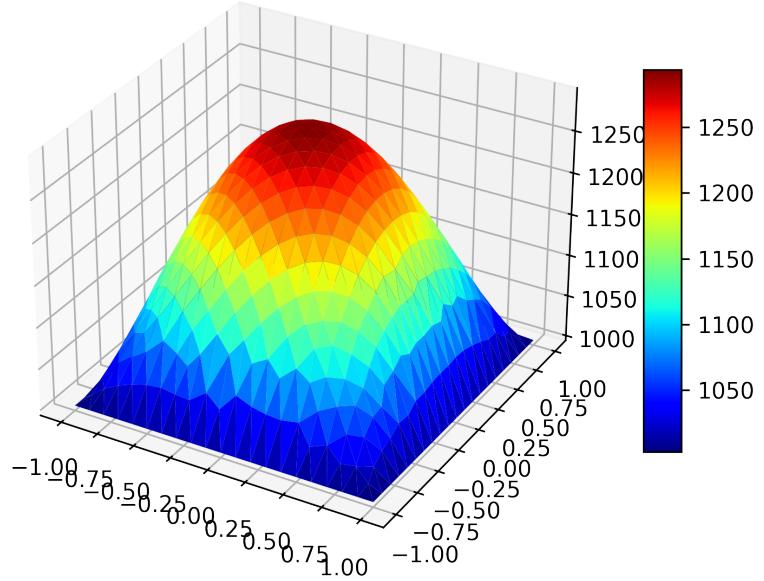
x, y, z = triang.x, triang.y, values

ax.plot_trisurf(x, y, z, triangles=triang.triangles, cmap='jet', □
                 edgecolor='none')

mappable = ax.collections[0] # Extract the mappable object

plt.tight_layout()
fig.colorbar(mappable, ax=ax, shrink=0.5, aspect=10)
plt.savefig('heat_3d', dpi=300, transparent=True)
plt.show()

```



The code can be accessed via [Google Colab](#).

Summary

This coding procedure outlined a systematic approach to simulating and visualizing heat conduction in a square domain using Python. The key steps included:

- Defining the computational domain with clear specifications for the grid and material properties.
- Applying boundary conditions to model the physical constraints accurately.
- Solving the governing equations using numerical methods for heat transfer.
- Visualizing the results to gain insights into the temperature distribution across the domain.

Students are encouraged to experiment with the provided framework by modifying the boundary conditions, such as changing the fixed temperatures or implementing insulated boundaries. Observing the resulting changes in temperature distribution provides a deeper understanding of how boundary conditions influence the system's behavior. This iterative process fosters critical thinking and reinforces concepts of heat transfer and numerical modeling.

Problem Session #8

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Definition B.1

V : vector space.

a norm is a function: $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

such that for $v, u \in V$ & $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$1) \|v\| \geq 0 \text{ & } \|v\| = 0 \text{ IFF } v = 0$$

$$2) \|\alpha v\| = |\alpha| \|v\|$$

$$3) \|v + u\| \leq \|v\| + \|u\|$$

B.5. For $v \in V$, H^1 -norm

$$\|v\|_{1,2} = \left[\int_a^b v(x)^2 dx + \int_a^b |v'(x)|^2 dx \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[\|v\|_{0,2}^2 + \|v'\|_{1,2}^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

L^2 -norm

H^1 -Seminorm

Definition B.2 A vector space V with a norm defined over $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a normed space, denoted as $(V, \| \cdot \|)$

B.10. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, for such domain

Ω , the norm $\|v\|_{0,2}$ of $v: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is

defined as:

$$\|v\|_{0,2} = \left[\int_{\Omega} v(x)^2 d\Omega \right]^{1/2}$$

The set

$$L^2(\Omega) = \{v: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \|v\|_{0,2} < \infty\}$$

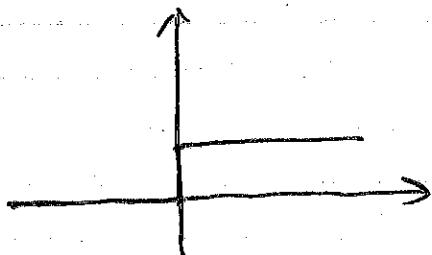
is called the $L^2(\Omega)$ space, and $(L^2(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{0,2})$

is a normed space. The space $L^2(\Omega)$ is

said to contain all square-integrable functions.

→ does not need to be smooth. e.g.:

$$\Omega = [-1, 1] \text{ contains } H(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x \geq 0, \end{cases}$$



integral of
the square of the
abs. value is finite.

However, $H(x) \notin L^2(\mathbb{R})$.

$$(\rightarrow \text{why? } \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (H(x))^2 dx = \int_0^{+\infty} 1 dx = +\infty)$$

B.11 let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For such domain Ω , we define H^1 -norm:

$$\|v\|_{1,2} = \left[\|v\|_{0,2}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i} \right\|_{0,2}^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

→ we define $H'(\Omega)$ -space

$$H'(\Omega) = \{v: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \|v\|_{1,2} < \infty\}.$$

normed space: $(H'(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_{1,2})$

Functions in $H'(\Omega)$ contain "both function & each one of its partial derivatives is square integrable". Alternatively, the function & each of its partial derivatives is in $L^2(\Omega)$.

if a function $v \in H'(\Omega)$, then $v \in L^2(\Omega)$.

e.g., let $\Omega = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$.

① function $v(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_2^3 \in H'(\Omega)$,

$$\|v\|_{1,2}^2 = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (x_1^2 + x_2^3)^2 dx_1 dx_2 + \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (2x_1)^2 dx_1 dx_2$$

$$+ \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (3x_2^2)^2 dx_1 dx_2 = \frac{292}{21} < \infty$$

② the function $v(x_1, x_2) = \ln(1+x_1) + \ln(1+x_2)$
 $\notin H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$, but $v \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$. Since

$$\|v\|_{0,2}^2 = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 (\ln(1+x_1) + \ln(1+x_2))^2 dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= 24 + 8 \ln(4)(\ln(2) - 2) < \infty$$

$$\|v\|_{1,2}^2 = \|v\|_{0,2}^2$$

$$+ \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{(1+x_1)^2} dx_1 dx_2 + \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{(1+x_2)^2} dx_1 dx_2 = \infty$$

~ A Simple example

$$-u''(x) = f(x) \quad \text{on } [0, 1] \quad \dots \text{1D.}$$

$$\begin{cases} u''(x) = x & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Weak form

$$\int_0^1 (-u''(x))v(x) dx = \int_0^1 x v(x) dx$$

$$\rightarrow \int_0^1 u'(x)v'(x) dx = \int_0^1 x v(x) dx.$$

bilinear form

$$a(u, v) = \int_0^1 u'(x)v'(x) dx.$$

linear functional

$$l(v) = \int_0^1 x v(x) dx$$

bilinear $a(\cdot, \cdot)$

$$\rightarrow \text{Continuity: } |a(u, v)| \leq \|u'\|_{L^2(0,1)} \|v'\|_{L^2(0,1)}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Coercivity: } \int_0^1 |u'(x)|^2 dx \geq \alpha \|u\|_{H^1(0,1)}^2.$$

for some $\alpha > 0$, Thus $a(u, v) \geq \alpha \|u\|^2$.

giving the strict positivity needed for invertibility.

→ Céa's Lemma:

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H_0^1} \leq \left(1 + \frac{M}{\alpha}\right) \min_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_{H_0^1}.$$

M: continuity constant,

α: coercivity constant.

→ in practice, $\min_{v_h} \|u - v_h\|$ is the "best approximation error" of u by FEM span V_h .

~ Convergence rate

For a Poisson-type problem, with P_k-element,

with mesh size h ,

→ exact sol'n of u is smooth

→ homogeneous Dirichlet B.C.s

H^1 -seminorm: $\|u - u_h\|_{H^1(\Omega)} = \mathcal{O}(h^k)$

L^2 -norm: $\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \mathcal{O}(h^{k+1})$

L^r -norm: $\|u - u_h\|_{L^r(\Omega)} = \mathcal{O}(h^{k+1}) \rightarrow L^r \quad 1 \leq r \leq 2$

$$\|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \sqrt{|\Omega|} \|v\|_{L^2(\Omega)}.$$

V

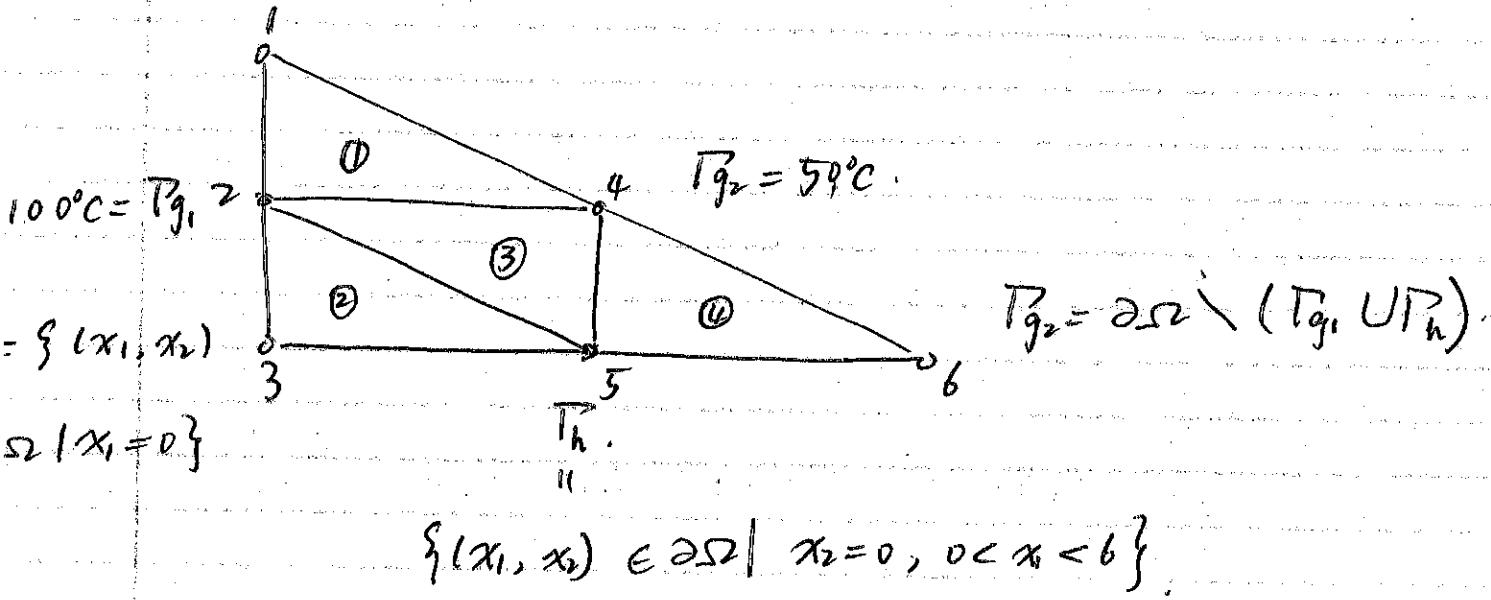
finite measure of the domain.

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$$\|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \sqrt{|\Omega|} \|u - u_h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} = \mathcal{O}(h^{k+1})$$

Further questions to explore: what if the
assumptions do not hold ... ?

Problem Session #9. (Final Review).



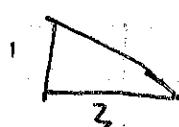
find temperature $T: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. s.t.

$$-\operatorname{div}(K(x)\nabla T) = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega$$

$$T = 100^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{on } T_{g_1}$$

$$T = 50^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{on } T_{g_2}$$

$$K(x)\nabla T \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } T_h$$



→ Construct variational equation of T :

$$-\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div}(K\nabla T)v d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} (K\nabla T) \cdot \nabla v d\Omega$$

$$-\int_{T_h} (K\nabla T) \cdot \vec{n} v dT_h$$

$$a(T, v) = \int_{\Omega} (K \nabla T) \cdot \nabla v \, d\Omega, \quad \forall v \in V.$$

$$l(v) = 0$$

$$V = \{v: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth} \mid v=0, \forall x \in T_{g_1}, T_{g_2}\}.$$

... Define \mathcal{W}_h , \mathcal{V}_h & $\mathcal{S}_h \rightarrow$ state the FEM

$$\mathcal{W}_h = \text{span}(N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4, N_5, N_6).$$

$$v_h = cN_5, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$s_h = T_{g_1}(N_1 + N_2 + N_3) + T_{g_2}(N_4 + N_6) + cN_5.$$

* Find $T_h \in \mathcal{S}_h$ such that

$$a(T_h, v_h) = l(v_h) \quad \forall v_h \in \mathcal{V}_h.$$

$$a(T_h, v_h) = \int_{\Omega} (K \nabla T_h) \cdot \nabla v_h \, d\Omega.$$

$$l(v_h) = 0.$$

→ Find LH .

$$LH = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 5 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

"anti-clockwise"



Assume thermal conductivity is constant for each element ($K(x) \approx k^e \frac{1}{l}, x \in \Omega^e, k^e \in \mathbb{R}$). Expressions of N_1^e & A are provided.

| k^e | Value |
|-------|-------|
| k^1 | 14 |
| k^2 | 27 |
| k^3 | 45 |
| k^4 | 27 |

$$N_1^e = \frac{1}{2A} [-(\bar{x}_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^2)(x_1 - \bar{x}_1^2) + (\bar{x}_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^2)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2^2)]$$

$$N_2^e = \frac{1}{2A} [-(\bar{x}_2^1 - \bar{x}_2^3)(x_1 - \bar{x}_1^3) + (\bar{x}_1^1 - \bar{x}_1^3)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2^3)]$$

$$N_3^e = \frac{1}{2A} [-(\bar{x}_2^2 - \bar{x}_2^1)(x_1 - \bar{x}_1^1) + (\bar{x}_1^2 - \bar{x}_1^1)(x_2 - \bar{x}_2^1)]$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{x}_1^2 - \bar{x}_1^1)(\bar{x}_2^3 - \bar{x}_2^1) - (\bar{x}_2^2 - \bar{x}_2^1)(\bar{x}_1^3 - \bar{x}_1^1)$$

Constrained index

$$\delta(V_h) = 0$$

$$\eta_g = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}.$$

We can write out K and F

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ K_{51} & K_{52} & K_{53} & K_{54} & K_{55} & K_{56} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} Tq_1 \\ Tq_1 \\ Tq_1 \\ Tq_1 \\ 0 \\ Tq_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$LV = LG \text{ (conformal)} \rightarrow K_{ab}^e \rightarrow K_{G(a,e)}(G(b,e))$$

therefore

$$K_{51} = 0$$

$$K_{52} = K_{31}^2 + K_{11}^3$$

$$K_{53} = K_{32}^2$$

$$K_{54} = K_{23}^3 + K_{11}^4$$

$$K_{55} = K_{33}^2 + K_{22}^3 + K_{11}^4$$

$$K_{56} = K_{11}^4$$

$A \rightarrow$ same for all elements \rightarrow Assume K const.

$$K_{ab}^e = \int_{S^2} k^e \nabla N_b^e \cdot \nabla N_a^e d\Omega^e = k^e \nabla N_b^e \cdot \nabla N_a^e \int_{S^2} d\Omega^e$$
$$= k^e A \nabla N_b^e \cdot \nabla N_a^e$$

Write out the gradients:

$$\nabla N_1^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_2^2 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_3^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_1^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_2^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_3^3 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_1^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_2^4 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla N_3^4 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Substituting back into K_{ij}

$$K_{51} = 0$$

$$K_{52} = K_{31}^2 + K_{21}^3 = 0$$

$$K_{53} = K_{32}^2 = -3A$$

$$K_{54} = K_{23}^3 + K_{21}^4 = -72A$$

$$K_{55} = K_{33}^2 + K_{22}^3 + K_{11}^4 = 78A$$

$$K_{56} = K_{23}^4 = -3A$$

$$0 = T_{G_1}(K_{51} + K_{52} + K_{53}) + T_{G_2}(K_{54} + K_{56}) + u_5 K_{55}$$

s. 6

$$0 = 100(0 + 0 - 3A) + 50(-72A - 3A) + u_5 78A$$

$$u_5 = 675/13$$

We have:

$$T_h = 100(N_1 + N_2 + N_3) + 50(N_4 + N_5) + \frac{675}{13}N_6$$

→ From T_h , find values (a) centroid of element

\bar{x}^e :

\bar{x}^e :

\bar{x}^e

$$(1, 4/3)$$

$$(1, -1/3)$$

$$(2, 2/3)$$

$$(4, 1/3)$$

$$T_h(\bar{x}^1) = \frac{1}{3}(100 + 100 + 50).$$

$$T_h(\bar{x}^2) = \frac{1}{3}(100 + 100 + \frac{675}{13})$$

$$T_h(\bar{x}^3) = \frac{1}{3}(100 + 50 + \frac{675}{13})$$

$$T_h(\bar{x}^4) = \frac{1}{3}(50 + 50 + \frac{675}{13}).$$

→ What convergence rates r would you expect

$$\|T - T_h\|_{0,2,\Omega} \quad \& \quad \|T - T_h\|_{1,2,\Omega}$$

$$r(\|T - T_h\|_{0,2,\Omega}) = k+1=2. \leftarrow 1st \text{ order elem.}$$

$$r(\|T - T_h\|_{0,2,\Omega}) = k=1$$

Now let's switch to P_2 -element.

Assume you have access to thermocouple

allows you to get measurement T_{meas} @ x_{meas} .

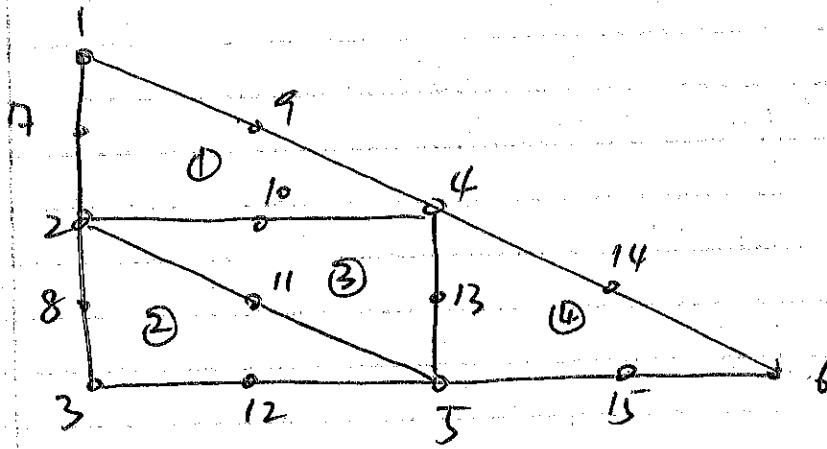
$$\nabla \cdot \operatorname{div}(k(x) \nabla T) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

$$T = 100^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{g_1}$$

$$T = 50^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{g_2}$$

$$k(x) \nabla T \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_h$$

$$T(x) = T_{\text{meas}}(x_{\text{meas}})$$



$$T_h = 100(N_1 + N_2 + N_3 + N_4 + N_8) + 50(N_4 + N_6$$

$$+ N_9 + N_{10}) + \sum_{j \in S_h} T_{\text{meas}} N_j$$

$$S_h = \{5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15\}$$