AE 618A: Finite Element Method for Fluid Dynamics

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Assignment - 3

Consider the 2D steady linear heat conduction in a plate with a hole. You may assume the geometry of the plate and hole as per your choice. For example, a circular hole in a circular plate. Or, a triangular hole in a rectangular plate. The choice is entirely yours. The temperature of the outer boundary is 0 while it is 1 at the boundary of the hole. You have to find the steady state temperature in the plate. Assume the heat conductivity is constant. Also, there is no heat source.

- 1. Write the strong form of the problem.
- 2. Write the weak form of the problem.
- 3. Using bilinear shape functions in 2D, write the element level matrices and vector.
- 4. Generate a finite element mesh
- 5. Write a shape function subroutine
- 6. Write a finite element program to assemble the global stiffness matrix and force vector.
- 7. Find the solution
- 8. Plot it
- 9. Discuss the solution.