

Calculation of coefficients

The function $u(x, y)$ is approximated by $u^h(x, y)$ which is a linear combination of legendre polynomials upto degree q .

$$u^h(x(r, s), y(r, s)) = \sum_{k=0}^q \sum_{l=0}^q \hat{u}_{k,l}^h P_k(r) P_l(s) \quad (1)$$

where $x(r, s)$ and $y(r, s)$ is the mapping from the $r - s$ plane to the element in question in the $x - y$ plane. We aim to find the co-efficients $\hat{u}_{k,l}^h$.

Multiplying both sides by $P_m(r)P_n(s)$ and performing a double integral in the $r - s$ plane over the square $[-1, 1]^2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 u^h(x(r, s), y(r, s)) P_m(r) P_n(s) dr ds &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 \sum_{k=0}^q \sum_{l=0}^q \hat{u}_{k,l}^h P_k(r) P_l(s) P_m(r) P_n(s) dr ds \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^q \sum_{l=0}^q \hat{u}_{k,l}^h \left(\int_{-1}^1 P_k(r) P_m(r) dr \right) \left(\int_{-1}^1 P_l(s) P_n(s) ds \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^q \sum_{l=0}^q \hat{u}_{k,l}^h \delta_{km} \delta_{ln} \frac{2}{2k+1} \frac{2}{2l+1} \\ &= \hat{u}_{m,n}^h \frac{4}{(2m+1)(2n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{u}_{m,n}^h = \frac{(2m+1)(2n+1)}{4} \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-1}^1 u^h(x(r, s), y(r, s)) P_m(r) P_n(s) dr ds \quad (2)$$

Both of these integrals are evaluated using $q + 1$ point Gauss-Legendre quadrature.