Finite element shape functions

Linear 1D element $(0 \le x \le L)$:

$$N_1^e(x)=1-rac{x}{L}, \qquad N_2^e(x)=rac{x}{L}$$

Quadratic 1D element $(0 \le x \le L)$:

$$\frac{L}{2} \qquad \frac{L}{2}$$

$$N_1^e(x) = \left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2x}{L}\right), \qquad N_2^e(x) = \frac{4x}{L}\left(1 - \frac{x}{L}\right), \qquad N_3^e(x) = -\frac{x}{L}\left(1 - \frac{2x}{L}\right)$$

General Lagrange element of order n ($x_1 \le x \le x_n$):

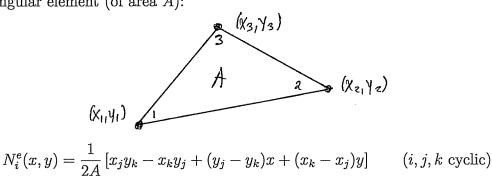
$$N_i^e(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\cdots(x-x_{i-1})(x-x_{i+1})\cdots(x-x_n)}{(x_i-x_1)(x_i-x_2)\cdots(x_i-x_{i-1})(x_i-x_{i+1})\cdots(x_i-x_n)} \qquad (i=1,2,...,n)$$

2-node beam element $(0 \le x \le L)$:

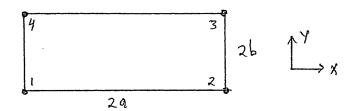
$$N_1^e(x) = 1 - \frac{3x^2}{L^2} + \frac{2x^3}{L^3}, \qquad N_2^e(x) = x - \frac{2x^2}{L} + \frac{x^3}{L^2},$$

$$N_3^e(x) = \frac{3x^2}{L^2} - \frac{2x^3}{L^3}, \qquad N_4^e(x) = -\frac{x^2}{L} + \frac{x^3}{L^2}$$

Linear triangular element (of area A):



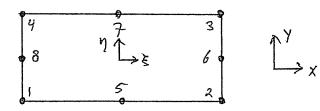
4-node rectangular (Lagrange) element:



$$N_1^e(x,y) = \frac{1}{4ab}(x-x_2)(y-y_4), \qquad N_2^e(x,y) = -\frac{1}{4ab}(x-x_1)(y-y_3),$$

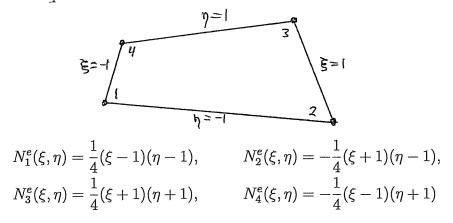
$$N_3^e(x,y) = \frac{1}{4ab}(x-x_4)(y-y_2), \qquad N_4^e(x,y) = -\frac{1}{4ab}(x-x_3)(y-y_1)$$

(Isoparametric) 8-node serendipity element:



$$\begin{split} N_1^e(\xi,\eta) &= -\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1-\eta)(1+\xi+\eta), & N_2^e(\xi,\eta) &= -\frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)(1-\eta)(1-\xi+\eta), \\ N_3^e(\xi,\eta) &= -\frac{1}{4}(1+\xi)(1+\eta)(1-\xi-\eta), & N_4^e(\xi,\eta) &= -\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1+\eta)(1+\xi-\eta), \\ N_5^e(\xi,\eta) &= \frac{1}{2}(1-\xi^2)(1-\eta), & N_6^e(\xi,\eta) &= \frac{1}{2}(1+\xi)(1-\eta^2), \\ N_7^e(\xi,\eta) &= \frac{1}{2}(1-\xi^2)(1+\eta), & N_8^e(\xi,\eta) &= \frac{1}{2}(1-\xi)(1-\eta^2) \end{split}$$

4-node isoparametric quadrilateral element:



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